

Mark Scheme (Final) Summer 2008

GCE

GCE Biology (6115/01)



General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.
- Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

PRE-STANDARDISATION MARK SCHEME - UNIT 5H (6115) A2 Biology (Human) JUNE 2008 STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

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- (1) You must have provisionally marked 15 of every item **ONLINE** before the Standardisation Meeting on **25/06/08** in order to familiarise yourself with the Pre-standardisation mark scheme.
- (2) At the meeting the mark scheme will be discussed and amplified. It will be amended in the light of the discussion and of marking experience. Assistant Examiners will then be asked to take part in an Agreement Trial. The marks will be compared and discussed. Scripts used in Agreement Trials may be taken away from the meeting for reference purposes; these must be destroyed at the conclusion of marking.
- (3) Within 48 hours of the Standardisation meeting, Assistant Examiners must mark fully, ONLINE, a sample of 10 of every item in the light of the amended FINAL mark scheme which you will be able to access ONLINE. Please note that you will not be able to mark any more responses until after you have received clearance from your Team Leader, and any differences are resolved.
- (4) Once clearance has been received from the Team Leader, you MUST start marking and all your marking MUST be done by the contract completion date on your contract.
- Further checks on your marking will be made by your Team Leader at any point throughout the (5) marking period to ensure that your marking is accurate.

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Question Number	Answer	Mark
1(a)	 1. 63; [max 2 from the following 3 marking points] 2. cannot form gametes /eq; 3. (because) chromosome pairing not possible / eq; 4. during {meiosis / eq}; COMMENT mp 3: ACCEPT idea of not being able to pair but NOT just "there is an odd number" mp 4: if stage in meiosis given then must be correct: prophase 1 or metaphase 1. 	max (3)

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1(b)	 (isolating mechanisms) prevent interbreeding (between species / populations) / barrier to reproduction / eq; (postzygotic mechanisms) allow {mating / fertilisation / 	
	eq} / eq;3. but prevent production of {viable / fertile} offspring / prevent offspring developing / eq;	(3)
	COMMENT mp 3: allow converse "produced sterile offspring".	

Question Number	Answer	Mark
1(c)	 idea that species is group of organisms that can interbreed to produce fertile offspring / eq; 	
	2. but mule {is sterile / cannot produce offspring};	max (2)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
2(a)	1. {antigens / proteins} in human serum ;	
	2. {promote / eq} production of antibodies (in rabbit);	
	 antibodies produced by lymphocytes / in lymph nodes / reference to agglutination; 	max (2)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
2(b)	to check if antibody {present / active} / idea of giving a {100% standard / eq};	(1)
	[reference to control unqualified = 0]	

Question Number	Answer	Mark
2(c)	reference to the greater the precipitation, the closer the ancestry;	
	2. because there are more common proteins (in serum);	
	 (serum of) chimpanzees / gorillas precipitates more than gibbons / orang-utans; 	
	4. reference to 80% (relative) precipitation (gorilla and chimpanzee), 60% in orang-utan / 20% in gibbon;	max (3)
	COMMENT mp 4: ACCEPT use of '+' to quantify	

Question Number	Answer	Mark
3(a)	 age and sex structure / eq (of a population); 	
	2. in form of a {histogram / bar graph};	(2)

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3(b)(i)	USA has greater life expectancy than Uganda;	
	 greater proportion of population in USA {in higher age groups / above 40-45 / eq} than in Uganda; 	
	3. reference to numbers in each age group in USA {more- or-less equal up to {45 - 49 / 50 - 54} / does not decrease much up to {45 - 49 / 50 - 54} };	
	 (but) numbers in each age group in Uganda decrease rapidly in each older age group; 	
	 majority of Uganda population is children but adults outnumber children in USA; 	
	6. {hardly anyone / eq} above 75 in Uganda but still {large / reasonable / eq} numbers above 75 in USA;	
	7. largest age group in Uganda is 0 - 4, in USA it is 35 - 39;	(3)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
3(b)(ii)	Uganda more disease / less medical care available / eq;	
	2. Uganda poorer diet / less food / eq ;	
	3. Uganda poorer {housing / living conditions};	
	4. Uganda poorer sanitation / eq ;	
	5. Uganda may have more wars / eq;	may
	6. Uganda less provision for care of elderly;	max (2)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
3(c)	both populations have increased;	
	Uganda still shows short life expectancy compared with USA;	
	 increased proportion of children in Ugandan population / little change in population figures above 40; 	
	 USA has more people living to {older ages / above 45} than in 2000 / proportion of children in population decreased; 	
	5. population above 80 increases in USA but still hardly anyone above 80 in Uganda;	max (3)

Question	Answer	Mark
Number		
4(a)	1 mark per structure correctly drawn ;;;; COMMENT cell wall must be double-line flagellum has to go through wall and be closed off	(4)
	membrane can adhere to inner line of cell wall	
	if mesosome shown, it must be separated from cell wall	

Question Number	Answer	Mark
4(b)	 (more nutrients) increases the numbers of {cyanobacteria / algae}, more food for {zooplankton /fish} so their numbers increase; 	
	 cyanobacteria produce / {toxins / eq} that kill {animals / organisms} (in the water); 	
	3. create algal bloom that shades other (aquatic) plants;	
	 increase in {bacteria / decomposers } {uses up oxygen / increase BOD}; 	
	5. therefore {zooplankton / fish} {die / decrease in numbers};	max (3)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
4(c)	 could inhibit {cell/ nuclear} / division / mitosis; could act as enzyme inhibitors (any form of inhibition); could interfere with metabolic pathways / specific example; any other appropriate reason; COMMENT mp 4: e.g. interfere with formation of cell wall 	max (2)

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4(d)	{the chemical pesticides could kill other organisms, not just the cyanobacteria} / {the water could be used as a source of drinking water for {people / animals} and the chemicals could disrupt food chains / any other suitable reason; ACCEPT converse arguments COMMENT use of "it" assume biological control IGNORE references to costs / economic comments	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
5(a)(i)	artery ;	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
5(a)(ii)	 Needs one feature and a function for the two marks, max. of two features 1. thick {wall / layer} of (smooth) muscle / thick elastic {layer / wall}; 2. allows artery to expand / withstand pressure from the pulse of blood / eq; 3. collagen (fibres); 4. provides strength / eq; 	
	 5. smooth lining; 6. prevent resistance to blood flow / eq; 7. small lumen / eq; 8. to maintain high pressure / eq; COMMENT function must follow on from correct feature mp 8: accept idea of creating high pressure 	max (4)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
5(b)	inhibits the enzyme (that catalyses the conversion);	
	2. by active site-directed inhibition / eq;	
	inhibitor {is a similar shape to the substrate } / blocks active site;	
	4. by non active site-directed inhibition;	
	 inhibitor attaches to enzyme at point other than active site / eq; 	
	6. (and) causes active site to change shape ;	max (4)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
6(a)	 peptide {bond / link}; (formed by) condensation; between {carboxyl / COOH} and {amine / amino / NH₂}; 	max (2)
	NB marks can be awarded from annotated diagram COMMENT NOT dipeptide / polypeptide {bond / link}	

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6(b)	1. ionic;	
	2. hydrogen ;	
	3. disulphide stronger than hydrogen and ionic / eq;	(3)
	COMMENT comparative comment of relative strengths	

Question Number	Answer	Mark
	glucose able to be absorbed in stomach / no need for digestion of glucose / any other suitable suggestions /; COMMENT IGNORE references to glucose being soluble IGNORE references to student not eating for sometime unless qualified	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
6(d)	disulphide links {cannot form};	
	reference to disulphide links form between cysteine molecules;	
	3. {chains / chain A and chain B} cannot be linked correctly;	
	 4. {molecule /insulin / polypeptide} has a different {shape / tertiary structure / 3D-structure eq}; 	
	(therefore) insulin {has different properties / not formed / eq};	
	6. insulin receptor sites on {cell surface membrane / eq};	
	7. receptor sites do not accept this insulin / eq;	
	blood glucose level would {continue to rise / not fall / take longer to decrease};	
	reference to decrease in uptake of glucose from blood into cells;	
	10. reference to less {glucose to glycogen / glycogenesis} in {liver / muscles} / ref/ to excess glucose in urine ;	max (6)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
7(a)	 loss of rod cells (in retinitis pigmentosa) reduces ability to{receive light / eq}; 	
	2. reference to rhodopsin as photosensitive pigment;	
	 light causes {change of shape (in retinal) / reference to cis- to trans- retinal; 	
	4. causes rhodopsin to split into opsin and retinal [NOT retinol];	
	opsin decreases permeability of rod cell to sodium ions;	
	6. ref to generator potential / hyper polarisation ;	(4)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
7(b)	 parental genotype and possible gametes shown using acceptable symbols; 	
	correct cross shown on diagram to give child genotypes;	
	 statement that both parents are carriers of recessive allele / child receives recessive allele from each parent; 	
	 child with disorder will be homozygous recessive; [as a statement or identified clearly in diagram] 	
	5. {1 in 4 / 25% / 0.25} chance of each child having disorder;	
	6. {1 in 2 / 50% / 0.5} chance of each child being a carrier;	max (5)

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8	 buoyancy; less dense than water; 	
	3. hormones;4. reference to steroids / named example;	
	5. water-proofing / reducing evaporation;6. reference to {waxes / oils} / example / hydrophobic nature;	
	7. thermal insulation;8. reference to suitable example such as blubber / subcutaneous fat;	
	 9. electrical insulation; 10. reference to myelin sheath / Schwann cell / increased impulse propagation; 	
	11. energy store ;12. reference to respiration release energy / compact molecule / energy for germination / reference to brown fat ;	
	13. cell membrane ;14. phospholipids / polar nature / forms bi layer ;	
	15. metabolic water ; 16. reference to survival in desert animals ;	
	17. physical protection / shock absorber;18. around {organs / named example);	
	19. {source / store} of vitamins ; 20. named example such as A, D or E ;	max (6)