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Guidance for Examiners

- 1. Mark strictly to the mark scheme.
- 2. Make no deductions for wrong work after an acceptable answer unless the mark scheme says otherwise.
- 3. Each separate marking point is indicated by a (1) at the end of that marking point.
- 4. Abbreviations, annotations and conventions used in the detailed Mark Scheme:

ORA = or reverse argument

NOT = point that is not given credit

AW/owtte = alternative wording/or words to that effect: allow any expression that is clearly equivalent

/ = Alternative and acceptable answers for the same marking point point = point must be present to gain the mark

(description) = description which need not be present to gain the mark

E.g. mark scheme shows 'work done in lifting / (change in) gravitational potential energy' work done = 0 marks

work done lifting = 1 mark

change in potential energy = 0 marks

gravitational potential energy = 1 mark

- 5. If a candidate alters his/her response, examiners should accept the alteration.
- 6. The list principle: if a list of responses greater than the number requested is given, you work through the list from the beginning. Award one mark for each correct response, ignore any neutral response, and deduct one mark for any incorrect response, i.e. one which has an error of science. If the number of incorrect responses is equal to or greater than the number of correct responses, no marks are awarded. A neutral response is correct but irrelevant to the question.
- 7. Marking method for tick boxes:

If there is a set of boxes, some of which should be ticked and others left empty, then you need to judge the entire set of boxes.

E.g. If a question requires candidates to identify a city in England, then in the boxes

Edinburgh	
Manchester	
Paris	
Southampton	

the second and fourth boxes should have ticks (or other clear indication of choice) and the first and third <u>should be blank</u> (or have indication of choice crossed out). For a two-mark question, the rationale would be:

All boxes are indicated scores 0 marks.

All boxes blank scores 0 marks.

All four boxes correct scores 2 marks.

Three boxes correct scores 1 mark.

Two boxes correct scores 1 mark.

Edinburgh			✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Manchester	✓	×	✓	✓	✓				✓	
Paris				✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Southampton	✓	×		✓		✓	✓		✓	
Score:	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	NR

A211/01 Modules B1, C1, P1 Foundation

Qı	uesti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
1	а	i		2	all links correct = 2 marks 1 or 2 links correct = 1 mark more than one line from a left hand box does not score that link
		ii	Z (1)	1	allow mantle
	b		supports Wegener Willis	3	count correct rows all correct = 3 marks one mistake = 2 marks two mistakes = 1 mark more than two mistakes = 0 marks a mistake is: • a tick in the wrong column of a row • no tick or two ticks in a row accept any clear and unambiguous response
			Total	6	accept any cloar and anamalyses 100pones

Qı	uesti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
2	а	i	parallax (1)	1	allow answer clearly marked on list above (circle/underline etc.) allow incorrect spelling if answer unambiguous
		ii	star A is further from Earth than B (1)	1	accept any clear and unambiguous response more than 1 response = 0
	b		radiation (1) light pollution (1) planets (1)	3	correct response must be in appropriate sentence
	С	i	Bev ✓ (1) Matt Sahid ✓ (1) Tracy	2	mark for each correct answer if 3 boxes ticked deduct 1 mark 4 ticks = 0 marks accept any clear and unambiguous response
		ii	Bev Matt ✓ Sahid ✓ Tracy (1) (1)		mark for each correct answer if 3 boxes ticked deduct 1 mark 4 ticks = 0 marks accept any clear and unambiguous response
			Total	9	

Qı	uesti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
3	а	i	close roads in the city centre (1) use electric trams instead of cars (1)	2	1 mark for each correct answer if 3 boxes ticked deduct 1 mark 4 ticks = 0 marks accept any clear and unambiguous response
		ii	affects people with asthma ✓ (1) damages the environment ✓ (1)	2	1 mark for each correct answer if 3 boxes ticked deduct 1 mark 4 ticks = 0 marks accept any clear and unambiguous response
		iii	are not driving their cars into town (1) trams run on electricity (1)	2	mark for each correct answer if 3 boxes ticked deduct 1 mark 4 ticks = 0 marks accept any clear and unambiguous response
	b 4		4	mark each side independently on each side: 3 correct links = 2 marks 2 or 1 correct links = 1 mark 2 lines from left box in link does not score that link	
			Total	10	

Qı	uesti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
4	а		64 (1)	1	accept any clear and unambiguous response
	b	i	25 (1)	1	accept any clear and unambiguous response
		ii	from 23 to 27 (1)	1	both values required - can be in either order
		iii	heating boiler changed slightly (1)	1	accept any clear and unambiguous response
			Total	4	

5	а	alleles instructions for protein genes different versions	3	each correct link scores 1 mark more than one line from the same name (left box) does not score for that link
	b	one set comes from each parent ✓ (1)	1	accept any clear and unambiguous response more than 1 response = 0
		Total	4	

Qı	uesti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
6	а	-	Passed on to him from parents ✓ (1)	1	accept any clear and unambiguous response more than 1 response = 0
			being clumsy (1) forgetting things (1)	2	1 mark for each correct answer if 3 answers given deduct 1 mark 4/5 answers = 0 marks accept any clear and unambiguous response
	iii one (1)		1	accept any clear and unambiguous response more than 1 response = 0	
	whether or not to have children make plans to help him in the future		1	both correct ticks required for 1 mark one or three ticks = 0 accept any clear and unambiguous response	
	С	i	Nikki (1)	1	accept any clear and unambiguous response
		ii	Tony (1)	1	accept any clear and unambiguous response
	iii		Mark (1)	1	accept any clear and unambiguous response
		iv	William and Tony (1)	1	both required - either order accept any clear and unambiguous response
			Total	9	

A211/02 Modules B1, C1, P1 Higher

Qı	ıesti	ion	Expected An	swers	Marks	Rationale
1	а		supports Wenger ✓ ✓	oorts Willis	t r	count correct rows all correct = 3 one mistake = 2 two mistakes = 1 more than two mistakes = 0 a mistake is:
	b	i 100 mm (1)			1	accept any clear and unambiguous response
		ii	(C) A B E [0	3	A before B (1) B before E (1) E before D (1)
			Total		7	

Qı	uesti	on			Expecte	ed Answ	ers		Marks	Rationale
2		а		Bev Matt Sahid Tracy		· · ·	(.,		2	1 mark for each correct answer If 3 boxes ticked deduct 1 mark 4 ticks = 0 marks accept any clear and unambiguous response
		b		Bev Matt Sahid Tracy		✓ ✓	(1)		2	1 mark for each correct answer if 3 boxes ticked deduct 1 mark 4 ticks = 0 marks accept any clear and unambiguous response
		can cannot should should be be done done done done Bev Matt Sahid Tracy (✓)		4	one mark for each correct row if more than 1 tick in a row, that row scores 0 marks BUT if the row for Tracey has an extra tick (as shown in brackets on the mark scheme) the mark for that row may still be awarded as this is treated as neutral					
					٦	Γotal			8	

Q	uesti	ion	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
3	а		levels and hospital admissions (1)	1	accept any clear and unambiguous response
	b		each tram can carry eighty people (1) trams run on electricity (1)	2	accept any clear and unambiguous response 1 mark for each correct answer if 3 boxes ticked deduct 1 mark 4 ticks = 0 marks
	С			2	accept any clear and unambiguous response mark lines from left hand boxes all lines correct for 2 marks 2 correct lines = 1 mark 1 correct = 0 marks if two or more lines from a left hand box, treat that box as incorrect
			Total	5	

Q	uesti	on	Expected Answers		Rationale
4	а		carbon	1	accept 'C' for carbon
	b			1	atoms must be in correct order E.g. white-black-white white circles must be touching the black circle white circles must not touch each other accept C instead of black circle and O instead of white circle
	С		+	2	mark left box and right box independently. accept left box: 2 black circles, not touching each other = 1 mark accept 2 x to represent 2 copies right box: 2 copies of a black circle and a white circle joined (one copy must not touch the other) = 1 mark accept 2 x to represent 2 copies
			Total	4	

Qı	uesti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
5	а		64 (1)	1	accept any clear and unambiguous response if no value is chosen from the list, check the table above
	b	i	25 (1)		accept any clear and unambiguous response ignore any working out or units written after the number
		ii	from 23 to 27 (1)	1	both values required - can be in either order
		iii	heating boiler changed slightly (1)	1	accept any clear and unambiguous response
	С		range of test C does not overlap B ✓ (1)		accept any clear and unambiguous response
			Total	5	

Qı	ıesti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
6	а		only one dominant allele is needed ✓ (1)	1	accept any clear and unambiguous response
	b		50%	1	accept any clear and unambiguous response
	С		(1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1)	4	one mark for each correct row if more than 1 tick in a row, that row scores 0 marks
	d	i	Nikki (1)	1	accept any clear and unambiguous response
		ii	Tony (1)	1	accept any clear and unambiguous response
		iii	Mark (1)	1	accept any clear and unambiguous response
		iv	William and Tony (1)	1	both required - either order accept any clear and unambiguous response
	е		(1) (1) (1) (1)	3	one mark for each correct row if more than 1 tick in a row, that row scores 0 marks
			Total	13	

A212/01 Modules B2, C2, P2 Foundation

Qı	uesti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
1	а	i	cotton (1)		accept any clear indication of correct answer.
		ii	made from renewable sources ✓ (1)	1	accept any clear indication of correct answer more than 1 tick scores 0
	b	i	kevlar (1)	1	accept any clear indication of correct answer.
		ii	nylon sails absorb most water F sail that absorbs water will be heavier T sails that are strong absorb less water T	2	3 correct = 2 1 or 2 correct = 1 F and T written on top of each other does not score for that box
		iii	resistance to stretch ✓ (1)		accept any clear indication of correct answer more than 1 tick = 0
			Total	6	

Qı	uesti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
2	а	i	Peter (1)	1	
		ii	Kate (1) Jane (1)	2	1 mark for each correct name in any order
	b	i	3 (1)	1	allow ring around 3 in the table allow ring around stretch of 3.5 in table
		ii	2.1 (1)	1	
		iii	the samples may vary ✓ (1) errors reading the lengths ✓ (1)	2	1 mark for each correct answer If 3 boxes ticked deduct 1 mark 4 ticks = 0 marks
	С		more flexible ✓ (1)	1	accept any clear indication of correct answer more than 1 tick = 0
			Total	8	
3			they make antibodies ✓ (1) they digest micoorganisms ✓ (1)		1 mark for each correct answer If 3 boxes ticked deduct 1 mark 4 ticks = 0 marks
			Total	2	

Qı	uesti	ion	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
4	а		a safe form of the virus ✓ (1)	1	accept any clear indication of correct answer more than 1 tick = 0
	b	i	Jasmine (1) Jo (1)	2	1 mark for each correct name in any order
		ii	Saleema (1) Jo (1)	2	1 mark for each correct name in any order
		iii	Sam (1)		
			Total	6	

5	а	increases (1) positive (1)			2	answer must correctly complete the sentence 1 mark for each correct answer
	b	poor diet stress alcohol exercise smoking cholesterol drugs	increase ✓ ✓ ✓	decrease	4	accept any clear indication of correct answer if both ticks and crosses used then ignore crosses 6 correct = 4 4 or 5 correct = 3 2 or 3 correct = 2 1 correct = 1
			Total		6	

Quest	tion	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
6		signal from TV station to TV aerial cooking food quickly infrared signal from remote control to the TV Mike watching his TV radio waves	3	3 or 4 correct = 3 2 correct = 2 1 correct = 1 look for job correctly linked to type of radiation more than one line from a left hand box is incorrect
		Total	3	

Qı	uesti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
7	а		headaches ✓ (1) loss of concentration ✓ (1)	2	1 mark for each correct answer If 3 boxes ticked deduct 1 mark 4 ticks = 0 marks
	b		students can benefit ✓ (1)		more than 1 tick = 0
	С		photons have more energy F photons are ionising radiation. F lonising radiation can cause cancer. T radiation is used by mobile T	3	all 4 correct = 3 3 correct = 2 2 correct = 1 1 correct = 0 F and T written on top of each other does not score for that box
			Total	6	

Qı	uesti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
8	а			4	mark each box independently
			light radiated from the sun B (1)		
			does not reach Earth's surface A (1)		
			the Earth's atmosphere D (1)		
			warms the Earth's atmosphere E (1)		
	b			1	more than 1 tick = 0
			carbon dioxide ✓ (1)		
			Total	5	

A212/02 Modules B2, C2, P2 Higher

Qı	uesti	on	Expected Answers Ma	larks	Rationale
1				1	more than one tick = 0
			strength and resistance to stretch ✓ (1)		
			Total	1	
2	а	i	Sajid (1)	1	
		ii	Jess (1)	1	
	b	i	3 (1)	1	allow ring around 3 in the table
		L			allow ring around stretch of 3.5 in table
		ii	2.1 (1)	1	
		iii		2	1 mark for each correct answer
			The samples may vary. ✓ (1)		If three boxes ticked deduct 1 mark four ticks = 0 mark
					Tour ticks = 0 mark
			errors reading the lengths. ✓ (1)		
			Total	6	

Qı	Question		Expected Answers				Marks	Rationale
3	а		A (1) D (1)				2	Answers in any order.
	b		smaller more reactive				1	both correct for one mark a tick in any other box = 0 marks
	С		increased crystallinity plasticizer added	dec ✓(1)	inc ✓(1)	stays same	2	mark each row separately one tick in correct place = 1 mark
	d		gases put into the atm		+	(1)	2	1 mark for each correct answer if three ticks deduct 1 mark four or five ticks = 0 marks
			1	Γotal			7	

Qı	uesti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
4	а		safe form of a virus ✓ (1) immune system ✓ (1) prevent epidemics ✓ (1)	3	1 mark for each correct answer if four ticks deduct 1 mark if five ticks deduct 2 marks six ticks = 0 marks
	b	i	Jasmine (1) Jo (1)	2	1 mark for each correct name in any order
		ii	Jo (1) Saleema (1)	2	1 mark for each correct name in any order
		iii	Sam (1)	1	
	С		damages the immune system ✓ (1) has a high mutation rate ✓ (1)	2	1 mark for each correct answer if three boxes ticked deduct 1 mark four ticks = 0 marks
			Total	10	

Qı	Question		Expected Ans	wers	Marks	Rationale	
5	а		positive correlation ✓ (1)	1	more than one tick scores 0	
	b		(E) F D C A (B)	3	F before D (1) D before C (1) C before A (1)	
			Total		4		
6				1	2		
			signal from TV station	radio waves		accept radio - do not accept waves	
			cooking food quickly	microwaves		accept micro - do not accept waves	
			signal from remote control	infrared/IR		accept reasonable variation of spellings of infra	

accept visible on its own

4 correct =2 2 or 3 correct =1 1 or 0 correct = 0

Mike watching his TV

Total

(visible) light

2

Qı	uesti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
7	а		photons (1)	1	
	b		infrared radiation from the Earth (1) is absorbed by carbon dioxide in the atmosphere (1) causing the Earth to be warmer (1)	3	1 mark for correct box in each column more than one box indicated in a column = 0 mark for that column
	С		increase in amount of flooding ✓ (1) difficulty in growing crops ✓ (1)	2	1 mark for each correct answer if three boxes ticked deduct 1 mark four or five ticks = 0 marks
			Total	6	

Qı	Question		Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
8	b		photons have more energy F photons are ionising radiation. F lonising radiation can cause cancer. T radiation is used by mobile phones. T students can benefit ✓ (1)	1	all 4 correct = 3 3 correct = 2 2 correct = 1 1 correct = 0 F and T written on top of each other does not score for that box more than one tick scores 0
	С	i	i Mark (1)		
		ii	Veronica (1) Total	6	

A213/01 Modules B3, C3, P3 Foundation

Qι	Question		Expected	d Answers	}	Marks	Rationale
1	a receptor (1) response (1) brain (1)				3	accept any other unambiguous positive indication on list	
	b		nervous hormonal				check line by line; if more than one ✓ per line, no credit
			hearing the horn			3 correct = 2 2 correct = 1	
			face goes pale		✓		1 correct = 0
			jumping back ✓				accept a clear response e.g. X or shading etc
							ignore X if combination of ✓ and X used
	Total					5	

2	а	extinct (1)	1	accept any other positive unambiguous response e.g. underline
	b		2	one mark for each correct tick
		less food for the birds this year (1) fewer chicks survived the winter (1)		deduct one mark for each incorrect tick if more than two ticks used - minimum mark = 0 accept a clear response e.g. X or shading etc ignore X if combination of ✓ and X used
	С	population of fish will increase ✓ (1)	1	<pre>deduct one mark for each incorrect tick if more than one tick used - minimum mark = 0 accept a clear response e.g. X or shading etc ignore X if combination of ✓ and X used</pre>
		Total	4	

Qı	ıesti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
3	а		A (1) B (1)	2	either order is acceptable accept other unambiguous indications e.g. circle A and B accept lower case mark answers on lines first
	b		selective natural both selection wariation warsed on selection both both selection war adapted bassed on selection both selection war adapted both selection was selection both selection was selection was selection both selection was selection was selection both selection was select		check line by line; if more than one ✓ per line, no credit for that line 4 correct = 3 3 correct = 2 2 correct = 1 1 correct = 0 accept a clear response e.g. X or shading etc ignore X if combination of ✓ and X used
			Total	5	
4	а	i	amber (1)	1	accept any other positive unambiguous response e.g. underline
		ii	sugar (1)	1	accept any other positive unambiguous response e.g. underline
	b		choose a healthy diet ✓ (1)	1	deduct one mark for each incorrect tick if more than one tick used - minimum mark 0 accept a clear response e.g. X or shading etc ignore X if combination of ✓ and X used
	С	i	Anna (1) Rajid (1)	2	either order is acceptable accept R for Rajid etc
		ii	Danny (1)	1	accept D for Danny; more than one name = 0
			Total	6	

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5	а		nitrogen (1) fertile (1) disease (1)	3	accept any other unambiguous positive indication on list accept N for nitrogen
	b	i	pesticides are used ✓ (1) chemical weed killers are used ✓ (1)	2	one mark for each correct tick deduct one mark for each incorrect tick if more than two ticks used - minimum mark 0 accept a clear response e.g. X or shading etc ignore X if combination of ✓ and X used
		ii	meet the UK national standards ✓ (1)	1	more than one response = 0 marks accept a clear response e.g. ✓ or X or shading etc ignore X if combination of ✓ and X used
	С		his crop yield is lower ✓ (1) he spends less on pesticides ✓ (1)	2	one mark for each correct tick deduct one mark for each incorrect tick if more than two ticks used - minimum mark 0 accept a clear response e.g. X or shading etc ignore X if combination of ✓ and X used
			Total	8	

Qı	Question			Expected Answers					Marks	Rationale
6	а		Andy Betty	for	against	neither	both ✓	(1)	4	mark line by line; if more than one ✓ per line, no credit accept a clear response e.g. X or shading etc
			Chris Dan	√		√		(1) (1) (1)		ignore X if combination of ✓ and X used
	b		tides (1) wind (1)						2	accept any other positive unambiguous response e.g. underline deduct one mark for each incorrect response if more than two given minimum mark 0
				Total					6	

7	а	North America (1)	1	accept any other positive unambiguous response e.g. underline
				if more than one response no mark
	b	5.9 (1)	1	accept any other positive unambiguous response e.g. underline
				if more than one response no mark
		Total	2	

Qu	uesti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
8	а	i	D (1)	1	accept lead (Pb)
					accept other unambiguous indications e.g. circle D
		ii	A (1)	1	accept open window
					accept other unambiguous indications e.g. circle A
	b			2	one mark for each correct tick
			cannot penetrate paper ✓ (1)		deduct one mark for each incorrect tick if more than two ticks used. Minimum mark 0.
			stopped by dead skin cells ✓ (1)		accept a clear response e.g. X or shading etc
					ignore X if combination of ✓ and X used
	С		amount of radiation ✓ (1) type of radiation ✓ (1)	2	one mark for each correct tick deduct one mark for each incorrect tick if more than two ticks used - minimum mark 0 accept a clear response eg. X or shading etc
					ignore X if combination of ✓ and X used
			Total	6	

A213/02 Modules B3, C3, P3 Higher

Qı	Question		Expected Answers		Marks	Rationale	
1	а		less food for the birds this year fewer chicks survived the winter		(1) (1)	2	one mark for each correct tick deduct one mark for each incorrect tick if more than two ticks used - minimum mark 0 accept a clear response e.g. X or shading etc ignore X if combination of ✓ and X used
	b		noise from the harbour feed on the same species of fish	✓ ✓	(1) (1)	2	one mark for each correct tick deduct one mark for each incorrect tick if more than two ticks used - minimum mark 0 accept a clear response e.g. X or shading etc ignore X if combination of ✓ and X used
		Total				4	

Qı	Question		Expected Answers		Marks	Rationale
2	а		A (1) B (1)		2	either order is acceptable accept other unambiguous indications e.g. circle A and B. accept lower case
						mark answers on lines first
	b		interpret evidence in different ways many different ideas no one knows the conditions	(1) (1) (1) (1)	3	one mark for each correct tick deduct one mark for each incorrect tick if more than three ticks used - minimum mark 0 accept a clear response e.g. X or shading etc ignore X if combination of ✓ and X used
			Total		5	

Qı	Question		Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
3	а	i	D (1)	1	accept any unambiguous indication of D
		ii	A C E	2	any order is acceptable 3 correct (2) 2 correct (1) 1 or 0 correct (0)
	b		A (1) B (1)	2	one mark for each correct response either order is acceptable accept any unambiguous indication of A and B
			Total	5	

4	а			2	one mark for each correct tick
			protect the public's health ✓ (1) looks after consumer interests ✓ (1)		deduct one mark for each incorrect tick if more than two ticks used - minimum mark 0 accept a clear response eg. X or shading etc ignore X if combination of ✓ and X used
	b	i	Anna (1) Rajid (1)	2	either order is acceptable accept R for Rajid etc
		ii	Danny (1)	1	accept D for Danny more than one name = 0
		iii	possible consequences of treatment ✓ (1)	1	more than one response = 0 accept a clear response e.g. X or shading etc ignore X if combination of ✓ and X used
			Total	6	

Qı	Question		Expected Answers		Rationale
5	а		Left Right manure non-renewable sources chemical fertiliser recycles waste organic large fields increases wildlife habitats small fields reduces wildlife habitats	4	mark left and right hand sides independently (Left) two correct lines from intensive = 1 one, three or four lines = 0 two correct lines from organic = 1 one, three or four lines = 0 (Right) correct lines from manure and chemical = 1 any additional lines from manure or chemical = 0 correct lines from large and small = 1 any additional lines from large or small = 0
	b	i	meet the UK national standards ✓ (1)	1	more than one response = 0 accept a clear response eg. ✓ or X or shading etc ignore X if combination of ✓ and X used
		ii	nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium ✓ (1)	1	more than one response = 0 marks accept a clear response eg. ✓ or X or shading etc ignore X if combination of ✓ and X used

Qı	Question		Expected Answers		Marks	Rationale
5	С		enough money to choose ✓ believe organic food is healthier ✓	(1)	2	one mark for each correct tick deduct one mark for each incorrect tick if more than two ticks used - minimum mark 0 accept a clear response eg. X or shading etc ignore X if combination of ✓ and X used
			Total		8	

6	а			2	one mark for each correct tick
		darmet periodiato paper	(1)		deduct one mark for each incorrect tick if more than two ticks used - minimum mark 0
		stopped by dead skin cells	(1)		accept a clear response eg. X or shading etc
					ignore X if combination of ✓ and X used
	b			2	one mark for each correct tick
		amount of radiation ✓ (1)			deduct one mark for each incorrect tick if more than two ticks used - minimum mark 0
		type of radiation ✓ (1)			accept a clear response eg. X or shading etc
					ignore X if combination of ✓ and X used
	С	B and C		1	both correct for one mark accept plastic and aluminium either order is acceptable
		Total		5	

Qı	uesti	ion	Exp	ected Answers	Marks	Rationale
7	а		real risk Andy Betty Chris Dan	perceived risk ✓	3	<pre>check line by line; if more than one tick per line, no credit for that line 4 correct = 3 3 correct = 2 1 or 2 correct = 1 accept a clear response e.g. X or shading etc ignore X if combination of ✓ and X used</pre>
	b		better safe than so	erry (1)	1	more than one response = 0 marks accept a clear response e.g. ✓ or X or shading etc ignore X if combination of ✓ and X used
	С		fuel rod (1) chain reaction (1) control rod (1)		3	
				Total	7	
			70/(4)			
8	а		7mSv/year (1)		1	more than one response circled = 0

8	а	7mSv/year (1)	1	more than one response circled = 0 accept any unambiguous indication of 7mSv/year
	b	0.1 (1)	1	
		Total	2	

A214/01 Ideas in Context - Foundation

Qı	ıesti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
1	а	i	any two from: car interiors (1) water pipes (1) cling film (1) food packaging (1) electric cable insulation (1) textiles (1)	2	any two of the products in the first paragraph one mark per product - if three or more products are listed, apply the list principle
		ii	they need to be strong / stiff ORA (1) otherwise the glass would fall out / would scratch easily / would wear away / security argument (1)	2	one mark for correct property of window frames one mark for the consequence
	b	i	any two from: to be more reliable / trustworthy (1) to account for outliers / anomalous results (1) in case one result is wrong / could be a mistake (1) to check whether the measurements are similar (1) to allow for differences between the samples (1)	2	the question is testing the specification statement 'can explain why repeating measurements leads to a better estimate of the quantity' any two points, for one mark per point ignore fair test or make more accurate or average
		ii	(26+23+24+25+23+23)/6; (1) = 24 (1)	2	one mark for correct method even if total is incorrect, one for answer giving 24 gets both marks without working
		iii	it is an outlier / it is different from the others / it is outside the range of the others / it is smaller than the other readings (1)	1	this is testing the understanding of the meaning of 'outlier' - the answer should either quote the term or describe its meaning

Qı	uesti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
1	С	i	children are at risk from phthalate toxicity / children do not break down phthalates / children put things in their mouths (more often) (1) benefit of use of items made from PVC / adults do break down phthalates (1)	2	one mark for a risk, one for relative benefit/reduced risk e.g. candidates who write 'children don't break it down but adults do', get (2) as a minimum response benefit and risk could both apply to child or to adult alone
		ii	for: rats or monkeys are different from humans / no data of phthalate build-up in humans / no evidence of harm from phthalates; (1) against: phthalates cause liver damage in rats / phthalates accumulate in monkey tissues (1) children's livers do not break down phthalates (1)	2	one point for and one against, each getting one mark candidates may not use these words – it is conveying these ideas which is important damage liver = neutral
			Total	13	

Qı	ıesti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
2	а	i	no other available treatment (1)	1	allow 'may cure their cancer' owtte allow idea of 'its their only chance of survival'. accept 'their cancer has returned'
		ii	any two from: which cancers it is effective for (1) whether it will work for early cancers (1) proportion of patients for whom it will work (1)	2	any two points may be made in any order allow direct quotes from the article, 'what kind of cancers can be treated', 'the percentage of patients for whom it will work well' ignore side effects
		iii	any two from: compare new drug with existing treatments (1) large(r) sample/more patients (1) long(er) time (1)	2	any 2 points may be made in any order must be difference between phase 1 or 2 and phase 3 mention of 'side effects' or 'quality of life' is neutral
		iv	any two from: (monitor) side effects (over long time) (1) make sure it's safe / make sure side effects not serious (1) check effectiveness/how well it works / see if cancer comes back (1)	2	any 2 points may be made in any order note that the candidates are not taking material from the article, but producing their own thoughts which may be creditworthy
	b	i	Caroline (1)	1	
		ii	Dave (1) Robert (1)	2	either order
		iii	expensive (1) not licensed / not approved / not recommended (1)	2	one mark for each of the two points
	С		circle around top left X (high effectiveness, low cost) (1)	1	
			Total	13	

Qu	ıesti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
3	а	i	10 to 30 (1)	1	both required for the mark allow order reversed (30 to 10) not just B to E – must have numbers
		ii	identifies a value from the chart (1) compares with other rocks (1)	2	'all of the values in the chart are bigger than normal' or, 'even B is many times higher than usual' are both enough for both marks (2)
		iii	ring around E not enclosing any other letters (1)	1	
		iv	idea that there is no correlation / largest value not closest (1)	1	
	b	i	use of meteor dust / consulting other scientists / ask Dad (as he won a Nobel Prize) / idea of asteroid impact / linking to big Mexican crater / possible effect of volcanoes (1)	1	there are many possibilities – remember that it must come from the article, but should be anything which is not trivial and obvious
		ii	volcanoes / Deccan Traps; (1) craters not at right time / most mass extinctions coincide with large volcanic events (1)	2	allow direct quotes from the Earth scientist on these points. 'asteroid hit the Earth 300,000 years before dinosaurs became extinct' = 1 mark
	С	i	asteroid planet Sun (1)	1	all three in order given ignore mis-spellings accept named planet in correct place
		ii	 asteroid orbits Sun / moon orbits planet; (1) asteroid orbit circular/ comet orbit elliptical or oval / Comets have a tail / comets appear at regular intervals; (1) 	2	accept named planet accept asteroid rocky / metallic OR comet icy/'dirty snowball'
		iii	kill us / destroy life on Earth / plants die (1) any detail e.g. dust blocks out Sun, choking dust/gas / forest fires / tsunamis / darkness / Earth gets cold / climate change (1) QWC (1)	2	first mark for effect second mark for explanation e.g. mass extinction due to new ice age = 2 marks allow one spelling mistake for 1 mark
			Total	14	

A214/02 Ideas in Context - Higher

Qı	uesti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
1	а	-	children are at risk from phthalate toxicity / children do not break down phthalates / children put things in their mouths (more often) (1) benefit of use of items made from PVC / adults do break down phthalates (1)	2	one mark for a risk, one for relative benefit/reduced risk e.g. candidates who write 'Children don't break it down but adults do' get (2) as a minimum response benefit and risk could both apply to child or to adult alone
		ii	rats or monkeys are different from humans / no data of phthalate build-up in humans / no evidence of harm from phthalates (1) against: phthalates cause liver damage in rats / phthalates accumulate in monkey tissues / children's livers do not break down phthalates (1)	2	one point for and one against, each getting one mark candidates may not use these words – it is conveying these ideas which is important damage liver = neutral
	b		it takes a long time to build up to toxic levels in the human body / it will take 50 years for effects to be noticeable (1) PVC has been used only since 1960s / PVC has not yet been used long enough (1)	2	first mark is for the slow build up in the human body or the long time needed to build up convincing evidence of harmful effects second mark is for the idea that not enough time has passed
	С		any two from: phthalates are soluble in fats (1) link between food and fat content (1) phthalates will move more into dairy foods (1)	2	any 2 points allow reverse argument e.g. 'tomatoes don't contain any fat' butter/cheese/foods containing fat = dairy foods third marking point is about movement of phthalates
	d		poly(ethene) cling film contains no phthalates so there is no risk / it is better to be safe than sorry / owtte (1)	1	reducing the risk is not enough - the risk has to be taken to a minimum

Qı	uesti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
1	е	i	(26+23+24+24+23) ÷ 5 / find the median (1) = 24 (1)	2	one mark for correct method, one for answer giving 24 gets both marks regardless of working candidates who include the outlier 33 will get an answer 25.5, which they may round to 25 or 26 - these would get one mark
		ii	best estimate for 0% is outside the range for 5% (1) best estimate for 5% is outside the range for 0% (1)	2	'the ranges do not overlap' / owtte gains both marks 'all of the second row is bigger than any in the first row' gains both marks 'all of the second row are bigger than the mean of the top row' or 'all of the first row are smaller than the mean of the second row' would each get one mark consideration of the range of one row of data is worth one mark, and two marks are obtained only if both ranges are considered and seen to be non-overlapping the idea that each value in the second row is bigger than the value immediately above it is worth zero marks
			Total	13	

Qı	ıesti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
2	а	i	any two from: chance that drug may be effective for their cancer / nothing to lose (1) altruistic/research may benefit other people in the future (1) they could be paid to take part (1)	2	any 2 points
		ii	any two from: compare new drug with existing treatments (1) large(r) sample / more patients (1) long(er) time (1)	2	any 2 points may be made in any order must be difference between phase 1 or 2 and phase 3 mention of 'side effects' or 'quality of life' is neutral
		iii	any two from: (monitor) side effects (over long time) (1) make sure it's safe / make sure side effects not serious (1) check effectiveness/how well it works / see if cancer comes back (1)	2	any 2 points may be made in any order note that the candidates are not taking material from the article, but producing their own thoughts which may be creditworthy
	b	i	any four from: for: slows down/stops development of cancer (1) halves/reduces the risk of cancer returning (1) ethical argument based on idea that treatment should be available for all (1) against: expensive (1) not licensed (1) may have serious side effects (1) not tested on early stage breast cancer (1) ethical argument based on idea that money saved could treat more patients (1)	4	any 4 points maximum 3 marks for one argument alone 'for' and 'against' points may be written anywhere in the answer space as long as it is clear whether the point is 'for' or 'against' could have 'expensive' in both 'against' and 'for' sections provided that the 'for' bit makes it clear that the financial savings outweigh the expense. This may happen if candidates are using the answers from b(ii) here.

Qι	uesti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
2	b	ii	any two from: more patients will be cured so will not require further treatment (1) saving or earning money with justification (1) economic contribution qualified e.g. back to work quicker (1)	2	this is addressing Idea about Science 6 'Making Decisions about Science and Technology', section 6.7: • can explain why different courses of action may be taken in different social and economic contexts the economic context needs to be clear in the answer any two points referring to economic benefits to family/NHS/society idea that money/time saved or earned will benefit the economy in some way
		iii	need to be safe / effectiveness compared with current treatments / value for money (1)	1	any point
			Total	13	

Qι	uesti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale
3	а	i	10 to 30 (1)		both required for the mark allow order reversed (30 to 10) not just B to E – must have numbers
	ii		any two specific points about: different samples (from same location) will show variation e.g. uneven deposition (1) differences in instrumentation (1) variation of procedure (1) contamination of sample / layer may have been disturbed (by faults) (1)		any 2 marks for separate point 'it is only an average' or 'there are outliers' implies the variation mark 'faulty' is ok for one mark 'broken instruments' is neutral 'measured wrongly' is not enough
	iii		identifies a value from the chart (1) compares with other rocks (1)		'all of the values in the chart are bigger than normal' or, 'even B is many times higher than usual' are both enough for both marks (2)
		iv	no correlation (between concentration and distance from Chicxulub) (1) justifications e.g. similar positions (D, F or E, A and B) have different readings / places with similar readings (B, D or C, F) are far apart (1)	2	one mark is for 'no correlation' owtte e.g. 'data does not support this' one mark is for any justification based on the data - they can still get this mark even if they have not stated that there is no correlation
	b		use of meteor dust / consulting other scientists / ask Dad (as he won a Nobel prize) / idea of asteroid impact / linking to big Mexican crater / possible effect of volcanoes (1)	1	there are many possibilities – remember that it must come from the article, but should be anything which is not trivial and obvious

Question	Expected Answers	Marks	Rationale				
C	any one from no other researchers had reported these findings (1) asteroid impact on this scale had never been suggested before (1) no crater found at this time (1) limited amount of data (1) previously accepted/established theories (had worked well) (1)		any 1 point this question is addressing the specification statements: can identify absence of replication as a reason for questioning a scientific claim can suggest plausible reasons why scientists involved in a scientific event or issue disagree(d) can suggest reasons for scientists' reluctance to give up an accepted explanation when new data appear to conflict with it. and any clear attempt to address one of these can gain the mark do not accept material lifted from the 'continuing debate' section of insert as this was not available straight away				
d	any four from: overall comments covering both theories: both could be correct (1) not enough data available to make a definitive judgement (1) iridium can come from volcanoes/asteroids/both (1) craters: Chicxulub crater found (1) may be other craters not yet discovered (1) time coincidence: Chicxulub date not exact enough / Deccan traps better agreement in time (1) many extinctions in past have coincided with volcanic eruptions (1)		one mark for each separate point.				
	QWC (1)	1	at least 10 words, no more than one spelling error in the first 2 lines				
	Total	14					

Grade Thresholds

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Unit Threshold Marks

Unit		Maximum Mark	A *	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	U
A211/01	Raw	42	N/A	N/A	N/A	32	28	24	20	16	0
A211/01	UMS	34	N/A	N/A	N/A	30	25	20	15	10	0
A211/02	Raw	42	36	34	30	27	23	21	N/A	N/A	0
A211/02	UMS	50	45	40	35	30	25	23	N/A	N/A	0
A212/01	Raw	42	N/A	N/A	N/A	32	28	24	21	18	0
A212/01	UMS	34	N/A	N/A	N/A	30	25	20	15	10	0
A 24 2/02	Raw	42	35	32	28	24	19	16	N/A	N/A	0
A212/02 -	UMS	50	45	40	35	30	25	23	N/A	N/A	0
A 24 2 /04	Raw	42	N/A	N/A	N/A	32	28	24	21	18	0
A213/01	UMS	34	N/A	N/A	N/A	30	25	20	15	10	0
A213/02	Raw	42	34	31	27	23	19	17	N/A	N/A	0
AZ 13/02	UMS	50	45	40	35	30	25	23	N/A	10 0 N/A 0 N/A 0 18 0 10 0 N/A 0 N/A 0 N/A 0 18 0 10 0	
A214/01	Raw	40	N/A	N/A	N/A	23	18	14	10	6	6 0 0 0 0 (A 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
A214/01	UMS	34	N/A	N/A	N/A	30	25	20	15	10	
A214/02	Raw	40	25	22	17	13	9	7	N/A	N/A	0
AZ 14/0Z	UMS	50	45	40	35	30	25	23	N/A	N/A	0
A219	Raw	40	33	29	25	21	17	13	10	7	0
AZIS	UMS	100	90	80	70	60	50	40	30	20	0

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J630	300	270	240	210	180	150	120	90	60	0

The cumulative percentage of candidates awarded each grade was as follows:

		A *	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	U	Total No. of Cands
Ī	J630	2.2	13.5	35.6	63.2	81.4	92.4	98.0	99.8	100	111 111

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