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Science A

General Certificate of Secondary Education

Unit A212/01: Unit 2: Modules B2, C2, P2 (Foundation Tier)

Mark Scheme for January 2012

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Annotations

Used in the detailed Mark Scheme:

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

Available in scoris to annotate scripts

?	indicate uncertainty or ambiguity
BOD	benefit of doubt
CON	contradiction
×	incorrect response
ECF	error carried forward
	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
~~	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
NBOD	no benefit of doubt

R	reject
	correct response
35	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
Λ	information omitted

Subject-specific Marking Instructions

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

e.g.

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 (\checkmark) in the two correct boxes.	Put ticks (\checkmark) in the two correct boxes.
		*
		√ S ²
*	✓	\checkmark
*	*	\checkmark
This would be worth 1 mark.	This would be worth 0 marks.	This would be worth 1 mark.

c. The list principle:

If a list of responses greater than the number requested is given, work through the list from the beginning. Award one mark for each correct response, ignore any neutral response, and deduct one mark for any incorrect response, 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.

d. Marking method for tick boxes:

Always check the additional guidance.

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

If there is at least one tick, ignore crosses. If there are no ticks, accept clear, unambiguous indications, e.g. 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.

e.g. 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

Qu	esti	on	Answer	Mark	Guidance
1	(a)	(i)	(2)	2	3 lines correct = 2 marks 1 or 2 lines correct = 1 mark
		(ii)	Plastic is a renewable resource Most plastics melt when heated Plastic chairs are not as heavy (1)	1	one correct tick = 1 mark more than one tick = 0 marks
	(b)		Wooden chairs rot faster than plastic ones Chairs made from wood look better than those made from plastic Plastic chairs bend more than wooden ones Wood comes from trees and plastic from crude oil Wooden chairs are more expensive than plastic ones (1)	2	two correct ticks = 2 marks one correct tick plus one incorrect = 1 mark three ticks = max 1 mark four or more ticks = 0 marks
	(c)	(i)	similarity: contain (only) C and H atoms / hydrocarbons (1) difference: are different sizes / different lengths / some branched / different molecular structures (1)	2	
		(ii)	(small molecules/monomers) joined together (1) to make polymer / long molecules / chains (1)	2	polymerisation with no explanation = 1 mark
			Total	9	

Q	uestion	Answer			Mark	Guidance
2	(a)				3	all 4 correct = 3 marks
			true	false		3 correct = 2 marks
		When the chain length is 100 the strength is 21 MPa.		√		2 correct = 1 mark 1 correct = 0 marks
		The maximum strength is 21 Mpa.	√			
		As the chain length increases from 130 to 150 the tensile strength increases.		√		
		The steepest part of the graph is between a chain length of 70 and 90.	√			
					(3)	
	(b)	bigger than (1) more difficult (1)			2	
				To	al 5	

Question	n Answer	Mark	Guidance
3 (a)	Amy Betty Clive David Erica	2	two correct ticks = 2 marks one correct tick plus one incorrect = 1 mark three ticks = max 1 mark four or more ticks = 0 marks
(b)	Amy Betty (1) Clive David Erica	1	one correct tick = 1 mark more than one tick = 0 marks
(c)	Amy Betty Clive David Frica	1	one correct tick = 1 mark more than one tick = 0 marks
		Total 4	

Question	Answer	Mark	Guidance
4	burning fossil fuels/any correct example, e.g. driving cars (1) releases CO ₂ (into atmosphere) (1) OR deforestation/cutting down trees (1) stops CO ₂ being taken in by trees (1)	2	allow idea of burning rubbish/waste
	Total	2	

	Questic	on	Answer	Mark	Guidance
5			photons (1) high energy (1) absorbs (1)	3	
			Total	3	

Questic	on Answer	Mark	Guidance
6	any three from: plants take in CO ₂ (to make food); by photosynthesis; animals (and plants) release CO ₂ ; from respiration (1)	3	ignore refs to oxygen
	Total	3	

Question		on	Answer	Mark	Guidance
7			microwaves (1) light (1)	2	must be in correct order
			Total	2	

Question	Answer		Mark	Guidance	
8 (a)	It was carried out in the Netherlands The scientists they used a control group totest The scientists studied drinking tea and 40 000 people were studied	✓ ✓	(1)	2	two correct ticks = 2 marks one correct tick plus one incorrect = 1 mark three or more ticks = 0 marks
(b)	any two from: study checked/repeated; ref. to other scientists (checking/repeating etc.); to make sure study is valid/reliable (2)			2	allow specific ref to method/results/conclusion being checked do not allow proof-read/review
(c)	a vein carrying blood to the heartan artery carrying blood to the hearta vein carrying blood away from the heartan artery carrying blood away from the hear	t	(1)	1	one correct tick = 1 mark more than one tick = 0 marks
(d)	B (1)			1	
(e)	any three from: high fat diet; high salt diet; obesity/overweight; lack of exercise; stress; drinking (alcohol) (1)			1	any three = 1 mark allow eating fatty food/eating too much fat ignore junk food/bad diet/unhealthy diet/unbalanced diet do not allow exercise unqualified ignore smoking ignore ref to drugs do not allow genetics/inherited
			Total	7	

Question		Answer		Guidance
9	(a)	can reproduce asexuallycontain antibodiesproduce poisonsare very smallcan damage cells	1	two correct ticks = 1 mark one correct tick plus one incorrect = 0 marks three or more ticks = 0 marks
	(b)	Antibiotics do not kill viruses. Using antibiotics unnecessarily Using antibiotics will make the Antibiotics encourage bacterial (1)	1	two correct ticks = 1 mark one correct tick plus one incorrect = 0 marks three or more ticks = 0 marks
	(c)	any three from: (vaccination) prevents daughter getting measles; reduces risk of infection spreading (to others) / fewer people suffer from measles / makes an epidemic less likely; side effects (of vaccination) milder than getting measles / ide that the benefit of having the vaccination outweighs the risk; (vaccinating child) encourages/promotes others to do the same (1)	a	allow reverse argument throughout

Question	Answer		Mark	Guidance
9 (d)	causes white blood cells to make contains white blood cells contains antibodies causes white blood cells to make contains a safe form of the acts as a barrier stopping the	(1)	2	two correct ticks = 2 marks one correct tick plus one incorrect = 1 mark three ticks = max 1 mark four or more ticks = 0 marks
		Total	7	

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