

# **GCSE**

## **Additional Science A**

General Certificate of Secondary Education

Unit **A217/01:** Modules B6, C6, P6 (Foundation Tier)

## Mark Scheme for June 2012

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## **Annotations**

Used in the detailed Mark Scheme:

Annotation	Meaning		
1	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		
<u>words</u>	underlined words must be present in answer to score a mark		
ecf	error carried forward		
AW/owtte credit alternative wording / or words to that effect			
ORA or reverse argument			

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## Available in scoris to annotate scripts:

?	indicate uncertainty or ambiguity
BOD	benefit of doubt
CON	contradiction
×	incorrect response
ECF	error carried forward
	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
~~	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
NBOD	no benefit of doubt
R	reject
<b>✓</b>	correct response
3	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
Λ	information omitted

### **Subject-specific Marking Instructions**

a. Accept any clear, unambiguous response (including mis-spellings of scientific terms if they are *phonetically* correct, but always check the guidance column for exclusions).

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 the third <u>and</u> fourth boxes are required for the mark:

		*
		姥
<b>*</b>	✓	✓
<b>₹</b>	*	$\checkmark$
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-box questions:

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 and other markings. If there are no ticks, accept clear, unambiguous indications, eg shading or crosses. Credit should be given according to the instructions given in the guidance column for the question. 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 cities in England:

Edinburgh	
Manchester	
Paris	
Southampton	

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

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

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- e. For answers marked by levels of response:
  - i. Read through the whole answer from start to finish
  - ii. Decide the level that best fits the answer match the quality of the answer to the closest level descriptor
  - iii. To determine the mark within the level, consider the following:

Descriptor	Award mark			
A good match to the level descriptor	The higher mark in the level			
Just matches the level descriptor	The lower mark in the level			

iv. Use the L1, L2, L3 annotations in Scoris to show your decision; do not use ticks.

Quality of Written Communication skills assessed in 6-mark extended writing questions include:

- appropriate use of correct scientific terms
- spelling, punctuation and grammar
- developing a structured, persuasive argument
- selecting and using evidence to support an argument
- considering different sides of a debate in a balanced way
- logical sequencing.

Q	uesti	on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	(a)	(i)	1	1	more than one answer circled equals no marks
			4×0.001		
		(ii)	stays the same;	1	both correct for (1)
			decreases;		
	(b)		They carry matter with them	1	accept any indication of correct box if more than one box indicated, no marks
					in more than one box indicated, no marks
			They don't have any effect		
			They make matter move from side		
			They make matter move backwards		
	(c)		sound; empty space;	1	both correct for (1)
			Total	4	

Q	Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
2	(a)		frequency	1	more than one answer circled equals no marks
	(b)		radio waves risible gamma photons	1	microwaves in more than one box equals 0 ignore completion of other boxes
	(c)		any three from: water (in food); (1) (food/water) absorbs microwaves; (1) transferring energy to heat; (1) microwaves reflect off (metal) walls (of oven); (1) microwaves can't escape; (1) people not harmed; (1)	3	accept microwaves go into food/water accept heating up food accept bounce off walls accept microwaves contained inside ignore other safety features
			Total	5	

Q	uestic	on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
3	(a)		modulates	1	more than one answer circled equals no marks
	(b)		Radio waves cannot be reflected.  Radio waves are absorbed  Radio waves travel slower  Radio waves pass through	1	if more than one box indicated, no marks
	(c)		any three from: radio waves spread out (in all directions); (1) signal/wave gets weaker/has less amplitude/gets smaller; (1) receiver has to amplify it; (1) receiver also amplifies noise; (1) (noise is heard as) static/hiss/crackle/interference; (1) noise increases with increasing distance; (1) so message gets confused with noise; (1)	3	ignore radio waves further apart  accept has to boost it  accept static/hiss/crackle/interference for noise accept do not hear message so well/message disrupted ignore do not hear radio so well
			Total	5	

Q	uesti	on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
4	(a)		stimulus simple most	2	3 correct = 2 marks 2 correct = 1 mark
	(b)		part of Danny brain  central nervous system  sensory neurons  spinal cord  peripheral nervous system  motor neurons	2	4 lines correct = 2 marks 2 or 3 lines correct = 1 mark
	(c)	(i)	retrieval, storage	2	1 mark for each correct response
		(ii)	long-term	1	if more than one box indicated, no marks
			Total	7	

C	Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
5			billions; pathways; more;	3	
			Total	3	

Q	uestion	Answer	Marks	Guidance
6	(a)	any three from: no conscious thought/no use of brain/without thinking/automatic response/involuntary response; (1) neurons carry (electrical) impulses; (1) impulses go from sensor/receptor to effector; (1) through relay neuron/link neuron; (1) (insulating) fatty sheath gives faster impulses; (1)	3	accept electrical signal as impulse accept sensory/receptor neuron and motor neuron as sensor or effector not brain accept interneuron ignore references to heat insulation/protection
	(b)	muscle cells	1	both needed for the mark
		hormone secreting cells		
		Total	4	

Question		on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
7	(a)		first and fourth	1	both needed for the mark
	(b)	(i)	carbon dioxide	1	more than one answer circled equals no marks
		(ii)	calcium chloride / CaCl <sub>2</sub>	1	if both the name and formula are given, mark the name only (ignore formula) if only the formula is given, it must be correct
	(c)		It stops fizzing.   ✓   The acid goes green.   The liquid disappears.   The limescale catches fire.	1	if more than one box indicated, no marks
	(d)		H <sup>+</sup> / hydrogen (ion)/(positive) hydrogen (ion)/hydrogen <sup>+</sup> /proton	1	look for correct superscript eg: above the crossbar of H
			Total	5	

Question	Answer		Guidance
8 (a)		1	if more than one box indicated, no marks
(b)	volume of gas/mass of flask and contents; (implication) of time; (idea of time) intervals in seconds/minutes	3	eg: measure at the start and finish/how long it takes ignore slower/faster ignore at start only or at end only an answer such as measure every 5 minutes would score 2 marks
(c)	line starting at the origin (by eye) and rising more steeply; reaching the same vertical level	2	accept 2 straight lines
(d)	zinc evaporated half gone dry	3	all four correct = 3 marks three correct = 2 marks two correct = 1 mark one correct = 0 marks
	Total	9	

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