

# **GCSE**

## **Science A**

General Certificate of Secondary Education

Unit A211/01: Unit 1: Modules B1, C1, P1 (Foundation Tier)

## Mark Scheme for June 2011

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#### **Annotations**

Used in the detailed Mark Scheme:

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

#### **Subject-specific Marking Instructions**

- Accept any clear, unambiguous response (including mis-spellings of scientific terms if they are phonetically correct, but always check the guidance column for exclusions).
- b. If a candidate alters his/her response, examiners should accept the alteration.
- c. 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.

e.g. for a one-mark question where ticks in the third <u>and</u> fourth boxes are required for the mark:

|                |                     | *                   |
|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                |                     | <b>₽</b>            |
| <b>*</b>       | $\checkmark$        | $\checkmark$        |
| *              | *                   | ✓                   |
|                |                     |                     |
| would be worth | This would be worth | This would be worth |

0 marks.

d. The list principle:

This

1 mark.

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, e.g. 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.

1 mark.

e. Marking method for tick-box questions:

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 and other markings. If there are no ticks, accept clear, unambiguous indications, e.g. shading or crosses. Credit should be given according to the instructions given in the guidance column for the question. 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.

e.g. if a question requires candidates to identify cities in England:

| 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 |

## MARK SCHEME:

| Qı | Question |    | Answer                                                                                                                                              |                         | Mark        | Guidance                                                                                                                                                                |
|----|----------|----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | а        |    |                                                                                                                                                     |                         | 2           | one mark for each correct line                                                                                                                                          |
|    |          |    | description                                                                                                                                         | combination             |             |                                                                                                                                                                         |
|    |          |    | has FRDA                                                                                                                                            | aa                      |             |                                                                                                                                                                         |
|    |          |    | is a carrier of FRDA                                                                                                                                | Aa                      |             |                                                                                                                                                                         |
|    |          |    | has not got FRDA and is not a carrier                                                                                                               | AA                      |             |                                                                                                                                                                         |
|    | b        |    | A/allele on second chromosome in sar first chromosome (1)                                                                                           | ne position as <b>a</b> | on <b>1</b> | some part of allele on second chromosome must be level with some part of allele on first chromosome                                                                     |
|    | С        | I  | protein (1)                                                                                                                                         |                         | 1           |                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 1  | С        | li | against: wrong to genetically alter mice/organis virus may cause disease/damage cell may have unexpected side effects / dif people than animals (1) | /                       |             | max of one mark for and one mark against allow cruelty to animals/against animal rights/religious objections/wrong to change DNA/animals have different genes to humans |
|    |          |    | for:<br>may cure (FRDA) (1)                                                                                                                         |                         |             | allow helping people/saves people's lives/people get better lgnore treat FRDA/improve medication/safer to test on animals                                               |

| Q | uesti | on  | Answer                                                       | Mark | Guidance                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |
|---|-------|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------|------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | С     | lii | make the missing protein (1)                                 | 1    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |
|   |       | iv  | unspecialised.  (1)  can develop into any kind of cell.  (1) | 2    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |
|   | d     |     | risk reliability ethics Elaine Richard Greta Sanjay Barry    | 3    | all 5 correct = 3 marks 4 correct = 2 marks 2 or 3 correct = 1 mark  if the same name appears in more than one box then that name is not given credit.  allow any unambiguous indication of choice e.g. E for Elaine |  |
|   |       |     | Total                                                        | 12   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |

| Qı | uestic | on  | Answer                                                                                                           | Mark     | Guidance                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|----|--------|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2  |        |     | clones are genetically identical (1)                                                                             | 2        | allow same DNA/same genetic information ignore reference to twins/chromosomes/same genes/same genetics                                                                                         |
|    |        |     | form naturally when cells of an embryo separate (1)  Total                                                       | 2        | allow fertilised egg splits/embryo splits                                                                                                                                                      |
|    |        |     | Total                                                                                                            |          |                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 3  | а      | i   | oxygen (1)                                                                                                       | 1        |                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|    |        | ii  | carbon dioxide (1)                                                                                               | 1        |                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|    |        | iii | carbon dioxide (1) sulfur dioxide (1)                                                                            | 2        | 1 mark for each correct answer in either order                                                                                                                                                 |
|    | b      |     | <b>(1)</b>                                                                                                       | 1        | allow circles labelled C and O instead of shading carbon must touch both oxygens, oxygens must not touch each other circles need not be linear if any other different molecule drawn = 0 marks |
|    |        |     | Total                                                                                                            | 5        | if two or more CO <sub>2</sub> molecules drawn <b>ignore</b> extra molecule(s)                                                                                                                 |
|    |        |     | Total                                                                                                            | <b>)</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 4  | а      |     |                                                                                                                  | 2        | ignore references to global warming / Greenhouse gases/harmful/can kill you                                                                                                                    |
|    |        |     | carbon monoxide poisonous / toxic / forms smog (1)                                                               |          | allow description of toxicity e.g. effect on blood not breathing difficulties / dirty buildings                                                                                                |
|    |        |     | nitrogen oxides poisonous / toxic / breathing difficulties / form smog / form acid rain / damage ozone layer (1) |          | not dirty buildings                                                                                                                                                                            |
|    |        |     |                                                                                                                  |          | allow they are toxic / poisonous / form smog for 2 marks allow they form acid rain / cause breathing difficulties / damage ozone layer for 1 mark                                              |
|    | b      |     | more people on a bus (1)                                                                                         | 2        | ignore: more people use buses/buses carry more people                                                                                                                                          |
|    |        |     | less (pollution) per person/fewer cars (1)                                                                       |          | allow people use bus instead of car                                                                                                                                                            |
|    |        |     | Total                                                                                                            | 4        |                                                                                                                                                                                                |

| Q | Question |     | Answer                | Mark | Guidance                                       |
|---|----------|-----|-----------------------|------|------------------------------------------------|
| 5 | а        |     | 10 to 120 (1)         | 1    | allow 120 to 10                                |
|   | b        | i   | Josh (1)              | 2    | 1 mark for each correct answer in either order |
|   |          |     | Rajid (1)             |      |                                                |
|   |          | ii  | Rajid (1)             | 1    |                                                |
|   |          | iii | Sara (1)              | 1    |                                                |
|   |          |     | Total                 | 5    |                                                |
|   | T        |     |                       | 1 -  | T                                              |
| 6 | а        |     | 1 (1)                 | 2    | either order                                   |
|   | <u> </u> |     | 5 (1)                 |      |                                                |
|   | b        |     | 5 (1)                 | 1    |                                                |
|   |          |     | Total                 | 3    |                                                |
| 7 | 1 _      | 1   |                       |      |                                                |
| 7 | а        |     | Dr Adams ✓ (1)        | 1    |                                                |
|   |          |     | Di Adams (1)          |      |                                                |
|   |          |     |                       |      |                                                |
|   |          |     |                       |      |                                                |
|   |          |     |                       |      |                                                |
|   |          |     |                       |      |                                                |
|   |          |     |                       |      |                                                |
|   |          |     |                       | _    |                                                |
|   | b        |     |                       | 1    |                                                |
|   |          |     |                       |      |                                                |
|   |          |     |                       |      |                                                |
|   |          |     |                       |      |                                                |
|   |          |     | both scientists ✓ (1) |      |                                                |
|   |          |     | (1)                   |      |                                                |
|   |          |     |                       |      |                                                |
|   |          |     |                       |      |                                                |

| Q | uesti | on | Answer                | Mark | Guidance |
|---|-------|----|-----------------------|------|----------|
| 7 | С     |    | both scientists (1)   | 1    |          |
|   | d     |    | neither scientist (1) | 1    |          |
|   |       |    | Total                 | 4    |          |

| Q | uesti | on | Answer                               | Mark | Guidance |
|---|-------|----|--------------------------------------|------|----------|
| 8 | а     |    | not enough evidence to support 🗸 (1) | 1    |          |
|   | b     |    | earthquakes (1) volcanoes (1)        | 2    |          |
|   |       |    | Total                                | 3    |          |

| Qu | uestion | Answer                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                          |                                                                        |                                                      | Mark | Guidance                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|----|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 9  |         | factors<br>where?                                                                                                                                                             | stars in galaxies / outside Solar System / very far away | galaxies<br>very far<br>away /<br>outside Milky<br>Way                 | asteroids in Solar System / between Mars and Jupiter | 4    | 4 Marks two factors for two of asteroids, stars and galaxies plus one for the remaining one  3 Marks two factors for one of asteroids, stars and galaxies plus one for the remaining two |
|    |         | how big? *                                                                                                                                                                    | smaller than<br>galaxies /<br>bigger than<br>asteroids   | bigger than<br>stars / bigger<br>than<br>asteroids                     | smaller than<br>galaxies/<br>stars                   |      | 2 Marks one factor for each of asteroids, stars and galaxies  1 Mark one factor for two of asteroids, stars and galaxies                                                                 |
|    |         | around Sun?                                                                                                                                                                   | don't orbit<br>around the<br>Sun                         | don't orbit<br>around the<br>Sun /<br>moving<br>away (from<br>the Sun) | orbit the Sun                                        |      |                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|    |         | made from?                                                                                                                                                                    | (hot) gases                                              | made from                                                              | rock/dust/<br>rubble                                 |      |                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|    |         | * 'How big?' must be a sensible comparison with some other body (but not the Universe) Note. Unless statements are made about all 3 bodies then only one mark can be awarded. |                                                          |                                                                        |                                                      |      |                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|    |         |                                                                                                                                                                               | To                                                       | otal                                                                   |                                                      | 4    |                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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