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SCIENCE B

SCB1FP – Unit 1 My World

Mark scheme

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Information to 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

2.1 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 bullet points 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 lists

This applies to questions requiring a set number of responses, but for which students have provided extra responses. The general principle to be followed in such a situation is that 'right + wrong = wrong'.

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)

Student	Response	Marks awarded
1	green, 5	0
2	red*, 5	1
3	red*, 8	0

Example 2: Name two planets in the solar system. (2 marks)

Student	Response	Marks awarded
1	Neptune, Mars, Moon	1
2	Neptune, Sun, Mars, Moon	0

3.2 Use of chemical symbols / formulae

If a student 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.

3.3 Marking procedure for calculations

Full marks can be given for a correct numerical answer, 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 or by each stage of a longer calculation.

3.4 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.

3.5 Errors carried forward

Any error in the answers to a structured question should be penalised once only.

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.

3.6 Phonetic spelling

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

3.7 Brackets

(…..) are 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.

3.8 Ignore / Insufficient / Do <u>not</u> allow

Ignore or insufficient is used when the information given is irrelevant to the question or not enough to gain the marking point. Any further correct amplification could gain the marking point.

Do **not** allow means that this is a wrong answer which, even if the correct answer is given, will still mean that the mark is not awarded.

Quality of Written Communication and levels marking

In Question 8 students are required to produce extended written material in English, and will be assessed on the quality of their written communication as well as the standard of the scientific response.

Students will be required to:

- use good English
- organise information clearly
- use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

The following general criteria should be used to assign marks to a level:

Level 1: basic

- Knowledge of basic information
- Simple understanding
- The answer is poorly organised, with almost no specialist terms and their use demonstrating a general lack of understanding of their meaning, little or no detail
- The spelling, punctuation and grammar are very weak.

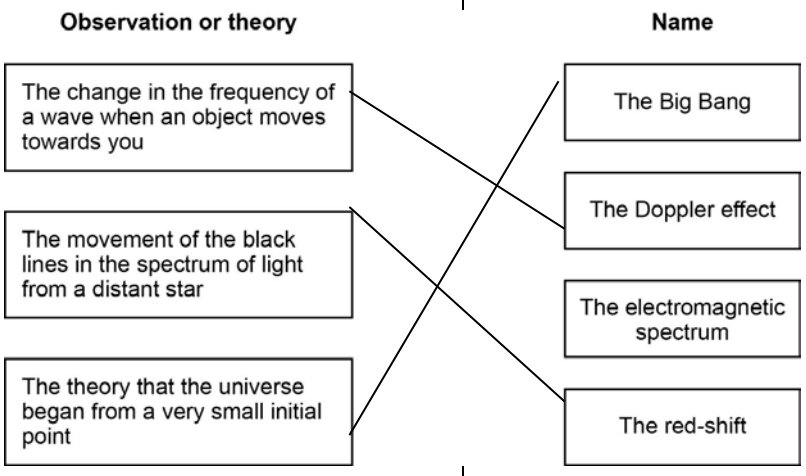
Level 2: clear

- Knowledge of accurate information
- Clear understanding
- The answer has some structure and organisation, use of specialist terms has been attempted but not always accurately, some detail is given
- There is reasonable accuracy in spelling, punctuation and grammar, although there may still be some errors.

Level 3: detailed

- Knowledge of accurate information appropriately contextualised
- Detailed understanding, supported by relevant evidence and examples
- Answer is coherent and in an organised, logical sequence, containing a wide range of appropriate or relevant specialist terms used accurately.
- The answer shows almost faultless spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO and Spec Ref
1 (a)(i)	light water	accept any indication of correct boxes if more than 2 boxes ticked deduct 1 mark for each extra box	1 1	**AO1** 3.3.2.1.4a
1 (a)(ii)	food shelter	accept any indication of correct boxes if more than two boxes ticked deduct 1 mark for each extra box	1 1	**AO1** 3.3.2.1.4b
1 (b)(i)	long roots small spiky leaves	accept any indication of correct boxes if more than two boxes ticked deduct 1 mark for each extra box	1 1	**AO1** 3.3.2.1.5a
1 (b)(ii)	any **two** from: • thick / long fur • small ears • a lot of fat • small surface area compared with volume	allow white fur allow big / furry feet "fur" on its own is insufficient ignore any reasons given ignore tail	2	**AO1** 3.3.2.1.5b
Total			**8**	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO and Spec Ref
2		more than one line **from** a box loses that mark	3	**AO1** 3.3.1.1.3,4, 5

Total			**3**

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO and Spec Ref
3 (a)	genes natural selection evolution	in this order	1 1 1	**AO1** 3.3.2.1.6,7, 8
3 (b)(i)	classification		1	**AO1** 3.3.2.1.2
3 (b)(ii)	kingdoms		1	**AO1** 3.3.2.1.1
3 (c)	any **four** from: • A (and C) have 6 legs **or** B has 8 legs • A (and C) have wings **or** B has no wings • A (and C) have stripes **or** B does not have stripes • the idea that A (and C) have a 'waist' **or** B does not have a 'waist' • A (and C) have antennae **or** B does not have antennae	allow B has a different number of legs **or** A and C have the same number of legs for 1 mark if numbers not given allow A (and C) can fly allow A (and C) have a similar body <u>shape</u> ignore size	4	**AO3** 3.3.2.1.2
Total			**9**	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO and Spec Ref
4 (a)(i)	ores		1	**AO1** 3.3.1.3
4 (a)(ii)	a compound		1	**AO1** 3.3.1.3.1
4 (a)(iii)	an element		1	**AO1** 3.3.1.3.1
4 (b)	oxygen / O_2 carbon / C iron oxide / Fe_2O_3 → iron / Fe	allow O2 or O^2 both needed	1 1 1	**AO2** 3.3.1.3.9c
4 (c)(i)	207 (grams)	223 + 6 = 229 for 1 mark **or** their 229 – 22 correctly calculated for 1 mark	2	**AO2** 3.3.1.4.1
4 (c)(ii)	three or four correct for 2 marks one or two correct for 1 mark	allow ± half square ignore any line drawn	2	**AO2** 3.3.1.4.1
4 (c)(iii)	(at first) as the mass of carbon increases so does the mass of lead extracted adding more than 2.5 grams does not increase the mass of lead extracted	allow it is a positive correlation allow as the mass of carbon decreases so does the mass of lead extracted mass of lead extracted increased to a maximum of 80 grams / 2.5 grams of carbon	1 1	**AO3** 3.3.1.4.1
Total			**12**	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO and Spec Ref
5 (a)(i)	producer consumer consumer	all three for 2 marks allow 1 mark for two correct ignore qualifications to 'consumer'	2	**AO2** 3.3.2.2.5
5 (a)(ii)	five blocks in second row nineteen blocks in third row each row centred correctly	ignore any labelling independent mark	1 1 1	**AO2** 3.3.2.2.12
5 (a)(iii)	respiration	ignore aerobic / anaerobic	1	**AO1** 3.3.2.2.3
5 (b)(i)	100 gains 2 marks	$\frac{60 \times 30}{18}$ = 1 mark 1800 **or** their 1800 / 18 correctly calculated gains 1 mark	2	**AO2** 3.3.2.2
5 (b)(ii)	any **one** from: visibility of snails toxicity	 ignore harmful	1	**AO2** 3.3.2.2
Total			**9**	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO and Spec Ref
6 (a)(i)	X rays ultra violet / UV **far** infrared / IR	all 3 for 2 marks list principle applies and all five given gains neither of these marks allow 1 mark for two correct allow 1 mark if A, B, and E are given instead of names	2	**AO3** 3.3.1.1.2
6(a)(ii)	(because) (the graph shows that) they do not reach the surface of the Earth (because) they are absorbed by the atmosphere	allow graph is at zero	1 1	**AO3** 3.3.1.1.2
6 (b)	radio (waves)	ignore F	1	**AO3** 3.3.1.1.2
6 (c)	any **two** from: • easy to get to for repairs / upgrade • easier to get to it to use it / more people can get to it to use it • less costly	allow "easy to get to" for 1 mark accept bigger telescopes accept the converse for space based telescopes	2	**AO2** 3.3.1.1.1,2
Total			**7**	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO and Spec Ref
7 (a)	any **two** from: • hotter • more / lots of volcanoes • no water / oceans	 ignore hot allow very hot / not solid / molten accept higher temperature ignore liquid allow lack of water do not allow less water ignore atmosphere	2	**AO1** 3.3.1.2.1,6
7 (b)(i)	volcanic activity / volcanoes	ignore any named gases	1	**AO1** 3.3.1.2.7
7 (b)(ii)	(little or) no oxygen more / mostly carbon dioxide	ignore less oxygen allow more hydrogen / ammonia / methane / greenhouse gases ignore water vapour and nitrogen	1 1	**AO1** 3.3.1.2.8
7 (b)(iii)	more oxygen **or** less carbon dioxide	ignore any processes	1	**AO1** 3.3.1.2.9
Total			**6**	

Question	Answer	Extra information	Mark	AO and Spec Ref
8			**6**	**AO1** 3.3.2.3.1,2,3,4,5

Marks awarded for this answer will be determined by the Quality of Written Communication (QWC) as well as the standard of the scientific response. Examiners should also refer to the information on page 2.

0 marks	Level 1 (1–2 marks)	Level 2 (3–4 marks)	Level 3 (5–6 marks)
no relevant content	at least one process **or** at least one way carbon is obtained **or** at least one way carbon is returned to the atmosphere is given	at least one process is identified **and** is correctly linked to the way in which it obtains carbon for the organism or returns carbon to the atmosphere	Processes are identified **and** they are correctly linked to a description of how the process obtains carbon for the organism or returns carbon to the atmosphere. At least two of animals, plants and decomposers should be described

examples of the points made in the response

- carbon dioxide
- from the air
- plants get their carbon by photosynthesis
- make organic compounds
- carbohydrates proteins fats
- animals get their carbon by feeding on plants or other animals
- decomposers get their carbon by breaking down dead plants and animals
- respiration
- returns carbon dioxide to the atmosphere

extra information

information from a well annotated diagram can be considered

Total			6