

MARK SCHEME for the May/June 2013 series

9693 MARINE SCIENCE

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Paper 4 (A2 Data Handling / Free Response),
maximum raw mark 50

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Question	Answers to be awarded credit	Additional Guidance	
1 (a)	S – Scales and axes labelled (mass / g time); L – Both lines drawn neatly (joining the points) and key for each line; P – Points plotted correctly;		3
(b) (i)	GM salmon show faster growth overall / eq; Final mass is higher (for GM salmon); Use of manipulated figures (not simply quoting numbers); Up to 250 days no / little difference; Over 250 days the difference is <u>significant</u> ; Correct reference to overlapping ranges of standard deviations;		3 max
(ii)	Transfer of growth <u>gene</u> ; Into egg / early embryo; Ref to (gene) promoter; Growth gene switched on permanently; Ref to continuous feeding;		2 max
(c)	Variable: 2 tank sizes; Repeat <u>and</u> calculate means; Measurement: <u>change in</u> weight / length / (accept measure before and after a stated time); Controls: food quantity / same temperature / oxygen / starting size / age of fish / number of fish in tanks/ eq;;		4 max

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<p>2 (a)</p>	<p>Biodiversity = the number of individuals of different species / eq;</p> <p>Biodiversity decreases (at desalination plant); Fewer species;</p> <p>Fewer total number of individuals;</p> <p>Red sea crab increases;</p> <p>Manipulated numerical comparison (e.g. 32 more red sea crabs);</p> <p>Credit another specific species example;</p>	<p>MP 1 – biodiversity definition</p> <p>Accept most species have fewer numbers / all but red sea crab are lower/ ignore all species have less.</p> <p>No mark for simply quoting data</p>	<p>4 max</p>
<p>(b)</p>	<p>(Desalination plant) causes high salt concentration / salinity;</p> <p>Releases toxins;</p> <p>Loss of water (from organisms);</p> <p>Correct ref to osmosis;</p> <p>Some organisms are able to osmoregulate / ref to Na⁺ pumping / eq;</p> <p>Less competition (so red crab increases in number) / niches become available / eq;</p>		<p>4 max</p>

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<p>3 (a)</p>	<p>Ref to photosynthesis / chemosynthesis; Fixing carbon / energy / producing organic molecules / eq; For primary consumers/ herbivores / food chain / eq; Shelter / habitat; Oxygen release;</p>		<p>4 max</p>
<p>(b)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Light intensity; 2 Energy source; 3 light wavelength / colour; 4 depth; 5 clarity of water / turbidity / sediment; 6 ref to blue and red regions absorbed by chlorophyll / eq; 7 CO₂; 8 (raw material) for glucose production; 9 temperature; 10 enzymes; 11 magnesium; 12 (for) chlorophyll; 13 phosphates; 14 for ATP; 15 salinity; 16 osmotic balance; 		<p>Max 7</p>

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(c)	(Hg) is toxic; <u>Low concentration</u> in plankton / lower levels of food chain / eq; Passed on by eating; Bioaccumulation; <u>High concentration</u> at top of food chain; Harms / kills top predators;	MP2 must be eating the organisms, not the mercury in the water	Max 4
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<p>4 (a)</p>	<p>Purse seine:- Catches whole schools / large catch; Non target species / bycatch; Loss of diversity / food chain impact / population <u>fall</u>;</p> <p>Benthic trawl:- Dredge along sea bed / eq; Damage reef / coral / sea bed; Loss of habitat (due to physical destruction) / food chain impact;</p> <p>Factory ships: - Freeze catch; Stay at sea long periods; Depletes fish stocks / over fishing;</p>		<p>6 max</p>
<p>(b)</p>	<p>Nursery grounds for fish / eq; (and) crustacean; (fish) survive to breeding age; Stabilises habitat / allows sedimentation; Food for decomposers; Food sources for fish / food chains; Protection from storms / waves;</p>	<p>(Look for idea of protection for <u>juveniles</u>)</p>	<p>4 max</p>
<p>(c)</p>	<p>Benefits:- 1 Prevent extinction / conserve biodiversity; 2 Maintain ecological stability / relationships / eq; 3 Keeps fish (prey) population stable; 4 (seals) are prey for next trophic level;</p> <p>Counter argument:- 5 Commercial damage; 6 Damage to food chains of other species / puffin / common seal / competition / eq; 7 Decrease cod / haddock / sand eel stocks; 8 Decrease competitor species populations / puffins / common seals / eq</p>		<p>5 max</p>

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