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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.

Mark scheme abbreviations

- ; separates marking points
- / alternative responses for the same marking point
- **R** reject the response
- **A** accept the response
- **I** ignore the response
- **ecf** error carried forward
- **AVP** any valid point
- **ora** or reverse argument
- **AW** alternative wording
- underline actual word given must be used by candidate (grammatical variants excepted)
- () the word / phrase in brackets is not required but sets the context

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance								
1(a)(i)	plants / AVP ;	1									
1(a)(ii)	<i>any one from:</i> 6 legs / 3 pairs of legs ; 3 (main) body parts / head thorax and abdomen ; wings ;	1									
1(a)(iii)	<i>two rows from:</i> <table><tr><th>name of arthropod group</th><th>identifying feature</th></tr><tr><td>arachnids</td><td>8 legs / 4 pairs of legs / 2 body parts</td></tr><tr><td>crustaceans</td><td>10 or more legs / 2 pairs of antennae</td></tr><tr><td>myriapods</td><td>many pairs of legs / many legs / more than 16 legs / more than 8 pairs of legs / 1 or 2 pairs of legs on each segment / many segments</td></tr></table>	name of arthropod group	identifying feature	arachnids	8 legs / 4 pairs of legs / 2 body parts	crustaceans	10 or more legs / 2 pairs of antennae	myriapods	many pairs of legs / many legs / more than 16 legs / more than 8 pairs of legs / 1 or 2 pairs of legs on each segment / many segments	4	MP1 and MP2 correct groups MP3 and MP4 correct matching feature
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1(b)(i)	inherited ; reproduce ;	2									
1(b)(ii)	<i>feature:</i> shape / pattern / looks like a leaf / AVP ; <i>suggestion:</i> for camouflage (described) / so it does not get eaten / hide from predators / AVP ;	2									

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2(a)(i)	<p>functions</p> <p>letter in Fig. 2.1</p> <p>contains and supports other cell structures</p> <p>controls the activities of the cell</p> <p>controls which substances enter or leave the cell</p> <p>protein synthesis</p> <p>A</p> <p>B</p> <p>C</p> <p>D</p> <p>E</p> <p>....</p> <p>}}</p>	4	one mark for each correct line R each additional line
2(a)(ii)	any two from: A / C / D ;;	2	
2(b)	any three from: movement ; sensitivity ; growth ; reproduction ; excretion ; nutrition ;	3	

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3(a)	breakdown of large molecules to small molecules ; insoluble to soluble (molecules) ;	2													
3(b)(i)	<table><tr><td>enzyme</td><td>substrate</td><td>products</td></tr><tr><td>amylase</td><td>starch ;</td><td>simple reducing sugars</td></tr><tr><td>lipase</td><td>fats and oils</td><td>fatty acids ; glycerol ;</td></tr><tr><td>protease</td><td>proteins</td><td>amino acids ;</td></tr></table>	enzyme	substrate	products	amylase	starch ;	simple reducing sugars	lipase	fats and oils	fatty acids ; glycerol ;	protease	proteins	amino acids ;	4	
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3(b)(ii)	<i>amylase</i> : pancreas / salivary gland ; <i>lipase</i> : pancreas ; <i>protease</i> : pancreas / stomach ;	3													
3(c)(i)	hydrochloric ;	1													
3(c)(ii)	killing (named), harmful microorganisms / pathogens (in food) ; providing, an acidic / correct / optimum, pH for enzymes ;	2													

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4(a)	pumps ; arteries ; veins ; capillaries ; valves ;	5	
4(b)(i)	6 ;	1	
4(b)(ii)	50% ;	1	$(6 - 4) / 4 \times 100$ or $2 / 4 \times 100$ ecf from 4(b)(i)
4(c)	<i>any three from:</i> balanced diet ; reduce (consumption of saturated) fat ; reduce salt intake ; maintain healthy body weight / AW ; stop / avoid, smoking ; reduce / avoid, stress ; correct ref to adequate sleep ; AVP ; e.g. moderate or no alcohol consumption / statins	3	
4(d)	(heart) valves closing ;	1	

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5(a)(i)	aerobic ;	1	
5(a)(ii)	A glucose ; B water ;	2	
5(a)(iii)	diffusion ;	1	
5(b)	<i>any three from:</i> active transport ; cell division ; growth ; maintain body temperature ; muscle contraction ; passage of nerve impulses ; protein synthesis ; AVP ;;	3	
5(c)	<i>any three from:</i> rate of respiration increases then decreases as temperature increases ; peak rate / optimum, at 40°C ; rate / gas production, very low / AW, after 60°C ; rate / gas production, the same / 0.1 at 80°C and 90°C ; data manipulation ;	3	e.g. rate doubles from 10°C to 20°C

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6(a)	<i>any three from:</i> water ; oxygen ; suitable temperature ; AVP ; e.g. space	3	
6(b)(i)	<i>root:</i> drawn pointing down ; <i>shoot:</i> drawn pointing up ;	2	
6(b)(ii)	tropism ;	1	

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7(a)	<table><tr><td>function</td><td>letter on Fig. 7.1</td></tr><tr><td>carries sperms only</td><td>D ;</td></tr><tr><td>contains testes and keeps them cool</td><td>B ;</td></tr><tr><td>makes the fluid that sperm cells swim in</td><td>E ;</td></tr><tr><td>produces testosterone</td><td>C ;</td></tr><tr><td>where sperm are made</td><td>C ;</td></tr></table>	function	letter on Fig. 7.1	carries sperms only	D ;	contains testes and keeps them cool	B ;	makes the fluid that sperm cells swim in	E ;	produces testosterone	C ;	where sperm are made	C ;	5	
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7(b)	oestrogen ;	1													
7(c)	A egg (cell) / ovum ; B sperm (cell) ; C fertilisation ; D zygote ;	4													

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8(a)	<i>any one from:</i> rice fields / wetlands ; cattle / livestock ; AVP ; e.g., melting permafrost / termites / wildfires / (burning) fossil fuels / natural gas / fracking	1	
8(b)	increase ; 1600 / 1720 ; 1100 ;	3	A value in range 1720 to 1730 A value in range 1080 to 1100
8(c)(i)	combustion ;	1	A decomposition / decay
8(c)(ii)	<i>any two from:</i> <u>enhanced</u> greenhouse effect ; climate change / global warming / global heating ; large scale changes in weather patterns / extreme weather events ; sea level rising / ice caps melting ; reduction in biodiversity / extinction ;	2	
8(c)(iii)	photosynthesis / AVP ;	1	
8(d)(i)	<u>anaerobic</u> respiration / fermentation ;	1	
8(d)(ii)	<i>any three from:</i> reduces nutrient level in soil / requires more use of fertilisers ; encourages pests / requires more use of pesticides ; (leads to) increased pesticide resistance ; requires more water / irrigation ; contamination of water / increased run-off / pollution ; increases soil erosion ; lack of biodiversity ; loss of habitats / deforestation ; less land available for food crops ; AVP ; e.g., requires more fossil fuel energy	3	