Group 1(Alkali metals) – Lithium, Sodium, Potassium

Mark Scheme 2

Level	IGCSE(9-1)
Subject	Chemistry
Exam Board	Edexcel IGCSE
Module	Single Award (Paper 2C)
Topic	Inorganic Chemistry
Sub-Topic	Group 1 (Alkali metals) – Lithium, Sodium, Potassium
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Time Allowed: 39 minutes

Score: /32

Percentage: /100

Grade Boundaries:

9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
>90%	80%	70%	60%	50%	40%	30%	20%	10%

Question number		Ar	iswer		Notes	
1 a i	Atomic Mass Number Number of of protons neutrons		of neutrons	 M1 for 19 protons in top row AND atomic number of 19 M2 for 20 neutrons in top row M3 for mass number of 41 		
	19	41				
ii	M1 $(6 \times 0.074) + (7 \times 0.926)$ M2 = 6.9				ACCEPT $(6 \times 7.4) + (7 \times 92.6)$ 100 Answer must be to 1 dp Correct final answer without working scores 2 marks	
b	 any two from effervescence/fizzing/bubbles potassium moves/darts/floats potassium leaves white trail potassium forms into a ball potassium becomes smaller/disappears 				ACCEPT (hydrogen) gas given off/evolved/formed/produced IGNORE name of gas ACCEPT melts ACCEPT dissolves IGNORE colour of flame / explodes	2

	Question number		Answer		Notes	Marks
1	С	i	pink		ALLOW red IGNORE purple	1
		ii	OH-	/ HO ⁻		1
	d		М1	potassium loses its outer/valence electron more easily/readily		
			M2	because it is further from (the attraction of) nucleus (and therefore less strongly attracted to the nucleus)	IGNORE references to more shells / larger atomic radius / more shielding / more screening	2
					ACCEPT reverse arguments as long as it is clear that lithium is being considered	

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2	a	М1	twice as much/more carbon dioxide removed (per mole reacted)		
		M2	produces oxygen (for breathing)	ACCEPT reverse arguments for both M1 and M2 eg lithium hydroxide removes less CO ₂ and does not produce oxygen scores 2 IGNORE references to the need to remove water in reaction 1	2
	b i	M1 M2	$n(CO_2) = \frac{100}{44}$ OR 2.27(27) (mol) n(LiOH) = answer to M1 x 2 OR 4.54(54) (mol)		
		M3 OR M1 M2 M3	$m(LiOH) = (answer to M3 \times 24) = 110 (g)$ 48 (g) reacts with 44 (g) $x = 110 (g)$	ACCEPT any number of sig figs except one eg 109 / 109.1 / 109.09 / 109.0909 Award 3 marks for correct final answer without working 108.96 (from 2.27) scores 3 marks 110.4 (from 2.3) scores 3 marks	3

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2	b	ii	М1	$n(\text{Li}_2\text{O}_2) = \frac{100}{46} = 2.17(3913) \text{ mol } (= n\text{CO}_2)$		
			M2	volume of CO_2 = answer to $\mathbf{M1} \times 24000$		
			М3	$= 52000 (cm^3)$	ACCEPT any number of sig figs except one eg 52 170, 52 174, 52 173.9, etc	3
				Award 3 marks for correct final answer without working		
					52 080 (from 2.17) scores 3 marks 52 800/53 000 (from 2.2) scores 3 marks	

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3	(a)	bubbles / fizzing / effervescence	Accept gas given off/evolved/formed/produced Accept hydrogen gas Ignore identity of gas	2
	sodium moves / darts / floats sodium gets smaller / disappears sodium melts / forms ball white trail Accept equivalents such as shoots/ Accept dissolves		Accept equivalents such as shoots/skims Accept dissolves	
			Do not apply list principle Assume that it = sodium Ignore flames / sparks Any two for 1 each	
	(b)	Do not apply list principle	Assume that it = sodium	1
	(c) i	hydrogen / H ₂	Ignore H	1
	ii	K ⁺		1

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3 (d)	Na is 2.8.1 K is 2.8.8.1	Accept other punctuation and no punctuation and diagrams in place of full stops If neither of M1 and M2 scored, allow potassium has more (electron) shells (or numbers of shells stated)/energy levels for 1 mark?	1 1
	outer/valence electron / outer shell / electron lost in K further from nucleus/protons	Ignore potassium further from nucleus	1
	less attracted by nucleus	Accept (electron) more easily removed/lost /less energy needed to remove (electron) Accept potassium more willing to lose electron If no reference to nucleus or protons, then neither M3 nor M4 can be awarded A correct reference to nucleus/protons is needed before M3 and M4 can be awarded Ignore references to shielding Accept reverse arguments for sodium in M3 and M4	1
		Total	9

Question number	Expected Answer	Accept	Reject	Marks
4	• Fizzing occurs (box 2)			1
	• potassium moves around (box 4)			1
	• potassium melts (box 5)			1
	• a lilac flame is seen (box 7)			1
	[If more than four boxes are ticked, deduct a mark for each incorrect answer above four]			

Total 4 Marks