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Cambridge IGCSE – Mark Scheme 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.

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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.
- 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.
- 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).
- 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 'List rule' guidance

For questions that require *n* responses (e.g. State **two** reasons ...):

- The response should be read as continuous prose, even when numbered answer spaces are provided.
- Any response marked *ignore* in the mark scheme should not count towards *n*.
- Incorrect responses should not be awarded credit but will still count towards *n*.
- 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 *n* responses may be ignored even if they include incorrect science.

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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.

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Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)(i)	any two from: oxygen moves into the blood; carbon dioxide moves into the, air / lungs / alveoli; by diffusion;	2
1(a)(ii)	alveoli ;	1
1(a)(iii)	any two from: thin / one, layer of cells; good blood supply; large surface area; well ventilated;	2
1(b)(i)	(contains blood vessels for) taking substances / correct named substances, to (and from) the placenta / fetus;	1
1(b)(ii)	protects the fetus from mechanical shock ;	1
1(b)(iii)	amino acids circled ; glucose circled ;	2

Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)	trend: boiling point increases;	3
	explanation: molecules are larger; stronger (intermolecular) forces;	
2(b)(i)	(family of compounds with) the same general formula; similar chemical properties;	2
2(b)(ii)	two double bonds shown; all else correct including chemical symbols;	2

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Question	Answer	Marks
2(b)(iii)	(C_7H_{16}) + 11 $O_2 \rightarrow 7$ (CO_2) + 8 H_2O all formulae correct; balanced correctly dependent on correct formulae ;	2
2(c)	global warming / enhanced greenhouse effect / climate change / consequence of climate change ;	1

Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)(i)	use of area under graph OR distance = speed \times time ; correct area identified / 1.5 \times 5.0 ; 7.5 (m) ;	3
3(a)(ii)	25 (s);	1
3(a)(iii)	X anywhere on curved section between 25 s and 35 s;	1
3(b)(i)	Δ G.P.E = $mg\Delta h / \Delta$ G.P.E = $W\Delta h / 600 \times 9.0$; 5 400 (J);	2
3(b)(ii)	conversion of 48 kW to 48 000 W; energy = power \times time / 48 000 \times 20 ; 960 000 (J) ;	3
3(b)(iii)	any two from: work is done moving the woman forward horizontally / KE of woman; work is done moving the escalator / KE of escalator; work is done against friction / thermal energy produced / heat produced;	2

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Question	Answer	Marks
4(a)	coronary artery correctly labelled ;	1
4(b)	haemoglobin ;	1
4(c)	any three from: so more oxygen / glucose, taken to the muscles; so more energy can be released; correct reference to respiration; so more carbon dioxide can be removed (from the muscles);	3
4(d)(i)	a chemical substance produced by a <u>gland</u> , carried by blood ; which alters the <u>activity</u> of one or more specific target organs ;	2
4(d)(ii)	adrenaline ;	1

Question	Answer	Marks
5(a)(i)	reactants and products labelled; activation energy labelled;	2
5(a)(ii)	(sodium) particles gain (sufficient) energy; to (overcome the attractive forces and) break the bonds between particles;	2
5(a)(iii)	8–14 AND sodium hydroxide is a base ;	1
5(a)(iv)	Na⁺ AND OH⁻ ;	1

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Question	Answer	Marks
5(b)	too reactive / very reactive / explosive ;	1
5(c)	chlorine;	1
5(d)	as number of (outer shell) electrons increases the element becomes more non-metallic / ora;	1

Question	Answer	Marks
6(a)	distances between molecules inside the tyre are smaller/molecules inside tyre are closer together/ora;	1
6(b)	use of $P = F/A$; $(F = P \times A = 3 \times 10^5 \times 0.25 =) 0.75 \times 10^5 / 75 000 (N)$;	2
6(c)(i)	any two from: holes help air flow (over the surface of the skin on her head); holes allow water to escape; which increases rate of evaporation;	2
6(c)(ii)	make, shiny / white / light in colour ; reflects (the Sun's radiation) ;	2
6(d)	$v = f \lambda in \ any \ form \ / \ 330 \div 1320 \ ;$ 0.25 (m) ;	2

Question	Answer	Marks
7(a)	correct reference to, fusion / joining / combining ; of <u>nuclei</u> of pollen and ovule ;	2
7(b)(i)	(anthers) are long; hang outside the flower;	2

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Question	Answer	Marks
7(b)(ii)	any two from: the reproductive organs / anther (and stigma), are inside the flower; large petals; the stigma is above the anther;	2
7(c)	(they are) organisms that make (their own) nutrients; using light energy / by photosynthesis;	2
7(d)	any two from: energy is lost / wasted, throughout the food chain; not enough energy to support many higher levels; further detail, e.g. by respiration (heat), excretion, death;	2

Question	Answer	Marks
8(a)	copper oxide / copper sulfide ;	1
8(b)(i)	solid (at RT) / high density / malleable / ductile / shiny / (good) conductor of, heat / electricity;	1
8(b)(ii)	coloured (other than white) / reference to catalysis ;	1
8(c)	reduction and oxidation both occur (redox); copper oxide is reduced / carbon is oxidised; copper oxide loses oxygen / carbon gains oxygen;	3
8(d)	alloy AND mixture both circled ;	1

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Question	Answer	Marks
9(a)	switch and fuse symbols correct; variable resistor symbol correct; switch and fuse in main circuit; variable resistor in motor branch;	4
9(b)	$V = IR \text{ in any form } / 230 \div 0.25 ;$ 920 (\Omega);	2

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