# Biology A <br> Twenty First Century Science 

## Mark Schemes for the Units

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## Guidance for Examiners

1 Mark strictly to the mark scheme.
2 Make no deductions for wrong work after an acceptable answer unless the mark scheme says otherwise.
3 Each separate marking point is indicated by (1) at the end of that marking point.
4 Abbreviations, annotations and conventions used in the detailed Mark Scheme:

| l | $=$ alternative and acceptable answers for the same marking point |
| :--- | :--- |
| (1) | $=$ separates marking points |
| not | $=$ answers which are not worthy of credit |
| reject | $=$ answers which are not worthy of credit |
| ignore | $=$ statements which are irrelevant |
| allow | $=$ answers that can be accepted |
| () | $=$ words which are not essential to gain credit |
|  | $=$ underlined words must be present in answer to score a mark |
| ecf | $=$ error carried forward |
| AW / owtte | $=$ alternative wording |
| ora | $=$ or reverse argument |

E.g. mark scheme shows 'work done in lifting / (change in) gravitational potential energy'
work done $=0$ marks
work done lifting = 1 mark
change in potential energy $=0$ marks
gravitational potential energy = 1 mark

5 Annotations: the following annotations are available on SCORIS.
$\checkmark \quad=$ correct response
$\mathbf{x} \quad=$ incorrect response
bod $=$ benefit of the doubt
nbod $=$ benefit of the doubt not given
ECF = error carried forward
$\wedge \quad=$ information omitted
I $\quad=$ ignore
R = reject

6 If a candidate alters his/her response, examiners should accept the alteration.
7 The list principle: if a list of responses greater than the number requested is given, you 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, i.e. 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.

8 Marking method for tick boxes:
If there is a set of boxes, some of which should be ticked and others left empty, then you need to judge the entire set of boxes.
E.g. If a question requires candidates to identify a city in England, then in the boxes

| 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). For a two-mark question, the rationale would be:

All boxes are indicated scores 0 marks.
All boxes blank scores 0 marks.
All four boxes correct scores 2 marks.
Three boxes correct scores 1 mark.
Two boxes correct scores 1 mark.

| Edinburgh |  |  | $\checkmark$ |  |  | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Manchester | $\checkmark$ | $\times$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |  |  |  | $\checkmark$ |  |
| Paris |  |  |  | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |  | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |  |
| Southampton | $\checkmark$ | $\times$ |  | $\checkmark$ |  | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |  | $\checkmark$ |  |
| Score: | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{0}$ | $\mathbf{0}$ | $\mathbf{0}$ | NR |

## A221/01 Modules B1, B2, B3 Foundation Tier



| $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{a}$ | Jane (1) | 1 | If more than one answer given then score = zero |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | $\mathbf{b}$ | Grace (1) | 1 | If more than one answer given then score = zero |
|  | $\mathbf{c}$ | Shazia (1) <br> Hannah (1) | 2 | Either order. <br> If more than two answers given then -1 for each additional answer. <br> Candidate cannot score less than 0. |
|  |  | Total | $\mathbf{4}$ |  |





| $\mathbf{6}$ $\mathbf{a}$ $\mathbf{i}$ any two from: A, D, E and F 2  <br>   $\mathbf{i i}$ B (1) <br> C (1) $\mathbf{2}$ If more than two answers given then -1 for each additional answer. <br> Candidate cannot score less than 0. <br>  $\mathbf{b}$ Sensory (1) <br> stimulus (1) <br> effector (1) <br> response (1) 4 Must be in the correct order  <br>   Total $\mathbf{8}$   |
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## A221/02 Modules B1, B2, B3 Higher Tier


$\left.\begin{array}{|l|l|l|c|l|}\hline \mathbf{2} & \text { a } & \begin{array}{l}\text { microorganisms can become resistant to } \\ \text { antibiotics (1) }\end{array} & 1 & \begin{array}{l}\text { If more than 1 box ticked then -1 for each additional answer. } \\ \text { Candidate cannot score less than } 0 . \\ \text { Accept any suitable method of indicating correct box e.g. shading etc }\end{array} \\ \hline & \mathbf{b} & \begin{array}{l}\text { E before A } \\ \text { A before D } \\ \text { D before B } \\ \text { B before C }\end{array} & 3 & 4 \operatorname{correct~(3)} \\ 3 \operatorname{correct~(2)~} \\ 2 \operatorname{correct~(1)~}\end{array}\right\}$



| Question |  |  | Expected Answers |  |  | Marks | Rationale |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5 | a |  | sentences 1, 2 and 4 |  |  | 2 | Accept in any order. <br> 3 correct (2) <br> 2 correct (1) <br> 1 correct (0) <br> If more than 3 answers then -1 for each additional answer. <br> Candidate cannot score less than 0 . |
|  | b |  | 11 million year old rock | $\checkmark$ | (1) | 1 | If more than 2 boxes ticked then -1 for each additional answer. Candidate cannot score less than 0. Accept any suitable method of indicating correct boxes e.g. shading etc. |
|  | c |  | statement A (1) <br> statement C (1) <br> statement E (1) |  |  | 3 | Accept in any order. <br> If more than three answers given then -1 for each additional answer. Candidate cannot score less than 0. |
|  | d |  | competition for prey environmental conditions susceptible to disease |  <br> $\checkmark$ <br> $\checkmark$ <br> $\checkmark$ <br> $\checkmark$ | (1) <br> (1) <br> (1) | 3 | If more than 3 boxes ticked then -1 for each additional answer. Candidate cannot score less than 0. Accept any suitable method of indicating correct boxes e.g. shading etc. |
|  |  |  | Total |  |  | 9 |  |


| Question |  |  | Expected Answers | Marks | Rationale |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6 | a | I | any two from: $A, D, E$ and $F$ | 2 | Accept in any order. <br> If additional answers given ignore if they belong to the set $A, D, E, F$. <br> If they do not belong to the set $A, D, E, F$ then -1 mark for each additional incorrect answer. <br> Candidate cannot score less than 0. |
|  |  | ii | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{B}(1) \\ & \mathrm{C}(1) \end{aligned}$ | 2 | Accept in any order. <br> If more than two answers given then -1 for each additional answer. Candidate cannot score less than 0. |
|  | b |  | homeostasis (1) | 1 | Accept 'homostasis'. Do NOT accept any other spelling. |
|  |  |  | Total | 5 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Section total | 42 |  |

## A222/01 Modules B4, B5 and B6 Foundation Tier





| Question |  |  | Expected Answers |  |  | Marks | Rationale |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4 | a | i | 4 (1) |  |  | 1 |  |
|  |  | ii |  |  |  | 2 | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \text { correct (2) } \\ & 2 \text { or } 1 \text { correct (1) } \end{aligned}$ |
|  | b |  | embryo (1) |  |  | 1 | If more than one answer ringed ten minus 1 for each additional ring. Candidate cannot score less than 0 . |
|  | C |  | cells not yet specialised develop into any other kind of cell | $\checkmark$ $\checkmark$ $\checkmark$ | (1) <br> (1) | 2 | If more than two boxes ticked then minus one for each additional box. Candidate cannot score less then 0. |
|  |  |  | Total |  |  | 6 |  |



| Question Expected Answers    Marks  <br> $\mathbf{6}$  (D) A E C B <br> A before E (1)     <br> E before C (1)     <br> C before B (1)     3    <br>  Total Rationale     |
| :--- |
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## A222/02 Modules B4, B5 and B6 Higher Tier

| Question |  | Expected Answers | Marks | Rationale |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | a | homeostasis (1) | 1 | Allow any reasonable spelling |
|  | b | blood oxygen levels water content in the body salt content in the body | 1 | all three required for one mark if less than 3 boxes ticked then no marks can be awarded. |
|  | C | used to maintain a constant level reverses changes that take place | 2 | If more than 2 boxes are ticked then -1 for each additional tick. Candidate cannot score less than 0. |
|  | d | 1 processing centre - brain (1) <br> 2 stimulus - torch (1) <br> 3 receptor - retina (1) <br> 4 effector - iris (1) | 4 | Processing Centre / Brain - arrow anywhere inside indicated zone <br> Stimulus / Torch - arrow anywhere inside indicated zone <br> Receptor / Retina - arrow touching any part of the inner layer at the back of the eye (thick line in mark scheme diagram) <br> Effector / Iris - arrow must point clearly to the iris in front of the lens. Only one arrow needed, to top or bottom segment. Reject arrow pointing to pupil (gap in between top and bottom iris). |
|  |  | Total | 8 |  |




| Question |  |  | Expected Answers |  | Marks | Rationale |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4 | a | i | 4 (1) |  | 1 |  |
|  |  | ii |  | A <br> C <br> T <br> G | 1 | all correct for one mark |
|  | b |  |  | are identical to <br> contain half the <br> are the same | 2 | one mark for each word if both descriptions are correct If two lines are drawn from one type of cell division but one is incorrect then no marks for that cell division. |
|  | C |  | have no inactive genes replace damaged tissue | $\checkmark$ <br>  <br> $\checkmark$ <br>  <br> (1) <br> (1) | 2 | If more than 2 boxes ticked then -1 for each additional tick. Candidate cannot score less than 0. |
|  |  |  | Total |  | 6 |  |


| Question |  |  | Expected Answers | Marks | Rationale |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5 | a | i |  | 3 | one mark for each of the correct labels (1) <br> Allow synapse written in the gap but not above or below without an arrow. <br> Arrows to receptor molecules and synaptic chemicals must touch or be obviously pointing to correct response. |
|  |  | ii | direction of impulse from left to right anywhere on the diagram.(1) | 1 |  |
|  | b |  | rapid involuntary responses simple animals use simple reflexes when reflex responses are learnt complex reflexes improve survival conditioned reflexes increase survival | 3 | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \text { correct (3) } \\ & 4 \text { or } 3 \text { correct (2) } \\ & 1 \text { or } 2 \text { correct (1) } \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  | Total | 7 |  |



## Grade Thresholds

General Certificate of Secondary Education
Biology A (Specification Code J633)
January 2008 Examination Series
Unit Threshold Marks

| Unit |  | Maximum | A* | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | U |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A221/01 | Raw | 42 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 35 | 30 | 25 | 20 | 15 | 0 |
|  | UMS | 34 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 30 | 25 | 20 | 15 | 10 | 0 |
| A221/02 | Raw | 42 | 40 | 38 | 34 | 30 | 24 | 21 | N/A | N/A | 0 |
|  | UMS | 50 | 45 | 40 | 35 | 30 | 25 | 23 | N/A | N/A | 0 |
| A222/01 | Raw | 42 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 33 | 29 | 25 | 22 | 19 | 0 |
|  | UMS | 34 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 30 | 25 | 20 | 15 | 10 | 0 |
| A222/02 | Raw | 42 | 40 | 37 | 31 | 26 | 20 | 17 | N/A | N/A | 0 |
|  | UMS | 50 | 45 | 40 | 35 | 30 | 25 | 23 | N/A | N/A | 0 |

## Specification Aggregation Results

Overall threshold marks in UMS (ie after conversion of raw marks to uniform marks)

|  | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Maximum } \\ \text { Mark } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | A* | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | U |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| J633 | 300 | 270 | 240 | 210 | 180 | 150 | 120 | 90 | 60 | 0 |

No candidates were entered for aggregation this series. First aggregation opportunity is in June 2008.

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