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Leaving Certificate 2016

Marking Scheme

Biology

Higher Level

Note to teachers and students on the use of published marking schemes

Marking schemes published by the State Examinations Commission are not intended to be standalone documents. They are an essential resource for examiners who receive training in the correct interpretation and application of the scheme. This training involves, among other things, marking samples of student work and discussing the marks awarded, so as to clarify the correct application of the scheme. The work of examiners is subsequently monitored by Advising Examiners to ensure consistent and accurate application of the marking scheme. This process is overseen by the Chief Examiner, usually assisted by a Chief Advising Examiner. The Chief Examiner is the final authority regarding whether or not the marking scheme has been correctly applied to any piece of candidate work.

Marking schemes are working documents. While a draft marking scheme is prepared in advance of the examination, the scheme is not finalised until examiners have applied it to candidates' work and the feedback from all examiners has been collated and considered in light of the full range of responses of candidates, the overall level of difficulty of the examination and the need to maintain consistency in standards from year to year. This published document contains the finalised scheme, as it was applied to all candidates' work.

In the case of marking schemes that include model solutions or answers, it should be noted that these are not intended to be exhaustive. Variations and alternatives may also be acceptable. Examiners must consider all answers on their merits, and will have consulted with their Advising Examiners when in doubt.

Future Marking Schemes

Assumptions about future marking schemes on the basis of past schemes should be avoided. While the underlying assessment principles remain the same, the details of the marking of a particular type of question may change in the context of the contribution of that question to the overall examination in a given year. The Chief Examiner in any given year has the responsibility to determine how best to ensure the fair and accurate assessment of candidates' work and to ensure consistency in the standard of the assessment from year to year. Accordingly, aspects of the structure, detail and application of the marking scheme for a particular examination are subject to change from one year to the next without notice.

Introduction

The marking scheme is a guide to awarding marks to candidates' answers. It is a concise and summarised guide and is constructed so as to minimise its word content. Examiners must conform to this scheme and may not allow marks for answering outside this scheme. The scheme contains key words, terms and phrases for which candidates may be awarded marks. This does not preclude synonyms or terms or phrases which convey the same meaning as the answer in the marking scheme. Although synonyms are generally acceptable, there may be instances where the scheme demands an exact scientific term or unequivocal response and will not accept alternatives. The descriptions, methods and definitions in the scheme are not exhaustive and alternative valid answers are acceptable. If it comes to the attention of an examiner that a candidate has presented a valid answer and there is no provision in the scheme for accepting this answer, then the examiner must first consult with his/ her advising examiner before awarding marks. As a general rule, if in doubt about any answer, examiners should consult their advising examiner before awarding marks.

Key words or terms or phrases may be awarded marks, only if presented in the correct context e.g. Question: Outline how water from the soil reaches the leaf.

Marking scheme: Concentration gradient/ root hair/ osmosis/ cell to cell/ root pressure/ xylem/ cohesion (or explained)/ adhesion (or capillarity or explained)/ Dixon and Joly/ transpiration **or** evaporation/ tension *any six* **6(3).**

Answer: "Water is drawn up the xylem by osmosis" Although the candidate has presented two key terms (xylem, osmosis), the statement is incorrect and the candidate can only be awarded 3 marks for referring to the movement of water through the xylem.

Cancelled Answers

The following is an extract from S.63 *Instructions to Examiners*, 2016 (section 7.3, p.22) "Where a candidate answers a question or part of a question once only and then cancels the answer, you should ignore the cancelling and treat the answer as if the candidate had not cancelled it." e.g. Question: What is pollination?

Marking scheme: Transfer of pollen/ from anther/ to stigma 3(3).

Sample Answer: transfer of pollen/ by insect/ to stigma.

The candidate has cancelled the answer and has not made another attempt to answer the question and may be awarded 2(3) marks.

If an answer is cancelled and an alternative version given, the cancellation should be accepted and marks awarded, where merited, for the uncancelled version only. If two (or more) uncancelled versions of an answer are given to the same question or part of a question, both (or all) should be marked and the answer accepted that yields the greater (greatest) number of marks. Points may not, however, be combined from multiple versions to arrive at a manufactured total.

Surplus Answers

In Section A, a surplus wrong answer cancels the marks awarded for a correct answer.

e.g. # 1 Question: The walls of xylem vessels are reinforced with

Marking Scheme: lignin 4 marks

Sample answers:

• chitin, lignin – there is a surplus answer, which is incorrect, therefore the candidate scores 4-4 marks = 0.

- lignin the answer, which is correct, has been cancelled, but there is no additional or surplus answer, therefore the candidate may be awarded 4 marks.
- lignin, chitin there is a surplus answer, which is incorrect, but it has been cancelled and as the candidate has given more than one answer (i.e. the candidate is answering the question more than once only), the cancelling can be accepted and he/ she may be awarded 4 marks.

e.g. # 2. *Question*: Name the **four** elements that are always present in protein. Marking Scheme: Carbon/ hydrogen/ oxygen/ nitrogen **4(3)** *Sample answers*:

- Carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen, calcium there is a surplus answer, which is incorrect, and which cancels one of the correct answers, therefore the candidate is awarded 3(3) marks.
- Carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, calcium there is no surplus answer, there are three correct answers, therefore the candidate is awarded **3(3)** marks.
- Carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, calcium, aluminium there is a surplus answer, which is incorrect, and which cancels one of the three correct answers, therefore the candidate is awarded **2(3)** marks.
- Carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, calcium, aluminium there is a surplus answer, which is incorrect, but it has been cancelled so the candidate may be awarded **3(3)** marks.

In the other sections of the paper, there may be instances where a correct answer is nullified by the addition of an incorrect answer. This happens when the only acceptable answer is a specific word or term. Each such instance is indicated in the scheme by an asterisk *.

Conventions

- Where only one answer is required, alternative answers are separated by 'or'.
- Where multiple answers are required each word, term or phrase for which marks are allocated is separated by a solidus (/) from the next word, term or phrase.
- The mark awarded for an answer appears in bold next to the answer.
- Where there are several parts in the answer to a question, the mark awarded for each part appears in brackets e.g. **5(4)** means that there are five parts to the answer, each part allocated 4 marks.
- The answers to subsections of a question may not necessarily be allocated a specific mark; e.g. there may be six parts to a question (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and a total of 20 marks allocated to the question. The marking scheme might be as follows: 2(4) + 4(3). This means that the first two correct answers encountered are awarded 4 marks each and each subsequent correct answer is awarded 3 marks.
- A word or term that appears in brackets is not a requirement of the answer, but is used to contextualise the answer or may be an alternative answer.

1.		2(7) + 3(2) i.e. best five answers from (a) $-$ (f)						
	(a)	Ecology: The study of (the various interactions between) organisms and their environment						
	(b)	Symbiosis: (A relationship) between species in which at least one benefits						
	(c)	Nutrient recycling: Reuse (of nutrients)						
	(d)	Contest competition: A struggle for a resource in which only one wins						
	(e)	Edaphic: (Relating to) soil						
	(f)	Biotic: (Relating to) living (organisms)						

2.		2(3) + 7(2)						
	(a)	Non-metallic element in prot	eins:	Sulphur (or S)				
	(b)	Metabolic role of protein:		Enzymes or hormones or antibodies or contractile (protein)				
				or named protein + role				
	(c)	Structural role of protein:	(Compon	ent of) hair or nails or muscle or membranes or chromosomes				
	(d)	Components of lipid: ((i) Glycer	ol				
		Components of lipid: ((ii) Fatty a	acid				
	(e)	Where phospholipids:	Membran	e(s)				
	(f)	Named mineral						
		Matching role						
	(g)	Human cell water % by mass	s: 70 - 959	% i.e. percentage or percentage range within this range				

3.

2(5) + 5(2)

(a) Why asexual: Only one parent (cell)

Asexual reproduction. in yeast:

Budding

(c)

Genetic make-up compared to parent: Identical

(ii)

Explain: (Reproduced by) mitosis

(d) Advantage: Rapid or characteristics maintained (or example) or no variation

Disadvantage:

Increased risk of disease or overcrowding or increased competition

or no variation

Same kingdom as yeast: Rhizopus or (field) mushroom or named fungus or named fungal group (e)

4.

5(3) + 5(1)

- (a) (i) Chance roan \times white \rightarrow red: 0%
 - Chance roan \times red \rightarrow red: 50% (ii)
 - (iii) Chance roan \times roan \rightarrow red: 25%
- (b) (i) Sex-linkage:

When genes are carried on the sex (or X or Y) chromosome(s)

(ii) More likely: Males

Male genotypes and phenotypes: (iii)

Genotype:

 $X^{n}Y^{-}$

Phenotype:

Sufferer

Female genotypes and phenotypes:

Genotype:

 $X^{n}X^{n}$

Phenotype:

Sufferer

(or lethal for haemophilia)

OR

 $X^NX^n \\$ Genotype:

Phenotype: Normal

Explain:

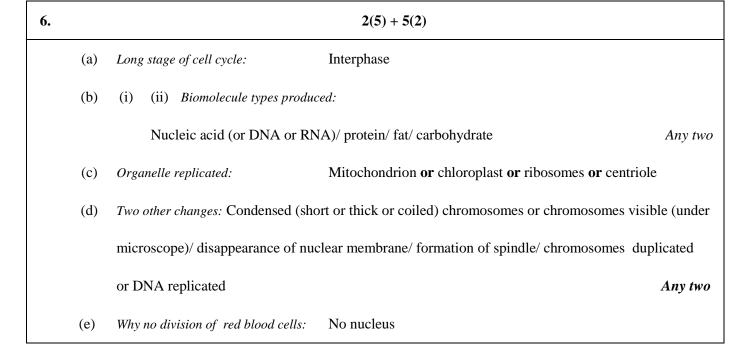
Male only needs to inherit the recessive allele (from mother)

or female must inherit the recessive allele from each parent.

or female may be a carrier

or female recessive homozygote is a sufferer (or lethal for haemophilia)

5.				5(3) + 5(1)
	(a)	<i>A:</i>	Stigma	
		<i>B</i> :	Pollen tube	
		C:	Egg (or female	e gamete or ovum)
	(b)	(i)	How D to A:	Wind
		(ii)	How D to A:	Insect (or animal)
	(c)	Ноч	w E from D:	Mitosis
	(d)	(i)	Fate of Es:	(One) fuses with the egg (nucleus)
		(ii)	Fate of Es:	(The other) fuses with the (2) polar nuclei
				OR
	(d)	(i)	Fate of Es	(One) forms gametes
		(ii)	Fate of Es:	(The other) disintegrates
	(e)	Name F:		Ovule
		Deve	elops into:	Seed



7. (a) 2(3)

Two scientific method limitations: The extent of our knowledge/ the basis of investigation/
ability to interpret results (or human error or bias)/ application to the natural world in a state
of change/ accidental discovery

Any two

7. (b) 4(4) + 4(2)

(i) 1. Control substance: Water **or** a non-reducing sugar (or example)

2. Control colour at end Blue

(ii) 1. How add small volume: Dropper or pipette or syringe

2. How keep pH constant: Use a (pH) buffer

(iii) 1. *How transfer cells:* Transfer described (e.g. swab)

2. How improve visibility: Add a stain (or named stain) or add a coverslip

(iv) 1. Gel: (Sodium) alginate

2. To make gel insoluble: Calcium chloride

8. (a) 2(3)

(i) Pulse: The (rhythmic) stretching (or expanding or vibrating) of an artery

(ii) Why pulse at wrist: Artery near the surface

8. (b) 4(4) + 4(2)

(i) Control: Rate (measured) at rest

(ii) Purpose of control: To compare with the results (of the experiment)

(iii) Axes labels x-axis 'duration (of exercise)' or 'time' or level of exercise

v-axis 'rate'

Curve or plot showing: B increases by a greater amount

(iv) How measure recovery time: Immediately (after exercise)/ count pulse or breathing/

rate or per minute/ measure length of time until resting rate reached

Any three

9. (a) **2(3)**

(i) *Dormancy:* Period of low (or no) metabolism **or** period during which germination does not occur **or** period of no growth **or** period of low (or no) activity

(ii) Contribution of digestion: To make nutrients (or food) soluble or to make nutrients (or food) available or to make nutrients (or food) transportable (to the embryo)or to make nutrients (or food) more easily absorbed (by embryo)

9. (b) 4(4) + 4(2)

Starch agar or skimmed milk agar: if neither stated, award maximum of six points i.e. [4(4) + 2(2)]

Enzyme in (i) must match named substrate i.e. starch or protein

Named reagent colour changes must match named substrate in parts (iv) and (v)

(i) *Type of enzyme:* Amylase **or** protease (or named protease)

(ii) Why soak seeds: To enable metabolic activity (or digestion) or to start up the
 germination process or to allow nutrients dissolve (or to move) or to activate enzymes
 or to soften the testa or to break dormancy

(iii) 1. Why sterilise seeds: To kill (or remove) all microorganisms

2. Why open-side down: Enzyme exposed to (or in contact with) the substrate

(iv) How know had occurred: (Flooded plates with) iodine or biuret (solution)

Clear areas around (under) seeds (or described)

(v) How know had not occurred: No clear areas or all areas stain positive colour

(vi) Reason for observation in (v): Seeds were dead **or** enzyme had been denatured

10.	(a)	(i)	Niche: An organism's role or an organism's function (in the ecosystem).	3		
		(ii)	If answers do not match named ecosystem, maximum of 3 marks			
			1. Safety hazard: Any valid hazard (e.g. wet grass or broken glass)	3		
			2. Source of error: Any valid error (e.g. miscounting or misidentification)	3		
	(b)	(i)	1. Animal collection method: Pitfall trap or mammal trap or beating tray or pooter			
			or picked up or any named suitable method			
			2. <i>Identification:</i> (Identification) key or photograph(s) or picture(s)	3		
			3. Quantitative method details: (place) quadrat/ count named plant or note presence			
			of named plant/ repeat/ tabulate or record/ how result expressed	2(3)		
			How random	3		
		(ii)	Why random: To prevent bias	3		
		(iii)	Abiotic factors: pH/ temperature/ light intensity/ water current/ air current (or			
			wind)/ dissolved oxygen/ mineral content/ % air in soil/ % water in soil/			
			% humus/ salinity/ (degree of) exposure/ slope/ aspect/ altitude/ soil type	2(3)		
		(iv)	Human activity: Pollution or conservation or waste management or any valid example	3		
	(c)	(i)	Trophic level: Position on the food chain or feeding level or energy level	3		
			or feeding stage			
		(ii)	Why chains short: Little (10%) energy passed on to next level			
			or large amount (90%) of energy lost at each level	3		
		(iii)	Secondary consumer: *C	3		
		(iv)	Why C might decline: Predation or increase in D or disease or lack of food			
			or lack of B or migration	3		
		(v)	Consequence: (Population A) falls			
			Explanation: Population of primary consumers increases or population			
			of B increases (which eat large amount of producer A)			
		(vi)	How D might respond: Migrate or switch prey	3		
		(vii)	How possible primary consumer in other food chain: It may be an omnivore or explained	3		

11.	(a)	(i)	NAD: Nicotinamide Adenine Dinucleotide				
		(ii)	Particles transferred: Electrons (e ⁻)	3			
			Protons (or hydrogen ions or H ⁺)	3			
	(b)	(i)	Where: Chloroplast	3			
		(ii)	Substance: Chlorophyll	3			
		(iii)	Pathway: Pathway 2	3			
		(iv)	How O ₂ produced: Water split/ using light (energy)				
			OR	2(3)			
			Photolysis/ of water				
		(v)	Fate of O_2 : Released (to the atmosphere) or (used in) respiration	3			
		(vi)	Fate of carbon: Makes carbohydrate (or named carbohydrate)	3			
		(vii)	Why suitable temperature: (Controlled by) enzymes	3			
		(viii)	Why Elodea: Bubbles (of oxygen visible for counting)	3			
	(c)	(i)	3-carbon intermediate: *Pyruvate or *pyruvic acid	3			
		(ii)	Pathway: *Glycolysis	3			
		(iii)	Oxidative fate of pyruvate: Converted to Acetyl (Co-Enzyme A) or enters				
			mitochondrion	3			
			1. or Kreb's cycle: CO ₂ produced/ ATP produced/ NADH produced	3			
			2. or electron transport system: protons (or H ⁺ ions) combine with O ₂ or electrons				
			(e $$) combine with O2/ to form water/ energy to ADP and P/ to make ATP				
			Any one further point from 1 or from 2.	3			
		(iv)	1. Anaerobic product in muscle: *Lactic acid or *lactate	3			
			2. Anaerobic product in yeast: *Ethanol (and carbon dioxide)	3			

12.	(a)	(i)	Excretion: Removal of metabolic waste	3		
			Egestion: Removal of undigested (or unabsorbed) material	3		
		(ii)	Simple excretion: Diffusion or contractile vacuole	3		
	(b)	(i)	Excretory products: Carbon dioxide/ urea/ salt(s)	2(3)		
		(ii)	Excretory product production locations: First product + matching location	3		
			Second product + matching location	3		
		(iii)	ADH: (Produced in response to) high salt levels or low water levels or dehydration/			
			(acts on) collecting ducts or (acts on) distal convoluted tubules/ more permeable/			
			more water reabsorbed (into blood)/ urine volume lowered (or urine more conc.)	3(3)		
		(iv)	Plant structures: Stomata/ lenticels/ leaves	2(3)		
	(c)	(i)	Homeostasis Maintenance of a constant internal environment	3		
		(ii)	1. <i>Metabolism:</i> All chemical reactions in the organism (or in the cell or in the body)	3		
			2. Effect of increase: Generates heat or temperature increase	3		
			3. <i>Term</i> : *Endotherm(s) or *Endothermic	3		
			4. Ectotherm response: Take shelter or move to a warm place or hibernate			
			5. Piloerection: Hairs standing up	3		
			Importance: Traps air or insulates or reduces heat loss	3		
			6. <i>Vasoconstriction importance:</i> Reduces blood flow to skin or reduces heat loss	3		

13.	(a)	(i)	Where growth regulators secreted: (Apical) meristems [Accept root tip or stem tip]	3				
		(ii)	Negative regulator: Ethene or IAA (or any named growth regulator)	3				
		(iii)	Thigmotropism: Growth response (of a plant) to touch	3				
	(b)	(i)	Diagram: with correctly located labelled parts	6(2)				
			pinna semi-circular canals stirrup eardrum cochlea Eustachian tube					
		(ii)	1. Function of pinna: Collects sound	3				
			2. Eustachian tube connected to: Throat or pharynx	3				
			3. Role of Eustachian tube: To equalise pressure or to relieve (or prevent) pressure	3				
			4. Other ossicle: Hammer or anvil	3				
			5 Why three semi-circular canals: To control (balance) in three planes	3				
			(or dimensions or axes)					
	(c)	(i)	Corresponding part of eye: *Retina or *fovea	3				
	,	()	Why: Both contain receptors (or both detect stimuli) or both generate impulses					
			or both send impulses to the brain	3				
		(ii)	Structure that determines pupil diameter: *Iris	3				
				3				
			2. Why pupil diameter changeable: To control the amount of light entering the eye or to prevent too much light entering the eye or to let more light enter the eye	3				
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		(iii)	1. Transparent and curved: Cornea	3				
			Lens To focus an to hand light on to refrect light	3				
		(iv)	2. How curvature helps eye: To focus or to bend light or to refract light	3				
		(iv)	Carnivores: Better judgement of distance or better focus on prey	2				
			OR Hawking and Detter detection of predetors on wider field of vision (to detect	3				
			Herbivores: Better detection of predators or wider field of vision (to detect					
			predators)					

14.	(a)	(i)	Species: A group of organisms capable of interbreeding to produce fertile offspring.	3
		(ii)	Intraspecific differences: *Variation	3
		(iii)	1. Evolution: Genetic changes (in populations)/ in response to environment/	
			over time/ giving rise to new species	2(3)
			2. Role of natural selection:	
			Better adapted survive/ reproduce/ adaptation is inherited/ adaptation	2(3)
			(becomes) more common	
		(iv)	Mutation: A change in DNA (or gene or chromosome or genetic material)	3
		(v)	1. Gene mutation disorder: Sickle cell anaemia or any valid example	3
			2. Chromosome mutation disorder: Down syndrome or any valid example	3
		(vi)	Cause of variation: Sexual reproduction or meiosis or formation of gametes	
			or fertilisation of gametes or independent assortment	3

14.	(b)	(i)	Eukaryotic cell features: Possess a nucleus/ membrane-enclosed organelles (or chloroplasts or mitochondria)	2(3)
		(ii)	Function of plant tissue: Named tissue + matching function (plant)	3
		(iii)	Function of animal tissue: Named tissue + matching function (animal)	3
		(iv)	Adaptations: Named plant tissue + matching adaptation	3
			Named animal tissue + matching adaptation	3
		(v)	Organ v. tissue: Organ is a group of tissues (working together)	3
		(vi)	1. Tissue culture: Growth of cells on a (nutrient) medium or growth of cells	
			outside the organism or growth of cells in vitro	3
			2. Requirements: Sterile (conditions)/ nutrients/ hormones or growth regulators/	
			suitable medium/ suitable temperature/ suitable pH/	
			oxygen supply	2(3)

14.	(c)	(i)	1.	Turgor: Pressure of cell contents against the cell wall	3
			2.	How plant cells stay turgid: By taking in as much water as they lose	3
				By osmosis (or explained)	3
			3.	Consequence for plant of turgidity loss: Wilt or lose rigidity or fail to stay upright or droop	3
			4.	Animal cell: Bursts	3
				Why: No cell wall	3
		(ii)	1	Diffusion: Movement (of material) from region of high concentration to a	
				region of low(er) concentration	3
				Osmosis: Movement of water from a region of high water concentration to a	
				region of low(er) water concentration across a semi-permeable membrane	
			2	Active transport; location: Nephron or named part	3
				Active transport; material: Glucose or amino acid(s) or salt(s) or water	3

15.	(a)	(i)	T.S. vein diagram:	thin wall + large lumen (> 50% total diameter)	3, 0
			L.S. vein diagram:	clearly longitudinal + valve	3, 0
			Labels:	lumen/ muscle or wall or endothelium/ valve	3(1)
		(ii)	1. Heart muscle:	Cardiac or coronary (vein)	3
			2. Kidney:	Renal (vein)	3
			3. Little CO ₂ :	Pulmonary (vein)	3
			4. <i>Into R.A.:</i>	Vena cava	3
			5. Capillaries at b	oth ends: Hepatic portal (vein)	3
		(iii)	How blood moved th	rough veins:	
			(Skeletal or volunta	ary) muscles contracting (squeezing)/ valves prevent backflow	2(3)

15	(b)	(i)	1. Endometrium:	Breaks down (shed)	(Days) 1 – 5			
				or		3+3		
				Thickens	(Days) 6 – 28	3+3		
			2. Ovary:	Follicle (or ovum or egg) matures	(Days) 1 – 14			
				or		2.2		
				Ovulation	(Days) 13 – 15	3+3		
				or				
				Corpus luteum develops	(Days) 15 – 28			
		(ii)	Where FSH and LH	produced: *Pituitary (gland)		3		
		(iii)	FSH: Stimula	ites follicle (egg) to develop (in ovary) or	stimulates (ovary) to			
			produce	e oestrogen or stimulates LH (production)		3		
			LH: Stimula	ites ovulation or described or causes (Graa	fian follicle) to develop			
			into cor	pus luteum or stimulates progesterone (pro	oduction)	3		
		(iv)	Other hormones: Oe	Other hormones: Oestrogen/ progesterone				
		(v)	Fn oestrogen: Causes endometrium to build up or inhibits FSH or stimulates LH					
			OR					
			Fn progesterone:	Maintains endometrium or inhibits LH or	inhibits FSH			

15.	(c)	(i)	Yellow marrow: \ Stores fat or converts to red marrow			
			Red marrow: Produces blood cells			
		(ii)	1. Lack of water-soluble vitamin in diet: Named disease and deficient vitamin +	3, 2, 0		
			matching recognition			
			2. Sex-linked: Named disease + matching recognition 3	3, 2, 0		
			3. Excess hormone: Named hormone + matching recognition 3	3, 2, 0		
			4. Virus: Named disease + matching recognition 3	3, 2, 0		
		(iii)	1. Microorganisms & waste: Composting or decomposition or decay	3		
			2. Vaccination: Stimulates antibody production or stimulates active immunity	3		
			3. Artificial propagation: Maintain desired trait or mitosis	3		
	4. Increasing wholegrain foods in diet: Stimulates peristalsis or moves food through alimentary canal					

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