

GCE A Level Examiners' Report

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Introduction

Our Principal examiners' report provides valuable feedback on the recent assessment series. It has been written by our Principal Examiners and Principal Moderators after the completion of marking and moderation, and details how candidates have performed in each component.

This report opens with a summary of candidates' performance, including the assessment objectives/skills/topics/themes being tested, and highlights the characteristics of successful performance and where performance could be improved. It then looks in detail at each unit, pinpointing aspects that proved challenging to some candidates and suggesting some reasons as to why that might be.¹

The information found in this report provides valuable insight for practitioners to support their teaching and learning activity. We would also encourage practitioners to share this document – in its entirety or in part – with their learners to help with exam preparation, to understand how to avoid pitfalls and to add to their revision toolbox.

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¹ Please note that where overall performance on a question/question part was considered good, with no particular areas to highlight, these questions have not been included in the report.

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Executive Summary

There were only a small number of entries for this qualification as has been the case in recent years. They were mostly very able candidates although a small minority were much weaker. In general, they performed very well across all areas of the specification and achieved excellent results.

Recall of knowledge was very good and most candidates were able to use their understanding of the key concepts in A level Chemistry to explain patterns in behaviour. The strongest candidates were able to apply these ideas in unfamiliar contexts and to consider more than one key concept when tackling complex problems.

Mathematical skills were again very good with most candidates confidently solving familiar calculations. The strongest candidates were able to plan a suitable approach to tackle multistep problems but weaker candidates sometimes failed to ensure that data was converted to the correct units before substituting into an expression.

Questions linked to familiar practical work such as the specified practical tasks were usually well answered but many candidates were less confident when asked to apply their understanding of those tasks to new or unfamiliar contexts.

Centres and candidates should be congratulated for their continued success in this qualification – well done!

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