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APPLIED SCIENCE

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Unit 4 The Human Body

Mark scheme

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It must be stressed that a mark scheme is a working document, in many cases further developed and expanded on the basis of students' reactions to a particular paper. Assumptions about future mark schemes on the basis of one year's document should be avoided; whilst the guiding principles of assessment remain constant, details will change, depending on the content of a particular examination paper.

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Level of response marking instructions

Level of response mark schemes are broken down into levels, each of which has a descriptor. The descriptor for the level shows the average performance for the level. There are marks in each level.

Before you apply the mark scheme to a student's answer read through the answer and annotate it (as instructed) to show the qualities that are being looked for. You can then apply the mark scheme.

Step 1 Determine a level

Start at the lowest level of the mark scheme and use it as a ladder to see whether the answer meets the descriptor for that level. The descriptor for the level indicates the different qualities that might be seen in the student's answer for that level. If it meets the lowest level then go to the next one and decide if it meets this level, and so on, until you have a match between the level descriptor and the answer. With practice and familiarity you will find that for better answers you will be able to quickly skip through the lower levels of the mark scheme.

When assigning a level you should look at the overall quality of the answer and not look to pick holes in small and specific parts of the answer where the student has not performed quite as well as the rest. If the answer covers different aspects of different levels of the mark scheme you should use a best fit approach for defining the level and then use the variability of the response to help decide the mark within the level, ie if the response is predominantly level 3 with a small amount of level 4 material it would be placed in level 3 but be awarded a mark near the top of the level because of the level 4 content.

Step 2 Determine a mark

Once you have assigned a level you need to decide on the mark. The descriptors on how to allocate marks can help with this. The exemplar materials used during standardisation will help. There will be an answer in the standardising materials which will correspond with each level of the mark scheme. This answer will have been awarded a mark by the Lead Examiner. You can compare the student's answer with the example to determine if it is the same standard, better or worse than the example. You can then use this to allocate a mark for the answer based on the Lead Examiner's mark on the example.

You may well need to read back through the answer as you apply the mark scheme to clarify points and assure yourself that the level and the mark are appropriate.

Indicative content in the mark scheme is provided as a guide for examiners. It is not intended to be exhaustive and you must credit other valid points. Students do not have to cover all of the points mentioned in the Indicative content to reach the highest level of the mark scheme.

An answer which contains nothing of relevance to the question must be awarded no marks.

Question	Answers	Additional comments	Mark	AO
01.1	gliding	allow planar	1	AO2 E
01.2	any one correctly labelled <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • skull / ossicles • jaw • ribs • sternum • vertebrae 		1	AO2 E
01.3	hinge	ignore synovial joints	1	AO1 G
01.4	blood cell production protection		1 1	AO1 A
01.5	(1450 – 1000 =) 450 $\frac{450}{1450} \times 100$ 31 (%)	an answer of 31(%) scores 2 marks	1 1 1	AO2 E
01.6	resorption	do not allow ossification / bone remodelling	1	AO1 E

01.7	<p>any three from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • increase in bone mass / growth is rapid until 20s (for both males and females) • peak in bone mass in late 20's / early-mid 30's (for both males and females) • mass in males is (always) higher than females <p>or</p> <p>peak (mass of calcium) in males is higher</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • steeper decrease in female bone mass (between 50 and 60 years old) 	<p>allow in range 20–30</p> <p>allow bone mass peaks at slightly different ages (in males and females)</p> <p>if no other marks awarded allow 1 mark for increase in bone mass to 20 / 30 and then a decrease in males / females</p>	3	AO3 E
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01.8	<p>(females have a) lower mass of calcium in bones</p> <p>(therefore) they are not as strong</p>	<p>allow converse if clearly describing males</p> <p>allow calcium is needed to strengthen bones</p>	1 1	AO2 E
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Total			14	
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02.1	any two from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • can respire anaerobically • store creatine phosphate (for anaerobic respiration) • (only) function for short periods of time • fatigue quickly • generate ATP quickly • low myoglobin stores • less mitochondria 	allow used for short bursts of activity do not allow more ATP produced allow white fibres allow large glycogen stores	2	AO1
02.2	any two from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • as you age / from 40 you lose muscle (fibres) • there is great variation in the number of muscle fibres • number of muscle fibres stays relatively constant through teens / 20s / 30s / 40s 	allow the data shows great variation allow you lose muscle fibres a lot faster when you are older	2	AO3
02.3	not as active (generally)		1	AO2
02.4	myoglobin		1	AO1
Total			6	

Question	Answers	Additional comments	Mark	AO
03.1	16.5 or 16.49(%)	allow correct rounding	1	AO2
03.2	(girls aged 14-18) need less (protein) (because) they are growing at a lower rate	allow converse for 1-3 year old girls	2	AO1
03.3	rickets		1	AO1
03.4	any two from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fatty fish / tuna / mackerel / salmon • oysters • shrimp • beef liver • cheese • egg (yolks) • milk • tofu • mushrooms • cod liver oil • (fortified) cereal 	allow any two named fish for 2 marks	2	AO1
03.5	any two from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • headache • fatigue • confusion • chest pain • difficulty breathing or short of breath • irregular / rapid heart rate 	ignore dizziness / nausea / pale / stroke / heart attack allow nose bleeds	2	AO1
03.6	any one from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (used in) respiration • converted to fat for insulation 	do not allow if reference to starch allow to provide energy do not allow to produce / create energy	1	AO1

03.7	any two from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• large surface area• (villi) have microvilli• good blood supply• thin exchange surface or thin lining	allow have many villi allow description of microvilli	2	AO2
Total			11	

Question	Answers	Additional comments	Mark	AO
04.1	central (nervous system)	ignore acronyms	1	AO1 E
	autonomic (nervous system)	ignore involuntary	1	
	parasympathetic (nervous system)		1	
04.2	(coordinating) voluntary actions		1	AO1 E
04.3	any two from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • increasing heart rate • dilating pupils • increasing breathing rate • slow digestion • constrict blood vessels • increase perspiration • raise blood pressure • promote ejaculation or vaginal contractions • increase glucose release 	if no other marks awarded, allow 1 mark for idea of 'fight or flight' responses	2	AO1 E
04.4	(A) (synaptic) vesicles / neurotransmitter	allow named neurotransmitter, such as acetylcholine, serotonin, dopamine	1	AO1 E
	(B) presynaptic membrane / knob / terminal	allow presynaptic neurone do not allow nerve	1	
	(C) postsynaptic membrane / knob	allow postsynaptic neurone do not allow nerve	1	
04.5	any two from, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (neurotransmitter) diffuses (across the synaptic cleft) • binds to receptors on the (postsynaptic) membrane • (binding to receptors) causes (Na⁺) channels to open 	allow diffuses (across the gap / synapse) allow binds to receptors on neurone Y do not allow potassium / chloride / calcium ions	2	AO1 E

04.6	any three from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (NT) leaves the (postsynaptic) receptor • (NT) is broken down by enzymes • (breakdown products) diffuses back to presynaptic membrane • reuptake by presynaptic neurone • (where) it is reformed (for reuse) or (where) it is stored in vesicles 	allow description of reuptake	3	AO1 E
04.7	110 (mV)		1	AO2 G
04.8	sodium only		1	AO1 A
Total			16	
Question	Answers	Additional comments	Mark	AO
5.1	Fe ²⁺		1	AO1 A
5.2	4		1	AO1 A
5.3	(pulse) oximeter		1	AO1 G
5.4	sphygmomanometer	allow electronic blood pressure machine/cuff	1	AO1 E

5.5	(too) low or below the normal range or something is reducing his oxygen uptake	allow reference to lung disease or named lung disease	1	AO2 E
5.6	between 1 and 15 will be breathing in some of the carbon monoxide / smoke from the smoker	allow any number in range	1 1	AO3 E
5.7	pH in the muscle is lower / acidic (than lungs) (because) there is a higher carbon dioxide concentration (due to increased respiration) (therefore) affinity to oxygen decreases, so (more) oxygen is released / unloaded (to the tissues / muscle cells) OR (therefore) the curve shifts right, so (more) oxygen is released / unloaded (to the tissues / muscle cells)	allow converse if clearly describing what occurs in the lung tissue	1 1 1	AO2 AO1 AO1

5.8	lower partial pressure of oxygen (at high altitude)	allow less oxygen (at high altitude)	1	AO1
	more difficult to load oxygen (at low partial pressures)	allow idea of causing an increase in EPO	1	
	(therefore) there is an increase in the number of red blood cells.		1	
Total			13	