

# **GCSE**

# **Environmental and Land Based Science**

General Certificate of Secondary Education

Unit **B491/01** Plant Cultivation (Foundation Tier)

# **Mark Scheme for June 2011**

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#### **Annotations**

Used in the detailed Mark Scheme:

Annotation	Meaning	
/	alternative and acceptable answers for the same marking point	
(1)	separates marking points	
not/reject	answers which are not worthy of credit	
ignore	statements which are irrelevant - applies to neutral answers	
allow/accept	answers that can be accepted	
(words)	s) words which are not essential to gain credit	
words	underlined words must be present in answer to score a mark	
ecf	error carried forward	
AW/owtte	vtte alternative wording	
ORA	A or reverse argument	

Qı	uesti	on CBT Question Numbers	Answer	Mark	Guidance
1		1	Spade – double digging Hoe – removing small, annual weeds Fork – Digging up potatoes	2	3 correct = 2 marks 1 correct = 1 mark
2		2	C - Bulb ; A - rhizome; B - Runner;	2	3 correct = 2 marks 1 correct = 1 mark
3		3	The anther of one flower to the stigma of another flower of the same species	1	
4		4	moving compost – use a wheelbarrow spraying pesticide – wear goggles and a mask carrying a fork – point it downwards working in a glasshouse – remove trip hazards	3	4 correct = 3 marks 3 or 2 correct = 2 marks 1 correct = 1 marks
5	а	5	A in bottom box to label anthers;	1	
	b	6	wind is unreliable/ pollen less likely to land on another flower; increases the chance of pollination/much pollen gets lost	1	
6	а	7	dominant	1	
	b	8	punnett square shown/ results of the cross/ the offspring/outcome of breeding; round seeds/ green stem/ pink flower;	2	An example must be given for 2 marks.  reject first generation if not qualified  accept first filial generation
7	а	9	14	1	accept 14.3
	b	9	Tannin/Tea reduces/stops/causes less germination (of clover seeds).	1	allow Error carried forward from part a) accept converse accept growth in place of germination

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8		10	The pollen would not be able to land here/pollen less likely to germinate/ no pollination; Egg/ovule will not be fertilised/no seeds formed/ no fertilisation; reduced reproduction	2	accept reference to disease if qualified
9	а	11	A; No fertiliser was added;	2	accept B as a control for D if justified.
	b	12	N/nitrate	1	accept nitrogen
	С	13	first graph	1	
10	а	14	To produce a good tilth/seed bed; To break up large clumps of soil/loosen soil/level soil	1	reject remove weeds
	b	15	rake	1	
11	а	16	natural/not man made/contains humus/animal matter/plant matter/dead matter	1	reject does not contain any chemicals accept carbon based
	b	17	two from: adds humus to the soil; improves crumb structure; slow release; contains a full range of trace elements; increases bacterial action; improves the water holding capacity of the soil; improves aeration	2	ignore produces organic crops/crops are better for you reject does not harm the environment
	С	18	it is warmer indoors/ to give them a head start/ earlier harvest/ avoids frost/ the ground is not ready	1	accept can control conditions reject grow quicker accept stops animals eating the seeds
12		19	any three from: to stop disease organisms/rotting/bacteria; to stop germination; respiration; to prevent pests/rats/mice getting in.	3	
13		20	correct reference to three from: light; warmth; carbon dioxide/oxygen; lack of pests; lack of disease organisms;	3	ignore air

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14		21	hydroponics; no soil/roots in a nutrient reservoir; drip irrigation; hosepipe with holes in delivering drips of water and nutrients directly to the roots; boom sprayer; liquid fertilizer sprayed from the back of a tractor; liquifeeder; fertilizer bottle attached to hosepipe; slurry; using a muck spreader on a tractor; capillary matting with water and fertiliser in the reservoir	3	two marks for two reasonable suggestion. third mark for further details on one of the method.
			Total	36	

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