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PUBLISHED**Generic Marking Principles**

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptors for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always **whole marks** (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently, e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

Science-Specific Marking Principles

1	Examiners should consider the context and scientific use of any keywords when awarding marks. Although keywords may be present, marks should not be awarded if the keywords are used incorrectly.
2	The examiner should not choose between contradictory statements given in the same question part, and credit should not be awarded for any correct statement that is contradicted within the same question part. Wrong science that is irrelevant to the question should be ignored.
3	Although spellings do not have to be correct, spellings of syllabus terms must allow for clear and unambiguous separation from other syllabus terms with which they may be confused (e.g. ethane / ethene, glucagon / glycogen, refraction / reflection).
4	The error carried forward (ecf) principle should be applied, where appropriate. If an incorrect answer is subsequently used in a scientifically correct way, the candidate should be awarded these subsequent marking points. Further guidance will be included in the mark scheme where necessary and any exceptions to this general principle will be noted.
5	<p><u>'List rule' guidance</u></p> <p>For questions that require <i>n</i> responses (e.g. State two reasons ...):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The response should be read as continuous prose, even when numbered answer spaces are provided.• Any response marked <i>ignore</i> in the mark scheme should not count towards <i>n</i>.• Incorrect responses should not be awarded credit but will still count towards <i>n</i>.• Read the entire response to check for any responses that contradict those that would otherwise be credited. Credit should not be awarded for any responses that are contradicted within the rest of the response. Where two responses contradict one another, this should be treated as a single incorrect response.• Non-contradictory responses after the first <i>n</i> responses may be ignored even if they include incorrect science.

6 Calculation specific guidance

Correct answers to calculations should be given full credit even if there is no working or incorrect working, **unless** the question states 'show your working'.

For questions in which the number of significant figures required is not stated, credit should be awarded for correct answers when rounded by the examiner to the number of significant figures given in the mark scheme. This may not apply to measured values.

For answers given in standard form (e.g. $a \times 10^n$) in which the convention of restricting the value of the coefficient (a) to a value between 1 and 10 is not followed, credit may still be awarded if the answer can be converted to the answer given in the mark scheme.

Unless a separate mark is given for a unit, a missing or incorrect unit will normally mean that the final calculation mark is not awarded. Exceptions to this general principle will be noted in the mark scheme.

7 Guidance for chemical equations

Multiples / fractions of coefficients used in chemical equations are acceptable unless stated otherwise in the mark scheme.

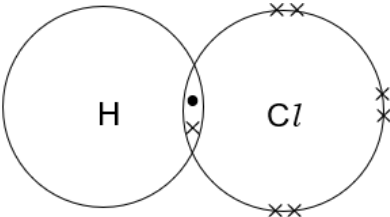
State symbols given in an equation should be ignored unless asked for in the question or stated otherwise in the mark scheme.

Question	Answer					Marks
1(a)	organism	herbivore	producer	primary consumer	secondary consumer	4
arctic cod			✓	✓		
krill	✓		✓			
plankton		✓				
leopard seal				✓		
	1 mark for each row ;;;					
1(b)	arrows drawn from leopard seal and arctic cod to orca ;					1
1(c)	Sun ;					1
1(d)(i)	carbon dioxide + water → glucose + oxygen ;					2
1(d)(ii)	chloroplast ;					1

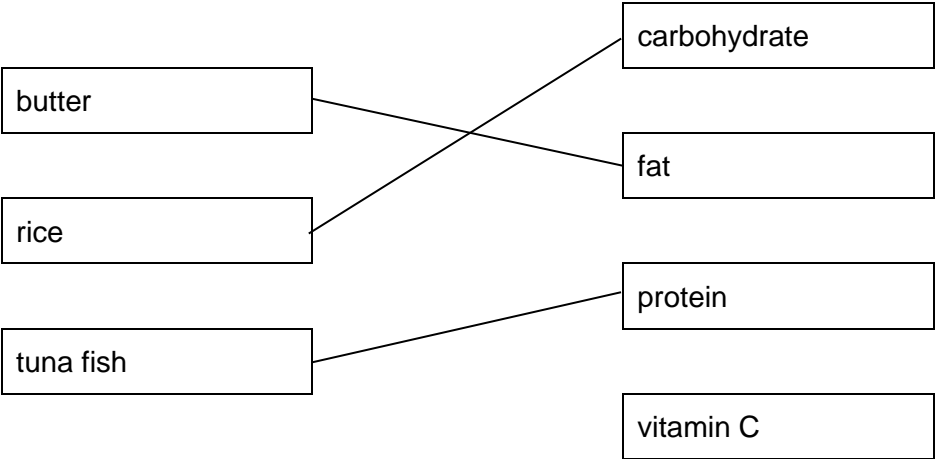
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2(a)	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">the halogens are elements</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: center;">✓</td> </tr> <tr> <td>the halogens exist as diatomic molecules</td> <td style="text-align: center;">✓</td> </tr> </table> <p>∴ 2 ticks 2 correct = 2 marks 3 ticks 2 correct = 1 mark 2 ticks 1 correct = 1 mark 1 tick 1 correct = 1 mark 4 ticks 2 correct = 0 marks</p>	the halogens are elements	✓	the halogens exist as diatomic molecules	✓	2
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2(b)(i)	protons = 17 ; neutrons = 20 ;	2				
2(b)(ii)	nucleus ;	1				
2(c)(i)	anode / positive ;	1				
2(c)(ii)	hydrogen ;	1				
2(c)(iii)	it is inert / will not react / good electrical conductor ;	1				
2(c)(iv)	new substances formed / cannot be reversed ;	1				
2(d)	kills microbes / sterilise water ;	1				

Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)	weight of car ; surface area of tyres in contact with the road ;	2
3(b)(i)	use a magnet ; wheel is not attracted ; ORA	2
3(b)(ii)	moment = force \times perpendicular distance (<i>in any form</i>) / 250×0.4 ; = 100 (N m) ;	2
3(b)(iii)	<i>one from:</i> increase current / voltage ; increase the strength of the magnetic field ;	1
3(c)	friction ; electrons ;	2

Question	Answer	Marks				
4(a)	5 ; 4 ;	2				
4(b)	<table border="1" style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"> <tbody> <tr> <td>DD</td> <td>Dd</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dd</td> <td>dd</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> ; 25 (%) ;	DD	Dd	Dd	dd	2
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4(c)(i)	length / AW, of DNA ; that codes for a protein ;	2				
4(c)(ii)	XY ;	1				
4(c)(iii)	nucleus ;	1				

Question	Answer	Marks
5(a)(i)	experiment D ;	1
5(a)(ii)	stopwatch ;	1
5(b)(i)	check colour against pH chart ; red pH 1–3 very acidic and orange/yellow pH 4–6 weakly acidic ;	2
5(b)(ii)	pH = any value between 1 and 6 ;	1
5(c)(i)	 <p>1 shared pair only ; all else correct ;</p>	2
5(c)(ii)	covalent (bonding) ;	1
5(d)	(liquid) closer together / (gas) further apart) ; (liquid) slide past each other / slower / (gas) free to move / faster ;	2

Question	Answer	Marks
6(a)(i)	5 (J) ;	1
6(a)(ii)	electrical ; light and sound ; thermal ;	3
6(a)(iii)	weight = mass \times <i>g</i> (<i>in any form</i>) or mass = $120 \div 10$; = 12 (kg) ;	2
6(b)(i)	frayed cables ;	1
6(b)(ii)	danger of electrocution / short circuit ;	1
6(c)(i)	normal ;	1
6(c)(ii)	b ;	1
6(c)(iii)	angle of incidence equals angle of reflection ;	1

Question	Answer	Marks
7(a)(i)	F ; D ; B ;	3
7(a)(ii)	A – liver ; C – pancreas ;	2
7(b)	digested and cells ;	1
7(c)(i)		3
7(c)(ii)	carbon, hydrogen, oxygen ;	1
7(c)(iii)	strengthen bones / teeth ;	1

Question	Answer	Marks
8(a)(i)	no longer being made or made extremely slowly ;	1
8(a)(ii)	bauxite ;	1
8(b)	<i>any two from:</i> unreactive / resists corrosion ; malleable ; low density ; AVP ; suitable explanation for at least one property ;	3
8(c)(i)	Mixture of two or more metals / metal and other elements ;	1
8(c)(ii)	83.8 (g) ;	1
8(c)(iii)	copper iron nickel ;; 2 correct – 1 mark 3 correct – 2 marks	2

Question	Answer	Marks
9(a)(i)	bat and dolphin ; pitch is frequency ;	2
9(a)(ii)	highest 20 000 Hz ; lowest 2000 Hz ;	2
9(b)(i)	time = distance/speed (<i>in any form</i>) or $200 \div 40$; = 5 (s) ;	2
9(b)(ii)	unreliable / depends on the wind blowing ;	1
9(b)(iii)	HEP /solar / tides / waves / geothermal ;	1
9(c)(i)	ultraviolet in box between X-rays and visible light ;	1
9(c)(ii)	skin cancer / sunburn ;	1

Question	Answer	Marks										
10(a)	A – trachea ; B – bronchus ; C – alveoli ;	3										
10(b)	(expired air) contains more carbon dioxide ; contains less oxygen ; contains more water vapour ;	3										
10(c)	<table border="1" data-bbox="338 517 1270 845"> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="338 517 1095 582">Diffusion is due to the random movement of particles.</td> <td data-bbox="1095 517 1270 582">✓</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="338 582 1095 647">Diffusion is the movement of only water molecules.</td> <td data-bbox="1095 582 1270 647"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="338 647 1095 713">Diffusion occurs across a cell membrane.</td> <td data-bbox="1095 647 1270 713">✓</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="338 713 1095 778">Diffusion requires energy from aerobic respiration.</td> <td data-bbox="1095 713 1270 778"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="338 778 1095 845">Diffusion occurs against a concentration gradient.</td> <td data-bbox="1095 778 1270 845"></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p data-bbox="338 845 806 981"> ∴ all correct = 2 marks three ticks and two correct = 1 mark otherwise = 0 marks </p>	Diffusion is due to the random movement of particles.	✓	Diffusion is the movement of only water molecules.		Diffusion occurs across a cell membrane.	✓	Diffusion requires energy from aerobic respiration.		Diffusion occurs against a concentration gradient.		2
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10(d)(i)	stoma / stomata ;	1										
10(d)(ii)	transpiration ;	1										
10(d)(iii)	<i>any two from:</i> increase in temperature ; decrease in humidity ; AVP ;	2										

Question	Answer	Marks
11(a)(i)	natural gas ;	1
11(a)(ii)	coal / petroleum ;	1
11(a)(iii)	carbon dioxide ;	1
11(b)	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\ \\ \text{H} - \text{C} - \text{H} \\ \\ \text{H} \end{array}$; ;	1
11(c)(i)	2 (O ₂) ; 2 (H ₂ O) ;	2
11(c)(ii)	temperature rise ;	1
11(d)(i)	C	1
11(d)(ii)	test – aqueous bromine ; A – no change / stays orange ; B – decolorises (from orange to colourless) ;	3

Question	Answer	Marks
12(a)(i)	correct symbol for lamp ; lamp and motor in parallel ;	2
12(a)(ii)	fuse ;	1
12(a)(iii)	protect circuit ;	1
12(b)	alpha / beta / X-rays ;	1
12(c)	mass = density \times volume (<i>in any form</i>) / 1.28×0.25 ; evidence of conversion of mass to grams ; = 320 (g) ;	3
12(d)(i)	ethanol, mercury and methanol ;	1
12(d)(ii)	density / volume ;	1