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MARK SCHEME

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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 descriptions 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	‘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.

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.

<table>
<tr><th>Question</th><th>Answer</th><th>Marks</th></tr>
<tr><td>1(a)(i)</td><td>stomach ;</td><td>1</td></tr>
<tr><td>1(a)(ii)</td><td>liver ;</td><td>1</td></tr>
<tr><td>1(b)</td><td>function of Y (colon)
absorption of water ;

function of Z (ileum)
(chemical) digestion/breakdown of food / absorption of nutrients / digested food ;</td><td>2</td></tr>
<tr><td>1(c)</td><td>
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<tr><td>A and B could function in human stomach</td><td>✓ ;</td></tr>
<tr><td>B is the most active enzyme</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>the optimum pH for D is 9.25</td><td>✓ ;</td></tr>
<tr><td>C is active over widest pH range</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>A and B digest the same substrate</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>C and D are equally active at pH 8.5</td><td>✓ ;</td></tr>
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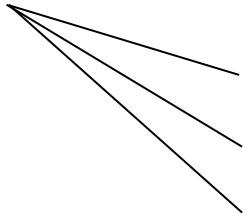
Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)(i)	curve with decreasing gradient ;	**1**
2(a)(ii)	constant positive gradient ;	**1**
2(b)	any number for force **and** a mass that is half that number ; units N **and** kg ;	**2**

Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)	$2SO_2 + O_2 \rightarrow 2SO_3$;	**1**
3(b)(i)	98 ;	**1**
3(b)(ii)	0.9 ;	**1**
3(b)(iii)	decreases ;	**1**
3(b)(iv)	universal indicator ;	**1**
3(c)	2.5 ;	**1**

Question	Answer	Marks
4	coronary artery → heart hepatic portal vein → liver pulmonary artery → lung pulmonary vein → stomach vena cava → heart ;;;;;	**5**

Question	Answer	Marks
5(a)	chemical ;	**1**
5(b)	burned / combusted ; turbine ; generator ;	**3**
5(c)	renewable / reduces demand for fossil fuels ;	**1**

Question	Answer	Marks
6(a)(i)	calcium chloride ; water ;	**2**
6(a)(ii)	**gas** syringe ;	**1**
6(a)(iii)	limewater ; turns cloudy ;	**2**
6(b)	C A B D ;	**2**

Question	Answer	Marks
7	Glucose …  contains elements C, N, O and H good source of fibre in the diet digested by amylase in the ileum present in urine of Type 2 diabetics ; stored in liver as glycogen ; transported round body in plasma ;	**3**

Question	Answer	Marks
8(a)	average speed / KE of particles increases ; forces between particles get weaker ; distances between particles get larger ;	**3**

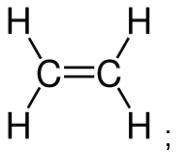
Question	Answer	Marks
8(b)	idea the temperature of air in the balloon decreases **or** needs to be maintained e.g. air (in the balloon) will cool down ; height of balloon decreases as air (in balloon) cools down ; cold air is dense **or** heated air is less dense ;	**3**

Question	Answer	Marks
9(a)	loss of oxygen ;	**1**
9(b)	high melting point / boiling point ; do not conduct electricity when solid **or** conduct electricity when molten / aqueous ;	**2**
9(c)	2 double bonds ; 4 unbonded electrons on each oxygen **and** no other electrons ;	**2**

Question	Answer	Marks
10(a)	evaporation ; mesophyll / spongy mesophyll ; stomata ;	**3**
10(b)(i)	(percentage) humidity ;	**1**
10(b)(ii)	wind speed ;	**1**

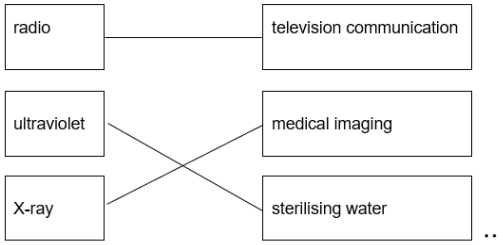
Question	Answer	Marks
10(b)(iii)	Any **two**: (increase in light intensity causes) **increase** in photosynthesis ; increased requirement for/uptake of water ; increased temperature (of leaf) **or** gain of (kinetic) energy by water molecules ; increased size of stomata ;	**2**

Question	Answer	Marks
11(a)	(they are) in series ;	**1**
11(b)	I = V ÷ R (in any form) ; 10/270 **or** 0.037 **or** 10 / 100 **or** 0.1 **or** 72.9(7) (seen) ; 0.1 + 0.037 = 0.137 (A) **or** 10 ÷ 72.97 = 0.137 **or** (370 ÷ 27 000) × 10 ;	**3**

Question	Answer	Marks
12(a)(i)	(excess) oxygen ;	**1**
12(a)(ii)	global warming / climate change ;	**1**
12(b)(i)	 ;	**1**
12(b)(ii)	gas ;	**1**

Question	Answer	Marks
12(b)(iii)	simple (covalent) molecule ;	**1**
	weak **inter**molecular forces ;	**1**
12(b)(iv)	cracking ;	**1**
12(b)(v)	alkene ;	**1**

Question	Answer	Marks
13	ovaries ; sperm ; testes ; zygote ; uterus ;	**5**

Question	Answer	Marks
14(a)	 ;; ; ;	**2**
14(b)	gamma ;	**1**

Question	Answer	Marks
14(c)(i)	alpha ; electron ; nucleus ;	**3**
14(c)(ii)	it has 5 protons ; it is boron–11 **or** it has 6 neutrons **or** (other isotopes have) different numbers of neutrons ;	**2**