



Science A

General Certificate of Secondary Education

Unit A213/02: Unit 3: Modules B3, C3, P3 (Higher Tier)

Mark Scheme for January 2013

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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	credit alternative wording / or words to that effect	
ORA	or reverse argument	

Available in scoris to annotate scripts:

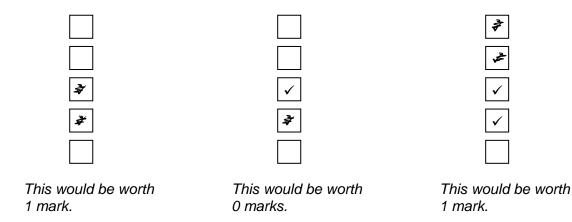
?	indicate uncertainty or ambiguity
BOD	benefit of doubt
CON	contradiction
×	incorrect response
ECF	error carried forward
\bigcirc	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
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NBOD	no benefit of doubt
R	reject
	correct response
2	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
<u>Λ</u>	information omitted

Subject-specific Marking Instructions

- a. 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. 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:



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.

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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-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:



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

e. For answers marked by levels of response:

- i. Read through the whole answer from start to finish
- ii. **Decide the level** that **best fits** the answer match the quality of the answer to the closest level descriptor
- iii. **To determine the mark within the level**, consider the following:

Descriptor	Award mark		
A good match to the level descriptor	The higher mark in the level		
Just matches the level descriptor	The lower mark in the level		

iv. Use the L1, L2, L3 annotations in Scoris to show your decision; do not use ticks.

Quality of Written Communication skills assessed in 6-mark extended writing questions include:

- appropriate use of correct scientific terms
- spelling, punctuation and grammar
- developing a structured, persuasive argument
- selecting and using evidence to support an argument
- considering different sides of a debate in a balanced way
- logical sequencing.

C	Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	(a)	$ \longrightarrow E \longrightarrow C \longrightarrow A \longrightarrow B $	2	 D not used. Give mark as long as at least 3 boxes have been completed (1) C immediately before A (1) allow marks for correct answers if words from sentences used rather than letters eg 'turns turbine' = C
	(b)	All the carbon dioxide given off $$ All the carbon in plants $$ (1)	2	one mark for each correct answer if 3 ticks given, deduct 1 mark 4 or 5 ticks = 0 marks
		Total	4	

C	Questio	n Answer	Marks	Guidance
2	(a)	$\qquad \qquad $	1	
	(b)	Image: wide wide wide wide wide wide wide wide	1	
	(C)	 Any 3 but no more than 2 from either list: Comparison of Risk gamma more penetrating than X rays; gamma higher energy/higher frequency/shorter wavelength/more ionising; gamma cause more damage/harm to (eg body); idea that gamma cannot be turned off Situation gamma rays can be used in a confined space/example of gamma rays being used in a small space; gamma can be used where there is no electricity; gamma needed to destroy cancer/kill microbes/specific use which needs greater penetration eg thickness testing 	3	 allow reverse argument in each case allow examples of greater penetration of gamma ignore higher on the scale/more powerful ignore X rays are not ionising ignore more damaging/harmful alone ignore stronger ignore gamma rays are portable alone ignore X rays need electricity alone allow uses eg sterilisation of equipment
		Total	5	

C	Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
3	(a)	answer between 2360-2385	1	
	(b)	12.9	2	2 marks for correct answer allow 13 or answers to more decimal places ignore any working shown if any other answer (or no answer) is given, award 1 mark max for:
	(c)	The perceived risk $$ Even though the chance of $$	2	<u>'310' and '100' shown anywhere in the working</u> one mark for each correct answer if 3 ticks are given, deduct 1 mark 4 or 5 ticks = 0 marks
		Total	5	

C	Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance		
4	(a)	any two from:		two clearly distinct arguments		
		religious conviction; natural selection/evolution is too slow to observe; did not like the idea that they were evolved from "apes";		allow "not enough time for it to have happened"		
		insufficient evidence;		accept already had an explanation they were satisfied with/did not want to accept new ideas		
		lack of knowledge of a genetic mechanism		ignore 'no evidence/proof'		
	(b)	Any three from: variation not all the males have the same size tails/same number eyespots;	3	allow reverse arguments 'females prefer to mate with males with most eyespots' is a quote but gets points 1 & 2		
		competition males compete for mates/females prefer males with bigger tails/more eyespots;		NB 'males with bigger tails/more eyespots are more likely to reproduce' = 2 marks (marking points 1 & 3)		
		reproduction (selected) males are more likely to reproduce;				
		evolutionary consequence passing on genes for bigger tails (so tail size increases over time);		accept offspring have bigger tails		
		Total	5			

C	Question			Answer			Marks	Guidance
5	(a)		homeostasis				1	ignore misspelling
	(b)	(i)	E				1	accept any unambiguous indication of E
		(ii)	B C D				2	any order is acceptable 3 correct (2) 2 correct (1) 1 or 0 correct (0)
	(c)		long lasting fast electrical constant int environ.	hormone ✓	nerve ✓ ✓	both 	2	all 4 rows = (2) 2 or 3 rows correct = (1)
	Total						6	

C	Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
6	(a)		B, C, E (1)	1	any order and no other letters present
	(b)	(i)	B, D, F or any two from these	1	any order no other letters present any two of the correct letters, or all 3, will gain this mark
		(ii)	D (1)	1	
			Total	3	

G	Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
7	(a)	(i)	vegetable oil $$ water $$	2	each correct answer = 1 mark if three ticks made deduct 1 mark four or five ticks = 0 marks allow any other indication of correct response eg underlining, cross, shading
		(ii)	truefalsepassed a safety test√supply energy√approved for use√never harmful.√	2	all four boxes correct = 2 marks three or two correct = 1 mark allow any other indication of correct response eg underlining, cross, shading
	(b)	(i)	polymers (1); sugars (1); oxygen (1)	3	must be these examples; ignore misspelling if it is clear which word is intended.
		(ii)	glucose small soluble molecules absorbed into the blood	1	all correct for the mark
			Total	8	

C	Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
8	(a)	CharlotteGabrielCraigLauraVPranav	1	allow any other indication of correct response eg underlining, cross, shading
	(b)	benefit of enjoying eggs/eating them for protein (1) outweighs risk of getting diabetes / don't understand the risk/ underestimate the risk / scientists disagree on the risk (1)	2	ignore not enough evidence ignore the risk is small
	(c)	<pre>up to three points from: the risk of getting diabetes with no eggs (1) increase in risk from eating eggs (1) consequences of getting diabetes (1) other factors that may be credited: genetic factors: could be family or community/ethnic group (1) lifestyle factors; accept one from: diet, exercise, obesity, smoking, alcohol (1) sample discrepancies: accept one from age, gender, home, job, egg types (1); lack of a suggested causal mechanism (1); pre-existing medical condition may increase risk of getting type 2 diabetes (1)</pre>	3	must specify a lifestyle factor to get this mark. egg types: eg size, species, battery/free range ie Dominic needs an explanation for how eggs can actually cause diabetes. do not allow small sample size
		Total	6	

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