

General Certificate of Secondary Education 2014–2015

Double Award Science: Biology

Unit B1

Foundation Tier

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MARK SCHEME

Introduction

Mark schemes are published to assist teachers and students in their preparation for examinations. Through the mark schemes teachers and students will be able to see what examiners are looking for in response to questions and exactly where the marks have been awarded. The publishing of the mark schemes may help to show that examiners are not concerned about finding out what a student does not know but rather with rewarding students for what they do know.

The Purpose of Mark Schemes

Examination papers are set and revised by teams of examiners and revisers appointed by the Council. The teams of examiners and revisers include experienced teachers who are familiar with the level and standards expected of students in schools and colleges.

The job of the examiners is to set the questions and the mark schemes; and the job of the revisers is to review the questions and mark schemes commenting on a large range of issues about which they must be satisfied before the question papers and mark schemes are finalised.

The questions and the mark schemes are developed in association with each other so that the issues of differentiation and positive achievement can be addressed right from the start. Mark schemes, therefore, are regarded as part of an integral process which begins with the setting of questions and ends with the marking of the examination.

The main purpose of the mark scheme is to provide a uniform basis for the marking process so that all the markers are following exactly the same instructions and making the same judgements in so far as this is possible. Before marking begins a standardising meeting is held where all the markers are briefed using the mark scheme and samples of the students' work in the form of scripts. Consideration is also given at this stage to any comments on the operational papers received from teachers and their organisations. During this meeting, and up to and including the end of the marking, there is provision for amendments to be made to the mark scheme. What is published represents this final form of the mark scheme.

It is important to recognise that in some cases there may well be other correct responses which are equally acceptable to those published: the mark scheme can only cover those responses which emerged in the examination. There may also be instances where certain judgements may have to be left to the experience of the examiner, for example, where there is no absolute correct response – all teachers will be familiar with making such judgements.

				AVAILABLE MARKS
1	(a)	Hormone; tip; side; phototropism	[4]	
	(b)	 Any two from: Plant receives more light/all possible light/energy from sun Increases photosynthesis 		
		Increases growth	[2]	
	(c)	Shoot is taller; grows straight up	[2]	8
2	(a)	A – head B – thorax		
		C – abdomen	[3]	
	(b)	(i) Pitfall (trap)	[1]	
		(ii) To stop flooding/rainwater from entering the trap	[1]	
	(c)	(i) $50 \times 45;$		
		÷ 5; = 450	[3]	
		 (ii) So that they were not more noticeable/conspicuous to predators Not as well camouflaged 	[1]	
		 (iii) Any two from: Deaths/disease Emigration Predation Less food available/lack of food Change in weather Hibernation 	[2]	11

3	(a)	(i)	lodine (solution)	[1]	AVAILABLE MARKS
		(ii)	Blue-black or black	[1]	
		(iii)	Centre of leaf shaded	[1]	
	(b)	(i)	Water; chlorophyll/chloroplast; oxygen	[3]	
		(ii)	Any two from: • starch • respiration/energy • cellulose • oils/lipids/glycerol • amino acids/proteins • chlorophyll	[2]	
	(C)	(1)	40 arbitrary units/39	[1]	
		(ii)	Light; Temperature, Water	[2]	
		(iii)	Burning oil will produce heat/increase temperature/keep warm; increase the rate of photosynthesis/more growth	[2]	13
4	(a)	(i)	40°C; least amount of stain remaining/only 10% of the stain remains/ 90% removed	[2]	
		(ii)	Increase protease/enzyme/washing powder concentration; increase the washing/cycle time/longer wash/wash again/smaller load	[2]	
	(b)	Any • •	two from: stain/fat is not broken down/digested ; only lipase will break down fats; protease only breaks down protein	[2]	6

5	(a)	6 (million)	[1]	AVAILABLE MARKS
	(b)	They live/nest in long grass	[1]	
	(c)	 Any two from: nests/eggs are destroyed chicks are killed adults are killed destroys food will leave nowhere to hide ruining habitat eaten by predators nowhere to lay eggs 	[2]	
	(d)	This allows the chicks/adults to escape (into other fields)/move habitat/ lays eggs at edge/birds not killed by machines	[1]	
	(e)	Have a backbone	[1]	6
6	(a)	(i) Starch	[1]	
	(b)	 (ii) Any two from: large surface area villi/microvilli long/folds good blood supply/diffusion gradient (villus) wall one cell thick/thin wall permeable 	[2]	
	(d)	Points joined by straight lines	[2]	
		 (ii) Any two from: James up to 390, Richard 140 James's level continues to rise for longer James's blood glucose level is (always) higher James's blood glucose takes longer to return to normal James has a steeper increase Times of peak (James 1.30, Richard 1) 	[2]	
		 (iii) Any three from: insulin is produced in the pancreas this hormone acts in the liver and converts glucose into glycogen/stores as glycogen and increases respiration of glucose 	[3]	
		 (iv) Any two from: eye damage/blindness kidney failure/damage heart disease/CHD/heart attack stroke 	[2]	12

7	(a)	From bottom up and clockwise Plants, rabbits, blue tits, thrushes 4 correct – 3 marks		AVAILABLE MARKS
		2/3 correct – 2 marks 1 correct – 1 mark	[3]	
	(b)	(i) Plants	[1]	
		(ii) Hawk	[1]	
	(c)	Heat (from respiration)/movement/excretion/egestion/uneaten materials, e.g. feathers and bones	[1]	
	(d)	indexts blue tits caterpillars trees (Not plants)	[2]	8

8 Indicative content Method:

- Crush/crumble biscuit
- Add biscuit to test tube
- Heat in a **water bath** (or described)
- Add Benedict's (to biscuit)

Controlled variables:

- Equal masses of the two biscuits
- Biscuits crumbled to same extent
- Same volume of Benedict's
- Heated for same length of time

Conclusion:

- Brick red precipitate
- Biscuit sample that gives the more intense brick red colour contains more sugar

Band	Ind Response	
A	Candidates must use appropriate specialist terms throughout using at least five of the above points (must include one controlled variable and one conclusion) to describe how they would carry out this experiment and draw conclusions. They use good spelling, punctuation and grammar and the form and style are of a high standard.	
В	Candidates must use some appropriate specialist terms throughout using three or four of the above points to describe how they would carry out this experiment and draw conclusions. They use satisfactory spelling, punctuation and grammar and the form and style are of a satisfactory standard.	[3]–[4]
С	Candidates describe how the experiment is carried out or draw conclusions using one or two of the above points. However, these are not presented in a logical sequence. They use limited spelling, punctuation and grammar and they have made little use of specialist terms.	[1]–[2]
D	Response not worthy of credit.	[0]

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70

Total

AVAILABLE MARKS