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Level 1 Science, 2009 90189 Describe aspects of chemistry

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You should answer ALL the questions in this booklet.

If you need more space for any answer, use the page(s) provided at the back of this booklet and clearly number the question.

A Table of lons and a Periodic Table are provided in Resource Booklet 90189R. Pull out the Resource Booklet from the centre of this booklet.

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Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence			
Describe aspects of chemistry.	Explain aspects of chemistry.	Discuss aspects of chemistry.			
Overall Level of Performance					

You are advised to spend 40 minutes answering the questions in this booklet.

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QUESTION ONE: ATOMIC STRUCTURE

Some elements have isotopes. Isotopes of an element have the same number of protons, but different numbers of neutrons. Carbon-12 $\binom{12}{6}$ C) and carbon-13 $\binom{13}{6}$ C) are isotopes of carbon.

(a)	Explain why ${}^{12}_6\text{C}$ and ${}^{13}_6\text{C}$ are neutral atoms. You should describe their atomic structure, and state their electron configuration.
b)	Explain how the particles within an atom contribute to its overall mass .

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(c)	Nitrogen can exist as an isotope in the form of nitrogen-13 $\binom{13}{7}$ N).				
	Discuss how the mass of ¹³ ₇ N compares with ¹² ₆ C and ¹³ ₆ C. In your answer consider: • the atomic structure of each atom • the relevance of the numbers "12" and "13" in terms of atomic structure.				
	Diagram(s) may be used to support your discussion.				

QUESTION TWO: METAL REACTIONS

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Sodium metal is stored under oil. When it is taken out and cut in air, it is shiny but it very quickly goes dull.

Discuss why sodium quickly goes dull when cut in air **and** how this relates to the fact that sodium is rarely used in its pure form.

In your answer:

- describe the atomic structure of sodium
- explain why sodium is stored in oil

•	name the substance in air that the sodium reacts with
	write a word and balanced chemical equation to represent the reaction that occurs.
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Cor	rectly balanced chemical equation:

QUESTION THREE: BALANCING IT UP

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A student reacted zinc oxide with sulfuric acid, and wrote the following **incorrect** equation to represent the reaction:

$$ZnO_2 + H_2SO_4 \rightarrow 2H_2O + ZnSO_4 + H_2$$

The equation contains THREE errors.

Dis	cuss the reasons for the three changes made to correctly balance the chemical equation

QUESTION FOUR: ACID - BASE REACTIONS

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A student carried out an experiment to neutralise sulfuric acid by adding sodium hydroxide to it.

Discuss **how** the student could have determined when the sulfuric acid had been neutralised **and** what effect adding the sodium hydroxide has on the pH of the solution.

In your answer include:

- an explanation of neutralisation in terms of an acid-base reaction
- the name of the indicator used
- observations that the student would make as the sodium hydroxide is added to the acid

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Extra paper for continuation of answers if required. Clearly number the question.

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