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Mark Scheme

Biology Specification B 3411/F

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INFORMATION FOR 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

- 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 /; e.g. allow smooth / free movement.)

3. Marking points

3.1 Marking of Quality of Written Communication

Where *Quality of written communication* appears in the mark scheme, one mark is to be awarded for either of the following points:

- Using correct scientific terms
- Correct sequencing or linking of ideas or points

The mark scheme will specify which of the points is to be awarded in a particular question. A QoWC mark can be awarded for a scientific answer, even if it is not accurate. It cannot be awarded for a nonsensical or non-scientific answer.

On the script, the QoWC tick should be identified by a 'q' written next to it.

3.2 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'.

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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

3.3 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.

3.4 The marking of quantitative relationships

Full credit can be given for a correct quantitative relationship expressed in:

- named units;
- physical quantities;
- standard symbols;
- a combination of physical quantities and units.

No credit can be given for any quantitative relationship expressed in terms of:

- a combination of physical quantities, units and symbols;
- a diagram, e.g. the ohm's law triangle, unless the rest of the answer shows clearly that the candidate understands the relationships involved.

3.5 Marking procedure for calculations

3.5.1 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;
- if the answer is correct, but an incorrect relationship is written in the working, then no marks can be awarded (see 3.5.2).
- **3.5.2** Where calculations are based on incorrectly recalled relationships, neither the incorrectly recalled relationship, nor the resulting calculation based on the incorrect relationship, will be credited.

3.6 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.

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3.7 Errors carried forward

There should be no error carried forward from a previous answer which has been based on wrong science. Any error in the answers to a structured question should be penalised once only.

Examples

- (a) A candidate who calculates average speed using speed = time/distance **and** then proceeds to use this incorrect answer to calculate an acceleration based on the correct quantitative relationship should be given credit for the use of the correct acceleration relationship but none for either numerical answer.
- (b) A candidate who incorrectly calculates average speed using speed = distance/time and then proceeds to use this incorrect value to calculate an acceleration based on the correct quantitative relationship, should be given credit for the use of both correct quantitative relationships **and** for the correct substitution and use of the incorrect value in the calculation of the rate of acceleration.

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.

3.8 Phonetic spelling

The phonetic spelling of correct scientific terminology should be credited **unless** there is a possible confusion with another technical term.

3.9 Brackets

(....) is 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.

3.10 Interpretation of marginal points

There will be times when the answer is almost, but not quite, correct. Some examiners would award a mark while others would not. In any one script, an attempt should be made to balance these nearly correct answers by giving the mark on some occasions but not on others. If this is not done, the marking would end up being too lenient or too harsh.

3.11 Unexpected Correct Answers not in the Mark Scheme

The Examiner should use professional judgement to award credit where a candidate has given an unexpected correct answer which is not covered by the mark scheme. The Examiner should consult with the Team Leader to confirm the judgement. The Team Leader should pass this answer on to the Principal Examiner with a view to informing all examiners.



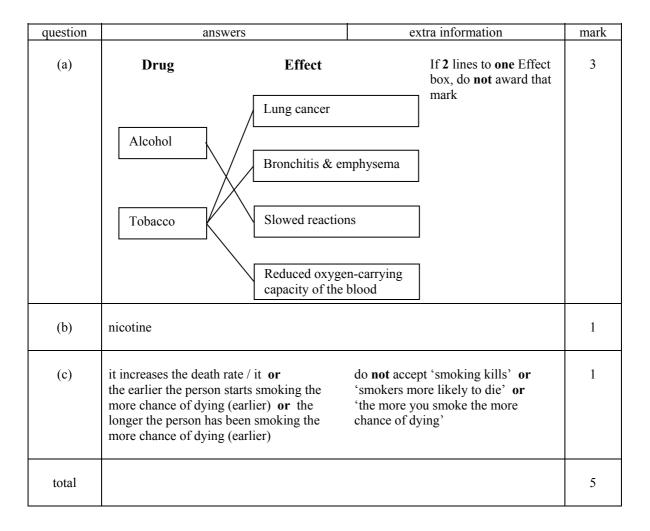
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3411F Q1

question	answers	extra information	mark
	<u>In sequence</u> :		
	retina		1
	(optic) nerve		1
	iris		1
	sclera		1
	(suspensory) ligament		1
total			5

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	A = nucleus		1
	B = (cell) membrane		1
(ii)	(cell) membrane		1
(b)	70	if correct answer, ignore working or lack of working $\frac{63 + 78 + 69}{2}$ for 1 mark	2
total		3	5
totai			3

3411F Q3



question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	<u>In sequence</u> :		
	(ribcage) up / out		1
	(diaphragm) down / flatter		1
(b)(i)	On diagram:		
	oxygen arrow to blood from air and CO ₂ arrow to air from blood		1
	oxygen arrow to red blood cell		1
	CO ₂ arrow from plasma		1
(ii)	diffusion		1
(iii)	large surface or large area	do not accept space	1
total			7

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	<u>In sequence</u> :		1
	heron		
	frog slug		
	lettuce		
(b)(i)	light / sun	ignore photosynthesis / respiration cancel mark if water / ions etc given do not accept heat	1
(ii)	traps / absorbs light	accept energy for light do not accept collects / attracts do not accept 'traps sun'	1
(iii)	162	if correct answer, ignore working / lack of working	2
		$\frac{10 \times 1620}{100} \text{for 1 mark}$	
total			5

question	answers	extra information	mark
	<u>In sequence</u> :		
	light		1
	gravity		1
	moisture		1
	hormones		1
	dark		1
	more		1
total			6

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	(in table) 4920		1
(b)	exercise produces heat or causes rise in body temperature / makes athlete hot	named activity produces heat	1
	needs to cool or needs to maintain temperature or sweat helps to cool the body		1
(c)	more / a lot of <u>water</u> lost in sweating / breathing		1
	replace water / prevent dehydration		1
total			5

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	increases		1
(ii)	decreases		1
(b)	 any two from: competition for water competition for ions / minerals / salts / nutrients competition for light 	accept correct named example do not accept food do not accept <u>all</u> ignore space	2
(c)	kills / harms other / named organisms		1
total			5

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	X (no mark) X is more visible or Y is more camouflaged		1
(b)(i)	so camouflage not changed or so not easier to see		1
(ii)	25		1
	7		1
(iii)	 any one from: eaten (by birds) / died mixed in with large number of unmarked moths moved away 		1
(c)(i)	DNA		1
(ii)	the gene / allele for being dark / dominant		1
total			7

3411F Q10

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	any two from: • provide support / shape / structure	allow reference to protection (of vital organs) and blood cell production	2
	muscle attachment		
	• movement		
(b)	cartilage holds bone together stops bones rubbing together ligament secretes an oily fluid		3
(c)(i)	bones		1
	(forced out of) joint / out of place		1
(ii)	ligaments / other tissues		1
	torn / damaged	must be referring to an appropriate tissue	1
(d)	(muscles) kept toned / slightly tensed / ready to contract / improved strength / prevents stiffness or soreness after exercise / prevents cramp / reduces chance of pull or strain	allow 'builds up muscles' allow 'prevents muscles seizing up'	1
	any one from:		1
	• improves blood flow / strengthens heart (muscle)		
	reduces blood pressure		
	reduces incidence of heart disease	do not accept keeps heart healthy	
total			11

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	to penetrate skin		1
(b)	secrete saliva / anticoagulant (into capillaries)		1
	suck <u>blood</u> (from capillaries)		1
(c)	help to draw <u>blood</u> in / suck <u>blood</u> or create low pressure so <u>blood</u> flows in	allow help to pump out saliva	1
total			4

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	bacteria / fungi / microbes / microorganisms	do not allow germs, but only penalise once throughout whole question	1
(b)(i)	to kill bacteria / fungi / etc (already present in solution)	allow 'to sterilise it'	1
(ii)	bacteria / fungi / etc can get in (through straight tube)		1
(iii)	bacteria / fungi etc get stuck / can't get in in curved part of tube / because of the shape		1
total			5
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question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	urea		1
(b)	any four from:		4
	suitable for short term	accept reverse arguments with	
	no long term drug treatment	respect to transplants	
	no rejection chance		
	• no / less risk during surgery	accept risk of anaesthetic	
	operations unsuitable / risky for weakness / old age		
	• risk of infection		
	• no (suitable) kidneys available for transplant / long waiting list /		
	less painful		
total			5

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	any one from: • <u>chemical</u> messenger • <u>chemical</u> / <u>substance</u> released in one part to have effect elsewhere in body • <u>chemical</u> / <u>substance</u> which affects another / target organ / tissues / cells	allow <u>chemical</u> from <u>endocrine</u> gland	1
(ii)	in blood / circulatory system / any named part including plasma	extra wrong answer would cancel example not red blood cells	1
(b)	Quality of written communication: correct use of at least two relevant scientific terms spelt phonetically	e.g. pregnancy, ovulation, FSH, oestrogen, progesterone, ovary, follicle, circulation, thrombosis, feminisation, sperm count, STD Q ✓ or Q X	1
	any three from: Oral contraceptives: (benefit) • prevent (unwanted) pregnancy or	for full marks must score at least one re contraceptives and at least one re fertility drugs if unclear which type of hormone maximum 2 marks from 3	3
	 prevent egg release regulate menstrual cycle / periods (problems) prolonged use may prevent later ovulation / cause infertility 		
	named side-effect on female body e.g. circulatory problems / weight gain / nausea / headache / breast cancer / mood swings increased promiscuity / increase in		
	STD's / STI's • named side-effect on environment e.g. feminisation of fish or lowered sperm count in human males		
	Fertility drugs: (benefit) • can enable woman to have children • or to become pregnant • or stimulates egg release		
	(problem) • multiple births		
total			6

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	protease	accept peptidase or named protease e.g. pepsin / trypsin allow 'proteinase'	1
(ii)	amino acids	accept peptides / polypeptides / peptones	1
(b)	points plotted accurately	$\pm \frac{1}{2}$ square deduct 1 mark per error	2
	best fit curve or ruled point-to-point	if double line within $\frac{1}{2}$ square	1
		allow sharp apex	
		do not allow single straight line	
		if no points line defines points	
		if (5,0) not plotted only penalise 1 mark	
		bar graph wide bars – no marks	
		bar graph $\pm \frac{1}{2}$ square max 2 for points	
(c)(i)	2 or correct from candidate's graph	$\pm \frac{1}{2}$ square	1
(ii)	stomach		1
(d)	proteins are large / product is small		1
	proteins (may be) insoluble / product is soluble		1
	cannot be absorbed / cannot enter blood or cannot pass through gut lining	accept reverse referring to product	1
total			10

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	burning fossil fuels / named example	accept driving cars / lorries etc burning fuels in power stations ignore combustion unqualified do not accept catalytic converter on its own or emissions from power stations	1
(b)(i)	pollutants / smoke <u>breathed in</u>		1
(ii)	SO ₂ and deaths rise (and fall) at same times or SO ₂ and deaths parallel each other / show same pattern		1
(iii)	no – could be due to some other factor / pollutant / to smoke or correlation not precise / described	explanations must come to a conclusion named examples must be plausible allow 'coincidence'	1
total			4

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	Quality of written communication: ideas given in a sensible order	broken down giving products (could be CO ₂ , minerals or gas) (used by trees) Q ✓ or Q X	1
	any three from:		3
	 microorganisms / bacteria / fungi / saprotrophs digest / break down organic matter / leaves / decompose / reference decomposers / decay / rot 	accept saprophytes / saprobionts / detritivores (named)	
	use of enzymes / correct named example		
	absorption by <u>diffusion</u> / <u>active</u> <u>transport</u>	must be of breakdown products	
	respiration / combustionrelease of carbon dioxide		
	• CO ₂ can be used (by trees) in photosynthesis	do not accept CO ₂ taken in by roots	
(b)	any two from:		2
	 warmth / suitable temperature damp / water / rain / humid / moisture 	do not accept heat / hot weather	
	oxygensuitable pH		
total			6

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	lower – B loses less (water / mass) than C or described in terms of petroleum jelly	accept converse re Leaf C	1
(ii)	yes - B and C lose less than D or B and C lose more than A or D loses the most or A loses the least	do not accept just 'all leaves lose some weight'	1
(b)(i)	X = stoma	accept stomata / stomatal pore do not accept air space	1
	Y = guard cell		1
(ii)	petroleum jelly blocks stomata / pores or petroleum jelly prevents water loss or petroleum jelly waterproofs	allow pores are blocked in B	1
	water (mainly) lost via stomata / pores / X or stomata on lower surface only		1
total			6

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	A = protein (coat)	accept capsid / capsomere	1
	B = DNA / gene(s) / genetic material / nucleic acid	allow RNA do not allow chromosome	1
(b)(i)	any two from: • skin • scabs / clot		2
	mucusstomach acid / gut protease	allow tears	
(ii)	diagram shows extensions of intact cell membrane around viruses		1
(iii)	antibodies	allow enzymes re (ii) allow interferon ignore antitoxins / proteins	1
(c)	virus is transferred (virus in) blood / body fluids – transfer (via needles)		1
total			8

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	antibiotics diffuse / pass (into agar)	do not allow into dish	1
	kill / prevent growth of bacteria or destroy cell wall / bacteria	accept bacteria are dead	1
(b)	it / higher concentration kills more bacteria or causes less growth	do not accept anything referring to size of circle	1
	levels off (at 6 units)	accept above 4 units	1
(c)	Quality of written communication: for correct sequencing or linking of ideas or points	this mark can only be awarded for a plausible attempt (not necessarily biologically correct) to link a precaution to a purpose	1
	Loop flamed	Q✓ or Q×	
	to sterilise it / kill unwanted microorganisms	accept so no bacteria present do not accept to clean it	1
	Lid taped		
	prevent bacteria getting in / out or prevent someone touching bacteria 25°C	accept microorganisms/fungi for bacteria do not accept viruses or germs	1
	prevents / reduces growth of / reproduction		1
	harmful bacteria / microorganisms or pathogens		1
(d)	any two from:		2
	• to avoid over-use of antibiotics or use no / less / low concentration antibiotics		
	 select antibiotic that is most effective finish the course		
	don't give or use for animals		
	• develop new antibiotics or alternatives		
total			11

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	warmer when leaving		1
	(heat produced) by (metabolic) reactions / respiration / fermentation		1
(b)	provide oxygen		1
	for respiration (of microorganisms)	aerobic respiration = 2 marks	1
(c)	any two from:		2
	• pH	do not accept conditions before fermenter	
	temperature		
	nutrients or named ones		
	• oxygen		
	protein concentration / amount		
	speed of paddles or stirring		
(d)	curve / line from bottom left to top right	going upwards must extend to at least 4.5 days	1
	shape a mirror image of graph (sigmoid curve)	ignore time lag reasonable attempt	1
(e)	no air / oxygen		1
total			9