

GCSE

Additional Science A

General Certificate of Secondary Education

Unit A216/01: Modules B5, C5, P5 (Foundation Tier)

Mark Scheme for January 2013

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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				

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
	correct response
35	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
Λ	information omitted

Subject-specific Marking Instructions

- 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.

e.g. for a one-mark question where ticks in the third <u>and</u> fourth boxes are required for the mark:

		*
		L
*	\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, e.g. 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, e.g. 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.

e.g. 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

- 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)		rain (onto land) (1)	3	ignore rocks fall into the sea/corrosion
			(idea of water/rain) dissolves salt/picks up salt/washes salt (1)		ignore salt evaporated and form clouds
					ignore rocks rot
			(salt) taken by rivers/streams (to the sea) (1) idea of erosion (in correct context).(1)		accept salt (ignore rocks) goes into the sea
	(b)	(i)	6	1	accept C ₆
		(ii)	12	1	accept H ₁₂
	(c)		bacteria in the roots of some plants bacteria in the soil eating decomposers	1	
			Total	6	

Q	Question		tion Answer		Guidance
2	(a)		E	1	
	(b)		D	1	
	(c)		A	1	
	(d)		В	1	
			Total	4	

(Questic	on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
3	(a)		electrolytes	1	
	(b)		any three from bubbles/fizzes/red-brown/smell;	3	
			reference to bromine OR lead formation at electrodes; to the correct electrode; lead collects at the bottom ;		<pre>accept reference to electrodes (even if incorrect electrode is stated) accept bromine formed at anode/positive electrode = 2 OR accept lead formed at cathode/negative electrode = 2 accept formed = collects ignore stays at bottom</pre>
			Total	4	

Q	uesti	on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
4	(a)		All three resistors have the same current.	1	
	(b)		voltage (1)	1	
	(c)	(i)	9 (V)	1	
		(ii)	1A (1)	1	
	(d)		power (1)	1	
			Total	5	

Q	uestic	n Answer	Marks	Guidance
5	(a)	generator	1	
	(b)	any two from	2	do not apply list principle; give marks for any valid different points.
		spin the magnet faster (1);		accept 'spin faster' or 'move it faster'
		use a stronger magnet/ add another magnet (1);		reject 'bigger magnet'
		have more coils/turns (of wire) (1);		reject 'coil(s) closer together' ignore bigger coil
		put some iron in the coil (1);		accept metal = iron
		move the magnet closer/inside the coil (1)		
	(c)	В	1	
	(d)		1	
		There is now a current in the coil.		
		Total	5	

Q	Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
6	(a)		0.06	1	
	(b)		charge temperature	1	
	(c)		С	1	
			Total	4	

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C	Question		Answer		Guidance
7	(a)		C (1)	1	if no answer given, check the table
	(b)		meiosis (1)	3	accept mis-spelling of meiosis (ie but not if a 'T' is present) accept 'reduction division' instead of meiosis.
			idea that (gametes have) 39 chromosomes/haploid/half the chromosomes (1)		NB unless stated otherwise, assume that the candidate is referring to gametes as the product of cell division.
			links (gamete fusion) to zygote/embryo OR (gametes fuse) to give full number/diploid/double the number of chromosomes / (returns to)78 chromosomes (1)		ignore 'cells/chromosomes split in half' allow 'half the genetic information' reject 78 + 78 chromosomes = 156 (no ecf applied) ignore 'gametes double the number of chromosomes' ignore 'half the chromosomes from each parent' in the context of this marking point ignore twice as many chromosomes are produced when the gamete forms NB references to fusing and to halving must be in the correct context.
			Total	4	

C	Question		Answer	Mark	s	Guidance
8	(a)		cytoplasm/ribosome	1		
	(b)		nucleus	1		
	(c)		double two four	2		3 correct = 2 marks 1 or 2 correct = 1 mark
	(d)		Genes that are not needed are switched off. ✓	1		
				Total 5		

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C	Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
9	(a)	(i)	allows plants to get more carbon dioxide. allows plants to get more light. allows plants to get more water.	1	
		(ii)	phototropism	1	
	(b)	(i)	Some plant cells are unspecialised. Unspecialised cells turn into root cells.	2	
		(ii)	It is a complete plant that is a clone of the parent plant.	1	
			Total	5	

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