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Information to Examiners

1. General

The mark scheme for each question shows:

- the marks available for each part of the question
- the total marks available for the question
- the typical answer or answers which are expected
- extra information to help the Examiner make his or her judgement and help to delineate what is acceptable or not worthy of credit or, in discursive answers, to give an overview of the area in which a mark or marks may be awarded.

The extra information is aligned to the appropriate answer in the left-hand part of the mark scheme and should only be applied to that item in the mark scheme.

At the beginning of a part of a question a reminder may be given, for example: where consequential marking needs to be considered in a calculation; or the answer may be on the diagram or at a different place on the script.

In general the right-hand side of the mark scheme is there to provide those extra details which confuse the main part of the mark scheme yet may be helpful in ensuring that marking is straightforward and consistent.

2. Emboldening

- 2.1** In a list of acceptable answers where more than one mark is available ‘any **two** from’ is used, with the number of marks emboldened. Each of the following bullet points is a potential mark.
- 2.2** A bold **and** is used to indicate that both parts of the answer are required to award the mark.
- 2.3** Alternative answers acceptable for a mark are indicated by the use of **or**. Different terms in the mark scheme are shown by a / ; eg allow smooth / free movement.

3. Marking points

3.1 Marking of lists

This applies to questions requiring a set number of responses, but for which students have provided extra responses. The general principle to be followed in such a situation is that ‘right + wrong = wrong’.

Each error / contradiction negates each correct response. So, if the number of error / contradictions equals or exceeds the number of marks available for the question, no marks can be awarded.

However, responses considered to be neutral (indicated as * in example 1) are not penalised.

Example 1: What is the pH of an acidic solution? (1 mark)

Student	Response	Marks awarded
1	green, 5	0
2	red*, 5	1
3	red*, 8	0

Example 2: Name two planets in the solar system. (2 marks)

Student	Response	Marks awarded
1	Neptune, Mars, Moon	1
2	Neptune, Sun, Mars, Moon	0

3.2 Use of chemical symbols / formulae

If a student writes a chemical symbol / formula instead of a required chemical name, full credit can be given if the symbol / formula is correct and if, in the context of the question, such action is appropriate.

3.3 Marking procedure for calculations

Full marks can be given for a correct numerical answer, without any working shown.

However, if the answer is incorrect, mark(s) can be gained by correct substitution / working and this is shown in the 'extra information' column or by each stage of a longer calculation.

3.4 Interpretation of 'it'

Answers using the word 'it' should be given credit only if it is clear that the 'it' refers to the correct subject.

3.5 Errors carried forward

Any error in the answers to a structured question should be penalised once only.

Papers should be constructed in such a way that the number of times errors can be carried forward are kept to a minimum. Allowances for errors carried forward are most likely to be restricted to calculation questions and should be shown by the abbreviation e.c.f. in the marking scheme.

3.6 Phonetic spelling

The phonetic spelling of correct scientific terminology should be credited **unless** there is a possible confusion with another technical term.

3.7 Brackets

(.....) are used to indicate information which is not essential for the mark to be awarded but is included to help the examiner identify the sense of the answer required.

3.8 Ignore / Insufficient / Do not allow

Ignore or insufficient is used when the information given is irrelevant to the question or not enough to gain the marking point. Any further correct amplification could gain the marking point.

Do **not** allow means that this is a wrong answer which, even if the correct answer is given, will still mean that the mark is not awarded.

Quality of Written Communication and levels marking

In Question 7(c) students are required to produce extended written material in English, and will be assessed on the quality of their written communication as well as the standard of the scientific response.

Students will be required to:

- use good English
- organise information clearly
- use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

The following general criteria should be used to assign marks to a level:

Level 1: basic

- Knowledge of basic information
- Simple understanding
- The answer is poorly organised, with almost no specialist terms and their use demonstrating a general lack of understanding of their meaning, little or no detail
- The spelling, punctuation and grammar are very weak.

Level 2: clear

- Knowledge of accurate information
- Clear understanding
- The answer has some structure and organisation, use of specialist terms has been attempted but not always accurately, some detail is given
- There is reasonable accuracy in spelling, punctuation and grammar, although there may still be some errors.

Level 3: detailed

- Knowledge of accurate information appropriately contextualised
- Detailed understanding, supported by relevant evidence and examples
- Answer is coherent and in an organised, logical sequence, containing a wide range of appropriate or relevant specialist terms used accurately.
- The answer shows almost faultless spelling, punctuation and grammar.

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Question 1

question	answers	extra information	mark
1(a)(i)	A = nucleus B = (cell) membrane		1 1
1(a)(ii)	any two from: • no (cell) wall • no (large / permanent) vacuole • no chloroplasts / chlorophyll	ignore shape	2
1(b)	because high to low oxygen / concentration or down gradient	allow 'more / a lot of oxygen molecules <u>outside</u> ' ignore along / across gradient	1
1(c)	a tissue		1
Total			6

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Question 2

question	answers	extra information	mark
2(a)	DNA		1
2(b)	X and Y		1
2(c)(i)	46 chromosomes		1
2(c)(ii)	half the number		1
2(d)	meiosis		1
Total			5

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Question 3

question	answers	extra information	mark
3(a)(i)	animal walking on soft material or suitably named material or further detail – eg dries out / buried / hardens / turns to rock	do not allow general descriptions of how fossils are formed or reference to bones not decaying	1
3(a)(ii)	any one from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (from) bones / shells / hard parts or from parts that do not decay / rot or are preserved • animal trapped in resin / amber / ice / peat • infiltration with minerals / named 	ignore imprint / impression allow frozen	1
3(b)	any two from: examples of physical factors such as flooding, volcanic activity (allow volcanoes) asteroid collision, drought, ice age / temperature change examples of biological factors such as predators (allow hunters), disease / named pathogen, competition lack of food / mates, cyclical nature of speciation / isolation / lack of habitat or habitat change	accept 2 physical factors or 2 biological factors or one of each for full marks ignore pollution If no other answers given allow natural disaster / climate change / weather change / catastrophic event / environmental change for 1 mark	2

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question	answers	extra information	mark
3(c)	older fossils simpler or change (with time)	to gain the mark there must be implication of change ignore evolve ignore extinction	1
3(d)	insufficient / no evidence / no remains or fossils survive	ignore no people were there allow no proof	1
Total			6

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Question 4

question	answers	extra information	mark
4(a)	place all the quadrats randomly on the lawn		1
4(b)(i)	1 4 2 2 3 2 4 0 Total = 15	all 4 counts correct	1
		total correct for their figures	1
4(b)(ii)	1.5	allow ecf from (b)(i)	1
4(b)(iii)	180	correct answer with or without working if answer incorrect, allow 1 mark for $\frac{15}{10} \times 120$ or 15×20 or $\frac{15}{10} \times 12 \times 10$ or $1.5 \times 12 \times 10$ or 1.5×120 allow ecf from (b)(ii) allow 1 mark if only 1 error	2
4(c)	use a larger sample size / more quadrats or use bigger quadrats	ignore repeats but allow repeat in different places ignore 'count them all'	1
Total			7

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Question 5

question	answers	extra information	mark
5(a)	Mendel		1
5(b)(i)	TT		1
5(b)(ii)	a dominant allele		1
5(c)	1 : 1		1
5(d)	100 short plants		1
Total			5

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Question 6

question	answers	extra information	mark
6(a)	any two from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • constant speed • constant effort • constant temperature 	<p>or allow converse for outdoors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • variable speed • variable terrain • traffic conditions • variable temperature • wind (resistance) • rain / snow <p>} allow weather</p> <p>allow pollution only if qualified by effect on body function but ignore pollution unqualified</p> <p>if no other marks obtained allow variable conditions outdoors</p>	2
6(b)	Brain		1
6(c)(i)	20 800	<p>correct answer with or without working gains 2 marks</p> <p>if answer incorrect, allow 1 mark for use of 1200 and 22 000 only</p>	2
6(c)(ii)	oxygen glucose / sugar	<p>apply list principle</p> <p>do not accept other named substances eg CO₂ water</p> <p>allow glycogen</p> <p>ignore food / carbohydrate</p>	1 1
6(c)(iii)	respire aerobically		1
6(c)(iv)	carbon dioxide lactic acid		1 1
6(d)	increased heart rate	<p>ignore adrenaline / drugs</p> <p>accept heart beats more but not heart pumps more</p>	1
Total			11

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Question 7

question	Answers	extra information	mark
7(a)	any one from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • add a water bath • heat screen • use LED • low energy bulb / described 	ignore 'check temperature'	1
7(b)(i)	rate / number of bubbles decreases or less oxygen / gas released	accept converse with reference to increasing light or shorter distance ignore reference to rate of photosynthesis	1
7(b)(ii)	temperature / CO ₂ (concentration)	accept 'it was too cool' or not enough CO ₂ accept number of chloroplasts / amount of chlorophyll allow heat allow CO ₂ do not allow CO ²	1

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question	Answers	extra information	mark	
7(c)	Marks awarded for this answer will be determined by the Quality of Written Communication (QWC) as well as the standard of the scientific response. Examiners should also refer to the information on page 5, and apply a 'best-fit' approach to the marking.		6	
	0 marks	Level 1 (1-2 marks)	Level 2 (3-4 marks)	Level 3 (5-6 marks)
	No relevant content.	There is a brief description of at least 1 tissue or at least 1 function of an indicated part of the leaf. The account lacks clarity or detail.	There is a clear description which includes at least 1 named tissue and at least 1 correct function described for an indicated part of the leaf.	There is a detailed description of most of the structures and their functions.
<p>examples of responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • epidermis • cover the plant • mesophyll / palisade • photosynthesises • phloem • xylem • transport. <p>The following points are all acceptable but beyond the scope of the specification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (waxy) cuticle – reduce water loss • epidermis – no chloroplasts so allows light to penetrate • stomata / guard cells – allow CO₂ in (and O₂ out) or controls water loss • palisade (mesophyll) – <u>many</u> chloroplasts to trap light – near top of leaf for receiving more light • spongy (mesophyll) – air spaces for rapid movement of gases 				
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Question 8

question	Answers	extra information	mark
8(a)(i)	directly proportional or 0.1 rise in rate for 1% rise in concentration	gains full marks accept increased concentration: increased rate or positive correlation or proportional for 1 mark	2
8(a)(ii)	0.6	allow ± 0.01	1
8(b)	(0.5 % trypsin) cheaper (35 °C) faster reaction so takes less time to make product extra heating cost outweighed by savings on enzyme cost	ignore more profit allow (35 °C) optimum / best temperature	1 1 1 1
8(c)(i)	any two from: • breaks down / digests food • from protein into amino acids / peptides • makes soft(er) / runni(er)	allow pre-digests protein / food allow easier for baby to digest allow description of texture change allow make (more) soluble	2

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question	answers	extra information	mark
8(c)(ii)	correct named enzyme correct function Eg carbohydrase starch → sugar or lactose → glucose or making sugar syrup or isomerase glucose → fructose or making slimming foods or lipase fats / oils → fatty acids or removal of grease stains	to gain 2 marks function must relate to correctly named enzyme accept amylase / maltase / lactase accept other correct example	1 1
Total			11

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