



# Science

Advanced Subsidiary GCE

Unit G642: Science and Human Activity

## Mark Scheme for June 2012

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## 1. Annotations

Annotation	Meaning
?	Unclear
.[•]•]	Benefit of Doubt
×	Cross
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<u>F</u> C	Example / reference
I	Ignore
NAG	Not answered question
	Benefit of Doubt not given
0	Large Dot (Key point attempted)
R	Reject
CON	Contradiction
37	Error in number of significant figures
<ul> <li>Image: A start of the start of</li></ul>	Tick
<u> </u>	Omission Mark

Highlighting is also available to highlight any particular points on the script.

The following questions should be annotated with ticks to show where marks have been awarded in the body of the text: 2(b), 4(c), 6(b), 7(b)(iii) and 12(a)

Abbreviations, annotations and conventions used in the detailed Mark Scheme.

- / = alternative and acceptable answers for the same marking point
- (1) = separates marking points
- **not** = answers which are not worthy of credit
- **reject** = answers which are not worthy of credit
- **ignore** = statements which are irrelevant
- **allow** = answers that can be accepted
- () = words which are not essential to gain credit
  - = underlined words must be present in answer to score a mark
- ecf = error carried forward
- AW = alternative wording
- ora = or reverse argument

Q	Question		Expected Answers		Additional Guidance	
1	(a)		Between -50 and -45 ✓	1		
	(b)	(i)	Infrared radiation is absorbed by air molecules (esp CO <sub>2</sub> and H <sub>2</sub> O vapour) ✓ Increases vibrations (kinetic energy of molecules OR air warms up) ✓ Air expands and rises ✓	1 1 1	Air in contact with earth's surface is heated (1) Air expands and rises must be linked (1)	
		(ii)	Tropopause colder (below -50) Air spreads out horizontally contracts ✓ Thus descends ✓	1 1		
		(iii)	Differences in air pressure $\checkmark$ Rotation of earth (coriolis effect) $\checkmark$	1 1	Allow movement of Earth	
	(C)		Select P = F/A A = $2^2$ = 4 P= 396 000/4 = 99 000 (or std.frm) Pa or Nm <sup>-2</sup>	1 1 1 1		
			Total	12		

Q	Question		Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance	
2	(a)	(i)	Seasonal variation (summer and winter) $\checkmark$	1	Credit any indication of seasonal variation	
		(ii)	Away from localised pollution ✓	1		
	(b)	(i)	Thickness of tree rings give evidence of how much tree grew in a given time period ✓ This may correlate with climate variation eg Temperature / rainfall etc. ✓	1	Allow any difference in tree rings suggested	
		(ii)	Atoms of the same element (same p number) With different numbers of neutrons	1		
		(iii)	Neutrons 10, 8 ✓ Protons 8,8 ✓ Electrons 8,8 ✓	1 1 1		
		(iv)	Electron number (configuration) the same $\checkmark$	1	Do not allow "because the element is still oxygen" without qualification.	
			Total	10		

Q	Question		Expected Answers	Marks	ks Additional Guidance	
3	(a)	(i)	(Rapid) burning (in air / oxygen) ✓	1	Combustion (1) oxidation (1) Accept exothermic (?)	
		(ii)	(+) 4 ✓	1		
	(b)	(i)	Acid is a proton donor ✓	1	Allow pH <7 (1) Solution with H <sup>+</sup> ions (1)	
		(ii)	$H^{+} + HCO_{3}^{-} \text{ or } 2H^{+} + CO_{3}^{2} \checkmark$ $H^{+} + HSO_{2}^{-} \text{ or } 2H^{+} + SO_{2}^{2} \checkmark$	1	Must have both Allow H <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> and H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> (elements can be in any order)	
		(iii)	Sulfurous acid more dissociated than carbonic $\checkmark$ This greater conc. Of H <sup>+</sup> ions $\checkmark$	1 1		
	(C)		Apparatus burrette ✓ Pipette AND conical flask ✓ Indicator ✓ (need not be named) Standardized alkali ✓ (need not be named) End point indicated by colour change ✓ Average titre taken to improve reliability ✓	6	Fixed volume of acid or alkali (1) QWC Correct sequence of steps (1)	
			Total	12		

Q	Question		Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance	
4	(a)	(i)	Improve yield ✓ Improve drought resistance ✓ Herbicide resistance ✓ Production of medicines ✓	Any 2	Allow taste better (1)	
		(ii)	Restriction enzyme recognises a particular nucleotide sequence ✓ Cuts the polymer at a particular point ✓	1 1		
		(iii)	Plasmid ✓ Virus ✓ Gold nano particles ✓ Viral infection (for virus) ✓ Infection with bacteria with host plasmid ✓ Gold nanoparticles ✓	Any 3	Any named vectors (1) each max 2 1 for description method	
	(b)		Long term effects of genetically modified plants on health not known ✓ Carry out long term trials (on animals) ✓ Genetic modification may transfer to other plants✓ Ensure complete isolation of experimental trials✓ QWC	1 1 1 1 1	2 concerns + one technique of minimising = 4 + 1 for QWC "Playing god" gets (1)	
			Total	12		

Question	Expected Answers		Additional Guidance
5 (a) (i)	High melting point ✓ Denser when solid ✓		Just stating mpt and/or bpt = 0
	High specific Heat ✓	Any 2	
(ii)	Density = mass/vol selected AND arranged ✓	1	
	Vol = 3.5/996 = 0.00351	1	
	$m^3 \checkmark$	1	
	3.51 x 10 <sup>-3</sup> ✓	1	4 <sup>th</sup> mark for answer in standard form
(b) (i)	One bonding pair shown ✓	1	Can be from separate diagram
	One non bonding pair shown ✓	1	
	All correct ✓	1	
(ii)	Diagram showing water molecule with correct dipoles on H and $\Omega \neq 0$	1	Marks can be awarded from diagram
	Hydrogen bond correctly shown between 2 water molecules	1	
	Difference in electronegativity mention as cause for polar		
	bond 🗸	1	
	Strong inter molecular forces result ✓	1	
(c) (i)	Exothermic is a reaction that gives out heat $\checkmark$	1	
(ii)	Due to bond formation ✓ (releases heat)	1	
	Condensation is formation of H bonds $\checkmark$	1	
	Total	16	

Question		on	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
6	(a)		The splitting ✓	1	
			Of atomic nuclei ✓	1	
	(b)	(i)	Gamma is highest energy ✓ Therefore most penetrating Only lead is sufficient to shield ✓	1	Accept thick layers of concrete
		(ii)	Np Mass = 237 $\checkmark$ Mass of alpha = 4 $\checkmark$ Number of alpha = 2 $\checkmark$	1 1 1	
	(c)		Alpha source (1) Thin beam (1) Aimed at gold foil (1) Phosphorescent screen (1) Most particles past through foil (1) Some deflected (1) Small number rebound (1) Suggesting most mass at centre (1) Repulsion due to +ve charge on nucleus (1)	Any 6	Marks can be awarded from diagram
			Tota	l 13	

Q	Question		Expected Answers		Additional Guidance	
7	' (a) (i)		Voltage is increased ✓	1	Accept "it is stepped up"	
		(ii)	So as to minimise energy loss (as heat) $\checkmark$	1		
		(iii)	ac alternates direction of flow (100 times a second)✓ (or opposite argument for dc)	1	Simply stating that ac = alternating current and dc = direct current gets 0	
		(iv)	Power = $\forall x \mid \checkmark$ Power = 230 x 20 = 4600 (W) $\checkmark$ Power = J/s so 4600 J per s $\checkmark$ 10 mins = 600 s Energy used = 4600 x 600 = 2.76 x 10 <sup>6</sup> $\checkmark$ Joules $\checkmark$ (2760 kJ)	1 1 1 1 1		
	(b)	(i)	$ \begin{array}{c} O_2 \checkmark \\ CO_2 \checkmark \\ 2 O_2 \checkmark \end{array} $	1 1 1		
		(ii)	Oxygen is lost ✓	1		
		(iii)	Combustion of hydrogen only gives water ✓ But production of hydrogen produces carbon dioxide ✓	1		
			Total	14		

Question		on	Expected Answers Marks		arks Additional Guidance
8	(a)	(i)	Highest energy/most ionising ✓ Most likely to cause cell damage (cancer) ✓	1 1	Causes cancer WITHOUT justification = 0
		(ii)	Selects and rearranges E = hf $\checkmark$ f = 1.3 x 10 <sup>-18</sup> / 6.63 x 10 <sup>-34</sup> = 1.96 x 10 <sup>15</sup> $\checkmark$	1 1	
		(iii)	c = f $\lambda$ selected $\checkmark$ $\lambda$ = 3.0 x 10 <sup>8</sup> / 1.96 x 10 <sup>15</sup> = 1.53 x 10 <sup>-7</sup> $\checkmark$ m 153 nm $\checkmark$	1 1 1	
	(b)		Describe main features of cohort study Group identified exposed to factor (1) Control group (1) Control group must be as similar as possible to test group to control other variables (1) Follow over a period of time (1) Weakness, difficulty of controlling all variables (1) Length of time taken for study	Any 3	
			Total	11	

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