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Geology

Advanced GCE

Unit F795: Evolution of Life, Earth and Climate

Mark Scheme for January 2013

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Annotations

Annotation	Meaning
?	Unclear
BOD	Benefit of doubt given
CON	Contradiction
×	Incorrect response
ECF	Error carried forward
I	Ignore
NBOD	Benefit of doubt not given
PD	Poor Diagram
R	Reject
SEEN	Point has been noted, but no credit has been given
✓	Correct response
^	Omission mark
MR	Maximum (marks available for) Response

Annotation	Meaning
DO NOT ALLOW	Answers which are not worthy of credit
IGNORE	Statements which are irrelevant
ALLOW	Answers that can be accepted
()	Words which are not essential to gain credit
_	Underlined words must be present in answer to score a mark
ECF	Error carried forward
AW	Alternative wording
ORA	Or reverse argument

Q	uesti	ion	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	(a)	(i)	A phylum = arthropoda / arthropod group = trilobita / trilobite B phylum = echinoderm / echinodermata group = echinoidea / echinoid / irregular echinoid C phylum = mollusca / mollusc group = bivalvia / bivalve	3	6 correct = 3 marks 5 or 4 correct = 2 marks 3 or 2 correct = 1 mark ALLOW if correct genus given for group DO NOT ALLOW regular echinoid
		(ii)	 1 = glabella 2 = pygidium OR axis OR axial lobe 3 = one interambulacral plate OR interambulacral OR calcite plate OR interambulacra 4 = dentition OR teeth and sockets OR tooth OR sockets OR teeth 	3	4 correct = 3 marks 2 or 3 correct = 2 marks 1 correct = 1 mark DO NOT ALLOW lateral teeth
		(iii)	fossil A feature: no eyes reason: it would not need any if it lived in a burrow OR in low light OR in the substrate OR buried in mud; feature: wide cephalon / cephalon / cephalic shield OR large cephalon / cephalic shield OR shovel shaped cephalon / cephalic shield reason: to spread mass on soft substrate to prevent sinking OR to dig a burrow; feature: long genal spines reason: to spread mass on soft substrate to prevent sinking; feature: pitted cephalon OR pitted cephalic fringe OR pits for sensory hairs reason: to detect the environment OR currents OR to detect movement OR to detect prey OR because it had no eyes; feature: few pleura OR few segments OR few legs reason: legs not needed for walking;	2	the identified morphological feature and reason must be in pairs for 1 mark each ALLOW 2 correct features for max 1 mark

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	fossil B feature: petaloid ambulacra OR pore pairs on the top reason: to allow the extension of tube feet upward out of the burrow OR efficient gas exchange OR respiration;	2	the identified morphological feature and reason must be in pairs for 1 mark each ALLOW 2 correct features for max 1 mark
	feature: smooth test OR no (distinct) spines reason: to allow easy movement in the burrow;		
	feature: heart shaped reason: to give it a streamlined shape OR to allow it to move through the sediment;		
	feature: anterior groove OR depression at the anterior reason: to allow particles / food towards the mouth OR to generate a current of water towards the mouth;		
(iv)	A = chitin B = calcium carbonate or calcite	2	ALLOW calcareous OR CaCO ₃
(v)	Fossil B has no jaws while the regular echinoid does; Fossil B anus at the posterior OR on oral surface OR outside apical system while the regular echinoid has anus on aboral surface OR at the top OR in apical system; Fossil B has mouth not in centre of aboral surface while the regular echinoid has the mouth in the centre; Fossil B has labrum OR plastron OR subanal fasciole OR anterior groove while the regular echinoid does not; Fossil B has petalloid ambs while the regular echinoid has straight ambs; Fossil B has bilateral symmetry while the regular echinoid has radial OR five fold; Fossil B has a heart shape while the regular echinoid has round shape;	1	ACCEPT discussion of crinoids as ecf from 1a (i) Answers must show a clear difference between the 2 forms any 1 point

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	(b)	(i)	bivalve extends foot into the sediment OR bivalve extends foot into the burrow; inflates the end OR swells as blood is pumped into it OR swells by using blood pressure; foot contracts to pull bivalve OR the foot muscle is shortened to move OR moves by contraction of retractor muscles; the bivalve pulls itself through the sediment OR moves horizontally and/or vertically OR foot acts as an anchor in the sediment; extends foot out through gape OR extends foot between valves;	1	any two descriptors needed for one mark
		(ii)	using <u>inhalant</u> and <u>exhalent siphon</u> s OR using <u>siphons</u> and <u>gills;</u>	1	
	(c)	(i)	labelled recognisable diagram of a long hinged brachiopod labelled recognisable diagram of a short hinged brachiopod	1	ALLOW label marks even if drawings are weak. Hinge lines must be visible. If only one diagram drawn max 2 marks
			labels include: pedicle valve, brachial valve, growth lines, umbo, commissure, fold and sulcus, foramen, ribs	2	four different correct labels for 2 marks across both diagrams DO NOT ALLOW hinge line labels
		(ii)	open using <u>diductor</u> muscle AND close using <u>adductor</u> s OR by contracting and relaxing <u>adductor</u> and <u>diductor</u> muscles OR close and open using <u>adductor</u> and <u>diductor</u> muscles	1	must have both for 1 mark
			Total	20	

Q	Question		A	Answer	Ма	arks	Guidance
2	(a)	(i)	Description armoured with bony plates have long S shaped necks pubis bone points backwards described as 'duck billed' dinosaurs have hands with three digits	Type of Dinosaur saurischian ornithischian saurischian ornithischian saurischian ornithischian saurischian ornithischian saurischian ornithischian		ω	5 correct for 3 marks 4 correct for 2 marks 3 correct for 1 mark
		(ii)	Diplodocus OR Tyrannosaurus			1	ALLOW any correct named saurischian dinosaur DO NOT ALLOW T rex
		(iii)	Permo-Triassic boundary OR Trias after the Permo-Triassic extinction	ssic OR beginning of the Mesozoic C event	DR	1	ALLOW 251 – 200 Ma
	(b)	(i)	weather advantage: porous / permeable sh reason: to allow oxygen into the sh exchange for respiration advantage: yolk sac reason: to provide food to the embembryo advantage: albumen OR a watery	events water loss OR to protect againell OR outer casing hell and carbon dioxide out OR allow ryo OR to provide nutrients to the	nst gas	3	the morphological advantage and the reasons are needed as a pair = 1 mark max 3 pairs = 3 marks ALLOW to the embryo OR for development OR for growth as descriptors
			reason: to prevent desiccation of the environment for development OR to advantage: had a membrane inside reason: to allow gas diffusion but reason:	o provide protein / food for growth e the shell			ALLOW albumin

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	(ii)	low energy on land / terrestrial OR land area covered rapidly in sediment	1	DO NOT ALLOW just low energy ALLOW soil as indication of land
(c)		feature: depth of footprints OR shape of footprints OR size of footprints OR pattern of tracks OR range of footprint sizes explanation: calculation of size OR calculation of mass of the dinosaur OR allow us to calculate the speed of the dinosaur OR allow us to work out whether bipedal or quadrupedal OR allow us to see if they are solitary or herd animals OR range of sizes suggests herd feature: presence of gastroliths OR stones explanation: used in herbivore stomachs to help break down vegetation feature: presence of coprolites OR faecal masses	2	1 mark for the feature and 1 for the explanation
(4)		explanation: to identify food fragments to see what they have been eating OR large coprolites mean large animals OR reverse argument	0	
(d)		low oxygen / anoxic / anaerobic so that <u>bacteria</u> cannot survive (to destroy the skin) OR <u>bacterial</u> decay does not take place OR scavengers cannot survive;	2	any two points
		low energy so that currents do not move the organism after death OR low energy so that organism is not broken up;		both the condition and the explanation are needed for 1 mark
		rapid deposition / burial so that bacteria cannot break down the skin OR rapid deposition / burial to protect from scavengers;		
		dinosaur was trapped – in quicksand OR steep sided waterhole OR steep sided hole OR dinosaur body was desiccated where there was little decay;		
(e)	(i)	feathers, furcula, legs directly under body, reversed (big) toe, hollow bones, "S" shaped neck, three-toed foot, pubis pointing backward	2	any two 1 mark for each point: ALLOW wishbone instead of furcula
	(ii)	birds evolved from dinosaurs OR birds and <i>Archaeopteryx</i> were both evolved from dinosaurs (but may have evolved separately)	1	
		Total	16	

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3	(a)		half life time taken for half of the unstable/parent isotope to decay to (stable/daughter isotope) OR the time taken for the radioactivity to halve	1	
			isotope two or more forms of the same element that contain equal numbers of protons but different numbers of neutrons OR different isotopes of a single element occupy the same position on the periodic table OR any of two or more forms of a chemical element, having the same number of protons in the nucleus OR any of two or more forms of a chemical element having the same atomic number OR atoms having the same atomic number but different mass number	1	
	(b)	(i)	points plotted correctly at 100% – 0 Ma 50% – 50 000 Ma 25% – 100 000 Ma 12.5% – 150 000 Ma 6.25% – 200 000 Ma curve must be plotted	2	5 points plotted and curve correct for 2 marks 5 points plotted for 1 mark 3 points plotted and curve correct for 1 mark 1 or 2 points plotted correctly gains no marks
		(ii)	23 000 - 28 000 <u>Ma</u>	1	ecf varies from whether line or curve is drawn
		(iii)	gives a numerical answer in (millions) of years OR specific date given in millions of years	1	DO NOT ALLOW a definite age
	(c)	(i)	1 260 Ma	1	allow 1 200 to 1 300 Ma
		(ii)	muscovite mica	1	
		(iii)	oldest rocks on the diagram OR older than igneous intrusion Y (dyke) OR older than 220 Ma OR older than conglomerate	1	

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(iv	look for baked margins in the sandstone at the boundary means the igneous rock is younger OR the absence of baked margin means that igneous rock is older; look for presence of soil / reddening / weathering on upper surface of igneous rock means that igneous rock is older OR the absence of soil / reddening / weathering means that igneous rock is younger; look for sandstone xenoliths in the igneous rock means igneous rock is younger;	1	any one point answer must include youngest or oldest and rock names in reason for one mark
	loss of daughter isotope OR loss of Ar gas; gives younger age than actual; loss of parent isotope by weathering / leaching; gives older age than actual; inaccuracy of equipment OR human error OR inaccuracy of half life data; causes dates to be either younger or older; problems gaining uncontaminated samples OR enough minerals to analyse; makes dating inaccurate; error term resulting from a series of measurements from the same sample; discusses standard deviation about the mean value	2	any point and explanation for 2 marks must be explained not described max 1 for 2 descriptions with no explanation
(d)	labelled <u>diagram(s)</u> showing the law of included fragments (eg rip up clast, xenoliths, clasts) <u>explanation</u> of why the included fragment is older or reverse argument older rock eroded and fragments redeposited in younger rock; older country rock included in younger magma / intrusion	1	the included fragment must be labelled for the mark

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(e)		Joly assumed that all the water in the oceans was once fresh water; the salt had been added as rocks eroded OR added by rivers; salts became dissolved in rivers and streams; he calculated how much salt was in the oceans in total; he calculated average salt run off per year in rivers; he divided the amount of salt in the ocean by how much was added per year;	2	any two points
(f)	(i)	biostratigraphy OR biostratigraphic correlation	1	
	(ii)	correlation correlation using microfossils can be matched between different areas; some microfossils are specific to certain environments so can be used to correlate environments; correlation can be done on first appearance, range, extinction of microfossils; used in exploration for oil or gas to match / correlate layers;	1	any one point
		dating specific microfossils give the age of the rock; microfossils are used as zone fossils; same microfossils found in different areas are the same age;	'	ALLOW detailed description of zone fossil
		Total	19	

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4	4 (a)	(i)	D group = coral / rugose distinguishing feature any one from: dissepiments OR 6 major septa OR 6 cycles of septa OR columella OR horn shaped (corallum)	1	must have group name and distinguishing feature for one mark
			E group = belemnite / cephalopod distinguishing feature any one from: guard OR calcite crystals radiating from centre	1	OR total of group name and distinguishing feature 6 correct for 3 marks 5 or 4 correct for 2 marks
			F group = crinoid / crinoidea distinguishing feature any one from: stem OR ossicles	1	3 or 2 correct for 1 mark
		(ii)	1: septum OR septa 2: dissepiments	1	both features must be correct for 1 mark
		(iii)	shallow seas OR shallow marine OR continental shelf	1	
		(iv)	fossil E was nektonic OR could swim OR lived in the water column so they could fall into any marine environment immediately below them	1	accept reverse argument (ORA) – D and F are attached to the sea floor so restricted to one environment
		(v)	filter feeder, sessile, attached to the sea floor, benthonic, epifaunal	1	any 2 of these terms combined in a description
	(b)	(i)	graptolite / graptolithinia / hemichordate / graptoloidea	1	
		(ii)	any three correctly labelled morphological parts from: stipe, sicula, thecae, rhabdosome	2	ACCEPT aperture, nema 3 correct labels = 2 marks 2 correct labels = 1 mark rhabdosome must include whole skeleton
		(iii)	scandent	1	
		(iv)	youngest H J oldest G	1	all must be in the correct order for 1 mark

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(c)	evolved rapidly so only found in narrow time zones; widespread geographically because they are planktonic OR nektonic; abundant so likely to be found; easily recognisable changes so species / genera / specific forms can be identified; preservable hard parts so will be easy to find	2	any 2 if three factors given but no explanation max 1
	Total	14	

C	Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
5	(a)		climate long term weather patterns over many years; meteorological conditions that prevail in a region; general conditions of the atmosphere over a large area;		
			weather state of the atmosphere at a given place and time; day to day meteorological / atmospheric conditions of a particular place	1	
	(b)	(i)	characterised by a lack of ice sheets OR reduction in ice coverage and higher global temperature	1	both elements of the answer are needed for 1 mark
		(ii)	areas shaded below 15 degrees around the Ordovician – Silurian and Carboniferous - Permian and Tertiary – Quaternary boundaries	1	need all three areas shaded but allow on periods or on or below graph

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	(iii)	ice sheets increa the Earth; this forms a posit		of solar radiation causes the cooling of cooling the Earth further OR processes		2	any two points
(c)	(i)	cycle eccentricity obliquity precession	description L K M	timing of cycle in years Q N P		3	5 or 6 correct = 3 3 or 4 correct = 2 1 or 2 correct = 1
	(ii)	(ii) alternating sediments may reflect different temperatures in the oceans OR limestone forms in warmer conditions than clay; higher temperature results in higher productivity / algal blooms and more carbon in the clay ORA; change from clay to limestone occurs every 41 000 years; OR 21 000 year average; environment changing as a result of sea level changes due to Milankovitch cycles changing temperatures;		2	any two points		
					Total	11	

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6	epifaunal cemented: feature: cement explanation: for direct attachment to rock;	4	answers must be in pairs of morphological feature and reason
	feature: strong / thick shell explanation: to withstand high energy currents;		DO NOT ALLOW strong ornament or ribs
	feature: strong adductor muscle explanation: to keep shell closed;		max 1 for 2 good descriptions of morphological features but no reason
	feature: right and left valves of different sizes explanation: largest valve attached to the rock and smaller valve acts as a lid;		
	feature: irregular shaped valves OR uneven growth lines explanation: has low profile on rock to maintain attachment OR mirroring substrate; recognisable labelled diagram of <i>Ostrea</i> with min 2 labels		maximum 4 marks
	epifaunal attached: feature: byssus explanation: for attachment to substrate/rock OR flexible attachment to allow movement;	4	answers must be in pairs of morphological feature and reason
	feature: shell covered with periostracum layer explanation: to protect from acidic river water OR rain when exposed at low tide OR brackish water;		allow organic layer in place of periostracum
	feature: strong shell OR fine growth lines explanation: to protect against collision OR breakage OR to make shell streamlined to protect against strong waves / powerful tidal action / life in the littoral zone;		max 1 for 2 good descriptions of morphological features but no reason
	feature: elongate shell OR streamlined shell explanation: to protect against collision OR breakage/protection in a colony OR to allow water to pass over smoothly OR they can move with the current;		maximum 4 marks
	feature: large adductor muscles explanation: to hold the valves closed OR to prevent desiccation; recognisable labelled diagram of mussel (<i>Mytilus</i>) with min 2 labels		

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	nektonic bivalves feature: corrugated valves OR heavily ribbed valves OR thin shells with ribs explanation: gives strength without mass of a thick shell OR shells can be thin and strong OR makes shells lighter for swimming;	4	answers must be in pairs of morphological feature and reason
	feature: one flattened OR lid like valve and one curved OR convex valve explanation: gives a hydrofoil effect OR allows efficient movement through the water; feature: narrow gap between valves explanation: to keep sediment out of the shell when resting on the bottom;		max 1 for 2 good descriptions of morphological features but no
	feature: monomyarian OR one large adductor muscle explanation: to allow repeated flapping of valves OR open and close valves rapidly OR strong enough for strong contractions OR open and close valves forcing water out and moving backwards OR open and close valves forcing water out for swimming;		reason
	feature: has ears / wings on the hinge line explanation: to direct water currents OR to help stabilise the shell for swimming;		
	feature: straight hinge explanation: improves stability;		
	feature: numerous tiny eyes along the mantle margin explanation: to detect the movement of a predator OR movement away from probable predator;		
	feature: strong ligament explanation: to open valves rapidly;		maximum 4 marks
	recognisable labelled diagram of scallop (Pecten) with min 2 labels		max 8 with no diagrams
	Total	10	

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7	 asteroid impact large (180 km) meteorite <u>crater</u> offshore / in Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico (Chixulub) providing mechanism for extinction OR global effect; shockwave due to impact killed organisms around the site tsunami caused by impact in the sea shown by evidence of sediments OR tsunami caused by impact in the sea kills organisms; 		must match each piece of evidence with a reason for extinction
	 iridium layer found concentrated in layers of clay near the boundary as thought to be from space helps prove impact occurred; shocked grains of quartz OR tektites found in layers close to the boundary (close to site) evidence of extreme stresses due to impact; 		Max 2 for descriptions of evidence with no direct effect on extinction
	 asteroid impact and volcanic activity impact/eruption caused dust/ash to enter atmosphere which can block the sun and reduce temperature OR lowering global temperatures so that organisms cannot adapt rapidly enough; impact/eruption caused dust/ash to enter atmosphere OR cause darkness and affect plant photosynthesis OR food chain; large scale fires caused by high temperatures OR debris from collision OR vegetation catching fire next to lava flow set forests on fire which killed animals and plants forest fires created particles in atmosphere which caused global temperature changes; 		Max 2 for descriptions of evidence with no direct effect on extinction
	 volcanic activity Deccan Traps are large scale lava flows and eruptions covering 500 000km² OR large area OR eruptions occurred quickly OR occurring over 30 000 years shows large scale global effect eruptions produced lava / gas which destroyed habitats; ash smothers / kills animals and plants close by; emission of poisonous / toxic gases on animals and plants close by; 		must match each piece of evidence with a reason for extinction
	 aerosols from volcanic gases reflect solar radiation and cause cooling; gases caused acid rain OR gases cause acidification of the sea; emission of greenhouse gases OR CO₂ / SO₂ in large quantities causing global warming (lasting millions of years) OR increases sea temperature; 		Max 2 for descriptions of evidence with no direct effect on extinction
	Total	10	

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