

Environmental and Land Based Science

General Certificate of Secondary Education

Unit **B491/03** Plant Cultivation (Foundation Tier)

Mark Scheme for January 2013

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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)	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	alternative wording
ORA	or reverse argument

Available in scoris to annotate scripts

	indicate uncertainty or ambiguity
	benefit of doubt
	contradiction
	incorrect response
	error carried forward
	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
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	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
	no benefit of doubt
	reject
	correct response
	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
	information omitted

Subject-specific Marking Instructions

- a. If a candidate alters his/her response, examiners should accept the alteration.
- b. Crossed out answers should be considered only if no other response has been made. When marking crossed out responses, accept correct answers which are clear and unambiguous.

Eg

For a one mark question, where ticks in boxes 3 and 4 are required for the mark:

Put ticks (✓) in the two correct boxes.

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

This would be worth 1 mark.

Put ticks (✓) in the two correct boxes.

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

This would be worth 0 marks.

Put ticks (✓) in the two correct boxes.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

This would be worth 1 mark.

c. The list principle:

If a list of responses greater than the number requested is given, 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, eg 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.

d. Marking method for tick boxes:

Always check the additional guidance.

If there is a set of boxes, some of which should be ticked and others left empty, then judge the entire set of boxes.

If there is at least one tick, ignore crosses. If there are no ticks, accept clear, unambiguous indications, eg shading or crosses.

Credit should be given for each box correctly ticked. If more boxes are ticked than there are correct answers, then deduct one mark for each additional tick. Candidates cannot score less than zero marks.

Eg 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).

		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
✓	x	✓	✓	✓				✓	
			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
✓	x		✓		✓	✓		✓	
2	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	NR

Question		Answer	Mark	Guidance
1		B caterpillars	1	
2		A hoe	1	
3		put away tools digging & raking the soil; wear goggles spraying insecticide; bend knees lifting heavy plant;	3	
4	(a)	B farmyard manure	1	
	(b)	B improve the crumb structure of soil	1	
5		C it is free from weeds	1	
6		C P	1	
7		A 14	1	
8	(a)	any two from: aerates the soil; improves crumb structure breaks up soil; encourages soil organisms; improves drainage; removes weeds; mixes/rotates the soil;	2	
		removes small stones; levels soil; produces a tilth/seed bed; breaks up lumps of soil;	1	
9	(a)	rhizome	1	
	(b)	ginger/asparagus	1	allow mint/canna lily reject iris

Question		Answer	Mark	Guidance
10		any two from: smooth seed; green seed; tall stem	2	
11		Two from: pollen unable to land/pollinate; pollen tube unable to grow down the style; eggs or ovule not fertilised; no seeds formed;	2	accept ref. to disease if qualified accept unable to reproduce
12		any three: humidity – too low dry out, too high rot; temperature – too high disease, too low freeze damage to tissue; sealed containers OWTTE – prevent pests; dark – prevent sprouting; low O ₂ high CO ₂ affects respiration; clean conditions prevents disease; removal of unhealthy potatoes re spread of rot	3	three conditions with no qualification = 1 mark allow correct temperature/humidity reject goes off reject controlled atmosphere without qualification
13	(a)	sulfur	1	
	(b)	iron	1	
14	(a)	N	1	
	(b)	plot 2	1	
15	(a)	5.3 months	1	need months
	(b)	10 times	1	

Question		Answer	Mark	Guidance
16		any three from: use (potting) compost; in a seed tray; clean/disease free (seed tray); firm compost; sprinkle seeds thinly/place in hole; cover seeds (with a thin layer of compost)/sieve (compost over the seeds); water; use a fine rose/stand in a tray of water; place in warm conditions/greenhouse; label	3	reject soil reject placing in a light area allow correct references if seeds planted outside <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Soil has a good crumb structure - Produce a trench/seed drill
17		A – no growth as it was too cold; B – germinate have oxygen, water, warmth/ all three conditions necessary; C – no growth since no oxygen/air; D – no growth since too dry, no water	3	reject if answer repeats stem ref to germination to be made once to get max marks
18		pollination requires vibration/wind; less insects inside poly tunnel	2	reject plants closer together
Total			36	

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