

GCSE

Science A

General Certificate of Secondary Education

Unit A213/01: Unit 3: Modules B3, C3, P3 (Foundation Tier)

Mark Scheme for January 2013

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Annotations

Used in the detailed Mark Scheme:

Annotation	Meaning	
1	alternative and acceptable answers for the same marking point	
(1)	separates marking points	
not/reject	answers which are not worthy of credit	
ignore	statements which are irrelevant - applies to neutral answers	
allow/accept	answers that can be accepted	
(words)	words which are not essential to gain credit	
<u>words</u>	underlined words must be present in answer to score a mark	
ecf	error carried forward	
AW/owtte credit alternative wording / or words to that effect		
ORA	or reverse argument	

Available in scoris to annotate scripts:

?	indicate uncertainty or ambiguity
BOD	benefit of doubt
CON	contradiction
×	incorrect response
ECF	error carried forward
	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
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NBOD	no benefit of doubt				
R	reject				
✓	correct response				
3	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response				
Λ	information omitted				

Subject-specific Marking Instructions

- Accept any clear, unambiguous response (including mis-spellings of scientific terms if they are *phonetically* correct, but always check a. the guidance column for exclusions).
- Crossed out answers should be considered only if no other response has been made. When marking crossed out responses, accept correct answers which are clear and unambiguous.

e.g. for a one-mark question where ticks in the third <u>and</u> fourth boxes are required for the mark:

		*
		姥
₹	✓	\checkmark
*	₹	✓
This would be worth 1 mark.	This would be worth 0 marks.	This would be worth 1 mark.

The list principle:

If a list of responses greater than the number requested is given, 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, e.g. 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.

d. Marking method for tick-box questions:

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

If there is at least one tick, ignore crosses and other markings. If there are no ticks, accept clear, unambiguous indications, e.g. shading or crosses. Credit should be given according to the instructions given in the guidance column for the question. If more boxes are ticked than there are correct answers, then deduct one mark for each additional tick. Candidates cannot score less than zero marks.

e.g. if a question requires candidates to identify cities in England:

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).

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

- e. For answers marked by levels of response:
 - i. Read through the whole answer from start to finish
 - ii. **Decide the level** that **best fits** the answer match the quality of the answer to the closest level descriptor
 - iii. **To determine the mark within the level**, consider the following:

Descriptor	Award mark
A good match to the level descriptor	The higher mark in the level
Just matches the level descriptor	The lower mark in the level

iv. Use the L1, L2, L3 annotations in Scoris to show your decision; do not use ticks.

Quality of Written Communication skills assessed in 6-mark extended writing questions include:

- appropriate use of correct scientific terms
- spelling, punctuation and grammar
- developing a structured, persuasive argument
- selecting and using evidence to support an argument
- considering different sides of a debate in a balanced way
- logical sequencing.

C	uesti	on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	(a)		Gamma is more penetrating	1	Tick in any other box = 0 marks
	(b)		A pipe in the desert.	1	tick in any other box = 0 marks
	(c)		 Any two from: protective clothing; shielded (by cabin/screen); reference to distance from source; tongs or other handling tools; thick (lead) case to hold sources in transport; regular checks for dose/wearing dosimeter badges; regular health and safety checks; regular task changes/rota; limit time of exposure; training in the above. 	2	allow 1 example – e.g. gloves, suit, mask allow - go into other room
			Total	4	

Quest	on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
2 (a)	The dose from	rocks and buildings is space is more than the largest cause of radiation	3	all rows correct = 3 marks three rows correct = 2 marks two rows correct = 1 mark
(b)		Radiotherapy to treat cancer (1)	1	tick in any other box = 0 marks
(c)	dose from the dose fro	ar reference to data or bar size in graph; om nuclear power very small/the least/lowest; gger sources of dose/stated example from ince of getting cancer is low/unlikely to get	3	one mark for each point. allow reference to microsieverts e.g. not many µSv, or a value (less than 10)in µSv. not NO risk or chance of getting cancer allow also any discussion of the effect of distance.
		Total	7	

(Questio	n Answer		Marks	Guidance
3	(a)			2	D not used. Give mark as long as at least 3 boxes have been completed (1)
					C immediately before A (1)
					allow marks for correct answers if words from sentences used rather than letters eg 'turns turbine' = C
	(b)			2	one mark for each correct answer. if 3 ticks given, deduct 1 mark 4 or 5 ticks = 0 marks
		All the carbon dioxidecomes from burning plants	√ (1)		
		All the carbon in plants comes from the atmosphere.	√ (1)		
			Total	4	

Qu	estior	1	Answer	Marks	Guidance
4	(a)		herring	1	one mark for correct response accept incorrect spelling if intention clear more than one response from the list = 0 ignore words not from list
	(b)		Cecily	1	one mark for correct response accept incorrect spelling if intention clear more than one name = 0.
	(c)	(i)	Food chains always start with plants	1	one mark for correct response more than one response = 0
		(ii)	There will be fewer mackerel ✓	1	one mark for correct response more than one response = 0
			Tota	4	

(Questi	on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
5	(a)		extinct: Upright man / Heidelberg man / Neanderthal man not extinct: Modern man	1	one mark for a correct response for BOTH any incorrect response given = 0 mark
	(b)		Upright man	1	one mark for correct response more than one response = 0
	(c)	(i)	A and D	1	both needed for one mark (either order)
		(ii)	В	1	accept any clear indication of correct response more than one response = 0
			Total	4	

Q	uestion	Answer	Marks	Guidance
6	(a)	any two from: religious conviction; natural selection/evolution is too slow to observe; did not like the idea that they were evolved from "apes"; insufficient evidence; lack of knowledge of a genetic mechanism;	2	two clearly distinct arguments allow "not enough time for it to have happened" accept already had an explanation they were satisfied with/did not want to accept new ideas ignore 'no evidence/proof'
	(b)	Any three from: variation not all the males have the same size tails/same number eyespots; competition males compete for mates/females prefer males with bigger tails/more eyespots; reproduction (selected) males are more likely to reproduce; evolutionary consequence passing on genes for bigger tails (so tail size increases over time);	3	allow reverse arguments 'females prefer to mate with males with most eyespots' is a quote but gets points 1 & 2 NB 'males with bigger tails/more eyespots are more likely to reproduce' = 2 marks (marking points 1 & 3) accept offspring will have bigger tails
		Total	5	

C	luesti	on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
7	(a)		colouring flavouring vegetable oil sugar water	2	each correct answer = 1 mark if three ticks made deduct 1 mark four or five ticks = 0 marks allow any other indication of correct response eg underlining, cross, shading
	(b)	(i)	any one additive and explanation from: sweetener (1) – reduce amount of sugar (1); preservative (1) – keep food safe (1); antioxidant (1) – stop reaction with oxygen (1); colouring (1) – make more attractive (1); stabilisers (1) – maintain the consistency of the food (1) flavourings (1) – improve the taste (1)	2	one additive plus one mark for clear explanation of its use (ignore ref to emulsifiers) explanation must be linked to additive. ignore "to taste sweet" ignore references to named substances eg salt, E numbers, (the only exception is E162) allow other descriptions of use – eg for preservative "stops it going mouldy" "stops it going off" allow replace colours lost (in processing) reject explanations using the word from the additive eg preservatives – preserves food
	(b)	(ii)	They have passed a safety test They all supply energy to the body They are approved for use in the UK They are never harmful	2	all four boxes correct = 2 marks three or two correct = 1 mark allow any other indication of correct response eg underlining, cross, shading

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
(c)	carbohydrate only C, O and H protein C, O, N and H	2	1 mark for each correct line if two lines drawn from either left hand box = 0 marks for that box
	Total	8	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
8	cook at high temperatures/heat up to high temperatures (1) keep food in fridge/freezer before use (1)	2	accept cook thoroughly/properly ignore "keep at high temperatures" ignore just "heat it" accept keep at low temperatures/keep cool
	use preservatives eg salt/vinegar (1) references to preparation – wash food/wash hands-clean surfaces (1)		allow 'eat by sell-by date' or equivalent ignore – cover food
	keep foods separate (to avoid cross-contamination) (1)		allow use of radiation to kill bacteria
	Total	2	

C	Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
9	(a)	Laura (1)	1	
	(b)	Gabriel (1); Craig (1)	2	either order
	(c)	any one from: no/little exercise; being obese; alcohol (consumption); smoking; stress; medications (not just drugs);	1	not just "exercise" watch out for answers which suggest ways of reducing risk – take more exercise, cut down on smoking etc.
		Total	4	

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