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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 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

- 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 / ; e.g. allow smooth / free movement.

### 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 are 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 e.c.f. 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 Ignore / Insufficient / Do not allow

Ignore or insufficient is 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 3 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
<b>1(a)(i)</b>	B has larger tomatoes B / C has more tomatoes per plant C has resistance to disease		1 1 1	<b>AO3</b>  3.3.5.5(1a)
<b>1(a)(ii)</b>	<u>cross</u> B and C  select from the offspring plants (with the best characteristics)  repeat the process	not 'breed' do not allow cloning / genetic modification  do not allow this mark if 'cloning' described  accept cross the selected offspring	1  1  1	<b>AO1</b>  3.3.5.5(2)
<b>1(b)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>kills weeds</li> </ul> any <b>one</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>which compete with plants</li> <li>allows plants more nutrients / water / light / space / room</li> </ul>	accept get rid of accept unwanted plants <b>not</b> herbs / fungi  if fertiliser is implied no mark ignore 'food'	1  1	<b>AO1</b>  3.3.5.4(6)
<b>Total</b>			<b>8</b>	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO/Spec ref
2(a)(i)	arrow to cartilage	clear indication of cartilage needed	1	AO1 3.3.3.3 (8)
2(a)(ii)	stop bones rubbing together / reduces friction acts as a shock absorber / cushioning	accept wearing bones ignore references to cartilage in other locations, ears etc do not allow “for protection” unless qualified	1 1	AO1 3.3.3.3 (8)
2(b)(i)	points plotted correctly ( $\pm$ half a small square)  straight line of best fit through origin	4 or 5 points correct for 2 marks 2 or 3 points correct for 1 mark	Max. 2  1	AO2  3.3.4.2
2(b)(ii)	if graph is plotted correctly the answer is 45 (N)	accept 44 – 46 even if no line drawn  or value from student’s graph if plotted incorrectly +/- 1	1	AO2  3.3.4.2
2(b)(iii)	straight line graph / as force doubles so does extension etc. so force is <u>proportional</u> to extension	ignore yes or no  accept proportional symbol ( $\propto$ )	1  1	AO3  3.3.4.2 (5c)
<b>Total</b>			<b>9</b>	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO/Spec ref
3	Marks awarded for this answer will be determined by the Quality of Written Communication (QWC) as well as the standard of the scientific response. Examiners should also refer to the information on page 5.		6	AO1, AO2 & AO3 3.3.4.2 (3)

0 marks	Level 1 (1-2 marks)	Level 2 (3-4 marks)	Level 3 (5-6 marks)
No relevant content.	<p>The answer may omit several relevant points.</p> <p>The answer may possibly only deal with one sample of salty water and may be simplistic.</p> <p>Basic experiment described eg add salt to water and add nail.</p> <p>Distinguish between 1 and 2 through candidate's use of English and scientific language.</p>	<p>The answer includes some relevant points.</p> <p>For the most part the information is presented in a structured and coherent format.</p> <p>Candidates need to include <b>qualified</b> amounts of water and salt.</p> <p>They must include an amount of iron</p> <p>Distinguish between 3 and 4 through candidate's use of English and scientific language.</p>	<p>The answer includes some relevant points.</p> <p>The information is relevant, clear, organised and presented in a structured and coherent format.</p> <p>Candidates need to include <b>quantified</b> amounts of water and salt.</p> <p>They must include a specified amount of iron (same size/ mass of nail) and/or suitable timescale.</p> <p>Distinguish between 5 and 6 through candidate's use of English and scientific language.</p>

<p><b>Examples of the points made in the response:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• in a test tube / boiling tube / beaker / flask</li> <li>• add x cm<sup>3</sup> of water</li> <li>• add one measure of salt / specified mass of salt and stir to dissolve</li> <li>• add a specified number of same size nails</li> <li>• set up two further containers, one containing two measures of salt, the other containing three measures</li> <li>• both with same volume of water and same number of same sized nails as the first container</li> <li>• check daily and compare results.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Extra information</b></p> <p>the candidate should mention different concentrations of salt solution to reach the higher levels</p> <p>at level 2 and 3 expect to see some mention of variables including suitable time, mass and volume</p>
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<b>Total</b>			<b>6</b>
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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO/Spec ref
4(a)	starts fast / fastest at the start slows down then stops	not increases	1 1 1	<b>AO3</b>  3.3.5.4 (9)
4(b)	<b>either:</b>  condition: <u>higher</u> temperature explanation: reaction is faster / particles move faster <b>or:</b> condition: <u>smaller</u> lumps / powder used explanation: reaction is faster / surface area of solid increased <b>or:</b> condition: catalyst present explanation: reaction is faster / lowers activation energy	1 mark for condition and 1 mark for explanation  accept rate is increased  accept rate is increased  condition and explanation must be linked for 2 marks  not volume or concentration	2	<b>AO3</b>  3.3.5.4 (9)
4(c)	rate increases (because) particles are closer together / more crowded particles / more particles per cm <sup>3</sup>  (therefore) more collisions per second / collisions more often / increased collision frequency	accept reaction is faster  not more collisions on its own not faster collisions / colliding faster	1 1 1	<b>AO1</b>  3.3.5.4 (9)
4(d)(i)	111		1	<b>AO2</b> 3.3.6.3 (2)

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<b>4(d)(ii)</b>	2.2(g)	2 marks for correct answer. 1 compensation mark for 44/100 × 5 (or 44/20)	2	<b>AO2</b> 3.3.6.3 (4)
<b>4(e)</b>	not all of the acid or calcium carbonate reacts / the reaction does not go to completion	accept reference to gas leak	1	<b>AO3</b> 3.3.5.4 (10)
<b>Total</b>			<b>12</b>	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO/Spec ref
<b>5(a)</b>	any <b>five</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• air / oxygen taken into the lungs</li> <li>• lungs have a large surface area / alveoli for the exchange of gases</li> <li>• oxygen enters the blood</li> <li>• oxygen transported to the heart in the blood</li> <li>• heart (made of muscle) pumps blood round the body / heart pumps (oxygenated) blood to the muscles of the body</li> <li>• oxygen enters cells / muscles</li> <li>• <u>diffusion</u> used in the correct context for movement of oxygen</li> </ul>	not the lungs breathe in  not taken into the blood	5	<b>AO1</b>  3.3.3.2 (6)
<b>5(b)(i)</b>	lactic acid		1	<b>AO1</b>  3.3.3.2 (10)
<b>5(b)(ii)</b>	not enough / low amount of oxygen  to break the glucose bonds / release the energy in glucose	accept less oxygen taken in allow no oxygen glucose not fully broken down = 1 mark	1  1	<b>AO1</b>  3.3.3.2 (11)
<b>5(c)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>glucagon</u> released (from the pancreas)</li> <li>• converts glycogen (in liver) back to glucose</li> <li>• glucose released into blood.</li> </ul>	mention of insulin negates this mark  accept stored glucose	3	<b>AO1</b>  3.3.3.2 (16)
<b>Total</b>			<b>11</b>	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO/Spec ref
<b>6(a)</b>	introduce more cross-links make the polymer chains longer		1 1	<b>AO1</b> 3.3.4.2 (13)
<b>6(b)</b>	<b>Q</b>		1	<b>AO1</b> 3.3.4.2 (14)
<b>6(c)</b>	(thermoplastic polymers) soften on heating	allow melting accept change shape	1	<b>AO1</b> 3.3.4.2 (12)
<b>Total</b>			<b>4</b>	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO/Spec ref
<b>7 (a)</b>	any <b>two</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• malleable</li> <li>• tough</li> <li>• doesn't react with the paint</li> <li>• high tensile strength</li> </ul>	accept: can be shaped/rolled into the shape of the tin won't shatter/break if hit  durable / long lasting  do not allow strong doesn't need to be thick to hold paint	2	<b>AO1</b>  3.3.4.2 (7)
<b>7 (b)(i)</b>	250  N or newton	2 marks for correct answer 1 compensation mark for $0.4 \times F = 20 \times 5$	2  1	<b>AO2</b>  3.3.3.3 (6,7)
<b>7 (b)(ii)</b>	0.00005 (m <sup>3</sup> )	accept $5 \times 10^{-5}$ (m <sup>3</sup> ) 3 marks for correct answer 1 compensation mark for $7800 = \frac{0.39}{\text{volume}}$  2 compensation marks for 0.39 / 7800	3	<b>AO2</b>  3.3.4.2 (5a)
<b>7 (b)(iii)</b>	advantages: lighter / non reactive / doesn't rust / flexible  disadvantages: lower tensile strength / can melt	ignore less dense and cost   allow weaker / not as strong / breaks easily	1  1	<b>AO3</b>  3.3.4.2
<b>Total</b>			<b>10</b>	