



WJEC Chemistry 1
Option – Higher Tier
1.6 Mark Scheme

Question	Marking details						Marks available		
	AO1	AO2	AO3	Total	Maths	Prac			
6							3		

Indicative content

limestone / calcium carbonate is heated strongly to convert into quicklime / calcium oxide
glows orange / becomes softer left to cool and small amount of water is added to quicklime to produce slaked lime / calcium hydroxide fizzing / hissing / exothermic reaction solid crumbles

calcium carbonate → calcium oxide + carbon dioxide
 $\text{CaCO}_3 \rightarrow \text{CaO} + \text{CO}_2$

calcium oxide + water → calcium hydroxide
 $\text{CaO} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$

5-6 marks
 Gives methods and observations, balanced symbol equations
There is a sustained line of reasoning which is coherent, relevant, substantiated and logically structured. The candidate uses appropriate scientific terminology and accurate spelling, punctuation and grammar.

3-4 marks
 Some details of methods and observations, attempt at symbol equations
There is a line of reasoning which is partially coherent, largely relevant, supported by some evidence and with some structure. The candidate uses mainly appropriate scientific terminology and some accurate spelling, punctuation and grammar.

1-2 marks
 Some details of method or observations, attempt at word equations
There is a basic line of reasoning which is not coherent, largely irrelevant, supported by limited evidence and with very little structure. The candidate uses limited scientific terminology and inaccuracies in spelling, punctuation and grammar.

0 marks
 No attempt made or no response worthy of credit.

	Question 6 total	6	0	0	6	0	3		
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Question			Marking details				Marks available		
			AO1	AO2	AO3	Total	Maths	Prac	
10/2	(a)						1	1	1
		(thermal) decomposition							
	(b)	(i)	it glows				1	1	1
		(ii)							
			$\text{CaCO}_3 \rightarrow \text{CaO} + \text{CO}_2$						
			award (1) for CaCO_3				2	2	2
			award (1) for CaO and CO_2						
	(c)	(i)							
			award (1) for any of following				1	1	1
			• steam released						
			• hissing						
			• expands						
			• crumbles						
		(ii)							
			$\text{CaO} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$				2	2	2
			award (1) for CaO and H_2O						
			award (1) for $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$						
			Question 10/2 total	3	4	0	7	0	3

Common questions

Question	Marking details					Marks available	
	A01	A02	A03	Total	Maths	Prac	
9/1	(a)	(i)	I	(thermal) decomposition	1		1
			II	$\text{CaCO}_3 \rightarrow \text{CaO} + \text{CO}_2$			
				award (1) for reactant award (1) for products ignore any attempt at balancing	2	2	1
		(ii)		water	1	1	
			(b)	award (1) for any of following making cement / concrete / plaster making iron / steel road building in statues	1	1	
				neutral answers – building / building houses / buildings	1	1	
				Question 9/1 total	3	2	0
					5	0	2

Question		Marking details	Marks available					
			AO1	AO2	AO3	Total	Maths	Prac
4	(a) (i)	decomposition	1		1			
	(ii)	award (1) for each of following <ul style="list-style-type: none">• steam formed / spits / fizzing / bubbles / effervescence• (chip) expands / puffs up / cracks open / breaks up / crumbles neutral answers gas given off exothermic			2	2	2	
	(iii)	reactant CaO product $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$ ignore any attempt at balancing			1	1		
(b)	(i)	0.040 (2) if incorrect award (1) for $\frac{2.96}{74}$ in method			2	2	2	
	(ii)	calcium hydroxide is an alkali / a base / has pH 11 (1) accept pH values from 8-14 neutralises acid in soil (1) accept removes acidity from soil / cancels out acid in soil / raises pH of soil			2	2	2	
		Question 4 total	5	3	0	8	2	4