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Guidance for Examiners

Additional Guidance 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:

/ = 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

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

work done = 0 marks work done lifting = 1 mark

change in potential energy = 0 marks gravitational potential energy = 1 mark

5. Annotations:

The following annotations are available on SCORIS.

= correct response= incorrect responsebod = benefit of the doubt

nbod = benefit of the doubt **not** given

ECF = error carried forward

- information omitted

I = ignore R = reject

- 6. If a candidate alters his/her response, examiners should accept the alteration.
- 7. 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.	Put ticks (✓) in the two correct boxes.	Put ticks (✓) in the two correct boxes.
		*
		ug è
\checkmark	*	✓
₹	≱	✓
This would be	This would be	This would be
worth 0 marks.	worth one mark.	worth one mark.

8. 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.

9. 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

Qı	estion	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
1	а	unspecialised (1) specialised (1) genes (1) disorders (1)	[4]	accept any other clear indication of correct choice
	b	any three from for someone suffering from disorder/disease/injury; example of a disease/disorder/injury; against embryo is a living human; embryos are destroyed/aborted/miscarried; Unnatural; wrong in itself; against God/religious reasons;	[3]	maximum two marks for each of 'for' and 'against' accept 'curing' 'living' can be implied eg embryo is human but not just human embryo 'play God' = religious reasons ignore references to animal testing.
	С	genetically identical cells or organisms (1)	[1]	tick in any other box = 0 marks
		Total	[8]	

Qι	ıesti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
2	a		description Parents can be carriers of PKU. in a similar way to cystic fibrosis. caused by a recessive allele.	[2]	choice of only top description box = 1 mark both top and bottom "explanation" boxes selected = 1 mark no extra boxes allowed
	b		a protein (1)	[1]	tick in any other box = 0 marks
	С	i	2 1	[1]	accept 'two' accept 'one' or 'a' both required in correct order for the mark

Qι	ıesti	on	Expe	cted Answ	ers		Marks	Additional Guidance
2	С	ii	male female	ex chromo (X) Y	′		[1]	no extra letters
	d		tests carry risk of abort religious objections / parents may not know to cost (1)		disorder all	leles /	[1]	accept risk/harm/damage to (unborn) baby/losing the baby do not accept 'dangerous to baby' do not accept 'parents not wanting the test' reject 'too soon to tell'
				Total			[6]	
3	а	i					[1]	black circle must touch both open circles the open circles must not touch each other allow non linear shape if atoms labelled with correct names or C and O give mark
		ii	any two from: plants/trees; by photosynthesis/mak water/(acid) rain water/ dissolve/react/absorb;				[2]	dissolve/react/absorb only allowed if linked to water/rain
			alocott of rodou about b,					water/oceans/sea(s)
	b	i					[3]	mark each row independently
			statement	Jane Jordan	Mike Morris	both of them		1 mark for each correct row
			Coal should not		✓			
			the atmosphere.			✓		
			can be trapped.	✓				

	Question		on	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
	3	b	ij	any two from:	[2]	
				<u>less</u> fuel burned;		
				for same amount of energy;		
				less CO ₂ produced;		do not allow 'less pollution' alone - CO ₂ should be mentioned for
L						mark
L				Total	[8]	
_					1	
	4	а			[1]	tick in any other box = 0 marks
				to reduce the pollution squard by some (4)		
				to reduce the pollution caused by cars 🗸 (1)		
T		b	i		[1]	tick in any other box = 0 marks
				It is very different ✓ (1)		
\vdash			ii	202 to 206 (1)	[1]	allow numbers in reverse order
				(-)		both numbers must be given
T			iii	204 (1)	[1]	

Qu	esti	ion Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
4	C	because these factors change 🗸 (1)	[1]	tick in any other box = 0 marks
	d	It is a poisonous gas. ✓ (1)	[1]	
		Total	[6]	
5	а	In March 2008, the Cassini Instruments on Cassini detected The instruments also detected	[2]	three correct ticks and two blanks = 2 marks two correct ticks and at least two blanks = 1 mark one correct tick only = 0 If 4 ticks deduct 1 mark All 5 boxes ticked = 0

Qı	uesti	ion	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
5	b	i	Professor Cameron Doctor Fraser	[1]	two correct ticks and two blanks = 1 mark
5	b	ii	Professor Cameron (1)	[1]	tick in any other box = 0 marks
		iii	Doctor Rogers (1)	[1]	tick in any other box = 0 marks
			Total	[5]	

Qu	esti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
6	а		radioactive waste <a>(1)	[1]	tick in any other box = 0 marks
	b		claim Charles William both neither Lyell Buckland	[4]	one mark for each correct row
			The Earth		
			Some rocks		
			The valleys		
			The rocks		
			Total	[5]	

Question	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
7	any four from: low probability of large asteroids colliding (1) because they are more likely to hit another planet (1) consequences very severe (1) local effects eg shock wave, explosive impact (1) impact in ocean - tsunami (1) impact on land - global effects eg forest fires, dust clouds, earthquakes, volcanoes, craters (1) global consequences, eg block out Sun (1) idea of (cooler) climate change (1) ldea of extinction (1) risk = probability x consequences (1)	[4]	
	Total	[4]	

A211/02 Modules B1, C1, P1 Higher Tier

Qu	Question		Expected Answers		Additional Guidance
1	1 a		non-specialised/unspecialised /undifferentiated/pluripotent (1) specialised/differentiated (1)		accept 'cells without a job'
	b		donor skin patient patient	[2]	all three boxes correct = 2 marks two boxes correct = 1 mark
	С		any three from: expensive (1) not yet successful (1) unknown risks/reference to potential danger (1) reduces concentration on other possible treatments/cures (1)	[3]	marks are for arguments one argument and further detail can gain 2 marks for one argument
			Total	[7]	

Qι	Question		Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
2	а		description Parents can be carriers of PKU. in a similar way to cystic fibrosis. caused by a recessive allele.	[2]	choice of only top description box = 1 mark any line from the top left box indicates the candidate's choice then look at the right hand boxes to award second mark both top and bottom 'explanation' boxes selected = 1 mark no extra boxes allowed
	b		a protein (1)	[1]	tick in any other box = 0 marks
	С		2 1	[1]	accept 'two' accept 'one' or 'a' both required in correct order for the mark

Qı	uesti	ion	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
2	d	who insurers/employers why may need to pay out too much in event of illness etc/may miss a lot of work or work below standard		[1]	allow any reasonable identifiable group or organisation who may discriminate eg landlord, mortgage lender, potential spouse, business partner, combined with the justification of the discrimination do not credit justifications based on faulty science, eg 'I may catch their genetic disease' need both 'who' and correctly matched 'why' for the mark
			Total	[5]	
3		X, Y (1) Y, testes (1)			X or Y in either order 'female' or 'male' are not accepted here accept 'SRY' accept 'male sex organs'
			Total	[2]	
4	а			[2]	one mark for any correctly drawn carbon monoxide molecule (one white circle and one black circle touching) 1 mark for balancing eg must have 2 carbon atoms in left hand box and 2 carbon and 2 oxygen atoms in the right hand box balancing mark should be awarded independently
	b	i	claim Jane Jordan Mike Morris both of them of them Air quality ✓ Small-scale ✓ Nuclear fuel ✓	[3]	one mark for each correct row more than one tick in a row scores 0 marks

Qı	Question		Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
4	b	ii	More electricity is made for each ✓ (1)	[1]	tick in any other box = 0 marks
	С		any two from: sulfur atoms are in coal (1) idea that combustion of sulfur produces sulfur dioxide (1) idea of removing sulfur before burning (1) burn/use fuel with lower sulfur content (1) idea of removing sulfur dioxide from flue gas/scrubbing flue gas (1) qualification of any point eg use of calcium oxide/alkali/production of gypsum (1)	[2]	ignore any reference to alternative energy ignore any reference to catalytic converters this mark is for the comparison of sulfur content
			Total	[8]	

Qι	esti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
5	а	i	It is very different from the other values. (1)	[1]	tick in any other box = 0 marks
		ii	202 to 206 (1)	[1]	allow numbers in reverse order both numbers must be given
		iii	204 (1)	[1]	accept any clear indication of this choice
	b		because these factors change the (1)	[1]	tick in any other box = 0 marks
	O		no real difference (1) ranges overlap / mean of first set of values within range of second set / mean of second set of values within range of first set (1)	[2]	
			Total	[6]	

Qı	estion	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
6		any four from: low probability of large asteroids colliding (1) because they are more likely to hit another planet (1) consequences very severe (1) local effects eg shock wave, explosive impact (1) impact in ocean - tsunami (1) impact on land - global effects eg forest fires, dust clouds, earthquakes, volcanoes, craters (1) global consequences, eg block out Sun (1) idea of (cooler) climate change (1) ldea of extinction (1) risk = probability x consequences (1)	[4]	
		Total	[4]	
7	а	Apart from the Sun, the nearest	[1]	both ticks needed for one mark
	b i	Professor Cameron ✓ Doctor Fraser ✓	[1]	both ticks needed for one mark

Qı	uesti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
7	b	ii	Professor Cameron (1)	[1]	Tick in any other box = 0
	С		The patterns in Saturn's Saturn's moon, Phoebe, is The winds in the Saturn's moon, Titan, is The rings of Saturn have It has a dense, coloured The winds in the It may have come from a	[3]	four correct = 3 marks three correct = 2 marks two or one correct = 1 mark ignore any left-hand box with more than one line drawn from it
			Total	[6]	

Qı	uestio	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
8	а	No other scientist had made similar ✓ (1) Catastrophism explained many ✓ (1)	[2]	
	b	Seafloor spreading moves continents (1) Rocks show that the Earth's magnetic (1)	[2]	
		Total	[4]	

A212/01 Modules B2, C2, P2 Foundation Tier

	Question		Expected Answers				Marks	Additional Guidance
1	а		cotton nylon PVC wool	from living plants	from living animals	synthetic materials	[3]	all four lines correct = 3 marks three lines correct = 2 marks two lines correct = 1 mark more than one tick on any one line negates that line
	b	i	wool (1)				[1]	more than one answer = 0 marks
		ii	comfor	table and abs	sorbs sweat.		[1]	more than one box ticked = 0 marks
		III	absorbs	s very little wa	ater.		[1]	more than one box ticked = 0 marks
					Total		[6]	

C	Question		Expected Answers		Additional Guidance
2	а	i	5.8 (m) (1)	[1]	
		ii	true false The record doubled The record increased ✓ The biggest increase ✓ The record improved	[2]	all four correct = 2 marks three or two correct = 1 mark one correct = 0 more than one tick on any one line negates that line
	b	i	any three from: make results reliable; check for/identify outliers; re-do/eliminate any outliers; find a mean/average/best estimate (of true value);	[3]	ignore accuracy/fair test/ get the right results/get the correct answer accept wrong reading/odd result/faulty /anomalous result ignore so they do not make a mistake/get a different result
	ii		any two from: errors in reading measurements / errors in measuring; force/weight not in middle of pole; position of supports changes; pole may not return to original position when force removed/pole does not go back;	[2]	ignore reference to time /speed of settling ignore human error on its own accept force/weight not in the same place
			Total	[8]	

	Questi	ion	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
3	а		infrared B (1) ultraviolet C (1)	[2]	
	b*		an ionising radiation. (1) (1) more energy than light photons. (1)	[2]	one mark for each correct tick three boxes ticked deduct one mark four boxes ticked = 0 marks
	С		any two from: wear mask/eye protections/goggles; regular eye checks; safety regulations about use of arc welding; inspect workplace to ensure safe practice; reference to idea of not working for too long taking regular breaks/AW;	[2]	ignore wear gloves /safety equipment/right equipment
			Total	[6]	

	Question		Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
4	а	i	C (1)	[1]	
		ij	A, B (1)	[1]	both needed in either order for one mark
		iii	C (1)	[1]	
	b		Stop burning forests (1) Cut back on the use of fossil (1)	[2]	one mark for each correct tick three ticks deduct one mark four or five ticks = 0 marks
			Total	[5]	

(Questi	ion	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
5	а		Some low-lying lands ✓ Some crops will no longer ✓	[1]	both ticks needed for one mark tick in any other box = 0 marks
	b		link/connection/relationship between CO ₂ and temperature OR between carbon dioxide and global warming (1) (explaining correlation) eg both go up (together) (1)	[2]	answer must relate to a link not a cause
			Total	[3]	
6	а		skin (1) stomach acid (1)	[2]	one mark for each correct barrier circled three barriers circled deduct one mark four barriers circled = 0 marks
	b		reproduce rapidly (1) damage cells (1)	[2]	one mark for each correct tick three ticks deduct one mark four or five ticks = 0 marks
			Total	[4]	

(Question	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
7	а	the chance of heart disease. 🗸 (1)	[1]	more than one box ticked = 0 marks
	b	peer reviewed journals (1) work has been verified/proved/repeated/checked by other scientists/experts (working in the same area) (1)	[2]	mark independently
		Total	[3]	
_				
8	а	small number of disease more red blood cells produced already had the disease white blood cells present before a dose of antibiotics	[2]	one mark for each correct line any other lines between sections = 0 marks for that section
		dead disease-causing make antibodies against		

	Question		Expected Answers					Marks	Additional Guidance
8	b		healthy with illness	safety only	effectiveness only	both	(1)	[2]	one mark for each correct line more than one tick in any line = 0 marks
	С	i	are not	killed by	/ antibiotics ✓] (1)		[1]	more than one box ticked = 0 marks
		ii	only take antil	a course piotics w nge the a	of antibiotics; hen necessary; antibiotic being u		n the	[2]	ignore reference to stronger antibiotic accept AW eg stop taking too many antibiotics/do not use for a cold/do not use all the time accept use a different antibiotic
					Total			[7]	

A212/02 Modules B2, C2, P2 Higher Tier

C	Quest	ion	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
1	а		cotton insulation strength towel PVC stretch absorb	[3]	mark each line from clothing to fibre to property one mark for each correct line across ignore any line from PVC to a property
	b	i	D (1)	[1]	
		ii	It reduces the attraction (1)	[1]	
	С		made from crude oil. high energy requirement will not rot can be broken down ✓	[2]	all four rows correct = 2 marks three or two rows correct = 1 mark one or zero rows correct = 0 marks
			Total	[7]	

	Quest	ion	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
2	а		The most rapid increase (1) The average increase (1)	[2]	one mark for each correct tick three boxes ticked deduct 1 mark four boxes ticked = 0 marks
	b	i*	any three from: make results reliable; check for/identify outliers; re-do/eliminate any outliers; find a mean/average/best estimate (of true value);	[3]	ignore accuracy/fair test/get the right results/get the correct answer accept wrong reading/odd result/faulty/anomalous result ignore so they do not make a mistake/get a different result
		ii	errors in reading measurements / errors in measuring / force/weight not in middle of pole / position of supports changes / pole may not return to original position when force removed/pole does not go back (1)	[1]	ignore reference to time/speed of settling ignore human error on its own accept force/weight not in the same place
2	С		The ranges overlap. There is not a real difference	[1]	one correct line = 1 mark more than one line = 0 marks
			Total	[7]	

(Questi	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
3	а		radio waves IR UV gamma rays	[1]	all correct = 1 mark allow words infrared ultra violet IR or UV written in wrong box = 0
	b*		an ionising radiation. (1) more energy than light photons. (1)	[2]	one mark for each correct tick three boxes ticked deduct one mark four boxes ticked = 0 marks
	С		As Low As Reasonably Achievable (1) plus any two from: reduces the (health) risk/increases safety; use of mask/protective clothing/PPE; limit time spent working; train workforce in safe practice; monitor/enforce safe practice; regular eye checks; screen arc from sight of all but welder;	[3]	one mark for each of up to two applications do not allow prevent/stop risks accept 'make sure people know what they are doing' for train workforce
			Total	[6]	

(Question		Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
4	а	i	A, B (1)	[1]	both answers in any order (and no others) needed for the mark
		ii	C (1)	[1]	
	b		Stop burning forests Cut back on the use of fossil (1)	[2]	one mark for each correct tick three ticks deduct one mark four or five ticks = 0 marks
			Total	[4]	

Question	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
5 a	Ada Siu Han Sea levels may rise a lot. Some areas will have The weather will be very Changes in sea ✓	[3]	all four lines correct = 3 marks three lines correct = 2 marks two lines correct = 1 mark more than one tick on any line makes that line incorrect
b	any two from: used data to show a correlation between CO ₂ levels and global warming/increasing temperature; data fluctuates wildly/shows large variation / readings from different places not comparable/vary / not possible to take enough readings to describe it all / a long time needed to process the data / other variables involved in rising CO ₂ levels; computer (models) used to process data / (computers) can try out very many years-worth of data in a short time;	[2]	do not allow correlation with human activity this mark is for difficulties handling the large amount of data produced by weather readings this mark is for explaining how difficulties were overcome
	Total	[5]	

Qı	uestio	n Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
6	а	any two from: skin; stomach acid; (chemicals in) sweat; (chemicals in) tears;	[2]	
	b	512 (1)	[1]	
		Total	[3]	

7	а	eating chocolate and or or or an increase in heart disease. or an increase in heart disease. or an increase in diabetes. or or age and or a decrease in heart disease.	[1]	one correct line = 1 mark more than one line drawn = 0 marks
	b	verified/checked/evaluated/repeated by other scientists (1) increases the reliability/spot mistakes/noticing fake data/removes possibility of bias reporting of results (1)	[2]	do not allow looked at/compared by other scientists
		Total	[3]	

(Quest	ion		Expect	ed Answers			Marks	Additional Guidance
8	а		small number of disease	moi	re red	already the dise		[2]	one mark for each correct line any other lines between sections = 0 marks for that section
			a dose of antibiotics	С	e blood cells troy	antiboo prese before	ent		
			dead disease- causing	— antil	make bodies inst	mid organis infectin	sms		
	b	i		safety only	effectiveness only	both		[2]	one mark for each correct line more than one tick in any line = 0 marks
			healthy	✓			(1)		
			with illness			✓	(1)		
		ii	(double blind me neither research who is receiving (placebos are ra it is unethical no gives false hope cannot cure ther	er/docto the drug rely use t to give	g/medicine un ed as:)	der tes		[2]	

	Question		Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
8	C		increased use of antibiotics random changes in genes	[1]	both ticks = 1 mark tick in any other box = 0 marks
			Total	[7]	

A213/01 Modules B3, C3, P3 Foundation Tier

Q	Question		Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
1	а		Marion ✓ (1) Rohit ✓ (1)	[2]	
	b		Rohit (1)	[1]	
	С		☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	[1]	
			Total	[4]	

Qı	uestio	n	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
2	а		A heat exchanger which boils a liquid into vapour The vapour goes into a turbine. A generator is turned to make electricity.	[2]	three links correct = 2 marks one or two links correct = 1 mark
	b	I	true false Nuclear power stations Coal power stations ✓ Using gas instead of coal Gas power stations ✓	[3]	ignore any rows with two ticks or with no ticks all rows correct = 3 marks three rows correct = 2 marks two rows correct = 1 mark one row correct = 0 marks

C	Question		Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
2	b	ii	details about building (1)	[1]	
			Total	[6]	
3	а		any two from: treatment of cancer; sterilising surgical instruments; sterilising food;	[2]	any other valid application for ionising radiation (including X-rays and UV) can be given eg gamma /CT scan, X-ray photo for broken bones 'describe' must have enough detail to infer the process involved
	b	i	appropriate job (eg worker at nuclear power station/reprocessing plant, hospital radiographer, or other job clearly involving radioactivity) stated or described (1)	[1]	allow 'nuclear' power station even if no job described likely job areas are: radiography, nuclear medicine, nuclear research/teaching, weapons research/manufacture, materials testing, tracers to find leaks/spread of material
		ii	statement of any one precautionary measure eg protective clothing, remote handling, regular monitoring of dose, not getting too close to sources (1) Total	[1]	

C	Question		Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
4	а		imagination (1) predictions (1)	[2]	must be in the order given
	b	i	Chickens evolved from dinosaurs. (1)	[1]	
		ii	Three proteins 🗸 (1)	[1]	
			Total	[4]	

Q	uestion	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
5	а	rapid environmental change (1) the arrival of a new disease (1)	[2]	two correct choices and two blanks = 2 marks one correct choice and at least two blanks = 1 mark no other combination gains any marks
	b	variation: links the term to differences in colour (1) selection: accept any indication of choice of black males by females (1) competition: two groups of males competing to mate with females (1) effect:	[4]	one mark for each point indicated accept ideas of mutation accept straight quote from article
		number of black squirrels increases (1)		accept grey squirrels die out
		Total	[6]	

Q	uestic	n	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
6	а		fast, short-lived responses slower, longer-lasting responses information transmitted by chemicals in the blood information transmitted by electrical impulses	[2]	4 correct lines = 2 marks 2 or 3 correct lines = 1 mark if more than 2 lines from either of the left-hand boxes no marks should be awarded
	b		receptor leg muscle coordinator cells in his eye effector brain and spinal cord	[2]	all three links correct = 2 marks one or two links correct = 1 mark if either left-hand box has more than one link coming from it ignore all links from that box
			Total	[4]	

Q	Question		Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
7	а	i	Chris and Jack (1)	[1]	both answers for one mark
					no extra names allowed
		ii	Jack (1)	[1]	no extra names allowed
		iii	Susie and Tanya (1)	[1]	both answers for one mark
			, , ,		no extra names allowed
	b		The colourings may make (1)	[1]	
			Total	[4]	

Question	Expected Answers		Additional Guidance
8	Digestion breaks down proteins to Cells in our body grow by building up amino Excess amino acids are broken down to urea The waste products are excreted in proteins. liver.	Marks [3]	all four links correct = 3 marks two or three links correct = 2 marks one link correct = 1 mark if any left-hand box has more than one link coming from it ignore all links from that box
	Total	[3]	

Q	Question		Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
9	а		true false produce less food use pesticides have smaller fields rotate crops true false ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	[3]	all four rows correct = 3 marks three rows correct = 2 marks two or one row correct = 1 mark ignore any rows with two ticks or with no ticks
	b	i	intensive: synthetic/manufactured/made from oil/non- renewable fertiliser (1) organic: manure/green manure/planting leguminous crops/ compost/ natural (1)	[2]	fertiliser alone = no mark
		ii	description: crop becomes less each year (progressively) (1) explanation: nitrogen in soil gets less (each year) and crops need nitrogen (1)	[2]	trend must note the continual decrease
			Total	[7]	

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	Question		Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
1	а		proton (1)	[1]	
	b		A and C (1)	[1]	both needed for the mark (in either order)
			Total	[2]	

2	а		Y X W (1)	[1]	accept H instead of Y and C instead of W
	b	i	true false Nuclear power stations Coal power stations ✓ Using gas instead of coal ✓ Gas power stations ✓	[3]	all rows correct = 3 marks three rows correct = 2 marks two rows correct = 1 mark one row correct scores = 0 marks ignore any rows with two ticks or with no ticks
		ii	details about building 🗸 (1)	[1]	no extra ticks allowed

Q	Question		Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
2	С		any two from: (stray/random) neutron heads for uranium atom/nucleus; neutron hits nucleus; nucleus/atom (becomes) unstable; nucleus splits/divides/breaks up (into two big/similar pieces); several neutrons released; energy released;	[2]	accept labelled diagrams does not need to be tied to fission process
			Total	[7]	does not need to be fied to hission process
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3	а	i	Marion (1)	[1]	no extra ticks allowed
		ii	Brian Hilary Rohit	[1]	all three ticks and no others needed for the mark

Q	uestic	n	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
3	а	iii	Eric	[1]	both ticks and no others needed for the mark
	b		2000 (counts/second) (2) one-mark responses: if candidates have no answer or do not get 2000, look for an indication that they have realised that 72 000 years is 3 half-lives or that the (halving) process is repeated 3 times (1)	[2]	answer of 2000 (counts per second) = 2 marks (ignore any working) indication of relating the half-life to 72 000 years, eg 72 000 years = 3 half-lives / 72 000 years = 3 x 24 000 years (1) halving 16 000 repeatedly (1) four stages linked by three arrows (1)
			Total	[5]	

Q	uestic	n	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance			
4	а	i	birds evolved from dinosaurs (1)	[1]				
		ii	observation increases decreases neither Seven proteins Three proteins Two proteins	[1]	three correct indications of choice and the other six boxes blank for this mark			
	b	i	imagination (1)	[1]	allow synonyms or paraphrases eg creativity, insight, intuition, thinking outside the box, innovation, (new) ideas also allow aspects of training eg knowledge, not evidence, data, measurements or the like			
		ii	predictions (1)	[1]	allow synonyms or paraphrases eg saying what you expect to happen allow theory here also (predictions are an aspect of a theory) not hypothesis, model, new ideas must imply predictions as part of the idea			
			Total	[4]				

Q	uestic	n	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
5	а		the extinction of a predator (1)	[1]	no extra ticks allowed
	b		variation: links the term to differences in colour (1) selection: any indication of choice by females (1) competition: two groups of males competing for females (1) effect: number of black squirrels increases (1)	[4]	one mark for each point indicated accept ideas of mutation accept straight quote from article accept grey squirrels die out
	С	i	mutation(s)	[1]	accept mutate, mutating, etc
		ii	sex (cell)/gamete	[1]	allow egg and sperm/ pollen and ovule/reproductive cell
			Total	[7]	

Q	uestic	n	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
6	а	i	hormonal/hormones/endocrine (1)	[1]	
		ii	fast, short-lived responses	[1]	three or four correct links = 1 mark do not allow more than two lines from either left hand box
			nervous slower, longer-lasting responses		
			information transmitted by chemicals in the blood		
			information transmitted by electrical impulses		
	system in second box (effector): (leg) muscle		brain (and spinal cord)/CNS/central nervous system		both boxes must be correct for the mark. allow cerebrum/cerebral cortex for brain
			(leg) muscle Total	[3]	not leg or foot

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7	а	i	Chris and Jack (1)	[1]	both answers for one mark
					no extra names allowed
		ii	Jack (1)	[1]	no extra names allowed
		iii	Susie and Tanya (1)	[1]	both answers for 1 mark
					no extra names allowed.
	b	i		[1]	no extra ticks allowed
			make some children hyperactive. (1)		
		ii	(artificial) colourings removed to reduce risk to a	[1]	can quote 'better safe than sorry' or similar but must link to
			minimum (because risk is unknown and		removing colourings
			consequence could be serious) (1)		
			Total	[5]	

Q	uestio	n	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
8	a	i	The number of pests Some crops, such as beans	[1]	two correct choices and three blanks for the mark
		ii	pests with natural predators.	[1]	two correct choices and three blanks for the mark
	b		any three from: (role of) bacteria/decomposers; nitrification: ammonia/excretory products to nitrogen compounds eg nitrate; nitrogen fixing: N ₂ from air (into ammonia, etc.) into soil; action of lightning on atmospheric nitrogen; denitrification: (nitrates/nitrogen compounds) in soil converted back into atmospheric N ₂ ; Total	[3]	processes need not be named, but if named should be correct nitrification not from air

Q	uestic	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance			
9	9 a i		carbon and hydrogen and oxygen (1)	[1]	all three correct in any order for the mark allow symbols (H, C, O, any order) if correct but must be capitals			
	ii glucose		[1]	accept fructose, lactose, monosaccharides reject 'sugar' but allow 'simple sugar'				
	b		proteins proteins liver urea urine	[2]	all five correct words = 2 marks three or four correct words = 1 mark			
			Total	[4]				

Grade Thresholds

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Unit Threshold Marks

Ur	nit	Maximum Mark	A *	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	U
A 24.4 /0.4	Raw	42				26	21	16	12	8	0
A211/01	UMS	34				30	25	20	15	10	0
A211/02	Raw	42	27	22	17	13	11	10			0
AZ11/02	UMS	50	45	40	35	30	25	20			0
A 24 2/04	Raw	42				24	20	16	13	10	0
A212/01	UMS	34				30	25	20	15	10	0
A212/02	Raw	42	32	27	21	15	12	10			0
AZ 12/02	UMS	50	45	40	35	30	25	20			0
A213/01	Raw	42				28	24	20	16	12	0
A213/01	UMS	34				30	25	20	15	10	0
A213/02	Raw	42	29	24	18	13	10	8			0
AZ 13/0Z	UMS	50	45	40	35	30	25	20			0

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

	Maximum Mark	A *	Α	В	С	D	E	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	2.5	18.9	56.6	78.6	96.9	98.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	159

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