

Command word

Evaluate:

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Connectives: whereas, alternatively, unlike, equally, consequently, unless, if, as long as, however, such as, for instance, this means,....

Question

Biofuels are fuels made from plant material. In the UK, petrol and diesel contain at least 5% biofuel.

Evaluate the use of biofuels for transport. Should the percentage of biofuel in petrol and diesel increase or decrease in the future? Value 6 marks





Route Crude oil and ethanol Valid within zones 1-3

Mark band

Success criteria

- 1-2 Simple description of an advantage and/or disadvantage. Weak SPaG. Weak or no conclusion. Poor organisation.
- 3-4 Clear description of advantages and disadvantages of using biofuels. There is a conclusion. Some SPaG errors.
- 5-6 Detailed description of advantages and disadvantages of using biofuels. There is a justified conclusion. Almost faultless SPaG.

Science points

Advantages: Biofuels are more sustainable than fossil fuels, are renewable, carbon neutral, provide jobs during harvest season.

Disadvantages: Uses up farm land, leads to increased food prices, deforestation, batch process, slow.



Route Crude oil and ethanol

Valid within zones 1-3



Command word

Question

Value 6 marks

Describe:

Recall facts, events or processes. Give an ordered account.

Connectives: Firstly, finally, next,....

Explain:

All the points in your answer must be linked logically.

Connectives: because, therefore, consequently,.... Petrol is an important fuel.

Describe and explain how petrol is separated from the mixture of hydrocarbons in crude oil.





Route Crude oil Valid within zones 1-3

Mark band

1-2

Success criteria

There is a statement that crude oil is heated or

that substances are cooled. However there is little detail and any description may be confused or inaccurate. Weak SPaG.

3-4 There is some description of heating /
evaporating crude oil and either fractions
have different boiling points
or there is an indication of a temperature
difference in the column. Some SPaG errors.

There is a reasonable explanation of how petrol is or fractions are separated from crude oil using evaporating and condensing. Almost faultless SPaG.

Science points

- Process is called fractional distillation.
- Crude is heated and vaporised.
- Vapours rise.
- When vapours cool to their boiling points, they condense.
- Large hydrocarbons have high boiling points. The tower is cool at the top and hot at the bottom.
- Condensed fractions separate from vapours. Very small hydrocarbons remain as vapours and leave tower at the top.



Route Crude oil Valid within zones 1-3



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Question

Value 6 marks

Explain:

All the points in your answer must be linked logically.

Connectives: because, therefore, consequently,.... State and explain the trend in reactivity down group one in the Periodic Table.



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Route Fundamentals Valid within zones 2-3



Marks Success criteria

- **1** The reactivity increases down the group.
- 2 As you go down the group, each atom gains a further shell. This means that the atoms become larger.
- 3 The distance between the outer electron and the positive nucleus therefore increases.
 - This means that the attraction between the outer electron and the nucleus decreases.

The outer electron is consequently lost easier.



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Fundamentals Valid within zones 2-3



Command word

Compare:

Describe the differences and similarities between two methods/processes /objects, commenting on both, not just one.

Connectives: As with, likewise, unlike, whereas, instead of, on the other hand,.... Describe the difference in atomic structure between a carbon atom and a silicon atom.

Question

Refer to all subatomic particles in your answer.

Value 4 marks







Route Fundamentals Valid within zones 2-3

Marks Success criteria

- 1 Carbon has 2 rings whereas silicon has 3.
- 2 Carbon has 6 electrons, unlike silicon, which has 14.
- 3 In carbon, 2 electrons are on the first shell, 4 on the second. In silicon, 2 electrons are on the first shell, 8 on the second and 4 on the third shell. Both atoms have the same number of electrons on the outer shell.
- 4 Carbon has 6 protons and 6 neutrons inside the nucleus, whereas silicon has 14 protons and 14 neutrons.



Command word

Question

Value 3 marks

Describe:

Recall facts, events or processes. Give an ordered account.

Connectives: Firstly,
finally, next,....

Describe how activity within the Earth results in earthquakes.



Route Earth

Valid within zones 2-3



Success criteria

Marks

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1 Firstly, heat is released by radioactive processes inside the core.

This causes convection currents inside the mantle.

3 And this results in sudden movement of the tectonic plates.



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Question

Quarrying leaves behind large amounts of lowgrade copper ore. It would be too expensive to extract copper from this ore by traditional methods such as smelting. Instead, phytomining is used. Plants are grown on the land and absorb copper compounds through their roots. Compare the advantages of phytomining with the traditional methods.

Value 5 marks



Route Metals Valid within zones 1-3

Marks	Success	criteria

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- 1 Using phytomining to extract copper meets the rising copper demand
- 2 while at the same time preserving high-grade copper deposits for future generations.
- 3 Unlike traditional mining, phytomining is carbon neutral as the same amount of CO₂ is released when the plant material is burnt as was absorbed by the plants during photosynthesis.

Phytomining also requires less energy which means less fossil fuel is required during the extraction process.

5 Using traditional mining on the other hand is much quicker.



Command word

Question

Value 6 marks

Suggest:

Apply your knowledge and understanding to a new situation.

Vocabulary:
I think that,
may, might, could

Suggest why an emulsion paint has to be stirred thoroughly before it can be applied to a surface such as a wall.





Route Oils and Emulsions Valid within zones 2-3

Marks	Success criteria
1	I think that emulsion paint is made of oil and paint solution. The oil and paint solution are immiscible.
2	Emulsion paint will contain an emulsifier, a substance that has a hydrophilic head which would dissolve in the paint solution and
3	a hydrophobic tail which would dissolve in the oil.
4	Stirring the paint will break the oil into droplets which will be surrounded by the emulsifier.
5	The droplets won't be able to join back up.
6	The emulsion that is formed is now thicker and is probably easier to apply to the surface.
	Route Oils and Emulsions
\leftarrow	Valid within zones 2-3

Command word

Question

Value 6 marks

Describe:

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Connectives: Firstly, finally, next,....

Describe how you can produce ethanol from octane and ethanol from sugar cane.



Route Ethanol Valid within zones 2-3



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Success criteria

1	Firstly, octane is heated and vaporised and
2	passed over a hot catalyst.
	This will form ethene.
3	Next, ethene is reacted with steam in the presence of a
	catalyst to form ethanol.
	This process is called hydration.
4	To form ethanol from sugar cane, sugar solution
5	is mixed with yeast
6	at 37°C in
	anaerobic conditions.
Max 3	This process is called fermentation.
Max 3 points from	This process is called fermentation.



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Question

Compare:

Describe the differences and similarities between two methods/processes /objects, commenting on both, not just one.

Connectives:

As with, likewise, unlike, whereas, instead of, on the other hand,.... Supermarkets claim that using plastic milk bags instead of glass milk bottles would have less environmental impact. Do you agree with this claim? Make appropriate comparisons to justify your answer. Value 4 marks



Route Crude oil Valid within zones 1-3



Marks

Success criteria

- No. Although, unlike glass bottles, the plastic bags can be rolled up so that they use up less landfill space, plastic
 comes from a non-renewable and limited raw material, whereas glass is made from widely available sand.
- 3 Most of the plastic bags will be used only once and then thrown away. Glass on the other hand can be re-used many times.
- 4 The glass can also be recycled to make new bottles, whereas recycled plastic bags are not always made into new plastic bags.

Note: you could argue for 'yes' but might find it difficult to find 4 different arguments.



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Question

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Describe:

Recall facts, events or processes. Give an ordered account.

Connectives: Firstly,
finally, next,....

Describe in detail how carbon is cycled between living organisms and the atmosphere.





Route Atmosphere Valid within zones 2-3



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Success criteria

- 1 Plants take in carbon dioxide for photosynthesis which takes carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere.
- 2 When plants die, microorganisms feed on the dead plant material. 3 The food is used by the microorganisms for respiration, which puts carbon dioxide back into the atmosphere.
 - Plants can also be eaten by animals. This food is used by animals for respiration which releases carbon dioxide back into the atmosphere.
 - Humans also combust plants and trees which puts carbon dioxide back into the atmosphere.
- 6 Some dead plant material turns into fossil fuel. This locks up a large amount of carbon.



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Connectives: whereas, alternatively, unlike, equally, consequently, unless, if, as long as, however, such as, for instance, this means,.... Evaluate the economic, social, environmental effects of mining limestone.





_{Route} Limestone & Metals Valid within zones 1-3

Mark band Success criteria

Simple description of an advantage and/or disadvantage. Weak SPaG. Weak or no conclusion. Poor organisation.

3-4 Clear description of environmental and social or economic advantages and disadvantages of mining. There is a conclusion. Some SPaG errors.

5-6 Detailed description of environmental and social or economic advantages and disadvantages of mining. There is a justified conclusion. Almost faultless SPaG.

Science points

Advantages: Environmental- once exhausted it can be turned into a nature park which would attract new animals. Social/Economic- creates jobs. Workers move into area and spend money in local shops.

Disadvantages: Environmentaldestruction of habitat, dust, noise and sound pollution from extra traffic and machinery. Social/Economictourists will stay away reducing the income for local tourism industry.



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Route Limestone & Metals Valid within zones 1-3



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Question

Amino acids are essential for life. Simple amino acids, such as glycine (NH₂CH₂COOH) could have been produced by reactions between ammonia, water and hydrocarbons. Explain why scientists believe that there might be life on other planets, provided that their atmospheres contain gases such as methane, nitrogen, hydrogen and carbon monoxide.

Value 4 marks

Primordial Soup

Ingredients: One ocean of water Sunlight (as available) Organic materials from space: amino acids, fatty acids, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, other hydrocarbons as neeed

Dissolve organic materials in ocean, let simmer in sunlight for up to a billion years. Makes large numbers of prebiotic cells.



Route Atmosphere Valid within zones 2-3

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Explain:

All the points in your answer must be linked logically.

Connectives: because, therefore, consequently,....



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Success criteria

1 Amino acids contain the elements nitrogen, hydrogen, carbon and oxygen.

These elements are present in methane, carbon monoxide, nitrogen and hydrogen gas.

Methane is a hydrocarbon or carbon monoxide + hydrogen can react to make a hydrocarbon.

Nitrogen and hydrogen can react and form ammonia.

Carbon monoxide can also react with hydrogen and form water.

