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PUBLISHED**Generic Marking Principles**

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptors for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always **whole marks** (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)(i)	D;	1
1(a)(ii)	A;	1
1(b)	bacteria; nematodes; fungi; (earth)worms; roots; insects / named example; <i>Accept burrowing animal.</i> <i>Accept any relevant named example of a living thing.</i>	2
1(c)	humic acid; which can chemically attack rocks; animal trampling / tracks / burrowing; earthworms / bacteria / fungi in decay; plant roots; cracks / breaks down rocks and minerals to form soil; <i>Credit ref. to other forms of weathering working in conjunction with biological weathering, e.g. roots cracking rock allow entry of water and subsequent freeze-thaw weathering.</i>	3

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2(a)	the wearing away / washing away / blowing away / removal of (top) soil;	1
2(b)	<p><i>cause:</i> water / rainfall / wind / animal poaching / overgrazing / monoculture / over cropping / farming machinery / farming on slopes / deforestation etc.;</p> <p><i>suggestion:</i> channels / drainage / avoid run-off / contour ploughing / bunds / terraces / planting cover / intercropping / shelter / ground cover / planting / trees / windbreak / minimum tillage / under-sowing or direct drilling / management method to avoid this;</p> <p><i>Suggestion must be relevant to the cause stated.</i></p>	2
2(c)	increased yield; higher quality; larger produce / more succulent fruit; increases germination; crop remains alive in drought; cells remain turgid / avoid wilting; to promote photosynthesis / keep stomata open; nutrient intake; can grow crop where otherwise it would not be possible; to prevent frost damage;	2

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2(d)	<p><i>Answer must include explanation for second mark, e.g.:</i></p> <p>leaching of nutrients; so fewer available / available for absorption via root hairs;</p> <p>acidification; some plants cannot grow in acidic conditions;</p> <p>reduces soil temperature; slower germination / growth;</p> <p>can cause soil erosion; no soil available for plant growth / roots dislodged / seeds lost;</p> <p>drives out air / low oxygen / anaerobic conditions; roots die / poor root respiration;</p> <p>causes soil pans / capping; roots / water cannot penetrate;</p> <p>salination; reverse osmosis (water removed from plant cells) / weakens / can kill crop / many crops cannot grow in saline conditions;</p> <p>water may be contaminated / promote disease; acts as a vector for disease / pests;</p> <p>overwatering creates humid conditions; favours fungal diseases / certain pests;</p>	2

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3(a)	produces offspring by fusion / involves fertilisation / of (male and female) gametes / sex cells / male and female sex cells / two parents / offspring are genetically different from the parent or parents;	1																		
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3(d)	pollen cell nucleus (male); joins with / fuses with (the nucleus of) the ovule / the female gamete / cell; forms zygote; then embryo; chromosomes combine; the fertilised cell contains chromosomes from each parent; fertilised ovule goes on to form a seed;	3																		

Question	Answer	Marks
3(e)	increased genetic variation; increased pollination; cross-pollination; more pollinated flowers produce more seeds; increased yield; many lower flowers are not pollinated by self; pollen from other plants of the same species;	2

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4(a)(i)	B;	1
4(a)(ii)	A: eaten; egested / excreted / passed through digestive system; buried; C: hooks; catch on something / animal; carried away to different areas; D: sharp; bury into ground / animal; carried away to different areas;	2
4(b)(i)	competition for water; competition for space; competition for light; competition for minerals / nutrients; harbour pests; harbour diseases; contaminate crop; interfere with harvesting process;	2

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Question	Answer	Marks
4(b)(ii)	to improve quality / to prevent contamination of (next year's) seed / harvested crop / can be toxic etc.;	1
4(b)(iii)	<p><i>Accept any relevant methods, e.g. burning and hand picking. 1 mark for method. 1 mark for description and 1 mark for explaining why it is effective.</i></p> <p>hoeing / by hand / machine; method described, e.g. cut the weeds off at soil level; why effective, e.g. roots exposed / weed cut or removed;</p> <p>herbicide; method described, e.g. selective or non-selective / spray / contact / systemic / method of application e.g. sprayer; why effective, e.g. broad spectrum / kills all weeds / kills all the weed / selective / fast-acting / can have residual effects etc.;</p>	3

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5(a)	plants making own food; requires (sun)light; requires chlorophyll; uses water; uses carbon dioxide; produces oxygen; produces sugar / carbohydrate / glucose;	4
5(b)	<i>For graph B lower / too low:</i> temperature; carbon dioxide levels; water availability; chlorophyll levels; another factor is limiting; it is a different plant;	2

Question	Answer	Marks
5(c)	the movement; of synthesised / soluble food materials / carbohydrates / sugars / products of photosynthesis; from leaves to other tissues / source to sink (or vice versa); to storage organs; through phloem;	2

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6(a)	<i>safety precaution:</i> suit / gloves / boots / mask / respirator / mixing chamber / do not mix separately and transfer etc.;	2
	<i>reason:</i> prevent skin contact / avoid inhalation / avoid face splash / not mix separately and transfer / less spillage / higher risk of contact / inhalation / contamination etc.;	
	<i>Reason must match safety precaution for second mark.</i>	
6(b)(i)	to prevent dangerous chemicals mixing; to prevent blockage; to remove any excess chemical left in the sprayer;	1
6(b)(ii)	washed out / washed (immediately after use); to avoid (slow) leakage of liquid / gas;	2
	use of special tank; to ensure careful disposal of water;	
	rinse nozzles; when not windy;	
	leave empty; to avoid unintended application / misuse;	
	not in river / stream / ditch; as this pollutes watercourse;	

Question	Answer	Marks
6(c)	<p>if too dilute; might not kill pest / weed; resistance could build up if weakened and not killed;</p> <p>if too concentrated; might kill crop; could be toxic fumes / could be dangerous / contamination of environment; wastes chemical; wastes money;</p> <p>compliance with local regulations / rules; avoid fines / continued usage allowed;</p>	2
6(d)	<p><i>1 mark for an alternative method that matches the suggested farm chemical.</i></p> <p><i>For example:</i> chemical pesticides hand picking / biological control / less toxic chemical / organic pesticide;</p> <p>(fossil) fuel biofuel / hydrogen / electric vehicle;</p>	1

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7(a)(i)	Allow 3–4 (arbitrary units);	1
7(a)(ii)	for lactation / for providing food / milk for growing young / to maintain body mass / replace lost body mass / to recover;	1
7(a)(iii)	fat / oil / grain / concentrate, e.g. seedcake / any named sugar etc.;	1

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7(b)	<p>poorly grown females do not last long / compete well in the dairy herd; cost of rearing is wasted if animal needs to be culled or dies / to reduce wastage; poor fertility; low milk yield; lower economic return; problems at birthing; give birth later than usual; problems when mating; to reduce costs of veterinary bills;</p> <p><i>Accept development and linking of these points for up to 3 marks. Accept relevant suggestions.</i></p>	3

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8(a)(i)	<p><i>1 mark for each correct label:</i> embryo; endosperm; seed coat;</p>	3
8(a)(ii)	provide nutrients / energy / energy store / protecting the embryo;	1
8(b)	<p><i>availability of:</i> air/oxygen; water; warmth;</p> <p><i>Accept ref. to avoidance of low pH.</i></p>	2

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9(a)(i)	a characteristic / gene / allele which is not expressed in the presence of a dominant characteristic / gene / allele OR an allele which only shows if the individual has two copies / is homozygous for that (recessive) gene;	1
9(a)(ii)	sheep contain alleles from both parents; one parent may have the dominant allele; sheep needs to be homozygous recessive to show the condition / must have both recessive alleles; some sheep are heterozygous; the recessive gene is not expressed;	2
9(b)	<i>parents / alleles:</i> Tt x Tt; <i>offspring genotype:</i> tt tT Tt TT; <i>offspring phenotypes (must link to offspring genotypes):</i> parrot mouth, normal, normal, normal;	3
9(c)(i)	animal cannot graze / feed / animal loses condition / weight / starve;	1
9(c)(ii)	remove / cull all sufferers from the flock; select non-sufferers to breed from; continue through several generations; import rams / ewes tested as gene free; to breed disease-free stock;	2

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10(a)	natural method of crop / livestock production; uses manure / compost; specific organic pesticides / without pesticides; no synthetic / artificial fertilisers; no genetically modified organisms; no (prophylactic) antibiotics / growth hormones;	3

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10(b)	<p><i>Maximum of 4 marks for benefits or limitations alone.</i></p> <p><i>benefits:</i> sustainability; lower negative impact on beneficial insects / animals; enhancement of soil fertility; less damage to soil / improvement in soil structure; biological diversity; costs qualified, e.g. do not need to buy expensive chemicals / fertilisers; less risk to farm workers / requirement for protective gear; in the long term, organic farms save energy and protect the environment; contributes to slowing global warming; fewer pesticide / fertiliser residues in food; less pollution; greater premium / produce valuable / desirable; organic markets growing;</p> <p><i>limitations:</i> organic food is more expensive; lower yields; production costs may be higher qualified, e.g. more labour needed; marketing and distribution is less efficient because organic food is produced in smaller amounts; illness or food contamination may happen more often; shelf life may be shorter / limited time to get to market; organic farming cannot produce enough food to feed the world population currently; weed / pest / disease build up; source of infection for other crops; toxicity of organic pesticides; unknown nutrient ratio in some organic fertilisers;</p>	7

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10(c)	<p><i>Maximum of 3 marks per area.</i></p> <p><i>chemical control:</i> without pesticides / only organic pesticides; kills pest/s without contaminating crop / affecting organic status; example;</p> <p><i>biological control:</i> control using a natural enemy / predator / bacteria / virus / parasite / pathogens; feeds on / destroys pest / reduction in pest population; does not harm (crop) plant; example, e.g. use of ladybirds to eat aphids / sterile males to limit pest reproduction;</p> <p><i>cultural control:</i> crop rotation / burning; break life cycle of pest;</p> <p>ploughing exposes eggs or larvae; which are destroyed / eaten;</p> <p>use clean / certified planting material; does not introduce pests / additional pests;</p> <p>use resistant varieties; not affected by pests;</p> <p>plant nursery crops; more mature crop less affected by pests;</p> <p>timing of planting / harvest; avoids pest life cycle;</p> <p>nets / traps; capture / remove pests;</p>	5

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10(c)	<p>removal of residues; no longer hosts pests;</p> <p>by hand / picking them off; removes pests before commercially damaging;</p> <p>companion planting; introduction of plants to deter pests;</p>	

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11(a)	<p>transpiration is the process where plants lose water; from the leaves; through stomata / pores; detail, e.g. open when guard cells are turgid; light / temperature / dependent; diffusion through stomata; give off water vapour from leaf surface; through evaporation; rate affected by environmental conditions; responsible for transpiration stream / pull; water in through the roots; movement through plant in xylem; negative pressure from leaves; positive pressure from roots; capillary action;</p>	5
11(b)	<p><i>rate of transpiration affected by:</i> temperature – higher – faster; humidity – higher – slower; wind speed – higher – faster; light intensity – brighter – faster; in extreme environmental conditions transpiration may be reduced to conserve water; if very low water availability – lower rate / transpiration stops;</p>	4

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11(c)	carbohydrates, e.g. sugars / glucose / sucrose / fructose; source / mature leaves photosynthesise to produce sugars; sugars transported to sink / translocation; phloem; converted to starch for storage; starch / complex carbohydrate is insoluble; examples of storage, e.g. in roots / flowers / fruits / stems / developing leaves; in storage organs / modified plant structures, e.g. tubers; sugar converted to protein / lipids (oil / fat) and stored in seeds;	6

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12(a)	a disease which must be reported by law; to the ministry / authorities / vet; example, e.g. TB / Foot and Mouth / Redwater / tick fever / avian flu etc.; <i>Accept plant-based example.</i> to provide early warning of an outbreak; to minimise spread; highly contagious;	3
12(b)	direct contact; wounds / cuts; mating / sex / eggs / sperm; indirect contact; <i>through:</i> air; e.g. droplets / coughing / sneezing; water; feed; e.g. shared feeding / drinking vessels; vectors / pest; biting / sucking blood; example, e.g. tick; faeces / urine / poor hygiene;	5

Question	Answer	Marks
12(c)	provide clean / fresh water; remove vectors; vaccination; remove infectious agents / disinfect; maintain animals in general good health; minimise faecal contamination / maintain good hygiene / regular cleaning of walls / floors; avoid overcrowding; purchase tested / clean / healthy stock; clean bedding; foot baths / iodine dip / dips; handler cleanliness / protective clothing / change clothes; clean equipment; isolation of animals with symptoms; fencing for biosecurity; regular inspection by farmer / vet; avoid areas known to be contaminated;	7

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13(a)	animals enclosed; in different paddocks / grazing areas / fields; animals are moved between them; after a period of time; to allow pasture regrowth / recovery;	4

Question	Answer	Marks
13(b)	animals can be kept in a defined area; pasture can be rested; different herbivores / grazing at different heights; grass can be saved for conservation; maximise forage yield; match forage supply and consumption; enable pasture improvement; prevent overgrazing / soil erosion; controlled grazing / strip grazing; less pasture wastage; easier to mechanise; can zero graze; can manage different fields / areas differently as needed; example, e.g. electric fencing;	6

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13(c)	<p><i>Maximum of 3 marks for pasture, animal health or management problems alone. Allow development of a point for up to 2 marks.</i></p> <p><i>pasture:</i> soil compaction / trampling; weed growth; increase in unpalatable species; erosion; pasture does not recover / fails; overgrazing;</p> <p><i>animal health:</i> increased pest burden; animals do not thrive; increased disease risk; easier disease transmission between animals;</p> <p><i>management:</i> more complex stock management; labour requirement qualified, e.g. need more treatment of livestock; lower quality outputs / animals take longer to fatten / mature; increase costs / reduced profits, e.g. higher veterinary costs / more animals to feed;</p>	5

Question	Answer	Marks
14(a)	<p>(approximately) equal / correct proportions;</p> <p>contains sand, silt and clay;; <i>(for 2 marks)</i> <i>(Allow 1 mark for 2 of the above soil types.)</i></p> <p><i>Allow 1 mark for a property of a loam soil, e.g.:</i> has a good crumb structure / high nutrient content / free-draining / well-aerated;</p>	3
14(b)	<p><i>loam soil has:</i></p> <p>mixture of particle sizes compared to sand; which has only large particle sizes; charged clay particles / higher surface area; the ability to attract water particles; has better crumb structure / more water-holding pores; soil is less permeable; more organic matter; (small and large) air spaces; drains less well;</p> <p><i>Accept reverse arguments for sandy soil.</i></p>	6

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14(c)	<p><i>Maximum of 3 marks for explanation and improvement methods alone.</i></p> <p><i>explanation:</i> small particles; is cold / warms up slowly; lack of air / oxygen; lowered root respiration / anaerobic conditions; poor root growth; slower crop growth; very few / small air spaces; low water permeability; high water-holding capacity; high risk of waterlogging; poor soil (micro)organism activity; pests / disease may thrive; example, e.g. liver fluke;</p> <p><i>drainage methods:</i> ditches / canals; pumps and levels; solar / windmill / dams / flood gates; pipe / gravel soakaway; clay / plastic / continuous; deep tillage / mole drain / plough; improve organic content; liming; to increase flocculation; use of a clay breaker, e.g. seaweed etc.;</p>	6