

GCSE MARKING SCHEME

SCIENCE - BIOLOGY

JANUARY 2015

INTRODUCTION

The marking schemes which follow were those used by WJEC for the January 2015 examination in GCSE SCIENCE - BIOLOGY. They were finalised after detailed discussion at examiners' conferences by all the examiners involved in the assessment. The conferences were held shortly after the papers were taken so that reference could be made to the full range of candidates' responses, with photocopied scripts forming the basis of discussion. The aim of the conferences was to ensure that the marking schemes were interpreted and applied in the same way by all examiners.

It is hoped that this information will be of assistance to centres but it is recognised at the same time that, without the benefit of participation in the examiners' conferences, teachers may have different views on certain matters of detail or interpretation.

WJEC regrets that it cannot enter into any discussion or correspondence about these marking schemes.

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Que	stion		Marking details	Marks Available
1	(a)	(i)	Bunting	1
	(b)	(ii) (i)	<pre>any two from: • {some/most} hedges {gone/cut down}/{fewer/ loss of}</pre>	2
			 hedges; {Less/loss of} grassland; reduced crop {variety/ types/OWTTE}/ no {peas/potatoes} grown/only wheat grown; more buildings; NOT less trees 	
		(ii)	any two from: habitat/ place to live/shelter/cover/hide from predators; NOT hide alone Food/ to get prey; nest sites/place to lay eggs;	2
			Question 1 total	[6]

Question			Marking details	Marks Available
2	(a)		vertebrates; Equus;	3
			ferus; correct spelling for all three answers upper case 'E', lower case 'f'	
	(b)	(i)	DNA;	1
		(ii)	species;	1
			Question 2 Total	[5]

Question			Marking details					Marks Available	
3	(a)		condition	1					3
						excess			
				bacteria	alcohol	energy in food	salt in food		
			high blood pressure				given		
			infection	√					
			drug dependence	,	✓				
			obesity			√			
	(b)	(i)	infection;					•	1
		(ii)	obesity;						1
	(c)		{Thick/excessiv {Blocking/clogg Reject lungs/tra	ing} bronch		us alone			2
			Question 3 To	tal					[7]

Que	Question Markin		Marking details	Marks Available
4	(a)	(i)	all plots correct;; +/- ½ small square tolerance 0 errors = 2 marks 1 error = 1 mark 2 errors = 0 marks	2
		(ii)	correct line through the plots;	1
		(iii)	(nitrate makes it) increase, then fall;	1
	(b)		To show that the {effect/difference} is due to nitrate;	1
	(c)	(i)	I 7; II 7;	2
		(ii)	 number of dead/decaying plants increase; (bacteria/decomposers/fungi) use oxygen/respire; point 2 is dependent on point 1 Alternative number of living plants increase; plants produce oxygen/photosynthesise; point 2 is dependent on point 1 	2
			Question 4 Total	[9]

Que	Question Marking details					Marks Available			
5	(a)		23;	23;					
	(b)		X;				1		
					given	X	2		
				given	given	XX			
				Y	XY	XY			
			one mark for co one mark for co NO ecf from (i)		es; nics from correc	et gametes;			
			Question 5 tot	al			[4]		

Question		Marking details	Marks Available
6	(a)	Sweat gland {produces/releases/creates} sweat; Travels up sweat duct and onto the (skin) surface; • blocks {pore/duct}/sweat cannot get out/no sweating: surface; NOT no sweat {produced/released} alone/no sweating: {less/no} {cooling/heat loss}; {No/less} evaporation;	
		Question 6 Total	[5]

Que	stion		Marking details	Marks Available
7/1	(a)	(i)	2 17 3456 1 all correct 1 mark	1
		(ii)	Four trophic levels showing the correct shape and labelled;	d 1
			sparrowhawk 0.18 kg	
			blue tits 1.2 kg	
			caterpillars 43 kg	
			oak tree 5137kg	
			II All masses correct including units; (independent of	f shape) 1
	(b)		Food chain column correct; Trophic level column correct;	1 1
			sparrowhawk tertiary	
			blue tit decomposers Secondary/ s	
			caterpillars First stage cor	nsumer
			oak tree producer	
	(c)		iv	1
			Question 7/1 total	[6]

Question			Marking details	Marks Available
8/2	(a)	(i)	1344;;	2
			If answer incorrect award 1 mark for	
			16 x 20 x 4.2	
		(ii)	6720 (ecf from a(i));	1
	(b)		Any 3 from: 1 mark each	3
			Time between igniting the food and placing it under the	
			boiling tube varies (OWTTE);	
			Distance of the burning food from the boiling tube varied/	
			not placed in the same spot;	
			{Type/ kind} of food (burnt) varied;	
			Incomplete burning;	
			NOT {mass/size} of food varied/different volume of water/ not burnt for same length of tome/ different food	
			Question 8/1 total	[6]

Question		ı	Marking details	Marks Available
9/3	(a)		 Any one from: Does not kill/ harm} {insects/ organisms} {which are beneficial/ that pollinate crops/ which are useful}/ ORA; Only 1 application/ it is cheaper/ ORA; NOT bioaccumulation No (chemical) pollution/ ORA; 	1
	(b)		Fertilizers/GM (crops)/ selective breeding/named fertilizer/ manure/slurry/biological control/genetic engineering; NOT reference to pesticide use/herbicides	1
	(c)	(i)	1947/ 1948 ;	1
		(ii)	Leaching/run off/spray carried by air onto water/(rain) {carried/washed} it into rivers; NOT DDT sprayed onto water/rain leaked it into rivers	1
		(iii)	It (bio)accumulates/builds up (in tissues)/it is persistent/it concentrates in tissues/it is not destroyed after it enters the body; At the concentration found in the Bald Eagle it is {toxic/poisonous}/ORA; NOT kill/lethal 2 nd mark linked to 1st	2
			Question 9/3 Total	[6]

Question	Marking details	Marks Available
10/4	Indicative content: Pancreas Secretes insulin Travels in blood stream To liver Glucose is converted to glycogen Glycogen stored in the liver 5 – 6 marks The candidate constructs an articulate, integrated account correctly linking relevant points, such as those in the indicative	6
	content, which shows sequential reasoning. The answer fully addresses the question with no irrelevant inclusions or significant omissions. The candidate uses appropriate scientific terminology and accurate spelling, punctuation and grammar. 3 – 4 marks The candidate constructs an account correctly linking some relevant points, such as those in the indicative content, showing some reasoning. The answer addresses the question with some omissions. The candidate uses mainly appropriate scientific terminology and some accurate spelling, punctuation and grammar.	
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	Question 10/4 Total	[6]

Que	stion		Ma	rking details			Marks Available
5	(a)	(i)		e {form/versior es/versions} of	1		
		(ii)	•	In a {heterozy {expressed/sh only {expressory of recessive a			
	(b)	(i)	Med	metes correct chanics of crosow ECF of inco	2		
				Gametes	В	b	
				В	ВВ	Bb	
				b	Bb	bb	
		(ii)		%/ 0.75/ ¾/ 3 i T ratio	1		
		(iii)	3 :	1;	1		
			Que	estion 5 Total	I		[6]

Question		Marking details	Marks Available
6	(a)	There are {46 chromosomes/(23) pairs/has a diploid number/ not haploid/has both X and Y;	1
	(b)	No {corresponding/matching} part of chromosome (for paired allele)/only has one X chromosome/ only has one {copy of the gene/allele};	1
	(c)	Linearly/in a line/in a row;	1
		Question 6 total	[3]

Question		Marking details	Marks Available
7	(a)	Penaeus japonicus; Correct spelling and format	1
	(b)	Penaeus kerathurus; Correct spelling and format	2
		The {DNA/genetic} profile is <u>most</u> similar to the unknown species/ both are in the same genus/both have the same first {scientific/latin} name/ <u>most</u> similar <u>DNA banding pattern</u> ; NOT genetic fingerprint/ genotypes/genus	
	(c)	They use the same name of genus and species/same {scientific/universal/Latin/international/binomial} name/scientific name is universal;	1
		Question 7 total	[4]

Question		Marking details	Marks Available
8	(a)	As the nitrate concentration increases, the gap between the shells increases (up to 4mm) and <u>levels off;</u>	1
	(b)	Any two from: Predation; Disease; flow of water/tides/current other named chemical (e.g. phosphates/sewage/oil/salt) competition for {food/space}; pH; temperature; oxygen; NOT weather/climate	2
	(c)	(Nitrate causes) excess plant growth/ algal bloom/OWTTE; Plants {die/decay}/OWTTE; NOT bacteria eat plants {Bacteria/decomposers/ fungi} use oxygen for respiration; 3 rd mark point linked to 2 nd mark point	3 [6]

Question			Marking details	Marks Available
9	(a)		655 – 280 = 375 375 x 100 = 655 = 57.25/ 57.3% NOT 57.0/57 Correct answer = 2 marks Allow 1 mark for correct working but incorrect answer	2
	(b)	(i)	Flatworms compete with hedgehogs for {food/ invertebrates}; Therefore hedgehogs eat more birds' eggs (avoiding the competition); (must be linked for second mark)	2
		(ii)	Numbers of {some birds/named birds (Snipe/Dunlin)} dropped (without introduction of hedgehogs);	1
		(iii)	{Lack of/no/less} {predators/carnivorous mammals/carnivores}; Abundance of {food/ eggs}/large variety of food/less competition for food;	2
			Question 9 Total	[7]

Question		Marking details	Marks Available
10	(a)	One axis labelled- number of leaves and other axis labelled – length of leaf(mm); Suitable linear scales (including origin) + at least half of grid used; Bars correct heights (drawn with ruler);	3
	(b)	Continuous; Question 10 Total	1 [4]

Question	Marking details	Marks Available
11	Indicative content	6
	Agouti/coat gene appeared as a mutation led to variation in the fur colour colour change was an advantage because of camouflage allowed the mutant to survive to breed mutant gene was passed on DNA comparison between modern deer mice and the remains of ancient ones.	
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	Question 11 Total	[6]

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Question			Marking detail	s			Marks Available
1	(a)		Features Cell wall nucleus Chloroplast	Bacteria ✓ ×	Algae ✓ ✓	Yeast ✓ ✓	3
	(b)	(i)	Reproduce by budding 1mark per corre Assume blank Smaller;		x	✓	1
		(ii)	reproduction;	uce alone/needs Il membrane/no cell to survive	ν σ,	or	1
			Question 1 tot	al			[5]

Question			Marking details	Marks Available
2	(a)		A trachea/cartilage ring; NOT windpipe B alveoli/ alveolus; Accept air sac	2
	(b)	(i)	(Diaphragm) down/flattens; NOT contract (can be neutral) (Ribs) up and out/ribcage expands;	2
		(ii)	Decreases	1
			Question 2 Total	[5]

Question			Marking details		Marks Available
3	(a)	(i)	Nucleus;		1
		(ii)	46,46; Growth/replacement of {worn out/damaged/old} cells/repair damaged tissue; NOT producing new cells	23,23,23,23; Different/ non identical;	4
		(iii)	Gametes;		1
	(b)	(i)	Repair tissue/replace damaged tissues/{treat/cure} disease(named disease e.g. bone marrow transplants/ Parkinson's/blindness/repairing {tendon/joint injury}/spinal cord repair);		1
		(ii)	Involves {destruction of/damag life; Leading to ethical/religious/mo 2 nd point linked to 1 st point		2
			Question 3 Total		[9]

Que	Question		Marking details	Marks Available
4	(a)		High and low; (1) both for one mark Semi-permeable; (1)	2
	(b)	(i)	3/ the strong solution of blackcurrant squash;	1
		(ii)	All readings correct (20 (column 2) + 24 (column 3));	1
		(iii)	2 bars of correct height in correct position;	1
		(iv)	2 and no change in mass/the potato chip was still 20g after 30 minutes; NOT weight	1
		(v)	Water concentration was higher outside the chip; Water {passes in/is absorbed}/chip gains water; Marks can be linked in either direction	2
			Question 4 Total	[8]

Question			Marking details	Marks Available
5	(a)	(i)	{Carbon dioxide/CO ₂ } and {oxygen/O ₂ };	1
		(ii)	Chlorophyll;	1
	(b)	(i)	Increases then {steady/plateau/reference to constant}; (increases) up to 4 a.u.;	2
		(ii)	Two correct readings (13.5 & 16.5); Correct calculation (3 a.u.); Correct answer = 2 marks Allow one mark for two correct readings if answer incorrect	2
		(iii)	{Carbon dioxide/CO ₂ }; NOT light/ temperature	1
	(c)		Starch; (formation of) cell walls;	2
			Question 5 total	[9]

Question			Marking details	Marks Available
6/1	(a)	(i)	extinct in the wild/ extinct;	1
		(ii)	It will be {reduced/lower/smaller}/ there will be fewer species/less diverse;	1
	(b)	(i)	Because they are receiving payment/they do not want the monkey to become extinct/ stop it becoming extinct;	1
		(ii)	 Any two from Link up the remaining isolated pocket of rainforest (OWTTE); Extend the corridors outside the area shown in the diagram (OWTTE); {Widen/ thicken} corridors/ increase area of corridor; NOT larger More than one corridor to each area; 	Max 2
		(iii)	Any two from: monkey can extend its range/increased habitat/more {area/space} to live in/can {move/spread} to different areas; breed with other monkeys outside its own pocket of rainforest; correct ref to gene pool; increase food {source/variety}/less competition for food; escape predation; isolated population have more chance of dying from disease;	Max 2
	(c)		Any one from: SSSIs; captive breeding programme; NOT breeding in zoos/wildlife parks alone National parks; seed banks; {wildlife/nature} reserve; Legislation on deforestation;	Max 1
			Question 6/1 Total	[8]

Question			Marking details		Marks Available	
7/2	(a)	(i)	All correct 2 marks 1 error 1 mark, 2 errors 0 marks			2
				Inspired air (%)	Expired air (%)	
			Oxygen	21	16	
			Carbon dioxide	0.03/0.04	4	
			Nitrogen	79	79	
			Water vapour	varies	1	
		(ii)	(16%) oxygen in {exp	pired air/air breathed ou	ut};	1
		(iii)		tassium hydroxide/sod ade name in diving com		1
	(b)	(i)	(The lime water in tes	st tube A {remains/is})	{clear/colourless};	2
			NOT no change/does	not go cloudy/stays th	ne same	
			(The lime water in tes	st tube B would turn) m	ilky/cloudy;	
	(c)		Any one from Can {remain submeronaller tank needed	ged/stay down} for long	ger;	Max 1
			Question 7/2total			[7]

Question			Marking details	Marks Available
8/3	The more cigarettes smoked the higher deaths. The more cigarettes smoked higher {incidence/ chances} of lung cancer (OWTTE); {lag/delay/gap} {between commencement of/ time that they smoke/ smoking/ cigarette consumption} and possibility of (death from) lung cancer (OWTTE); Accept the more cigarettes smoked, the higher the deaths from lung cancer and these are roughly 20 years apart = 2 marks		2	
	(b)		Accept any year between 1943 & 1947; Question 8/3 total	1 [3]

Question	Marking details	Marks Available
9/4	Indicative content:	6
	amylase digests/breaks down starch to glucose {pores/holes} in visking tubing/visking tubing is selectively permeable too small for starch molecules/particles to pass through/or ref to molecule size big enough to allow glucose molecules/ particles to diffuse through/or ref to molecule size water heated strongly/boiled with Benedict's reagent positive colour change (reference blue to green/orange/red) iodine solution added to water remains brown	
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	Question 9/4 Total	[6]

Question			Marking details	Marks Available
5	(a)	(i)	Peristalsis;	1
		(ii)	Muscles contract; and push/force the food along; 2 nd mark is linked to 1 st mark	2
	(b)		 Washing-up liquid emulsifies the milk fat/ OWTTE; Increasing the <u>surface area</u> for the action of enzymes/ lipase; enzyme digests (milk) <u>fat</u> into <u>fatty acids</u> (and glycerol) which {<u>lower pH/ more acidic</u>}; 2nd mark linked to 1st mark, 3rd mark is independent 	3
			Question 5 Total	[6]

Question		Marking details	Marks Available
6	(a) Any 2 from: (James) Watson; (Francis) Crick; (Maurice) Wilkins; (Rosalind) Franklin Correct spelling for all names. If first name is attempted it must relate correctly to the second name.		2
	(b) TAGACATGTC		1
	(c) 3		1
		Question 6 Total	[4]

Question		Marking details	Marks Available
7	(a)	Alien/exotic;	1
	(b)	 Any two from: All the types of food eaten/ effect on biodiversity or wildlife/ if it would become a pest itself/ make sure it does not eat non target species; If it survives/ reproduces (in Wales); If it carries disease/ parasites; If it has predators; 	2
		Question 7 total	[3]

Question			Marking details			Marks Available
8	(a)	(i)	Stem (cells);	1		
	(b)		Function of cell division	Part of cell which controls cell division	Number of chromosomes in each cell	3
			increases the number of cells; ✓	cytoplasm	twice as many as in the cells in Stage 1	
			increases the size of each cell	nucleus; ✓	same number as in the cells in Stage 1;	
			keeps the number of cells the same	cell membrane	half as many as in the cells in Stage 1	
	(c)		Destruction of {er	nbryonic cells/ emb	ryos/ potential life};	1
			Question 8 total			[5]

Question			Marking details	Marks Available
9	(a) There is less lactic acid (in blood) (than A); There is a faster {removal/ break down} of {lactic acid/payback of oxygen debt}; NOT faster return to normal		2	
	(b)	(i)	3:1;	1
		(ii)	Should show some of each but more than 50% aerobic respiration; Accept alternative key if labels correct	1
	(c)		Glucose is completely broken down; Releases more energy/produces more ATP; NOT produces more energy	2
			Question 9 Total	[6]

Question		Marking details	Marks Available	
10	(a)	 Osmosis; Movement of water into potato; From where water is in high concentration to low concentration/ down concentration gradient; Via semi permeable membrane; 3rd marking point linked to 2nd marking point 		
	(b)	Water {molecules/ particles} {move faster at higher temperature/ have more energy};	1	
	(c)	{Rate of/ volume} water passing in equals {Rate of/volume} of water passing out/no net {movement/flow} of water; NOT concentration of water is the same inside and outside the potato/dynamic equilibrium	1	
		Question 10 Total	[6]	

Question		Marking details	Marks Available
11		Indicative content plants use chlorophyll to absorb light energy.	6
		convert carbon dioxide and water into glucose and oxygen glucose can be changed to starch and stored used to make cellulose/ proteins light, temperature and carbon dioxide are limiting factors	
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