

Mark Scheme (Second draft)

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Unit 1: Principles of Science



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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.
- All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- All 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 a 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 about applying 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.
- Phonetic spelling should be accepted.

BTEC Next Generation Mark Scheme Template

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Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1 (a)	C a metal		1
			MCQ
1 (b)	copper + oxygen (1)	allow formula if fully correct	2
			grad
	copper oxide (1)	do not allow copper oxygen/copper oxate	
1 (c)	C 64.00		1
			MCQ
		Total	4
			marks

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
2 (a)	2.8.4		1 clerical
2 (b)(i)	nucleus	do not allow neutron/neutral	1 clerical
2 (b)(ii)	0/zero	allow no (net) charge/neutral	1 grad
2 (c)	x in box showing group 4 period 3	3 4 5 6 7 0	1 clerical
2 (d)	mass number = 28 atomic number = 14		2 clerical
		Total	6 marks

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3 (a)	irritant/skin sensitiser/harmful/acute toxicity	allow hazardous to the ozone layer do not allow toxic alone	1 grad
3 (b)	NaOH	allow OHNa/NaHO/HONa/Na ⁺ OH	1 grad
		do not allow NAOH/naoh/HNaO	
3 (c)	three (different) elements (1)		2
	(chemically) {bonded/joined} (1)	allow combined	grad
3 (d)	red shows that solution A is an acid (1)		4 expert
	(when solution B is added it turns) green because it is neutral (1) solution B is an alkali (1)	allow 'starts to become yellow/orange as it becomes less acidic'	
	the {solution B/alkali} has neutralised the {solution A/acid}		
		Total	8 marks
			IIIarks

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4 (a)(i)	(blood) glucose (level)	allow (blood) sugar	1
			grad
		allow increases	
		(blood) glucose level	
4 (a)(ii)	pancreas	allow phonetic	1
		spelling	clerical
4 (a)(iii)	in the blood (stream)	allow by the blood	1
			grad
4 (b)	do not have to go through the	allow do not have to	1
	brain/it is a reflex arc	think about them	expert
		allow only goes to	
		the spinal cord and	
		back	
4 (c)	motor (neurone) (1)	can be in either order	2
			clerical
	sensory (neurone) (1)	reject relay neurone	
		for both	

Total	6
	marks

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5 (a) 5 (b)(i)	nucleus	allow flagellum allow phonetic spelling clip with Figure 7 reject	1 clerical
3 (0)(1)	Tiucieus	nuclear/nucleoid	clerical
5 (b)(ii)	double (1) helix (1)	allow two allow a series of complementary base pairs allow (strands in) spirals allow (strands) wrapped	2 expert
5 (c)	(mitochondria are a) site of respiration/provide energy (1) to move (the tail) (1)		2 expert
		Total	6
			marks

Question Number	Answer	Mark
6	Any six marks with a maximum of four marks from either cell.	6
	xylem lose their end walls (1)	expert
	to form a hollow tube (1)	
	cells have lignin (1)	
	which strengthens them (1)	
	transports water and minerals (1)	
	from the roots to the leaves (1)	
	phloem cells contain sieve tubes (1)	
	to transport sugars (1)	
	from leaves to the rest of the plant (1)	
	have no nuclei (1)	
	have companion cells for energy (1) Total	6
	Iotai	marks

Question Number	Answer Additional guidance		Mark
7 (a)	kinetic/mechanical/heat/sound/light (energy)	ignore movement (energy)	1 grad
7 (b)(i)	10 000 alone gains 1 mark OR 27 000 - 17 000 (1)		
7 (b)(ii)	450 W alone gains 2 marks 450 (1) W (1) OR 27 000 (1) 60	allow 0.450 kW (2) allow w/watt(s) allow J/s	2 expert
	ı	Total	4 marks

Question Number	Answer			Additional guidance	Mark
8 (a)	thermal			allow heat	1 clerical
8 (b)	chemical				1 clerical
8 (c)	energy source propane biofuel hydroelectric nuclear wind	renewable no yes yes no yes	non- renewable yes no no yes no		2 clerical
2 (1)	4 or 3 correct 2 correct 1 ma	nrk			
8 (d)	An explanation the water part energy (1)		4 expert		
	(the water particles at the bottom) move further apart (1) (so the water at the bottom) becomes less dense (1)				
	(the less dense water) rises (1)				
	the water at the top then cools and becomes more dense (1)				
	and falls (1)				
	this produces convection/{cr water (1)	urrents/mo	vement} in the		
	<u> </u>			Total	8 marks

Question Number	Indicative content	Mark
9	 radio waves and gamma rays travel at the same speed radio waves are low(er) frequency/gamma rays are high(er) frequency radio waves have a long(er) wavelength/gamma rays have a short(er) wavelength radio waves are reflected/refracted by objects radio waves are not hazardous and pose no (known) health risks high energy/frequency gamma rays are highly penetrating/can penetrate anything gamma rays can damage/destroy living cells gamma rays can produce gene mutations gamma rays can damage materials 	6
Level	Descriptor	
0 0 marks	No rewardable material.	
1 1-2 marks	A few key points identified, or one point described in some detail. The answer is likely to be in the form of a list. Points made will be superficial/generic and not applied/directly linked to the situation in the question.	
2 3-4 marks	Some points identified, or a few key points described. The answer is unbalanced. Most points made will be relevant to the situation in the question, but the link will not always be clear.	
3 5-6 marks	Range of points described, or a few key points explained in depth. The majority of points made will be relevant and there will be a clear link to the situation in the question.	

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