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General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.
- Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

Mark schemes have been developed so that the rubrics of each mark scheme reflects the characteristics of the skills within the AO being targeted and the requirements of the command word. So for example the command word 'Explain' requires an identification of a point and then reasoning/justification of the point.

Explain questions can be asked across all AOs. The distinction comes whether the identification is via a judgment made to reach a conclusion, or, making a point through application of knowledge to reason/justify the point made through application of understanding. It is the combination and linkage of the marking points that is needed to gain full marks.

When marking questions with a 'describe' or 'explain' command word, the detailed marking guidance below should be consulted to ensure consistency of marking.

Assessment Objective		Command Word	
Strand	Element	Describe	Explain
A01*		An answer that combines the marking points to provide a logical description	An explanation that links identification of a point with reasoning/justification(s) as required
AO2		An answer that combines the marking points to provide a logical description, showing application of knowledge and understanding	An explanation that links identification of a point (by applying knowledge) with reasoning/justification (application of understanding)
AO3	1a and 1b	An answer that combines points of interpretation/evaluation to provide a logical description	
AO3	2a and 2b		An explanation that combines identification via a judgment to reach a conclusion via justification/reasoning
AO3	За	An answer that combines the marking points to provide a logical description of the plan/method/experiment	
AO3	3b		An explanation that combines identifying an improvement of the experimental procedure with a linked justification/reasoning

*there will be situations where an AO1 question will include elements of recall of knowledge directly from the specification (up to a maximum of 15%). These will be identified by an asterisk in the mark scheme.

Question number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
1(a)(i)	An answer including:		(2)
	use the thermometer (1)	accept temperature probe	
	 measure the start and end temperature (of the water) (1) 	accept calculate the difference between the start and end temperature	
		ignore measure the difference	

Question number	Answer	Mark
1(a)(ii)	B 19 829 joules per gram	(1)
	The only correct answer is B	
	A is not correct because the correct substitutions have not been made.	
	C is not correct because the correct substitutions have not been made.	
	D is not correct because the correct substitutions have not been made.	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1 (a)(iii)	(biscuit) contains more {energy / fat / protein / carbohydrate / calories} OR	accept a smaller volume of water was used	(1)
	(biscuit) has a high {energy / fat / protein / carbohydrate / calories}	accept named examples of food groups e.g. sugar	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1 (b)	An explanation linking three from:	accept reverse argument for laboratory equipment	(3)
	 {all / most of} the heat energy is used to heat the water (1) 		
	 because there is less heat loss (1) 	accept less energy loss	
	 because the system {is sealed / is insulated / has a lid / is closed} (1) 	accept water can't evaporate	
	 and the stirrer distributes the heat evenly / the water has heat distributed equally (1) 	accept stirrer ensures the temperature is the same throughout	
	 {all / more of} the food burns (1) 	accept idea of complete combustion / the food burns in oxygen	

(Total for question 1 = 7 marks)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
2(a)		ignore mitosis	(1)
	asexual (reproduction)	reject meiosis	
		accept cloning / binary fission	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
2 (b)	One from advantages:	ignore genetically identical / no variation for advantages and disadvantages	(2)
	 (fruit) will have desired qualities (1) 	accept examples of characteristics e.g. all tasty / same taste	
	 can be produced faster (1) 	ignore higher yield	
	AND		
	One from disadvantages:		
	 susceptible to a disease (1) 	accept inherited / genetic diseases	
	 can't survive an environmental change (1) 	accept can't survive a selection pressure	
	• reduced gene pool (1)		

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
2(c)	A method including four from:		(4)
	 mix starch, enzyme and pH (solution) (1) 	all three solutions are required	
	 use iodine (to test for starch) (1) 	accept add iodine to a spotting tile	
	 (with iodine solution) blue-black means starch is present / {orange / brown} means no starch present (1) 	ignore blue	
	 control of one variable e.g. concentration, volume, temperature (1) 	ignore amount unless a measurement is given	
	• repeat using different pH solutions (1)		

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
2(d)	An explanation linking two from:enzyme denatures (1)	accept enzyme changes shape	(2)
	 which changes the shape of the active site (1) 		
	 so {the enzyme cannot bind to its substrate / active site no longer complementary / no enzyme-substrate complexes form} (1) 	accept substrate {no longer fits / is no longer complementary} accept starch for substrate	

(Total for question 2 = 9 marks)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3 (a)	Calculation	award full marks for the correct answer with no working	(2)
	$300 \div 30 / 2^{10} /$ indication that there are 10 divisions (1)	accept 512 for one mark only	
	Evaluation		
	1024		

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3(b)(i)	(pathogens are organisms) that cause disease	ignore examples of pathogens unless linked to causing disease	(1)
		accept cause disease / illness / infections	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3(b)(ii)	An explanation including two from:		(2)
	 they inhibit processes (in bacteria) (1) 	accept named processes e.g. disrupt cell walls	
	 so bacteria {are destroyed / are killed / growth stops / reproduction stops} (1) 	accept slows down for stopped	
	 but antibiotics {do not affect/damage} the host cell (1) 		

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3(b)(iii)	Substitution 80 ÷ 0.005 (1) 16 000	award full marks for the correct answer with no working	(2)

(Total for question 3 = 7 marks)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4(a)(i)	240 × 0.35 / 84 (1)	award full marks for the correct answer with no workings	(3)
	240 – 84 (1)	ecf for an incorrect value subtracted from 240 shown in working	
	156 (people)		
	OR		
	100 - 35 / 65 / 0.65 (1)	ecf for an incorrect value multiplied by 240 shown in working	
	0.65 x 240 / 65 ÷ 100 x 240 (1)		
	156 (people)		
	OR		
	240 ÷ 100 / 2.4 (1)		
	2.4 x 65 (1)	ecf for an incorrect value multiplied by 65 shown in working	
	156 (people)	SHOWIT IIT WOLKING	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4(a)(ii)	Any one from:		(1)
	• the eye(ball) is too long (1)	ignore the eye(ball) is too big	
	• the cornea is too curved (1)		
	 lens is too thick / too curved (1) 		
	 the {cornea / lens} refracts the light too much (1) 		
	 {light rays focus / focal point is} in front of the retina (1) 	ignore image forms in front of the retina	
		accept it is inherited / caused by genetics (1)	

Question number	Answer	Mark
4(a)(iii)	C	(1)
	The only correct answer is C	
	A is not correct because a convex lens is not used	
	B is not correct because a convex lens is not used	
	D is not correct because a concave lens doesn't refract light in this way	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4(b)(i)	An answer including two from:		(2)
	• protein (has built up) (1)		
	• (in the) <u>lens</u> (1)	accept cloudy lens	
	• light is dispersed (1)	accept not all the light rays pass through	
		ignore blurry vision	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4(b)(ii)	 (surgery to) replace the lens / use an {artificial / plastic lens} 	ignore surgery / laser surgery	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
4(c)(i)	A cerebellum	(1)
	The only correct answer is A	
	B is not correct because structure X is not the cerebral hemisphere	
	C is not correct because structure X is not the medulla oblongata	
	D is not correct because structure <i>X</i> is not the spinal cord	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4(c)(ii)	An answer including:		(2)
	 by electrical impulses (1) 	accept electrical message / signal	
	 along a motor neurone (to the effector) (1) 	accept motor neurone in the correct place in a description of a reflex arc	

Question number	Answer	Mark
5(a)(i)	C releases energy contains digestive enzymes	(1)
	The only correct answer is C	
	A is not correct because structure <i>B</i> does not contain the genetic material	
	B is not correct because structure A does not produce glucose	
	D is not correct because structure A does not produce glucose and structure B does not contain the genetic material	

Question number	Answer	Mark
5(a)(ii)	20 / twenty	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
5(b)(i)	B prophase \rightarrow metaphase \rightarrow anaphase \rightarrow telophase	
	The only correct answer is B	
	A is not correct because metaphase is not the first stage	
	C is not correct because anaphase is not the first stage	
	D is not correct because metaphase is before anaphase	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(b)(ii)	An answer including:		(2)
	 (stem cells divide) by <u>mitosis</u> (1) 	reject meiosis	
	 cells differentiate / to become specialised cells (1) 	accept produce cells with a specific function	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(c)(i)	so the tissues matched / to reduce the chance of rejection	accept because they are genetically similar / have similar DNA	(1)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(c)(ii)	they have the potential to develop into a {foetus / baby / person / life}	accept people have ethical concerns / think it is unethical / the	(1)
	so embryos are not {harmed / destroyed}	{embryo / foetus} is alive	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(c)(iii)	An answer including three from:		(3)
	 means that embryos do not need to be used / a donor is not needed (1) 	accept they are easier to obtain / unlimited supply	
	 they can {develop / differentiate / specialise} into any cell (1) 	accept can develop into a named cell (type)	
	 replace damaged {cells / tissue} (1) 	accept specific examples of use e.g. Parkinson's ignore repair cells accept repair tissues	
	• they will match the tissue type of the patient / less chance of rejection (1)		
		accept no need to take immune-suppression medication (1)	

(Total for question 5 = 10 marks)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(a)(i)	a)(i) subtraction award full matching 221 – 11 or 210 (1) workings		(3)
	calculation		
	210 ÷ 11 × 100 (1)	accept ecf from incorrect subtraction or no subtraction	
	evaluation		
	1909 (%)	accept 1909.1 accept answer to any number of decimal places correctly rounded	
		accept 19.09 for 2 marks	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(a)(ii)	increased survival rate / hidden from predators / hidden from prey	accept camouflaged / increased chance of getting food	(1)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(a)(iii)	An explanation linking three from:		(3)
	 all genetically similar / there is less variation (1) 	accept decreased gene pool / similar {DNA /genes / alleles}	
	 if there is a selection pressure (1) 	accept examples of selection pressure e.g. disease / change in the environment	
	 they will {be susceptible / die} (due to the selection pressure) / no survival of the fittest (1) 	accept affected for susceptible accept it's less likely there will be adapted bitterns to survive	
	 fewer birds will be able to reproduce (1) 	accept fewer offspring are produced	
	 the species cannot evolve (1) 		

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(b)	An answer including two of the following:		(2)
	 breed animals who are {not genetically similar / genetically different} (1) 	animals with different characteristics	
	 repeat the process over many generations (1) 	accept this occurs over several generations	
		accept prevent the animals inbreeding (1)	

Question number	Answer				Additional guidance	Mark
6c	male			ecf for	(2)	
			Z	Z	incorrect parental	
	female	Z	ZZ	ZZ	genotype if Z and W used.	
		W	ZW	ZW		
			jenotypes (1 genotypes (1		accept WZ	

(Total for question 6 = 11 marks)

Question number	Indicative content	Mark
-	 AO1 6 marks Fieldwork check other plants in the field or other fields / find the distribution of affected plants examine the area around the affected plants examine the lesions on the leaf take a sample the soil / take a sample of the plant eliminate an environmental factor that could be causing the symptoms e.g. pollution / contamination / pests / mineral ion deficiency / pH use of a pesticide / fertiliser to see if this clears the lesions compare with known plant diseases use books / internet / apps use drones / mapping to determine how the disease could be spread e.g. wind, animal or water spread clustering indicating contact or soil spread downwind indicating airborne Testing test the soil e.g. for pH / nutrient levels / mineral ion deficiency test {swabs/samples} from the lesions / plant / cuttings culture the pathogen 	(6)
	 identify the {pathogen/bacteria/fungus/virus} e.g. DNA analysis / microscope / monoclonal antibodies 	

Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	No rewardable material.
Level 1	1-2	 Demonstrates elements of biological understanding, some of which is inaccurate. Understanding of scientific ideas lacks detail.
		 Presents an explanation with some structure and coherence.
Level 2	3-4	 Demonstrates biological understanding, which is mostly relevant but may include some inaccuracies. Understanding of scientific ideas is not fully detailed and /or developed.
		• Presents an explanation that has a structure which is mostly clear, coherent and logical.
Level 3	5-6	 Demonstrates accurate and relevant biological understanding throughout. Understanding of the scientific ideas is detailed and fully developed.
		 Presents an explanation that has a well-developed structure which is clear, coherent and logical.

Additional Guidance

Level 1	1-2	 A brief description of fieldwork or testing that could be completed The description makes a link to observed patterns, an environmental cause or identifying the pathogen
Level 2	3-4	 A brief description of fieldwork AND testing that could completed OR a detailed description of fieldwork Response makes a link between observed patterns for distribution and why the patterns would be seen.
Level 3	5-6	 A detailed description of fieldwork AND some reference to testing that could be completed Distribution analysis makes links between observed patterns and why the patterns would be seen.

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
7(a)(ii)	One from:wear protective footwear (1)wear gloves (1)	ignore prevent the pathogen spreading to healthy crops / transmission of disease to humans	(1)
	 {sterilise/clean} equipment (1) 		
	 avoid {trampling / touching / damage to /contact with} unaffected crops (1) 		
	 ensure all the affected plants removed (1) 	accept make sure all the roots are removed / remove surrounding soil	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
7(b)	An answer linking four from:		(4)
	translation occurs (1)		
	 mRNA {binds to the ribosome / goes to the ribosome} (1) 	accept is read by the ribosome	
	 {three bases / triplet / codon /anticodon} codes for one amino acid (1) 	accept tRNA has an anticodon accept tRNA {binds to / is complementary to} the codon	
		accept the mRNA sequence determines the order of the amino acids	
	• tRNA transfers the amino acid (1)		
	 peptide bond forms between amino acids / a polypeptide is formed (1) 	ignore polypeptide bond / protein is synthesised accept a chain of amino acids is formed	
	 {amino acid sequence / polypeptide/protein} folds into (a viral protein) (1) 	ignore amino acids fold	

(Total for question 7 = 11 marks)

Question number	Answer Mark					
8(a)(i)	evaluation	(2)				
	$(8 \times 8 \times 8) = 512 (1)$					
	units					
	mm ³ (1)					

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8(a)(ii)	dry the cube / check the balance is on zero	accept use a balance accurate to 1000 th gram	(1)
		ignore repeat the investigation	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8(a)(iii)	 An explanation linking three from: mass has decreased (1) 		(3)
	 mass has decreased (1) water has moved out (of the cube) (1) 	accept the {cube / potato} has lost water	
	• water moves by <u>osmosis</u> (1)		
	 across a partially permeable membrane (1) 	accept semi-permeable membrane	
	 from a high water molecule concentration to a low water molecule concentration (1) 	accept down a water potential gradient	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8(a)(iv)	 An answer including three from: (repeat with) different salt concentrations (1) between the dilute and the concentrated solution (1) 	accept at concentrations closest to where there is little mass change	(3)
	 make repeated readings at each concentration (1) plot a graph to find the concentration with no mass change (1) 	accept find an average for each concentration accept idea of finding the point where the line crosses the <i>x</i> axis accept control all variables / control an example of a variable e.g. temperature (1)	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8(b)	 An explanation linking: (potato cells) have a cell wall (1) which provides {structure / support} / which contains cellulose (1) 	accept strong / rigid for idea of structural support accept cells become turgid (1) accept water enters the vacuole (1)	(2)

(Total for question 8 = 11 marks)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
9(a)	An answer including two from:		(2)
	environmental factors (1)	accept lifestyle	
	 diet / food intake (1) 	accept calories consumed / named food groups	
	 exercise / activity (1) 	accept calories used / metabolism	
	 if the person is affected by a disease (1) 	accept named diseases e.g. hyperthyroidism / diabetes	
		ignore age / sex / smoking / height	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
9(b)	 An answer including: BMI is in the overweight range (1) waist:hip is in the healthy range (1) 	disease risks must be linked to measurements / data from the table	(4)
	 suggesting that the fat is not around the vital organs / the patient may have a high percentage of muscle (1) 	accept idea that BMI does not take account of muscle / fat is evenly distributed / fat is not around their middle	
	 patient is consuming too much alcohol which {affects the liver / causes liver damage} (1) 	accept numerical comparisons accept named liver diseases e.g. cirrhosis, liver cancer or fatty liver	
	 not smoking reduces the risk of {cardiovascular disease / lung disease / stroke} (1) 	accept other smoking related diseases e.g. cancer	

Question number	Indicative content	Mark
9*(c)	 AO1 6 marks Structure stimulus detected by a receptor receptor transfers the signal to the sensory neurone sensory neurone transfers the signal to the CNS / brain / spinal cord / relay neurone signal is transferred to a motor neurone myelin sheath speeds up the transmission of the electrical impulse the motor neurone transmits the signal to the effector the effector produces the response Function rapid response to protect the body / response to danger involuntary automatic response 	(6)

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Additional Guidance

Level 1	1-2	 The answers refers to at least one structural aspect of a reflex arc The response includes reference to the function of a reflex arc
Level 2	3-4	 The explanation links some structural components of a reflex arc The response includes links to the function of a reflex arc as a rapid or protective response
Level 3	5-6	 The explanation links the structural components in a complete reflex arc The response links this to the function of a reflex arc as a rapid and protective response

(Total for question 9 = 12 marks)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
10(a)(i)	the male is affected / has haemophilia	accept has the disorder	(1)

Question number	Answer			Mark
10(a)(ii)		(3)		
		Хн	Y	
	X ^H	X ^H X ^H	X ^H Y	
	Xh	X ^H X ^h	X ^h Y	
	correct female par correct male pare correct offspring (nt genotype (1)	rrect parental ge	notype)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
10(b)(i)	An answer including:		(2)
	 <u>RNA polymerase</u> {binds less well / cannot bind} (1) 	accept alternative words for bind e.g. attach ignore affects the binding	
	 less mRNA (is produced) (1) 	accept no mRNA (produced) / less transcription	

Question number	Answer	Mark
10(b)(ii)	O(b)(ii) A a mutation in the coding region of a gene changes the sequence of the amino acids.	(1)
	The only correct answer is A B is not correct because the mutation is not in the non-coding region	
	C is not correct because it does not change the shape of the tRNA	
	D is not correct because the mutation is not in the non- coding region and does not change the shape of the tRNA	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
10(c)	An answer including four from:		(4)
	 (pregnancy test detects) a hormone in urine (1) 	accept hCG for hormone	
	 (hormone/antigen) binds to the antibody (on the test) (1) 	accept antibodies are complementary (to the hormone)	
	 which have a coloured (bead) attached to them (1) 	accept a named colour /idea that a colour, dye or tag is attached	
	 (a line appears because) there are immobile antibodies (in the test window) (1) 	accept there are antibodies fixed down accept the antibodies move up the strip and colour appears	

(Total for question 10 = 11 marks)