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Mark Scheme

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MARK SCHEME

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 lines 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 /; eg 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	4,8	0
2	green, 5	0
3	red*, 5	1
4	red*, 8	0

Example 2: Name two planets in the solar system. (2 marks)

Student	Response	Marks awarded
1	Neptune, Mars, Moon	1
2	Neptune, Sun, Mars,	0
	Moon	

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, as shown in the column 'answers', 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;

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.

Question 1

question	answers	extra information	mark
1(a)	photosynthesis	do not accept other additional processes	1
1(b)(i)	any three from, eg:	ignore time / apparatus	3
	mass of pondweed	type of pondweed = max 2 accept amount / volume / length / size ignore number / surface area of leaves / pondweed unqualified	
	 volume of water 	accept amount	
	other reasonable features of the water		
	light intensity	accept distance between light source and tube / pondweed	
	light colour	accept light if neither colour nor intensity is given	
	carbon dioxide		
	• temperature		
	• pH		

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Question 1 continued

question	answers	extra information	mark
1(b)(ii)	any one idea from, eg:	ignore reference to cost	1
	how much oxygen they give off		
	is pondweed poisonous to fish		
	will fish eat pondweed		
	is pondweed harmful to environment		
	how long the pondweed lives		
	growth rate / size of pondweed		
	reference to appearance / aesthetics		
	availability		
1(c)	magnesium / Mg	accept iron / Fe	1
		ignore ion and ⁺ or ⁻	
		ignore nitrate	
Total			6

question	answers	extra information	mark
2(a)(i)	insulin	accept glucagon (correct spelling only)	1
2(a)(ii)	pancreas	accept phonetic spelling allow pancrease	1
2(b)(i)	11(.0)	accept in range 10.5-11 (.0)	1
2(b)(ii)	any two from:	ignore numbers unless comparative	2
	 high(er) concentration (of blood glucose) (anywhere / any time) 	accept 115 <u>not</u> 88 139 <u>not</u> 99	
	 large(r) increase (in concentration after the drink) 	accept increase by 24 not 11 / their b(i)	
	fast(er) / steep(er) rise		
	slow(er) fall	accept it takes 3 hours not 1 ¼ hours to get back to original level accept it takes a long time to get back to normal	
2(b)(iii)	any one from:		1
	 insulin present / produced 	accept glucagon not produced	
	(used in) respiration	allow exercise	
	taken into cells	allow converted to glycogen	
		allow taken into liver (cells) / muscle (cells)	
		allow produce / make energy	
Total			6

question	answers	extra information	mark
3(a)(i)	(has) chloroplast(s)	accept chlorophyll	1
	vacuole		1
3(a)(ii)	any one from:		1
	no (cell) wall	ignore reference to cell membrane	
	can move / has flagellum		
3(b)	water leaves or water diffuses out	do not accept solute / salt moves	1
	by osmosis or	do not allow osmosis of salt	1
	membrane partially / selectively / semi permeable	allow description of membrane	
	because concentration (of salt) is greater outside than inside	assume concentration refers to salt unless candidate indicates water concentration accept explanations in terms of water potential or concentration gradient accept with gradient but not along	1
		gradient	
Total			6

question	answers	extra information	mark
4(a)	protease	allow trypsin / peptidase do not allow pepsin	1
	carbohydrase / amylase	do not allow sucrase / maltase / lactase	1
4(b)	no lipase produced / found		1
	in stomach / mouth / before small intestine OR accept lipase only produced / found (1) in small intestine / pancreas (1)	if no other mark is awarded lipid is not broken down in the stomach or lipid is digested in small intestine gains 1 mark	1
4(c)	enzymes only work in solution / when dissolved or because enzyme / lipase / it is dry	allow enzymes only work in presence of water or enzymes do not work when dry ignore other physical conditions	1
Total			5

Question 5

question	answers	extra information	mark
5(a)	for super farm any three from:	must include at least one advantage and one disadvantage for all 3 marks ignore costs / profits except where stated below	3
	advantages:		
	more <u>energy</u> efficient		
	more milk produced <u>per cow</u>	allow more milk per unit area	
	larger population needs more food / milk		
	produces electricity from renewable resource	accept don't have to use fossil fuel	
	high quality food (for cows) so improved quality of milk		
	disadvantages:		
	cruel / unethical / equivalent because of limited movement / space		
	disease spreads <u>more</u> easily		
	more antibiotics needed or higher vet costs		
	consequence of more antibiotics eg resistance		
	fields get less / no fertiliser or need artificial fertiliser or crops grow less well (as less fertiliser)		
	final conclusion regarding personal choice based on comparison of at least one advantage and one disadvantage, eg The super farm is good idea because advantage xxx, outweighs disadvantage of yyy	accept converse, ie 'a bad idea because'	1

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Question 5 continued

question	answers	extra information	mark
5(b)	any three from:	accept from clear diagram	3
	 decay / decomposition / breakdown / digestion microorganisms / microbes / bacteria / fungi / decomposers / 		
	detritus feeders / named		
	respiration (of / by microorganisms etc)	do not accept if respiration of faeces	
	 carbon dioxide released / produced (by respiration or by microorganisms) 		
		ignore reference to fossil fuels / combustion / photosynthesis	
Total			7

question	answers	extra information	mark
6(a)	in rainforest:	accept converse	
	(water from) sweat does not evaporate (as much)	max 1 if not clear whether desert or rainforest	1
	any one from:		1
	(due to) less wind / higher moisture / humidity		
	less cooling effect	ignore references to temperature	
6(b)	blood vessels supplying capillaries dilate / widen or vasodilation	do not award mark if candidate refers only to blood vessels dilating or to capillaries dilating. accept 'arteries' or 'arterioles' for 'blood vessels supplying, capillaries' but do not accept 'veins'. ignore expand / get bigger / relax / open do not accept idea of blood vessels moving	1
	more blood (through skin / surface capillaries) leads to greater <u>heat loss</u>	3	1
Total			4

question	answers	extra information	mark
7(a)	7.15 to 7.45 <u>am</u> and 7.15 to 7.45 <u>pm</u>	both required, either order accept in 24 hr clock mode	1
7(b) (i)	11		1
7(b) (ii)	32.5 to 33	allow answer to (b)(i) + 21.5 to 22	1
7(c)	any two from:		2
	more photosynthesis than respiration		
	more biomass / carbohydrate made than used	allow more food made than used	
	so plant able to grow / flower	accept plant able to store food	
Total			5

Question 8

question	answers	extra information	mark
8(a)	A = Hh B = Hh	may not be in answer space accept heterozygous or description	1
	(allele for) polydactyly is dominant or polydactyly is H,	for marking points 1, 2 and 3 accept evidence in clearly labelled / annotated genetic diagram	1
	cats with polydactyly have H	accept if polydactyly was recessive all offspring would have polydactyly	1
	E or (some) offspring of A and B , does not have polydactyly, so A and B must both have h		1
8(b)(i)	HH and Hh or homozygous dominant and heterozygous	both required, in either order allow description	1
8(b)(ii)	 any one from: polydactyly is dominant parents are both Hh if D is Hh all offspring could inherit H 	accept annotated genetic diagram to explain answer	1
Total			6

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