



General Certificate of Secondary Education

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BLY1F Unit Biology 1

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 candidates 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)

Candidate	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)

Candidate	Response	Marks awarded
1	Pluto, Mars, Moon	1
2	Pluto, Sun, Mars, Moon	0

3.2 Use of chemical symbols / formulae

If a candidate 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.

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question	answers	extra information	mark
1(a)	eye / sight / eyesight	either order	1
	ear / hearing	ignore light	1
1(b)	ear		1
1(c)(i)	reflex		1
1(c)(ii)	neurones		1
Total			5

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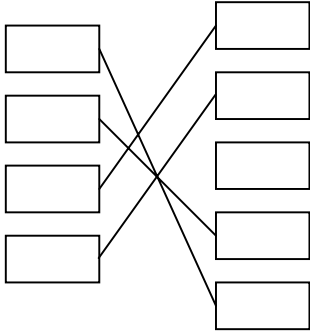
question	answers	extra information	mark
2(a)	fuel / houses / paper	allow any object made from wood	1
	farming / agriculture / replanting	allow roads / homes / factories	1
	carbon dioxide / greenhouse gas / pollution or relative named pollutant		1
	warming / temperature increase		1
2(b)(i)	none of species left / died out		1
2(b)(ii)	may have products useful to humans / examples	allow preserve for future generations or 'still there to look at' allow affect food chains / cycles or extinction of other species allow non human reasons eg loss of habitat ignore environmental effects	1
Total			6

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question	answers	extra information	mark
3	<p>leads to increased blood pressure in 30 % of the population</p> <p>reduces the amount of oxygen carried by the blood</p> <p>'good' cholesterol</p> <p>increases blood cholesterol levels</p>	<p>mark from the left hand box</p> <p>two lines from left hand box disqualifies</p> 	<p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p>
Total		4	

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question	answers	extra information	mark
4(a)	protection / defence	ignore insulation or rolls into a ball	1
	from predators / from being attacked / from being eaten	ignore camouflage	1
4(b)	looks like snake / looks scary	allow two separate adaptations for 2 marks	1
	deters predators or has large eyes to spot predator or camouflage or warning colouration from predator or prey		1
4(c)(i)	natural selection		1
4(c)(ii)	Darwin		1
4(c)(iii)	simple life forms		1
4(d)	believe that God created all organisms or humans there from the beginning		1
Total			8

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question	answers	extra information	mark
5(a)	sexual reproduction		1
5(b)	any three from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• coat colour inherited / controlled by genes• it has horse and zebra features• gets gametes from both parents• genes / DNA / chromosomes / genetic information in gametes• zorse receives genes / DNA / chromosomes / genetic information from parents		3
Total			4

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question	answers	extra information	mark
6(a)	21		1
6(b)	1/26 or 8/208 or 4/104 or 2/52 or 3.8%	allow 'out of' in each case	1
6(c)	under 35		1
6(d)	any two from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• low success rate or not always successful• high number of multiple births• expensive• stressful / emotional• side effects		2
Total			5

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question	answers	extra information	mark
7(a)	antibodies	allow antitoxins / memory cells do not allow antigens	1
	immune	ignore protection allow resistant	1
7(b)(i)	fell	allow stopped in 1995	1
	numerical qualification to zero / nothing / by 100%		1
7(b)(ii)	(no) % vaccination fell or when no vaccination	ignore circle	1
	but autism numbers did not fall / stayed high / increased or '(yes) might support it if time lag between vaccination and autism symptoms' / 'time lag for diagnosis' (1) 6 year time lag quantified (1)		1
Total			6

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question	answers	extra information	mark
8(a)(i)	does not contain drug / chemical	allow eg fake / sugar pill / dummy drug ignore control	1
8(a)(ii)	as control or to see if the effects are psychological or allows blind testing	allow 'to compare (with NRT)' ignore fair test	1
8(b)(i)	gum	allow gum placebo allow placebo	1
8(b)(ii)	high / highest number of participants / people or correct number given ie gum 16706, gum placebo 9319, placebo 16458		1
8(c)(i)	nasal spray		1
8(c)(ii)	highest <u>percentage</u> of people stopped / 24% stopped biggest difference between treatment and placebo	 allow 'highest by 4%' for 2 marks	1 1
Total			7