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## 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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## GCSE BIOLOGY - B1

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| 1 | (a) <br> (b) | (i) <br> (ii) <br> (i) <br> (ii) | Bunting <br> Starling <br> any two from: <br> - \{some/most\} hedges \{gone/cut down\}/\{fewer/ loss of\} hedges; <br> - \{Less/loss of $\}$ grassland; <br> - reduced crop \{variety/ types/OWTTE\}/ no \{peas/potatoes\} grown/only wheat grown; <br> - more buildings; <br> NOT less trees <br> any two from: <br> habitat/ place to live/shelter/cover/hide from predators; <br> NOT hide alone <br> Food/ to get prey; <br> nest sites/place to lay eggs; | 1 <br> 1 <br> 2 <br> 2 |


| Question |  | Marking details | Marks <br> Available |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| $\mathbf{2}$ | (a) | vertebrates;  <br> Equus;  <br> ferus; $\quad$correct spelling for all three answers <br> upper case ' E ', lower case ' $f$ '  <br> (b) (i) <br> (ii) DNA; <br> species; <br> Question 2 Total  | 1 |



| Question |  |  | Marking details | Marks Available |
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| 4 | (a) | (i) | all plots correct;; $+/-1 / 2$ small square tolerance <br> 0 errors $=2$ marks <br> 1 error = 1 mark <br> 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) | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { I } & 7 ; \\ \text { II } & 7 ; \end{array}$ | 2 |
|  |  | (ii) | 1 number of dead/decaying plants increase; <br> 2 (bacteria/decomposers/fungi) use oxygen/respire; point 2 is dependent on point 1 | 2 |
|  |  |  | Alternative <br> 1 number of living plants increase; <br> 2 plants produce oxygen/photosynthesise; <br> point 2 is dependent on point 1 |  |
|  |  |  | Question 4 Total | [9] |


| Question |  | Marking details |  |  | Marks Available |
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| 5 | (a) <br> (b) | 23X; |  |  | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1 |
|  |  |  | given | X |  |
|  |  | given | given | XX |  |
|  |  | Y | XY | XY |  |
|  |  | one mark for correct ga one mark for correct me NO ecf from (i) | s from corr | gametes; |  |
|  |  | Question 5 total |  |  | [4] |


| Question |  | Marking details | Marks <br> Available |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| 6 | (a) | Sweat gland \{produces/releases/creates\} sweat; <br> Travels up sweat duct and onto the (skin) surface; | 2 |
| (b)blocks \{pore/duct\}/sweat cannot get out/no sweat on <br> surface; | 3 |  |  |
| NOT no sweat \{produced/released\} alone/no sweating <br> $\bullet \quad$ \{less/no\} \{cooling/heat loss\}; <br> \{No/less\} evaporation; |  |  |  |
| Question 6 Total |  |  |  |




| Question |  |  | Marking details | Marks Available |
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| 9/3 | (a) |  | Any one from: <br> - Does not kill/ harm\} \{insects/ organisms\} \{which are beneficial/ that pollinate crops/ which are useful\}/ ORA; <br> - Only 1 application/ it is cheaper/ ORA; <br> NOT bioaccumulation <br> - 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 ; <br> 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; <br> At the concentration found in the Bald Eagle it is \{toxic/poisonous\}/ORA; <br> NOT kill/lethal <br> $2^{\text {nd }}$ mark linked to 1 st | 2 |
|  |  |  | Question 9/3 Total | [6] |




| Question |  | Marking details | Marks <br> Available |
| :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| $\mathbf{6}$ | (a) | There are \{46 chromosomes/(23) pairs/has a diploid number/ <br> not haploid/has both X and Y; | 1 |
| (b) | No \{corresponding/matching\} part of chromosome (for paired <br> allele)/only has one X chromosome/ only has one \{copy of the <br> gene/allele\}; <br> Linearly/in a line/in a row; <br> Question 6 total | 1 |  |


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


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


| Question |  |  | Marking details | Marks Available |
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| 9 | (a) (b) |  | $\begin{aligned} & 655-280=375 \\ & \frac{375}{655} \times 100= \\ & =57.25 / 57.3 \% \\ & \text { NOT } 57.0 / 57 \\ & \text { Correct answer }=2 \text { marks } \\ & \text { Allow } 1 \text { mark for correct working but incorrect answer } \end{aligned}$ | 2 |
|  |  | (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 $\{f o o d /$ eggs $\} /$ large variety of food/less competition for food; | 2 |
|  |  |  | Question 9 Total | [7] |


| Question |  | Marking details | Marks <br> Available |
| :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1 0}$ | (a) | One axis labelled- number of leaves and other axis labelled - <br> length of leaf(mm); <br> Suitable linear scales (including origin) + at least half of grid <br> used; <br> Bars correct heights (drawn with ruler); <br> (b) | 3 |
| Continuous; <br> Question 10 Total | 1 |  |  |



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| Question |  |  | Marking details |  |  |  | Marks Available |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | (a) |  |  |  |  |  | 3 |
|  |  |  | Features | Bacteria | Algae | Yeast |  |
|  |  |  | Cell wall | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |  |
|  |  |  | nucleus | $\times$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |  |
|  |  |  | Chloroplast | $x$ | $\checkmark$ | $\times$ |  |
|  |  |  | Reproduce by budding | $x$ | $\times$ | $\checkmark$ |  |
|  |  |  | 1mark per co Assume blank | t row;;; |  |  |  |
|  | (b) |  | Smaller; |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Cannot repro reproduction; Accept - no NOT needs | alone/nee <br> membrane/ to survive | (living) <br> oplasm |  | 1 |
|  |  |  | Question 1 t |  |  |  | [5] |


| Question |  | Marking details | Marks <br> Available |  |
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| $\mathbf{2}$ | (a) |  | A trachea/cartilage ring; NOT windpipe <br> B alveoli/ alveolus; Accept air sac | 2 |
| (b) | (i)(Diaphragm) down/flattens; NOT contract (can be neutral) <br> (Ribs) up and out/ribcage expands; <br> (ii) <br> Decreases <br> Question 2 Total | 2 |  |  |

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(b)} \& \multirow[t]{4}{*}{| (i) |
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| (ii) |} \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Nucleus;} \& 1 <br>

\hline \& \& \& 46,46; \& 23,23,23,23; \& 4 <br>
\hline \& \& \& Growth/replacement of \{worn out/damaged/old\} cells/repair damaged tissue NOT producing new cells \& \& <br>
\hline \& \& \& \& Different/ non identical; \& <br>
\hline \& \& (iii) \& Gametes; \& \& 1 <br>
\hline \& \& (i) \& Repair tissue/replace damag disease(named disease e.g. Parkinson's/blindness/repairin cord repair); \& tissues/\{treat/cure\} ne marrow transplants/ \{tendon/joint injury\}/spinal \& 1 <br>

\hline \& \& (ii) \& | Involves \{destruction of/dam life; |
| :--- |
| Leading to ethical/religious/m $2^{\text {nd }}$ point linked to $1^{\text {st }}$ point | \& ing\} embryos/loss of potential al objection; \& 2 <br>

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| Question |  |  | Marking details | Marks Available |
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| 4 | (a) <br> (b) |  | High and low; (1) both for one mark Semi-permeable; (1) | 2 |
|  |  | (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 20 g 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 |
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| 5 | (a) | (i) | \{Carbon dioxide/ $\left.\mathrm{CO}_{2}\right\}$ and $\left\{\right.$ oxygen $\left./ \mathrm{O}_{2}\right\}$; | 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); <br> Correct calculation (3 a.u.); <br> Correct answer = 2 marks <br> Allow one mark for two correct readings if answer incorrect | 2 |
|  |  | (iii) | \{Carbon dioxide/ $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ \}; 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 <br> - Link up the remaining isolated pocket of rainforest (OWTTE); <br> - Extend the corridors outside the area shown in the diagram (OWTTE); <br> - $\{$ Widen/ thicken\} corridors/ increase area of corridor; NOT larger <br> - More than one corridor to each area; | Max 2 |
|  |  | (iii) | Any two from: <br> 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: <br> SSSIs; <br> captive breeding programme; NOT breeding in zoos/wildlife <br> parks alone <br> National parks; <br> seed banks; <br> \{wildlife/nature\} reserve; <br> Legislation on deforestation; | Max 1 |
|  |  |  | Question 6/1 Total | [8] |


| Question |  |  | Marking details |  |  | Marks Available |
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| 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) <br> (iii) | (16\%) oxygen in <br> Sodium hydroxid Accept Sofnolim | air/air breath <br> um hydroxide ame in diving | me; <br> nity) | 1 1 |
|  | (b) | (i) | (The lime water NOT no change (The lime water | A \{remains <br> go cloudy/sta <br> B would turn | r/colourless\}; <br> me <br> cloudy; | 2 |
|  | (c) |  | Any one from Can \{remain subu Smaller tank ne | tay down\} for |  | Max 1 |
|  |  |  | Question 7/2to |  |  | [7] |


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



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


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


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


| Question |  |  | Marking details |  |  | Marks Available |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 8 | (a) <br> (b) | (i) | Stem (cells); |  |  | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 3 |
|  |  |  | Function of cell division | Part of cell which controls cell division | Number of chromosomes in each cell |  |
|  |  |  | increases the number of cells; | cytoplasm | twice as many as in the cells in Stage 1 |  |
|  |  |  | increases the size of each cell | nucleus; $\checkmark$ | same number as in the cells in Stage 1; $\checkmark$ |  |
|  |  |  | keeps the number of cells the same | cell membrane | half as many as in the cells in Stage 1 |  |
|  | (c) |  | Destruction of \{e | mbryonic cells/ emb | yos/ potential life\} ; | 1 |
|  |  |  | Question 8 tota |  |  | [5] |


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


| Question |  | Marking details | Marks <br> Available |
| :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1 0}$ | (a) | - Osmosis; <br> - Movement of water into potato; <br> - From where water is in high concentration to low <br> concentration/ down concentration gradient; <br> - Via semi permeable membrane; <br> $3^{\text {rd }}$ marking point linked to 2nd marking point <br> Water \{molecules/ particles\} \{move faster at higher <br> temperature/ have more energy\}; <br> (b) <br> (c) <br> \{Rate of/ volume\} water passing in equals \{Rate of/volume\} of <br> water passing out/no net \{movement/flow\} of water; <br> NOT concentration of water is the same inside and outside the <br> potato/dynamic equilibrium <br> Question 10 Total | 4 |


| Question |  | Marking details | Marks <br> Available |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| 11 | Indicative content <br> plants use chlorophyll to absorb light energy. <br> convert carbon dioxide and water <br> into glucose and oxygen <br> glucose can be changed to starch and stored <br> used to make cellulose/ proteins <br> light, temperature and carbon dioxide are limiting factors <br> $\mathbf{5 - 6}$ marks <br> The candidate constructs an articulate, integrated account <br> correctly linking relevant points, such as those in the indicative <br> content, which shows sequential reasoning. The answer fully <br> addresses the question with no irrelevant inclusions or <br> significant omissions. The candidate uses appropriate scientific <br> terminology and accurate spelling, punctuation and grammar. <br> $\mathbf{3 - 4}$ marks <br> The candidate constructs an account correctly linking some <br> relevant points, such as those in the indicative content, <br> showing some reasoning. The answer addresses the question <br> with some omissions. The candidate uses mainly appropriate <br> scientific terminology and some accurate spelling, punctuation <br> and grammar. <br> $\mathbf{1 - 2}$ marks <br> The candidate makes some relevant points, such as those in <br> the indicative content, showing limited reasoning. The answer <br> addresses the question with significant omissions. The <br> candidate uses limited scientific terminology and inaccuracies <br> in spelling, punctuation and grammar. <br> $\mathbf{0}$ marks <br> The candidate does not make any attempt or give a relevant <br> answer worthy of credit. <br> Question 11 Total | 6 |  |

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