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Biology

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Mark scheme

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Information to Examiners

1. General

The mark scheme for each question shows:

- the marks available for each part of the question
- the total marks available for the question
- the typical answer or answers which are expected
- extra information to help the Examiner make his or her judgement and help to delineate what is acceptable or not worthy of credit or, in discursive answers, to give an overview of the area in which a mark or marks may be awarded
- the Assessment Objectives and specification content that each question is intended to cover.

The extra information is aligned to the appropriate answer in the left-hand part of the mark scheme and should only be applied to that item in the mark scheme.

At the beginning of a part of a question a reminder may be given, for example: where consequential marking needs to be considered in a calculation; or the answer may be on the diagram or at a different place on the script.

In general the right-hand side of the mark scheme is there to provide those extra details which confuse the main part of the mark scheme yet may be helpful in ensuring that marking is straightforward and consistent.

2. Emboldening and underlining

- 2.1** In a list of acceptable answers where more than one mark is available ‘any **two** from’ is used, with the number of marks emboldened. Each of the following bullet points is a potential mark.
- 2.2** A bold **and** is used to indicate that both parts of the answer are required to award the mark.
- 2.3** Alternative answers acceptable for a mark are indicated by the use of **or**. Different terms in the mark scheme are shown by a / ; eg allow smooth / free movement.
- 2.4** Any wording that is underlined is essential for the marking point to be awarded.

3. Marking points

3.1 Marking of lists

This applies to questions requiring a set number of responses, but for which students have provided extra responses. The general principle to be followed in such a situation is that ‘right + wrong = wrong’.

Each error / contradiction negates each correct response. So, if the number of error / contradictions equals or exceeds the number of marks available for the question, no marks can be awarded.

However, responses considered to be neutral (indicated as * in example 1) are not penalised.

Example 1: What is the pH of an acidic solution?

[1 mark]

Student	Response	Marks awarded
1	green, 5	0
2	red*, 5	1
3	red*, 8	0

Example 2: Name two planets in the solar system.

[2 marks]

Student	Response	Marks awarded
1	Pluto, Mars, Moon	1
2	Pluto, Sun, Mars, Moon	0

3.2 Use of chemical symbols / formulae

If a student writes a chemical symbol / formula instead of a required chemical name, full credit can be given if the symbol / formula is correct and if, in the context of the question, such action is appropriate.

3.3 Marking procedure for calculations

Full marks can be given for a correct numerical answer, without any working shown.

However, if the answer is incorrect, mark(s) can be gained by correct substitution / working and this is shown in the 'extra information' column or by each stage of a longer calculation.

3.4 Interpretation of 'it'

Answers using the word 'it' should be given credit only if it is clear that the 'it' refers to the correct subject.

3.5 Errors carried forward

Any error in the answers to a structured question should be penalised once only.

Papers should be constructed in such a way that the number of times errors can be carried forward is kept to a minimum. Allowances for errors carried forward are most likely to be restricted to calculation questions and should be shown by the abbreviation 'ecf' in the marking scheme.

3.6 Phonetic spelling

The phonetic spelling of correct scientific terminology should be credited **unless** there is a possible confusion with another technical term.

3.7 Brackets

(.....) are used to indicate information which is not essential for the mark to be awarded but is included to help the examiner identify the sense of the answer required.

3.8 Accept / allow

Accept is used to indicate an equivalent answer to that given on the left-hand side of the mark scheme. Allow is used to denote lower-level responses that just gain credit.

3.9 Ignore / Insufficient / Do not allow

Ignore or insufficient are used when the information given is irrelevant to the question or not enough to gain the marking point. Any further correct amplification could gain the marking point.

Do **not** allow means that this is a wrong answer which, even if the correct answer is given, will still mean that the mark is not awarded.

4. Quality of Written Communication and levels marking

In Question 9 students are required to produce extended written material in English, and will be assessed on the quality of their written communication as well as the standard of the scientific response.

Students will be required to:

- use good English
- organise information clearly
- use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

The following general criteria should be used to assign marks to a level:

Level 1: Basic

- Knowledge of basic information
- Simple understanding
- The answer is poorly organised, with almost no specialist terms and their use demonstrating a general lack of understanding of their meaning, little or no detail
- The spelling, punctuation and grammar are very weak.

Level 2: Clear

- Knowledge of accurate information
- Clear understanding
- The answer has some structure and organisation, use of specialist terms has been attempted but not always accurately, some detail is given
- There is reasonable accuracy in spelling, punctuation and grammar, although there may still be some errors.

Level 3: Detailed

- Knowledge of accurate information appropriately contextualised
- Detailed understanding, supported by relevant evidence and examples
- Answer is coherent and in an organised, logical sequence, containing a wide range of appropriate or relevant specialist terms used accurately.
- The answer shows almost faultless spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
1(a)	thorax		1	AO1 3.1.2a
1(b)(i)	The ribs move up and out.		1	AO1 3.1.2c
1(b)(ii)	(they) contract	allow shorten	1	AO1 3.1.2c
1(c)(i)	The damaged alveolus has a smaller surface area.		1	AO3 3.1.1h
1(c)(ii)	Less oxygen is taken in.		1	AO2 3.1.2b
Total			5	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
2(a)(i)	The person started running a race.		1	AO2 3.3.2a
2(a)(ii)	2300		1	AO2 3.3.2a
2(a)(iii)	drinking (water / sports drink) or through eating		1	AO1 3.3.2a /3.1.1e
2(b)(i)	brain		1	AO1 3.3.2b
2(b)(ii)	receptors		1	AO1 3.3.2c
2(c)	cools us down	allow evaporates	1	AO1 3.3.2a
Total			6	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
3(a)(i)	any one from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> glucose oxygen carbon dioxide urea water 	allow hormones allow named example of a product of digestion	1	AO1 3.2.1a
3(a)(ii)	(cardiac) muscle	allow muscular	1	AO1 3.2.1b
3(b)(i)	B		1	AO1 3.2.1d
3(b)(ii)	D atrium / atria E ventricle(s)	ignore references to left or right ignore references to left or right	1 1	AO1 3.21.c/d
3(c)(i)	a vein		1	AO2 3.2.1e
3(c)(ii)	an artery		1	AO1 3.2.1f
3(c)(iii)	keeps artery open / wider (so) blood / oxygen can pass through (to the heart muscle)	allow ecf from 3cii	1 1	AO1 3.2.1f
Total			9	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
4(a)(i)	pancreas		1	AO1 3.3.3a
4(a)(ii)	Insulin causes glucose to move into cells.		1	AO1 3.3.3a
4(b)(i)	A rapid rise or fastest		1 1	AO2/3 3.3.3a
4(b)(ii)	2		1	AO2 3.3.3a
4(c)	The pancreas could be rejected.		1	AO2 3.3.1g
Total			6	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
5(a)(i)	any three from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> lights to help guide / attract fish (to the holes) (rigid so) holes stay open (holes) allow small / young fish to escape (so that) they can breed 		3	AO2/3 3.4.4c
5(a)(ii)	(fishing) quotas / legislation		1	AO1 3.4.4c
5(b)(i)	movement is restricted (in a building or close together so) heat is conserved	allow in heated buildings to reduce heat loss	1 1	AO2 3.4.4b
5(b)(ii)	any two from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> it is cruel disease spreads faster (meat) often has antibiotics in it 	allow descriptions of 'cruelty'	2	AO3 3.4.4b
Total			8	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
6(a)	<p>Human activity</p> <p>Effect on ecosystems</p> <p>extra lines from left cancels mark</p>		2	AO1 3.4.2c/d
6(b)(i)	<p>any two from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (to provide land) for farming / agriculture • (to provide land) for quarrying • (to provide land) for building • to provide wood for building materials • to provide fuel • to provide paper 		2	AO1 3.4.2c
6(b)(ii)	<p>any two from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • changes in earth's climate, ie droughts, flooding, hurricanes • rise in sea levels • reduce biodiversity • change in migration patterns • may change distribution of species 	<p>ignore acid rain and the ozone layer and forest fires</p> <p>ignore temperature rise allow ice caps melt</p>	2	AO1 3.4.2a
Total			6	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
7(a)	<u>diffusion</u> <u>active transport</u>	this order only	1 1	AO2 3.1.1a/g
7(b)(i)	concentration (of sugar) in the bag was higher (than in the drink) or higher concentration of <u>water</u> outside the bag or in the drink / boiling tube (so) <u>water</u> moved in (to the tubing) by osmosis	allow concentration (of sugar) in the drink was lower (than in the bag) allow higher <u>water</u> potential outside the bag or lower <u>water</u> potential inside the bag allow <u>water</u> moves down its concentration gradient do not allow sugar moving allow diffusion (of water) do not allow sugar moving by osmosis or water moving by active transport	1 1 1	AO2 3.1.1.a/b/c
7(b)(ii)	B		1	AO3 3.1.1a/b/c
7(b)(iii)	close(st) to the concentration in the bag or to 5% (so rate of) diffusion / osmosis is slow	allow small(est) diffusion gradient or close(st) to an equilibrium allow (so) less water moves in (to the bag) ignore ref. to sugar	1 1	AO2/3 3.1.1a/b/c
Total			8	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
8(a)	guard (cells)	allow phonetic spelling	1	AO1 3.1.3e
8(b)(i)	as carbon dioxide (concentration) increases, the (mean) number of stomata decreases	allow there is a <u>negative correlation</u>	1	AO2 3.1.3
	(there is a) rapid drop initially	allow use of any number between 1.5 and 3.0 to indicate "initially"	1	
8(b)(ii)	(there is) more carbon dioxide so plant doesn't need as many stomata (to obtain the amount needed) or (there is) less carbon dioxide so the plant needs more stomata (to obtain enough)		1	AO3 3.1.3c
8(c)(i)	may lose too much water	allow plant may wilt ignore references to oxygen / carbon dioxide plants lose a lot of water is insufficient ignore flaccid	1	AO3 3.1.3d
8(c)(ii)	any one from: • hot • dry • windy	ignore environments unqualified eg desert	1	AO3 3.1.3d
Total			6	

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