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Guidance for Examiners

Rationale within any mark scheme takes precedence over the following guidance.

- 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. Accept any clear, unambiguous response which is correct, eg. mis-spellings if phonetically correct (but check additional guidance).
- 4. Abbreviations, annotations and conventions used in the detailed mark scheme:

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/ = alternative and acceptable answers for the same marking point
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(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

Eg. mark scheme shows 'work done in lifting / (change in) gravitational potential energy' (1)

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work done = 0 marks
work done lifting = 1 mark
change in potential energy = 0 marks
gravitational potential energy = 1 mark
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- 5. If a candidate alters his/her response, examiners should accept the alteration.
- 6. 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.
- 7. 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.

8. 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).

Edinburgh			✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Manchester	✓	×	✓	✓	✓				✓	
Paris				✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Southampton	✓	×		✓		✓	✓		✓	
Score:	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	NR

A211/01 Modules B1, C1, P1 Foundation Tier

Qu	Question		Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
1	a		One egg by a single sperm cell (1)	1	accept any clear and unambiguous response more than 1 response = 0 marks
	b	i	1 (1)	1	
			2 (1)	1	
			XY (1)	1	accept YX
		İ۷	XX (1)	1	
			Total	5	
				1	
2	а	i	Zaheer (1)	1	
		ii	Isabella and Amy (1)	1	
		ij	Amy (1)	1	
	b		Embryonic stem cells are unspecialised (1)	1	accept any clear and unambiguous response more than 1 response = 0 marks
			Total	4	

Qı	uesti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
3	а		5 (1)	1	
	b		gene a different version two copies are dominant carry instructions recessive only one copy is	2	three correct links = 2 marks one or two correct links = 1 mark two links from the same left hand box is incorrect
	С		50% (1) H h h Hh hh h Hh hh (1)	2	mark each point independently accept hH in place of Hh all 4 boxes must be correct for the second mark
			Total	5	

Qı	estion	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
4	а	any two from: cereals; soya (bean); rape (seed); sugar cane; palm (trees);	1	two (or more) from the list of expected answers, in any order, for 1 mark do not accept 'crop(s)', 'beans', 'seeds' or 'trees'
	b	Crops for biofuels take in ✓ (1)	1	accept any clear and unambiguous response more than one box ticked = 0 marks
	С	Rainforest habitats may be destroyed. (1) The amount of food grown may decrease. (1)	2	accept any clear and unambiguous response one mark for each correct response if more than 2 responses, deduct 1 mark for each incorrect response candidate cannot score less than zero marks

Qı	Question		Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
4	d	i	air (1)	2	
			hot (1)		
		ii		2	first mark is for 2 shaded circles (or circles with N/n in) and 4 unshaded circles (or circles with O/o in) on the right hand side
					second mark is for correct arrangement(s) for nitrogen dioxide i.e.
					arrangement(s) of 3 circles only with one shaded circle between two
					unshaded circles
					all 3 circles must be touching in at least one arrangement
			Total	8	
5	а	i	40 (1)	1	
		ii	50 (1)	1	accept any clear and unambiguous response
	b			2	accept any clear and unambiguous response
			true false		
					three correct responses = 2 marks
			Data is given for the same		two correct responses = 1 mark
			As the level of nitrogen dioxide		
			There is a correlation		
	С	i	Matt (1)	1	accept Anna
		ii	Kate (1)	1	
			Total	6	

Question	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
6 a	Ryle Hoyle both neither Galaxies are moving In the past, all the Older galaxies have newer The Universe will	4	one mark per correct row accept any clear and unambiguous response more than one response in any row does not score that row* *for first row only accept 'Ryle' and 'Hoyle' (and/or 'both') as correct Ryle Hoyle both neither Galaxies are moving
b	1. Observations are made 2. Someone thinks up a scientific 3. This explanation is used to make 4. New observations match the Big Bang theory suggested Scientists found microwave Big Bang theory suggested	2	three correct links = 2 marks one or two correct links = 1 mark two links from the same left hand box is incorrect
	Total	6	

Questio	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
7 a		4.0 Roof tiles fall off 5.0 Photographs fall off 6.0 Serious damage to Just noticeable indoors.	2	three correct links = 2 marks one or two correct links = 1 mark two links from the same left hand box is incorrect
b	=:	where two tectonic plates meet (1)	1	accept any clear and unambiguous response accept any clear and unambiguous response more than one box ticked = 0 marks
	ii	Make sure all buildings are Educate all the people about Emergency services practise The whole population Fewer buildings will fall down. Trained staff go into action quickly.	2	three correct links = 2 marks one or two correct links = 1 mark two links from the same left hand box is incorrect
		Total	6	

Qı	Question		Expected Answers		Rationale
8			B D A C E F		all correct =2 marks A before C AND C before E = 1 mark
			Total	2	

A211/02 Modules B1, C1, P1 Higher Tier

Qı	uesti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
1	а	true false sperm nucleus and an egg nucleus. will all be genetically identical. sperm nucleus with an animal egg cell nucleus with an animal egg cell nucleus into an empty animal produced will be unspecialised cells.		3	mark each row independently count correct responses more than 1 tick in a row = incorrect response for that row all rows correct = 3 marks 5 correct rows = 2 marks 4 correct rows= 1 mark 3 or less correct rows = 0 marks accept any clear and unambiguous response
	b		supportsopposesneither125364	3	check for numbers in correct columns any repeated numbers are treated as incorrect all correct = 3 marks 5 in correct columns = 2 marks 3 or 4 in correct columns = 1 marks
			Total	6	

Qı	ıesti	on		Ехр	ected Ansv	vers		Marks	Rationale
2	а		5 (1)					1	accept any clear and unambiguous response accept line 5 circled in the article above only if response space is left blank.
	b		50% (1)				-	2	mark each point independently
					Н	h			accept hH in place of Hh all 4 boxes must be correct for the second mark
				h	Hh	hh			
				h	Hh	hh			
							(1)		
	С				1	accept any clear and unambiguous response			
			If one allele is defective the 🗸 (1)			(1)			
					Total			4	

Qu	esti	on	Expected Answers		Marks	Rationale
3	а		one egg was released and The quads are an example The quads will differ from The quads were produced The quads are not clones	false	2	mark each row independently count correct responses more than 1 tick in a row = incorrect response for that row all rows correct = 2 marks 3 or 4 correct rows = 1 mark 2 or less correct rows = 0 marks accept any clear and unambiguous response
	b i		i Y (1)		1	accept 'y' lower case
		ii	ovary/ovaries (1)		1	accept phonetically correct spelling if more than one organ named award 0 marks
			Total		4	, and the second

Qı	uesti	ion	Expected Answers	Mark	Rationale	
4	а		When biofuels are made and used ✓ (1)		accept any clear and unambiguous response more than one box ticked = 0 marks	
	b		Large areas of land in developing ✓ Habitats may be damaged and	2]] (1)] (1)	1 mark for each correct answer if 3 boxes ticked deduct 1 mark 4 or 5 ticks = 0 marks accept any clear and unambiguous response	
	С	carbon dioxide water		3	left box – check for: 1 black circle with 2 shaded circles touching it shaded circles must not touch each other size of circles unimportant = 1 mark right box – check for: 1 shaded circle with 2 clear circles touching it clear circles must not touch each other size of circles unimportant = 1 mark finally left box = 2 identically drawn molecules right box = 3 identically drawn molecules = 1 mark for the right hand b	oox
			Total	6		

Qı	ıesti	ion	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
5	а		true false Data is given for the same ✓ As the level of nitrogen dioxide ✓ There is a correlation ✓	2	accept any clear and unambiguous response three correct responses = 2 marks two correct responses = 1 mark
	b	i	Matt (1)	1	accept Anna
		ii	Kate (1)	1	
	С		F A D	2	any 2 from F, A and D in any order = 1 mark all 3, correct order = 2 marks
	d		1 (1) 3 (1)	2	1 mark for each answer in any order
			Total	8	

Question	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
6 a	Ryle Hoyle both neither Galaxies are moving In the past, all the Older galaxies have newer The Universe will	4	one mark per correct row accept any clear and unambiguous response more than one response in any row does not score that row* *for first row only accept 'Ryle' and 'Hoyle' (and/or 'both') as correct Ryle Hoyle both neither Galaxies are moving
b	1. Observations are made. 2. Someone thinks up a scientific 3. This explanation is used to make 4. Observations are made which 5. New experiments are devised 5. New experiments are devised 6. The improved experiments Big Bang theory suggested Detailed measurements Scientists detected Big Bang theory showed how	3	check for a single correct link from each box on the left accept any clear and unambiguous response (eg. matched numbering to boxes on the right etc) all five links correct = 3 marks four links correct = 2 marks two or three links correct = 1 mark one link correct = 0 marks if more than 1 line from a box on the left, treat that as an incorrect link for that box
	Total	7	

Qu	esti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
7	а	i	37 000 (1)	1	accept any clear and unambiguous response
		ii	true false 8 release 10 million joules less than 3 cannot be detected. A magnitude 8 earthquake Earthquakes releasing at least	2	mark each row independently count correct responses more than 1 tick in a row = incorrect response for that row all rows correct = 2 marks 2 or 3 correct rows = 1 mark 1 or less correct row = 0 marks accept any clear and unambiguous response
	b	i	data exp both are common in Chile. of two tectonic plates. movement of the mantle. slip against each other.	2	mark each row independently count correct responses more than 1 tick in a row = incorrect response for that row* *For third row only accept 'data' and 'exp' (and/or 'both') as correct data exp both movement of / / / (/) the mantle. / / (/) all rows correct = 2 marks 2 or 3 correct rows = 1 mark 1 or less correct rows = 0 marks accept any clear and unambiguous response

Question	Expected Answers		Rationale
7 b ii	Make sure all builders Emergency services practise Trained staff go into action quickly. The whole population Write regulations for making	2	check for a single correct link from each box on the left accept any clear and unambiguous response (eg. matched numbering to boxes on the right etc) all four links correct = 2 marks two or three links correct = 1 mark one link correct = 0 marks if more than 1 line from a box on the left, treat that as an incorrect link for that box
	Total	7	

A212/01 Modules B2, C2, P2 Foundation Tier

Q	uesti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
1	а		The sand bags are heavy (1)	1	1 mark for correct tick more than 1 tick = 0 marks
	b		They are flexible (1)	1	1 mark for correct tick more than 1 tick = 0 marks
	С		They do not rot easily (1) They are stronger (1)	2	1 mark for each correct tick if 3 ticks deduct 1 mark 4 ticks=0 marks
			Total	4	

Qı	uesti	on	Expected Answers					Rationale
2	а		To make s	sure the results wer	e reliable. (1)		1	1 mark for correct tick more than 1 tick = 0 marks
	b		95 (1)				1	allow 95 written near question if more than one reading is circled 0 marks
	С			n plants can be gro			2	1 mark for each correct tick if 3 ticks deduct 1 mark 4 ticks=0 marks
	d		1	cotton	nylon		2	3 correct boxes ticked = 2 marks
				plants	crude oil	√		1 or 2 correct boxes ticked = 1 mark if 4 boxes ticked deduct 1 mark
				Victorian	1950s			5 boxes ticked = 0 marks
		2 years 10 years ✓				✓		
			soft harder					
				threads	different shapes			
				biodegradable	non- biodegradeable	✓		
					Total		6	

Qı	uesti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
3	а		stop flexible	1	BOTH words correct for 1 mark
	b	i	Usha (1)	1	if answer line is blank allow Usha indicated on picture more than one name = 0 marks
		ii	Anna (1)	1	if answer line is blank allow Anna indicated on picture more than one name = 0 marks
		iii	Josh (1)	1	if answer line is blank allow Josh indicated on picture more than one name = 0 marks
			Total	4	
4	а		Ionising radiation can damage (1)	2	1 mark for each correct tick if 3 ticks deduct 1 mark 4 ticks=0 marks
	b	i	Iris	2	1 mark for each correct tick if 3 ticks deduct 1 mark 4 ticks=0 marks

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(Ques	stio	n	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
4	b	2	ii		1	1 mark for correct tick more than 1 tick = 0 marks
			iii	Omar	1	1 mark for correct tick more than 1 tick = 0 marks
				Total	6	

Qu	Question		Ex	pected Ar	nswers		Marks	Rationale
5	а		I	Professor I Professor I	Rankin [✓ (1)	1	1 mark for correct tick more than 1 tick = 0 marks
	b		statement Prof. Prof. Both		3	one mark per correct tick or other clear indication of choice one tick only per row		
			Rain came in			✓		
			Warm air can	✓				
			Rivers are		✓			
	С		electromagnetic (1) absorbed (1) carbon dioxide (1) fossil fuels (1)					one mark for each correct answer
				Total			8	

Qι	uesti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
6	а		food (1) oxygen (1)	2	1 mark for each correct tick if 3 ticks deduct 1 mark 4 ticks = 0 marks
	b		taking regular exercise (1)	1	1 mark for correct tick more than 1 tick = 0 marks
	С	i	Peru (1)	1	if answer line is blank allow Peru indicated on graph more than one country named = 0 marks
		ii	The more fat (1)	1	1 mark for correct tick more than 1 tick = 0 marks

Q	uesti	ion	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
6	d		large numbers of people (1) peer reviewed (1)	2	1 mark for each correct tick if 3 ticks deduct 1 mark 4 ticks = 0 marks
			Total	7	
7	а		2 (1)	1	1 mark for correct number
-					more than one number = 0 marks
	b		B A D C	2	A (anywhere) before D = 1 mark D (anywhere) before C = 1 mark
	С		Some partly Always finish	1	correct line scores one mark more than one line scores 0 marks
			Total	4	

Qı	Question		Expected Answers		Rationale
8	а		Julian (1)	1	if answer line is blank allow Julian indicated on picture more than one name = 0 marks
	b		healthysafety only test for both	2	1 mark for each correct line more than one line from 'type of trial' box, no mark for that box
			Total	3	

A212/02 Modules B2, C2, P2 Higher Tier

Qı	uesti	on	Expected Answers	Mark	Rationale
1	а	i	To make sure the tests were reliable (1)	1	1 mark for correct tick more than 1 tick = 0 marks
	b	i	95 (1)	1	allow 95 written near question if more than one reading is circled 0 marks
		ii	68 (1)	1	if answer line is blank look in bottom right hand box in table
		iii	The ranges of readings There is a significant difference	1	both ticks correct for 1 mark more than 2 ticks = 0 marks

Question	Exp	ected Answers	Mark	Rationale
С	cotton plants over 500 years 2 years soft threads biodegradable	nylon crude oil 1950s 10 years harder different shapes non-biodegradeable	2	3 correct boxes ticked = 2 marks 1 or 2 correct boxes ticked = 1 mark If 4 boxes ticked deduct 1 mark 5 boxes ticked = 0 marks
		Total	6	

2	а	A (1)	1	allow heptane
				allow C ₇ H ₁₆
	b		1	both letters in correct order for 1 mark
		B		do not accept more than one letter on each side of the arrow.
				allow either or both as lower case letters
	С	products (1)	2	1 mark for each
		unchanged (1)		must be in correct order
		Total	4	

Qı	uesti	ion	Expected Answers	Mark	Rationale
3	а		Larger forces between particles (1)	1	1 mark for correct tick more than 1 tick = 0 marks
	b		Crosslinks hold the polymer chains Polymer chains cannot break away	1	both ticks correct for 1 mark more than 2 ticks = 0 marks
	С	i	Ben Usha (1)	1	both names in either order required for 1 mark
		ii	Josh (1)	1	more than 1 name given = 0 marks
			Total	4	

Qı	uesti	on	Expected Answers	Mark	Rationale
4	а		Ionising radiation can damage ✓ (1) Ultraviolet radiation is ionising ✓ (1)	2	1 mark for each correct tick if 3 ticks deduct 1 mark 4 ticks=0 marks
	b	i		1	1 mark for correct tick more than 1 tick = 0 marks
		=	☐ Omar	2	1 mark for each correct tick if 3 ticks deduct 1 mark 4 or 5 ticks = 0 marks

Qu	esti	on	Expected Answers	Mark	Rationale
4	b	iii	Omar (1)	1	1 mark for correct tick more than 1 tick = 0 marks
		iv	Iris ✓ □ □ □ □ Shaun ✓	1	both ticks in correct boxes for 1 mark more than 2 ticks = 0 marks
			Total	7	

Qι	Question		Expected Answers						Rationale
5	а		statement	Prof. Mor	Prof. Rank	both	neither	3	all four rows correct = 3 marks three rows correct = 2 marks
			Global				✓		two rows correct = 1 mark one row correct = 0 marks
			The wet				✓		more than 1 tick in any row is incorrect
			The flood			✓			
			There is		✓				
	b							2	one mark for each correct row
			evidence	suppo M	rts prov	1 ne	either		more than 1 tick in any row is incorrect
			A positive	. ✓					
			Global		~	/			
	С		more wa					2	1 mark for each correct tick if 3 ticks deduct 1 mark 4 or 5 ticks = 0 marks
			Total					8	

Qı	uesti	on	Expected Answers	Mark	Rationale
6	а	i	(coronary) artery / arteries (1)	1	any other named artery is wrong, e.g. pulmonary artery, aorta
		ii	Peru (1)	1	if answer line is blank allow Peru indicated on graph
					more than one country named = 0
		iii		1	1 mark for correct tick
					more than 1 tick = 0 marks
			The more fat ✓ (1)		
		iv		1	both ticks correct for 1 mark
					more than 2 ticks = 0 marks
			Some other factor		
			how eating animal fat		
		V	statement 2 in 1st box (1)	2	1 mark for each correct answer
			statement 3 in 2nd box (1)		allow number circled or any other clear indication of choice
					more than one indication of choice in any box = 0 for that box

Question	Expected Answers		Rationale
6 b	large numbers of people (1) peer reviewed (1)	2	1 mark for each correct tick if 3 ticks deduct 1 mark 4 ticks=0 marks
	Total	8	

7	а	i	mutations (1)	1	accept mutate
		ii	Only use Resistant	1	more than one line drawn = 0 marks
	b)	140 (1)	1	
			Total	3	

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Qı	uestion	Expected Answers	Mark	Rationale
8	а	Since	1	both ticks in correct boxes for 1 mark more than 2 ticks = 0 marks
		a high percentage ✓		
		this		
		reduces susceptible		
8	b	Influenza viruses change ✓	1	both ticks in correct boxes for 1 mark more than 2 ticks = 0 marks
		A different antibody		

Qı	uesti	on	Expected Answers	Mark	Rationale
8	С		Give a placebo Don't let the scientists ✓ Don't tell the volunteers ✓	1	all three ticks in the correct boxes for 1 mark more than 3 ticks = 0 marks
			Total	3	

A213/01 Modules B3, C3, P3 Foundation Tier

Qι	uesti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
1	а		60% (1)	1	allow tick, underline or other unambiguous choice
	b		(1)	1	allow any unambiguous choice of the top diagram more than one tick loses the mark
	С	i		1	one tick only allow any unambiguous indication of Milan, eg. X more than one tick loses the mark
		ii	Penny (1)	1	one tick only allow any unambiguous indication of Penny, eg. X more than one tick loses the mark

Qı	ıesti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
1	С	iii	Milan ✓ (1) □ Richard ✓ (1)	2	two correct ticks = 2 marks deduct one mark for each additional tick above two candidate cannot score less than 0 marks
			Total	6	
2	а		C B D A	1	all correct required for the mark
	b	i	Katy Jon Liz ✓ ✓ □	1	row must be completely correct for the mark
		ii	Katy Jon Liz	1	row must be completely correct for the mark
		iii	Katy Jon Liz	1	row must be completely correct for the mark
			Total	4	

Qı	Question		Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
3	а		alpha; gamma; beta;		all three correct: = 2 marks one or two correct = 1 mark no credit given for any word if it is used more than once
	b		Following official regulations ✓ (1) The benefits from the use ✓ (1)		one mark per tick (or clear unambiguous indication of choice) deduct one mark for each additional tick above two candidate cannot score less than 0 marks
			Total	4	

Qı	uesti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
4	а		give a be taste. sweeteners Flavourings give a be taste. of harmf microorgan beans as sauce sepa	ul isms.	all three lines correct = 2 marks 1 or 2 lines correct = 1 mark more than one line from one left hand box, maximum 1 mark more than one line from two or more left hand boxes = 0 marks
	b		carbohydrates proteins ne	ither 3	all four rows correct = 3 marks 3 rows correct = 2 marks 1 or 2 rows correct = 1 mark
			Total	5	

Qı	Question		Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
5	а	i	5% (1)	1	allow tick, underline or other unambiguous choice
			any two from: fat; salt; sugar;		any order – two required for the mark ignore mis-spelling if meaning is clear accept glucose but not fructose for sugar
	b		People who do not exercise (1) Obesity is a risk factor (1)	2	1 mark for each correct answer deduct one mark for each additional tick above two candidate cannot score less than 0 marks
	С		The cells do not respond to insulin. (1)		1 mark for each correct answer deduct one mark for each additional tick above two candidate cannot score less than 0 marks
			Total	5	

Qι	uesti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
6	а	-	It may cause cancer in humans. (1)	1	allow underline or other unambiguous choice
		ii	Eat a balanced diet (1)	1	allow underline or other unambiguous choice
	b		aflatoxins pesticides crop is farmed crop is stored toxins starch is the crop plant		all three links correct = 2 marks one or two links correct = 1 mark ignore any box on the left hand side with more than one line coming from it
			Total	4	

Qı	uesti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
7	а		3500 (1) copy (1) simple (1)	3	
	b		DNA (1) fossils (1)	2	mark for each correct answer allow underline or other unambiguous choice deduct one mark for each additional tick above two candidate cannot score less than 0 marks
	С		variable selection individuals better suited pigeon individuals with certain selective breeding individuals are chosen	2	one mark for left hand lines correct one mark for right hand lines correct ignore any line from variable selection to a description
			Total	7	

Qu	Question		Expected Answers		Rationale	
8	а		competition (1)		Ignore misspelling if meaning is clear. Allow 'compete' or any word derived from compete	
	b		parasitic wasp linked to British ladybird only; arrow pointing towards the parasitic wasp;		both points needed for mark allow "wasp" or "parasitic" for parasitic wasp	
		ii	decrease (1)	1		
		iii	increase (1)	1		
			Total	4		

9	а	2 and 3 (1)	1	both required
				any order
				no other numbers present
	b	4 (1)	2	one mark for each correct response, any order
		6 (1)		deduct one mark for each additional number above two
				candidate cannot score less than 0 marks
		Total	3	

A213/02 Modules B3, C3, P3 Higher Tier

Qι	Question		Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
1	а	i	A F E D C	3	B correct in both lower boxes = 1 mark. AF in first two boxes = 1 mark EDC in next 3 boxes = 1 mark
		=	 more than 50% efficient. ✓ the environment warmer. ✓ produces electrical energy. 	2	3 correct = 2 marks 2 correct = 1 mark 0 or 1 correct = 0 marks deduct one mark for each additional tick above three candidate cannot score less than 0 marks
	b	i	95% (1)	1	
		ii	Milan ✓ Penny ✓	1	both correct and no other choices for mark
			Total	7	

Qı	uesti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
2	а		C B D A	1	all correct required for the mark
	b	i	Katy Jon Liz ✓	1	row must be completely correct for the mark
		ii	Katy Jon Liz	1	row must be completely correct for the mark
		iii	Katy Jon Liz	1	row must be completely correct for the mark
			Total	4	
3	а		alpha gamma peta	1	all three words correct for the mark
	b		O (1) C and E (1)	1	both, in either order, for the mark
		11	Total	3	Dour, in cities order, for the mark

Question	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
4 a	People who do not exercise (1) Obesity is a risk factor (1)	2	1 mark for each correct answer deduct one mark for each additional tick above two candidate cannot score less than 0 marks
b	The cells do not respond to insulin. (1) The pancreas does not make (1)	2	1 mark for each correct answer deduct one mark for each additional tick above two candidate cannot score less than 0 marks
С	true false They are more likely They are certain ✓ They can reduce They are more likely ✓	1	all correct required for the mark
	Total	5	

Qı	uesti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
5	а		The benefit of a balanced (1)	1	no extra ticks allowed
	b		aflatoxins crop is farmed crop is stored toxins starch is the crop plant	2	all three links correct = 2 marks one or two links correct = 1 mark ignore any box on the left with more than one line coming from it
			Total	3	

Qı	Question		Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
6	а	i	He puts manure on the fields. (1) He grows different crops (1)	2	1 mark for each correct answer deduct one mark for each additional tick above two candidate cannot score less than 0 marks
		ii	Crops that oxygen bacteria infertile. nitrogen lost when dead	2	links in and out of bottom box in 2nd column = 1 mark links in and out of top box in 3rd column = 1 mark

Qı	ıesti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
6	b		There may be food shortages (1) Artificial fertilizers give higher (1)	2	1 mark for each correct answer deduct one mark for each additional tick above two candidate cannot score less than 0 marks
			Total	6	
_	1	ı	and a (thing (A)		I tong and the smaller of Manager to all and
′	а		competition (1)	1	ignore mis-spelling if meaning is clear allow 'compete' or any word derived from 'compete'
	b	i	parasitic wasp linked to British ladybird only;	1	both points needed for mark
			arrow pointing towards the parasitic wasp;		allow "wasp" or "parasitic" for parasitic wasp
			decrease (1)	1	
		iii	increase (1)	1	
			Total	4	
8	а		2, 3, 5 (1)	1	any order and no other numbers present
	b	i	2,4,6 or any two from these	1	any order
					no other numbers present
		L			any two of the correct numbers, or all 3, will gain this mark
		ii	4 (1)	1	
			Total	3	

Qı	uesti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
9	а		The percentage of males (1)	1	no extra ticks allowed
	b		Life on Earth started Fossils provide evidence Over a long period of time	2	all three correct plus two blanks = 2 marks two correct and at least two blanks = 1 mark four ticks, three correct, one incorrect =1 mark no other combination gets any marks N.B. if there are two correct ticks and a third (correct) choice has been crossed out, you do not count the third tick, because the candidate has made a final choice of two ticks only you would only mark crossed-out tick(s) if there are no other ticks present (point 6 in the Guidance for Examiners)
			Total	3	

Qı	Question		Expected Answers	Mark	Rationale
10	а		homeostasis (1)	1	ignore mis-spelling if meaning is clear
	b		stimulus effector response	1	no extra ticks allowed.
			an increase in sweat blood temperature glands sweating √ (1)		
	С		sensor / receptor (1)	1	ignore mis-spelling if meaning is clear do not allow sensory neurons
	d		rapid does not last 🗸 (1)	1	no extra ticks allowed
			Total	4	

A214/01 Ideas in Context Foundation Tier

Qı	uesti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
1	а		an illness is treated with a substance that causes similar symptoms to the illness (1)	1	ignore use the substance/illness that causes the illness
	b	i	5 (1)	1	
		ii	some of the 10 molecules may be in there / they have to go somewhere/ all doses are not the same/ may not be a typical dose (1)	1	ignore reference to not diluted / wrong dilution / doses wrong
	С	i	(solvent) retains the memory of the original substance (1) stimulates the body's own healing powers (1)	2	must be explanation and not a description
		ii	placebo effect or description (1) immune system or description (1)	2	placebo effect, eg. they think they will get better so they do ignore dummy pills accept any reference to immune system, eg. 'people get better anyway', 'natural processes'
	d	i	Stella (1)	1	
		ii	Ranjit (1)	1	
		iii	Jane (1)	1	
	е		to check for safety (1) to check for effectiveness / effective dose (1)	2	stage 3 mark is for checking for harm/side effects ignore to check if it will affect the patient stage 4 mark is for checking that it does actually work ignore any comments on side effects
	f		false hope / not getting treatment to tackle their illness / believe homeopathic medicine doesn't work / incorrect dilution could be toxic (1)	1	ignore there is no scientific evidence to support homeopathy / not scientifically proven
			Total	13	

Qı	Question		Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
2	а	i	it is toxic/poisonous / it combines with haemoglobin / less oxygen taken in (1)	1	allow because we cannot see it, smell it, taste it
		ii	30 minutes (1)	1	
	b		more cars/houses (producing CO in city) (1) buildings trap it / stop wind blowing it away (1) QWC: no more than one mis-spelling per 10 words (1)	3	accept reverse argument accept idea of more sources of CO in city minimum number of words for QWC mark is ten
	С	i	as the use of catalytic converters increased the carbon monoxide emissions decreased (1)	1	must be clear that as one goes up, other goes down ignore positive or negative correlation
		ii	any two from: the use of oil and gas for heating homes increased; burning oil or gas produces less CO than burning coal; the use of coal for heating homes decreased; greater use of electricity; use of alternative energy sources eg. solar panels, windmills; more gas fires are serviced regularly;	2	
	d			2	one mark for N ₂ molecule one mark for second CO ₂ molecule accept separated atoms for nitrogen reject wrong order for carbon dioxide molecule
	е	i	the risk (to health)is small/not realised by people (1) the benefit of using cars is large/easily recognised by people (1)	2	accept examples of (small) risk and (significant) benefit benefit outweighs risk = 2 marks

Qı	Question		Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
2	е	ii	any two from: people are not aware of the risk / people think that the risk is small / don't need to do it / forget to do it / don't care; servicing is expensive / people do not like to spend the money; they cannot see or smell the gas / have carbon monoxide alarm (1)	2	ignore do not use fire very often
			Total	14	
3	а		loss of concentration / headaches / fatigue / feel sick / memory problems / cancer / ill (1)	1	
	b	i	0.2 W × 10 (1) answer = 2 W (1)	2	2 = 2 marks
		ii	positive point about mobile phones eg. can be switched off / only affect the user / communicate with home or friends / other uses of mobile phones such as camera, games, internet access etc (1) negative point about school network eg. continuous exposure / lack of choice about it being switched on / affects everyone / limited access to games etc (1)	2	
	С	i	answers should show that anecdotal evidence is not	1	eg. 'only one person', 'only him saying it'

example of one of these is acceptable eg. have hidden wireless unit

for large samples, must state or imply large numbers, not just 'more'

enough ie. more than just opinion (1)

any appropriate method of scientific enquiry, eg. balanced groups, (double-) blind tests, large samples

(Question		Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
3	С	iii	one mark for factor and outcome (1) one mark for stating the expected correlation (1)	2	do not allow factor and outcome reversed if there is a causal link for non-causal correlation eg. ice cream sales and incidence of hay-fever, they can be either way round direction of correlation should be indicated for second mark if factor and outcome line implies correlation then 2 marks eg. 'using car' 'more pollution'
	d	i	attempts to calculate 5/114 × 100 (1) = 4.4% (4.386%) (1)	2	4.4 or 4.386 only = 2 marks
		ii	experts eg. scientists read the article (1) decide if it seems acceptable (1)	2	second mark is for understanding the word 'review'
			Total	13	

A214/02 Ideas in Context Higher Tier

Q	Question		Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
1	а	i	Ranjit (1)	1	
		ii	Jane (1)	1	
	b		identify shortcoming: sample too small / not blind trial / uncontrolled / sample not balanced/representative/typical cross- section (1) overcoming shortcoming (must increase reliability): blind-trial / double-blind trial / control / large sample / more representative selection of variety of age/gender/regional origin etc (1)	2	first mark is for recognising the shortcoming of the data sample, second mark for how to improve the study (may not be linked) cannot infer shortcoming from suggestion, eg. 'use a larger sample' = 2 nd mark only ignore any reference to 'fair test'
	С		0 because final dilution of 0.2 is still unlikely to have any molecules in a sample / owtte (1)	1	accept 0.2 still closer to 0 than 1 so greater chance of 0 than 1 cannot have a fraction so reject 0.2 by itself explanation involving probability of 0.2 is essential for the mark reject 2 x 0 = 0 by itself
	d	i	to check for safety (1) to check for effectiveness/effective dose (1)	2	stage 3 mark is for checking for harm/side effects ignore 'check if it will affect the patient' as direction of effect not given stage 4 mark is for checking that it does actually work ignore any comment on side effects here
		ii	data that can be replicated/repeated/confirmed (1)	1	'If you do it again, you get similar data' must state/imply reference to data
		iii	other scientists repeat tests (1)	1	allow explanation of peer review, eg. 'more than one scientist has looked at it'
		iv	side-effects less serious than the disease (1) benefit assessed / side-effects assessed (1)	2	'benefit outweighs risk' is this first mark 'may get better', 'will cure the disease' eg. side-effects not serious/will eventually go / may take a low dose to minimise side effects / may treat side effects with other medicines second mark is additional detail on benefit or risk may give concrete example
	е		placebo cannot cure disease (1)	2	
			idea of unethical/unfair to patients (1)		eg. gives false hope, conventional treatments could cure them
			Total	13	

Qı	uestio	on Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
2	а	CO binds with <u>haemoglobin</u> which impedes <u>oxygen</u> transport (1)	1	must answer in terms of haemoglobin and oxygen transport accept O or O ₂
	b	any two from: electric cars do not release waste gas/carbon monoxide; power stations release less waste gas/carbon monoxide than cars; electricity can be produced by methods (eg. wind, nuclear) not producing CO at all;	2	
	С	i in a CAT, carbon monoxide reacts with nitrogen oxide (1) producing carbon dioxide and nitrogen (1)	2	or 2CO + 2NO (1) \rightarrow 2CO ₂ + N ₂ (1) (balancing not necessary) not 'less CO' – must have chemical mechanism
		ii any two from: use of oil and gas for heating homes increased; burning oil or gas produces less CO than burning coal; the use of coal for heating homes decreased; greater use of electricity; use of alternative energy sources (eg. solar panels, windmills); more gas fires are serviced regularly;	2	
	d		2	one mark for each correct molecule: no gaps between atoms in a molecule need not be linear but two Os must not touch NOT NOR
	е	 the risk (to health) is small/not realised by people (1) the benefit (of using cars) is large/easily recognised by people (1) 	2	'benefit outweighs risk' = 2 marks accept examples of (small) risk and (significant) benefit
		the probability of this happening is low (1) the consequence is so dreadful that it must be avoided (1)	2	'would be dangerous'/ 'could kill you'
		Total	13	

Qı	uesti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale			
3	а	i	anecdotal evidence is not enough, ie. need more than just an opinion (1)	1	eg. 'only one person', 'only him saying it', 'just perceived risk'			
		ii	any appropriate method of scientific enquiry, eg. groups with similar composition sex/age/etc / blind tests / large samples	1	example of one of these is acceptable, eg. have hidden wireless unit for 'large samples' mark must state/imply large numbers, not just 'more'			
		iii	one mark for factor and outcome (1) one mark for stating the expected correlation (1)	2	do not allow factor and outcome reversed if there is a causal link for a non-causal correlation eg. ice cream sales and incidence of hayfever, they can be either way round direction of correlation should be indicated for second mark if factor and outcome line implies the correlation then 2 marks, eg. 'using car''more pollution'			
	b		correlation: changes in factor are associated with changes in the outcome / there is a link/pattern between factor and outcome (1) cause: the change in the outcome is due to/caused by changes in the factor / there is a clear mechanism connecting the two (1) QWC – no more than 1 mis-spelling per 10 words (1)	3	accept answers in terms of concrete examples do not award QWC if less than 10 words			
	С		clearly compares the powers of the phone mast and the phone (1) explains the greater effect of mobile phone in terms of far greater proximity to user (1)	2	watch for use of wrong data – figures are 100 W and 2 W or can relate to time near phone/mast			

Q	uesti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
3	d		correctly calculates both percentages (1) recognises that the percentages/fractions/ratios are very similar (1)	2	first mark needs 2/44 = 4.5 % and 5/114 = 4.4 % (allow 4.3%) and the conclusion 'Yes' alone = 0 correct percentage calculations + 'Yes' = 2 second mark is for a correct and clear comparison of percentages or ratios or fractions allow ecf from first part – if 5/144 instead of 5/114, then percentages will be 3.5% and 4.5%, in which case allow either 'yes' or 'no' for judgement of similarity if calculations are wrong, then allow ecf judgement – 'yes' if one number is not more than double the other watch out for 44/2 = 22 and 114/5 = 22.8 with no explanation of what they mean: this is not comparing a ratio so does not get the second mark
	е		any three from: used (double-)blind trials; explanation of double-blind trials; large samples; long term study; some funding from government; balanced sample (radiosensitive/non-radiosensitive); peer review will have taken place before publication;	3	can describe blind trial for first mark explanation of double-blind trial is needed for a second mark if a mark has been given for 'blind trial' already, eg. 'nobody knows whether the microwaves are on or not'
			Total	14	

Grade Thresholds

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Unit Threshold Marks

Uı	nit	Maximum Mark	A *	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	U
A211/01	Raw	42	N/A	N/A	N/A	30	25	21	17	13	0
A211/01	UMS	34	N/A	N/A	N/A	30	25	20	15	10	0
A211/02	Raw	42	33	28	23	19	15	13	N/A	N/A	0
A211/02	UMS	50	45	40	35	30	25	23	N/A	N/A	0
A212/01	Raw	42	N/A	N/A	N/A	33	28	24	20	16	0
AZ 12/01	UMS	34	N/A	N/A	N/A	30	25	20	15	10	0
A212/02	Raw	42	34	29	24	20	16	14	N/A	N/A	0
AZ 12/02	UMS	50	45	40	35	30	25	23	N/A	N/A	0
A213/01	Raw	42	N/A	N/A	N/A	28	24	21	18	15	0
A213/01	UMS	34	N/A	N/A	N/A	30	25	20	15	10	0
A213/02	Raw	42	33	28	23	19	15	13	N/A	N/A	0
AZ 13/02	UMS	50	45	40	35	30	25	23	N/A	N/A	0
A214/01	Raw	40	N/A	N/A	N/A	24	20	16	12	8	0
A214/01	UMS	34	N/A	N/A	N/A	30	25	20	15	10	0
A214/02	Raw	40	27	22	17	13	10	8	N/A	N/A	0
AZ 14/UZ	UMS	50	45	40	35	30	25	23	N/A	N/A	0
A 240	Raw	40	33	30	26	23	19	15	12	9	0
A219	UMS	100	90	80	70	60	50	40	30	20	0

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	Maximum Mark	A *	Α	В	С	D	Е	F	G	U
J630	300	270	240	210	180	150	120	90	60	0

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

	A *	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	U	Total No. of Cands
J630	3.7	15.4	36.8	64.2	81.5	92.1	97.6	99.7	100	107 803

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