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Additional Applied Science A

General Certificate of Secondary Education

Unit A334/01: Agriculture and Food (Foundation Tier)

Mark Scheme for January 2013

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Annotations

Used in the detailed Mark Scheme:

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

Available in scoris to annotate scripts

Annotation	Meaning
2	indicate uncertainty or ambiguity
140	benefit of doubt
(मना)	contradiction
×	incorrect response
1494	error carried forward
0	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
, voc	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response

Annotation	Meaning
<u> </u>	no benefit of doubt
	reject
✓	correct response
2	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
A	information omitted

Subject-specific Marking Instructions

- a. If a candidate alters his/her response, examiners should accept the alteration.
- b. Crossed out answers should be considered only if no other response has been made. When marking crossed out responses, accept correct answers which are clear and unambiguous.

Eg

For a one mark question, where ticks in boxes 3 and 4 are required for the mark:

Put ticks (✓) in the two correct boxes.	Put ticks (\checkmark) in the two correct boxes.	Put ticks (\checkmark) in the two correct boxes.
		₹
		姥
*	\checkmark	✓
*	*	✓
This would be worth 1 mark.	This would be worth 0 marks.	This would be worth 1 mark.

c. The list principle:

If a list of responses greater than the number requested is given, work through the list from the beginning. Award one mark for each correct response, ignore any neutral response, and deduct one mark for any incorrect response, eg one which has an error of science. If the number of incorrect responses is equal to or greater than the number of correct responses, no marks are awarded. A neutral response is correct but irrelevant to the question.

d. Marking method for tick boxes:

Always check the additional guidance.

If there is a set of boxes, some of which should be ticked and others left empty, then judge the entire set of boxes.

If there is at least one tick, ignore crosses. If there are no ticks, accept clear, unambiguous indications, eg shading or crosses. Credit should be given for each box correctly ticked. If more boxes are ticked than there are correct answers, then deduct one mark for each additional tick. Candidates cannot score less than zero marks.

Eg If a question requires candidates to identify a city in England, then in the boxes

Edinburgh	
Manchester	
Paris	
Southampton	

The second and fourth boxes should have ticks (or other clear indication of choice) and the first and third <u>should be blank</u> (or have indication of choice crossed out).

Edinburgh			✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Manchester	✓	×	✓	✓	✓				✓	
Paris				✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Southampton	✓	×		✓		✓	✓		✓	
Score:	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	NR

Q	Question		Answer	Mark	Guidance
1	(a)		machines are used to gather the harvest	1	if both a correct and an incorrect box is ticked no marks
			the whole plant is harvested.		
			only the fruits are harvested		
	(b)		looking at the crop	1	if both a correct and an incorrect box is ticked no marks
			counting the strawberries		
			weighing the strawberries		
			measuring the size of each strawberry		
	(c)		D, C, B, A	2	four correct =2, three or two correct = 1 mark
	(d)	(i)	fungus/bacteria	1	accept mould treat virus as neutral
		(ii)	feed on them/contaminate them/leave waste products	1	Accept rot/mouldy
			Total	6	

C	Question		Answer		Guidance
2	(a)		ring around tomatoes	1	
	(b)		being fertilised rotting photosynthesising germinating being pollinated	2	if more than two ticks deduct one mark for each incorrect answer
	(c)		use 100 seeds; plant/sow; in suitable conditions/with water, warmth, count number that germinate, convert to % if 100 not used	3	
	(d)	(i)	4.0kg	1	
		(ii)	3.5kg	1	
		(iii)	in greenhouse, warmer; protected from wind/heavy rain/animals; temperature controlled; water controlled; faster rate of photosynthesis; so more food and more growth;	2	any two accept "could have artificial light to speed up growth" for two marks
			Total	10	

Q	uesti	on	Answer	Mark	Guidance
3	(a)		turbidity biomass how cloudy the liquid is total mass of organisms number of bacterial colonies growing on agar	2	2 or 3 lines correct = 2 marks 1 line correct = 1 marks reject two lines from/to the same box
	(b)	(i)	sterile/no microorganisms/no bacteria/no fungi/no viruses/not contaminated	1	ignore clean/hygienic/no disease reject references to germs
		(ii)	reference to disease causing/infections/ reference to preventing escape	1	accept references to being dangerous/harmful
	(c)	(i)	gets less/quickly broken down/used (as food) uses appropriate figures; (1) no further breakdown/amount stays the same (1)	2	
		(ii)	very little sugar left/alcohol kills yeast/fermentation complete;	1	
			Total	7	

Q	uesti	on	Answer	Mark	Guidance
4	(a)	(i)	С	1	
		(ii)	idea of genetic differences/ different breeds/ sheltered or not/ pests/ kept in shelter or not/ different ages/ different metabolisms/	1	
	(b)		fertiliser; supplies minerals/nutrients; for plant growth; increases yield; helps water retention; avoids buying fertiliser; so farmer can be organic; used as fuel;	2	any two reject contains chemicals
	(c)		has reached a certain/high standard	1	
			Total	5	

Q	uesti	on	Answer	Mark	Guidance
5	(a)	(i)	shows 20/100 X 12; (1) 2.4	2	2 marks for correct answer accept 24 for 1 mark
		(ii)	mostapple; leastoil seed rape;	1	both required
	(b)	(i)	sugar/glucose on left of equation; alcohol on right of equation;	2	
		(ii)	to kill (unwanted) bacteria/yeasts/microorganisms/microbes; to sterilise wort; to concentrate wort;	1	
		(iii)	so added yeast will not be killed/safe to add yeast/so yeast can cause fermentation	1	
		(iv)	D;	1	
			Total	8	
		_	Paper Total	36	

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