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Mark Scheme

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Marking Guidance for Examiners GCSE Science Papers

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

- 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.

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

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

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

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

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)	root hair		1
1 (a)(ii)	 any two from: water ions / minerals / nutrients / salts / correct named eg nitrates oxygen 	ignore food ignore N,P,K	2
1 (b)(i)	stomata		1
1 (b)(ii)	diffusion		1
Total			5

question	answers	extra information	mark
2 (a)	В		1
2 (b)	Narrow(er) small(er) / thin(ner)(air) passages / bronchioles or less air can pass through or harder for air to enter	allow muscle fibres are contracted allow oxygen instead of air ignore reference to surface area	1
2 (c)(i)	salbutamol causes relaxation / reduces contraction		1
2 (c)(ii)	widens / enlarges / bronchioles / (air) passages or allows air through more easily or allows person to breathe more easily	allow oxygen instead of air	1
Total			4

question	answers	extra information	mark
3 (a)(i)	carbohydrase		1
3 (a)(ii)	yeast		1
3 (a)(iii)	distillation		1
3 (b)	petrol will run out or petrol increasingly difficult to obtain or petrol non-renewable	ignore cost ignore ease of production allow: (more) pollution / named eg allow petrol damages environment allow (more) global warming	1
	more maize can be grown or maize is renewable	allow better for the environment allow causes less global warming	1
Total			5

question	answers	extra information	mark
4 (a)(i)	150		1
4 (a)(ii)	 any two from: lower resting rate lower rate during exercise recovers faster after exercise 	accept correct use of numbers accept pulse rate allow a general statement about lower rate if neither of the first two points given	2
4 (b)	glucose		1
Total			5

question	answers	extra information	mark
5 (a)	A higher concentration would be difficult to stir		1
5 (b)(i)	methane		1
5 (b)(ii)	60	100 – (5 + 35) but incorrect answer allow 1 mark	2
5 (c)(i)	aerobic respiration		1
5 (c)(ii)	oxygen		1
Total			6

question	answers	extra information	mark
6 (a)(i)	too large to pass through the filter		1
6 (a)(ii)	passed through the filter, then reabsorbed into blood		1
6 (a)(iii)	water is reabsorbed from the filtrate into the blood		1
6 (a)(iv)	water, urea and sodium ions		1
6 (b)(i)	less urine		1
6 (b)(ii)	more concentrated		1
Total			6

question	answers	extra information	mark
7 (a)(i)	A = (cell) wall	ignore cellulose	1
	B = cytoplasm		1
7 (a)(ii)	any one from		1
	 bacterial cell / it has no nucleus 	accept has DNA instead of a nucleus but not just has DNA	
	DNA free in cytoplasm	allow no mitochondria	
	has no vacuole / no	ignore size	
	vesicles	ignore strands of DNA	
7 (b)(i)	<u>yeast</u> grows best / better / well or optimum temperature for <u>yeast /</u> more yeast present	allow <u>yeast</u> works best / better / well	1
	CO ₂ made(by yeast)		1
	or respires / respiration (by yeast)	allow fermentation (ignore anaerobic/aerobic)	
7 (b)(ii)	bacterium grows best / better / well / more bacteria present or optimum temperature for bacterium	ignore micro organism / microbes allow works / respires best / better / well (ignore anaerobic/aerobic)	1
	(lactic) acid made (by bacterium)	do not allow wrong acid	1
7 (b)(iii)	bread still rises (in acid conditions)		1
	or		
	no need to control / monitor pH		
Total			8

question	answers	extra information	mark
8 (a)(i)	to kill (micro)organisms / bacteria / microbes or to sterilise	allow get rid of organisms etc allow kill germs	1
8 (a)(ii)	(micro)organisms / they could not enter (the broth / flask) or (micro)organisms / they get trapped / stuck (in the bend)	apply list principle to air	1
8 (b)	(more) reliable or to check if anomalous / consistent (same every time)	do not allow precise / accurate / valid / fair	1
8 (c)	 any two from: microorganisms now enter (the broth / flask) microorganisms from air / bend / neck / x nutrients / energy source for microorganisms (in broth) 	ignore oxygen / air	2
8 (d)	biogenesis		1
Total			6