

Nanoscience – Mark scheme

1. (a) any **one** from: 1
- they are made of layer *do **not** accept line / rows / lattice*
 - atoms / ions / particles / layers (of atoms) can slide over each other
- (b) any **one** from: 1
- smaller / tiny **or** very small *do **not** allow small alone*
 - correct size range 1 to 100 nanometres
 - a few hundred atoms in size
if they state smaller and give a size outside range ignore size if it is less than 20,000
- (c) harder 1
- plus **one** from: 1
- so does not wear as quickly / erode as quickly *ignore corrode*
 - less vulnerable to damage *harder to wear down = 1 mark*
 - because they have a high surface area to volume ratio
- or** stronger (1)
- plus **one** from: (1)
- less likely to break / do not break *accept withstand pressure*
 - not as vulnerable to damage *harder and stronger alone gains 1 mark*
 - do not bend out of shape
 - because they have a high surface area to volume ratio
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2. (a) 1-100 nm in size 1
- or** a few (hundred) atoms in size
- accept very / really small / tiny **or** 10^{-9}
accept billionth of a metre **or** any number that implies very small
accept measured in nanometers
if answer 'very small' ignore incorrect numerical values*
- (b) any **two** from: 2
- less tennis balls need to be made
 - tennis balls last longer **or** don't have to replace as often
 - less materials / resources / fuel used up / saves resources
accept saving materials
 - less energy used **or** making tennis balls uses energy
accept saving energy
 - less pollution caused
accept named pollutant; accept global warming / greenhouse effect
 - less waste
eg fewer tennis balls going to landfill
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