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Mark Scheme

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MARK SCHEME

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 lines 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 candidates 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.

Candidate	Response	Marks awarded
1	4,8	0
2	green, 5	0
3	red*, 5	1
4	red*. 8	0

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

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

Candidate	Response	Marks awarded
1	Pluto, Mars, Moon	1
2	Pluto, Sun, Mars,	0
	Moon	

3.2 Use of chemical symbols / formulae

If a candidate 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, as shown in the column 'answers', 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;

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.

question	answers	extra information	mark
1 (a)(i)	a legal drug		1
1 (a)(ii)	nicotine		1
1 (a)(iii)	withdrawal symptoms		1
1 (b)(i)	scattergram		1
1(b)(ii)	smoking during pregnancy often reduces the birth mass of babies		1
Total			5

Question 2

question	answers	extra information	mark
2 (a)(i)	(more) habitats / (greater) variety of habitats / range of food	allow (more) places / trees for homes or different places to live allow no pesticides /herbicides / chemicals sprayed allow more food	1
		allow safer / can hide	
		allow effects of machinery	
2 (a)(ii)	 any two from: building /houses / factories / etc roads quarrying waste dumps / landfill grazing 	ignore timber / uses of wood	2
2 (b)(i)	fertilisers		1
2 (b)(ii)	pesticides		1
2 (b)(iii)	pesticide / herbicide / chemicals / sprays	allow river (through farmland) polluted allow correct effect of fertilisers on river organisms	1

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Question 2 Continued

question	answers	extra information	mark
2 (c)	any two from		2
	• pollution / named pollutant / combustion / cars		
	• dumping waste / litter	allow 'not recycling'	
	• raw materials used up or reference to quarries / mines		
	• chopping down trees		
	• building / houses / etc		
	• global warming		
Total			8

question	answers	extra information	mark
3 (a)(i)	receptor		1
3 (a)(ii)	sensory neurone		1
3 (a)(iii)	motor neurone		1
3 (a)(iv)	muscle		1
3 (b)(i)	eye(s)	allow retina ignore sight	1
3 (b)(ii)	ear(s)	ignore hearing do not allow ear drum	1
3 (b)(iii)	ear(s)	ignore balance	1
Total			7

question	answers	extra information	mark
4 (a)	killed by poachers / killed for tusks less trees / leaves to eat land available disappearing	ignore feed on lots of leaves	1 1 1
4 (b)	Adult cell Small groups Adult cell Cells from Embryo Genes are Tissue A nucleus	all three correct = 3 marks two correct = 2 marks one correct = 1 mark extra line from a statement cancels the mark	max 3
Total			6

question	answers	extra information	mark
5 (a)(i)	12	correct answer with or without working	2
		if answer incorrect evidence of (number of deaths) × 6 or 2 seen gains 1 mark	
5 (a)(ii)	(ward 2)		
	more deaths / infections on ward 1		1
	or		
	less deaths / infections on ward 2		
5 (b)(i)	both bars correctly plotted	ie plots in spaces between 2.8 and 3.2 and 0.8 and 1.2	1
		ignore width and shading	
5 (b)(ii)	less deaths / infections		1
5 (b)(iii)	bacteria / germs / microbes / infection killed / washed off	accept less infections <u>passed on</u>	1
Total			6

question	answers	extra information	mark
6 (a)	streamlined / aerodynamic / swept- back / arrow-shaped / dart-shaped wings / tail	allow pointed / curved wings ignore pointed tail / beak	1
	OR	ignore large tail	
	large / long wings		
6 (b)	no / fewer insects / food (in winter)	allow too cold	1
		ignore not adapted to cold	
		ignore day length	
6 (c)(i)	 any two from feed / hunt at different heights or swifts feed high<u>er</u> up feed / hunt at different times or swifts feed at night arrive / depart at different times 		2
6 (c)(ii)	nesting sites / territory / habitat	allow homes / space ignore food unqualified allow well qualified food answers eg insects / food near the ground or insects / food when it's light or insects / food between early May and early August	1
Total			5

Question 7

question	answers	extra information	mark
7(a)	any two from:		2
	• age		
	• gender		
	• mass		
	• number in group		
	• time		
7(b)	any two from:		2
	 highest (mean) mass loss on Rosemary Conley or Rosemary Conley most effective 		
	 least (mean) mass loss in control group or mean gain in mass in control group 		
	• Slimfast least (mean) loss of programmes or Slimfast least effective		
	• all diets resulted in mass loss		
	• large range of mass loss		
	• similar (mean) mass loss with all 4 diets		
	• (mean) mass loss similar in Atkins and Weightwatchers		
	• (only) in Rosemary Conley (did) all lose mass		

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Question 7 Continued

question	answers	extra information	mark
7(c)	(Atkins) costs least mass loss very similar to other diets or second highest mass loss or as effective as other diets		1
7(d)	 any two from: (exercise) increases metabolic rate / respiration (exercise) needs / uses energy / calories (this) energy comes from food / fat less food / energy/ calories converted to fat 	ignore sweating allow burns fat / calories do not accept energy <u>for</u> respiration	2
Total			8