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General Certificate of Secondary Education J633

## 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 a (1) at the end of that marking point.
4. Abbreviations, annotations and conventions used in the detailed Mark Scheme:

> ORA = or reverse argument
> NOT = point that is not given credit
> AW/owtte = alternative wording/or words to that effect: allow any expression that is clearly equivalent
> $/=$ Alternative and acceptable answers for the same marking point
> point = point must be present to gain the mark
> (description) = description which need not be present to gain the mark
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. If a candidate alters his/her response, examiners should accept the alteration.
6. 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.
7. 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 | $\checkmark$ | $\mathbf{x}$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |  |  |  | $\checkmark$ |  |
| Paris |  |  |  | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |  | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |  |
| Southampton | $\checkmark$ | $\mathbf{x}$ |  | $\checkmark$ |  | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |  | $\checkmark$ |  |
| 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



| Question |  | Expected Answers | Marks | Rationale |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- |
| $\mathbf{2}$ | a | Peter (1) | 1 | one mark for the correct answer <br> if more than one name is given then candidate scores zero. |
|  | b | Ranjit (1) | 1 | one mark for the correct answer <br> if more than one name is given then candidate scores zero. |
|  | c | Jane (1) | 1 | one mark for the correct answer <br> if more than one name is given then candidate scores zero. |
|  | d | Stella (1) | 1 | one mark for the correct answer <br> if more than one name is given then candidate scores zero. |
|  |  | Total | $\mathbf{4}$ |  |


| Question |  |  | Expected Answers | Marks | Rationale |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3 | a |  |  | 2 | three lines correct = 2 marks <br> two lines correct = 1 mark <br> one line correct $=0$ marks <br> if there are two or more lines from a part of the body, then no mark is scored for that part |



| Question |  |  | Expected Answers |  |  | Marks | Rationale |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4 | a |  | difficulty <br> breathing and <br> digesting food <br> high <br> temperature <br> and sweating <br> bleeding gums <br> and wounds <br> that don't heal <br> falling over, <br> clumsiness and <br> loss of memory | Huntington's disorder <br> cystic fibrosis | one dominant <br> allele of single <br> gene <br> two recessive <br> alleles of a <br> single gene <br> three recessive <br> alleles of a <br> single gene <br> four dominant <br> alleles of a <br> single gene | 4 | one mark for each correct line if more than four lines are drawn then each additional line loses one mark the candidate cannot score less than zero |
|  | b | i | D (1) |  |  | 1 | one mark for the correct answer. if more than one letter is given then candidate scores zero accept Cc |
|  |  | ii | E (1) and B (1) |  |  | 2 | one mark for each correct answer <br> if more than two letters are given then candidate loses one mark for each additional answer <br> the candidate cannot score less than zero the two correct responses can be either way round accept hh and CC |
|  |  |  |  | Total |  | 7 |  |



\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{Question} \& Expected Answers \& Marks \& Rationale \\
\hline 6 \& a \& i \& Wendy (1) \& 1 \& \\
\hline \& \& ii \& Stella (1) \& 1 \& \\
\hline \& b \& \& \begin{tabular}{l}
\(\square\) \\
ice cream sales increase in hot ... \(\square\) (1)
\(\square\)
\(\square\)
\end{tabular} \& 1 \& if more than one box is ticked then box scores zero \\
\hline \& c \& \& \begin{tabular}{l}

<br>
John caught a cold when ... $\square$ (1)
$\square$
\end{tabular} \& 1 \& if more than one box is ticked then box scores zero <br>

\hline \& d \& \&  \& 1 \& if more than one box is ticked then box scores zero <br>
\hline \& \& \& Total \& 5 \& <br>
\hline
\end{tabular}

| Question |  |  | Expected Answers | Marks | Rationale |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 7 | a | i | B (1) | 1 | if more than one letter is given then score $=0$ marks accept correct written answer |
|  |  | ii | A (1) | 1 | if more than one letter is given then score $=0$ marks accept correct written answer |
|  | b |  |  | 3 | five lines correct $=3$ marks <br> four or three lines correct = 2 marks <br> two lines correct = 1 mark <br> one line correct $=0$ marks <br> deduct one mark for each 'change' box with two lines |
|  | C |  | ... Earth had been slightly different $\square$ (1) | 1 | if more than one box is ticked then box scores zero <br> allow any other clearly identified correct response e.g. shading in the box |
|  |  |  | Total | 6 |  |


| Question |  |  | Expected Answers |  | Marks | Rationale |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 8 | a |  |  |  | 2 | 4 correct = 2 marks |
|  |  |  | hormonal communication | nervous communication |  | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \text { or } 2 \text { correct = } 1 \text { mark } \\ & 1 \text { correct }=0 \text { marks } \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  | B | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A } \\ & \text { D } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
|  | b |  | chemical electrical | slow (1) fast (1) | 2 | one mark for each correct sentence. |
|  |  |  |  | Total | 4 |  |


| Question |  | Expected Answers | Marks | Rationale <br> $\mathbf{9}$ |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

## A221/02 Modules B1, B2, B3 Higher Tier




| Question |  | Expected Answers | Marks |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- |
| $\mathbf{3}$ | $\mathbf{a}$ | Peter (1) Rationale |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathbf{b}$ |  | Ranjit (1) | 1 | if more than one name is given then the candidate scores (0) |
|  | c |  | Jane (1) | 1 | if more than one name is given then the candidate scores (0) |
|  | $\mathbf{d}$ |  | Stella (1) | 1 | if more than one name is given then the candidate scores (0) |


| Question |  | Expected Answers |  | Marks | Rationale |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4 | a | the virus damages the immune system (1) <br> the virus has a high mutation rate (1) | $\checkmark$ <br>  | 2 | if more than two boxes ticked then each incorrect box loses (1) the candidate cannot score less than 0 |
|  | b | the vaccine was very effective <br> a large percentage of the world's population was vaccinated against the disease | $\checkmark$ | 1 | allow any other clearly defined response if more than two boxes are ticked (0) Both must be correct for 1 mark |
|  | C | all school age children should receive the vaccine (1) <br> it has only been possible to vaccinate $81 \%$ of children (1) | V | 2 | if more than one box is completed for each letter then box scores zero for that letter only. <br> The candidate cannot score less than zero. |
|  |  | Total |  | 5 |  |






\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Question} \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Expected Answers} \& Marks \& Rationale \\
\hline 7 \& c \& \begin{tabular}{l}
There is not enough data currently available (1) \\
scientists do not know how other species will adapt (1)
\end{tabular} \& \(\checkmark\)

$\checkmark$ \& 2 \& | if more than two boxes are ticked then each incorrect box loses (1) |
| :--- |
| candidate cannot score less than 0 | <br>

\hline \& \& Total \& \& 7 \& <br>
\hline
\end{tabular}

| Question |  |  | Expected Answers |  | Marks | Rationale |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 8 | a | i | B (1) |  | 1 | if more than one response (0) Accept correct written answer |
|  |  | ii | A (1) |  | 1 | if more than one response (0) Accept correct written answer |
|  | b |  | if conditions on Earth had been different from what they actually were (1) | $\checkmark$ | 1 | if more than one box is ticked then box scores 0 |
|  |  |  | Total |  | 3 |  |



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

| Question |  | Expected Answers |  | Marks | Rationale |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | a | D C B A |  | 2 | C before $B$ (1) <br> B before A (1) |
|  | b | evaporates and cools the skin | $\checkmark$ | 1 | more than one response (0) <br> Accept any other clear indication of correct response e.g. crosses, shading, linking lines etc. |
|  | C | $\begin{aligned} & \text { increases (1) } \\ & \text { water (1) } \end{aligned}$ |  | 2 |  |
|  |  | Total |  | 5 |  |

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Question} \& \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Expected Answers} \& Marks \& Rationale \\
\hline 2 \& a \& \& passive high low \& \& 2 \& \[
\begin{aligned}
\& 3 \text { correct (2) } \\
\& 2 \text { correct (1) } \\
\& 1 \text { or } 0 \text { correct (0) }
\end{aligned}
\] \\
\hline \& b \& \& \begin{tabular}{l}
...water molecules \\
...molecules across a partially permeable membrane \\
...molecules from a dilute to a concentrated solution
\end{tabular} \& \(\checkmark\)

$\checkmark$ \& 2 \& | 3 correct $=2$ marks |
| :--- |
| 2 correct = 1 mark |
| 1 correct = 0 marks |
| Candidates lose 1 mark for each additional response. |
| Candidates cannot score less than zero |
| Accept any other clear indication of correct response e.g. crosses, shading, linking lines etc. | <br>

\hline \& C \& \& becomes higher (1) \& \& 1 \& more than one response (0) <br>
\hline \& \& \& Total \& \& 5 \& <br>
\hline
\end{tabular}








\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Question} \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Expected Answers} \& Marks \& Rationale \\
\hline 9 \& a \& ...remember things (1) ...speak (1) \& \& 2 \& \begin{tabular}{l}
more than 2 responses, deduct (1) for each extra response \\
Accept any other clear indication of correct response e.g. crosses, shading, linking lines etc.
\end{tabular} \\
\hline \& b \& \begin{tabular}{l}
...apply an electrical charge to parts of the brain (1) \\
...look at images from an MRI scanner (1)
\end{tabular} \& \(\checkmark\)

$\checkmark$ \& 2 \& | more than 2 responses, deduct (1) for each extra response |
| :--- |
| Accept any other clear indication of correct response e.g. crosses, shading, linking lines etc. | <br>

\hline \& \& Total \& \& 4 \& <br>
\hline
\end{tabular}

## A222/02 Modules B4, B5, B6 Higher Tier




\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multicolumn{3}{|c|}{Question} \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Expected Answers} \& Marks \& Rationale \\
\hline 2 \& b \& ii \& \begin{tabular}{l}
confusion \\
dizziness \\
hot, dry skin
\end{tabular} \& \(\checkmark\)
\(\checkmark\)

$\checkmark$ \& 1 \& | 3 correct (1) |
| :--- |
| accept any other clear indication of correct response e.g. crosses, shading, linking lines etc. | <br>

\hline \& \& \& Total \& \& 6 \& <br>
\hline
\end{tabular}

| Question |  |  | Expected Answers | Marks | Rationale |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3 | a | i | cytoplasm (1) | 1 | more than one response (0) accept any other clear indication of correct response e.g. tick, underlining etc. |
|  |  | ii | ...stops (1) | 1 | more than one response (0) <br> accept any other clear indication of correct response e.g. cross, shading, linking line etc. |
|  | b |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { four (1) } \\ & \text { bases (1) } \end{aligned}$ | 2 | (1) each more than one response for each set of boxes (0) accept any other clear indication of correct response e.g. ticks, underlining etc. |
|  |  |  | Total | 4 |  |


| Question |  | Expected Answers | Marks | Rationale |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- | :---: | :--- |
| $\mathbf{4}$ | $\mathbf{a}$ | $\mathbf{i}$ | $\begin{array}{l}\text { B } \\ \text { C } \\ \text { A }\end{array}$ | 1 | 3 correct (1) |
|  |  | $\mathbf{i i}$ | $\begin{array}{l}\text { Kev (1) } \\ \text { Jimmy (1) }\end{array}$ | 2 | allow names in either order |
|  | $\mathbf{b}$ | photosynthesis (1) | 1 | more than one response (0) |  |
| accept any other clear indication of correct response e.g. tick, |  |  |  |  |  |
| underlining etc. |  |  |  |  |  |$]$


| Question |  |  | Expected Answers |  | Marks | Rationale |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5 | a |  | zygote cell (1) |  | 1 | more than one response (0) accept any other clear indication of correct response e.g. tick, underlining etc. |
|  | b | i | some inactivated genes are reactivated (1) | $\checkmark$ | 1 | more than one response (0) <br> accept any other clear indication of correct response e.g. cross, shading, linking line etc. |
|  |  | ii | hormones (1) |  | 1 | more than one response (0) accept any other clear indication of correct response e.g. tick, underlining etc. |
|  |  |  | Total |  | 3 |  |





## Grade Thresholds

General Certificate of Secondary Education
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Unit Threshold Marks

| Unit |  | Maximum Mark | A* | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | U |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A221/01 | Raw | 42 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 29 | 24 | 19 | 14 | 9 | 0 |
|  | UMS | 34 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 30 | 25 | 20 | 15 | 10 | 0 |
| A221/02 | Raw | 42 | 39 | 36 | 30 | 24 | 15 | 10 | N/A | N/A | 0 |
|  | UMS | 50 | 45 | 40 | 35 | 30 | 25 | 20 | N/A | N/A | 0 |
| A222/01 | Raw | 42 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 29 | 25 | 21 | 17 | 13 | 0 |
|  | UMS | 34 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 30 | 25 | 20 | 15 | 10 | 0 |
| A222/02 | Raw | 42 | 38 | 34 | 28 | 23 | 18 | 15 | N/A | N/A | 0 |
|  | UMS | 50 | 45 | 40 | 35 | 30 | 25 | 20 | N/A | N/A | 0 |

## Specification Aggregation Results

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

|  | Maximum Mark | A* | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | U |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $J 633$ | 300 | 270 | 240 | 210 | 180 | 150 | 120 | 90 | 60 | 0 |

The cumulative percentage of candidates awarded each grade was as follows:

|  | A* | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | U | Total No. <br> of Cands |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{J 6 3 3}$ | 9.6 | 34.6 | 75.0 | 96.2 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 52 |

198 candidates were entered for aggregation this series.
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