



# **General Certificate of Secondary Education**

## **Biology 4411**

**BLY3F**

**Unit Biology 3**

## **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, Moon	0

### 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.

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**Question 1**

question	answers	extra information	mark
<p><b>1(a)</b></p>		<p>4 correct = <b>4</b> marks                      3 correct = <b>3</b> marks                      2 correct = <b>2</b> marks                      1 correct = <b>1</b> mark</p> <p>extra line from a structure cancels the mark</p>	<p>max 4</p>
<p><b>1(b)</b></p>	<p>diffusion</p>		<p>1</p>
<p><b>Total</b></p>			<p><b>5</b></p>

**BLY3F****Question 2**

<b>question</b>	<b>answers</b>	<b>extra information</b>	<b>mark</b>
<b>2(a)</b>	transpiration		1
<b>2(b)</b>	increase then decrease		1
	maximum rate at 36 – 38 (°C) / 540 – 560 (grams per day)	any figure in these ranges	1
<b>2(c)(i)</b>	reduce water loss / prevent wilting	allow stops water loss	1
<b>2(c)(ii)</b>	40 – 45 °C		1
<b>Total</b>			<b>5</b>

**BLY3F****Question 3**

<b>question</b>	<b>answers</b>	<b>extra information</b>	<b>mark</b>
<b>3(a)</b>	A = nucleus		1
	B = cell wall	allow wall	1
<b>3(b)(i)</b>	carbon dioxide		1
<b>3(b)(ii)</b>	any <b>one</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• reference to losing count</li> <li>• more accurate / reliable</li> <li>• correct reading</li> <li>• the experiment lasts for a long time</li> </ul>	ignore human error ignore more precise	1
<b>3(b)(iii)</b>	30	allow any value in range $>25 \leq 30$	1
<b>3(b)(iv)</b>	ran out of food / glucose / energy  <b>or</b>  too much alcohol formed	ignore reaction complete do <b>not</b> allow runs out of oxygen  allow toxic waste products formed <b>or</b> yeast dies	1
<b>3(c)</b>	any <b>two</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• volume / amount / concentration of glucose / solution</li> <li>• volume / amount / concentration of yeast</li> <li>• temperature</li> <li>• time</li> </ul>	ignore same apparatus	2
<b>Total</b>			<b>8</b>

**BLY3F****Question 4**

<b>question</b>	<b>answers</b>	<b>extra information</b>	<b>mark</b>
<b>4(a)(i)</b>	94.9	correct answer with or without working  if answer is incorrect 100 – (2.5 + 2.6) gains <b>1</b> mark	<b>2</b>
<b>4(a)(ii)</b>	protein molecules in the plasma cannot pass through the filter in the kidney		<b>1</b>
<b>4(b)(i)</b>	partially permeable		<b>1</b>
<b>4(b)(ii)</b>	the same as		<b>1</b>
<b>4(c)</b>	any <b>one</b> from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• hazards of operation / named example</li> <li>• may be rejected / need to use immunosuppressant drugs / need to find (tissue) match</li> <li>• not enough donors</li> <li>• transplants have a limited life</li> </ul>	allow long term drug use  allow a long waiting list	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>6</b>



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## Question 5

question	answers	extra information	mark
5(a)	cell division / bacterium divides / multiplies / reproduces	allow asexual / mitosis ignore growth	1
5(b)	18		1
	18 000 / $18 \times 10^3$ / $1.8 \times 10^4$	do <b>not</b> accept $1.8^{04}$ / 1.8 04 / $1.8^4$ allow ecf from wrong count	1
5(c)	to kill / destroy other microorganisms / named type <b>or</b> to prevent contamination	ignore germs / viruses	1
	to prevent other microorganisms affecting the results <b>or</b> other microorganisms would be counted	allow to give accurate / reliable results	1
5(d)	prevent growth of pathogens / disease-causing microorganisms / dangerous microorganisms	do <b>not</b> accept microorganisms <u>become</u> pathogenic ignore germs / viruses ignore general safety / biohazards / harmful products produced by bacteria	1
5(e)	to improve the reliability of the investigation / check for anomalies	do <b>not</b> accept accuracy / precision / fairness / validity ignore averages / repeatability / reproducibility	1
<b>Total</b>			<b>7</b>

**BLY3F****Question 6**

<b>question</b>	<b>answers</b>	<b>extra information</b>	<b>mark</b>
<b>6(a)(i)</b>	6 peaks in heart rate	accept 6 increases / spikes <b>or</b> goes very high 6 times  allow heart rate increases each time he runs	1
<b>6(a)(ii)</b>	2.5 / 2½	allow 2 minutes 30 seconds  do <b>not</b> accept 2.3 / 2:3 / 2.30	1
<b>6(b)</b>	(more) oxygen supplied / needed <b>or</b> (more) <u>aerobic</u> respiration	more / faster / a lot <b>must</b> be stated at least once for full marks allow less <u>anaerobic</u> (respiration) <b>or</b> prevents oxygen debt	1
	(more) glucose / sugar / food supplied / needed	ignore feeding	1
	(more) energy needed / released	allow energy produced / made	1
	(more) carbon dioxide / heat / lactic acid <u>removed</u> (from muscles) <b>or</b> more cooling <b>or</b> less lactic acid formed		1
<b>Total</b>			<b>6</b>

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## Question 7

question	answers	extra information	mark
7(a)	(biogas / methane is made) by fermentation / anaerobic respiration	accept reverse argument  accept for <b>1</b> mark so no oxygen in jar <b>or</b> so oxygen can't enter <b>or</b> makes conditions anaerobic  ignore references to keeping other microbes out ignore air	2
7(b)(i)	carbon dioxide	accept CO <sub>2</sub> / CO2 do <b>not</b> accept CO <sup>2</sup>	1
7(b)(ii)	0.62 look for answer in table	correct answer with or without working gains <b>2</b> marks  allow 62% for <b>2</b> marks but 62 for <b>1</b> mark if incorrect / no answer  <u>426</u> gains <b>1</b> mark 686	2
7(b)(iii)	(more fat → much) more biogas / methane	allow more implied by giving two numbers or a subtraction / division	1
	(more fat →) only <u>small</u> increase in proportion / concentration / percentage of methane  <b>or</b> approximately constant  <b>or</b> no change above 5%	allow increases only from 0.60 to 0.63 <b>or</b> <u>only</u> changes by 0.03	1
7(b)(iv)	fat (too) expensive <b>or</b> fat (too) expensive to transport (from coast to farm)	accept any suitable reference to extra cost / effect on environment eg more pollution from transport	1
<b>Total</b>			<b>8</b>