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Guidance for Examiners

Additional Guidance within any mark scheme takes precedence over the following guidance.

1. Mark strictly to the mark scheme.
2. Make no deductions for wrong work after an acceptable answer unless the mark scheme says otherwise.
3. Accept any clear, unambiguous response which is correct, eg mis-spellings if phonetically correct (but check additional guidance).
4. Abbreviations, annotations and conventions used in the detailed mark scheme:

/	= alternative and acceptable answers for the same marking point
(1)	= separates marking points
not/reject	= answers which are not worthy of credit
ignore	= statements which are irrelevant - applies to neutral answers
allow/accept	= answers that can be accepted
(words)	= words which are not essential to gain credit
<u>words</u>	= underlined words must be present in answer to score a mark
ecf	= error carried forward
AW/owtte	= alternative wording
ORA	= or reverse argument

eg mark scheme shows 'work done in lifting/(change in) gravitational potential energy' (1)

"work done" = 0 marks

"work done lifting" = 1 mark

"change in potential energy" = 0 marks

"gravitational potential energy" = 1 mark

5. If a candidate alters his/her response, examiners should accept the alteration.

6. Crossed out answers should be considered only if no other response has been made. When marking crossed out responses, accept correct answers which are clear and unambiguous.

The example below illustrates how to apply this principle to an objective question.

eg for a one mark question, where ticks in boxes 3 and 4 are required for the mark

Put ticks (✓) in
the two correct
boxes.

✓
✗

*This would be
worth zero marks.*

Put ticks (✓) in
the two correct
boxes.

✗
✗

*This would be
worth one mark.*

Put ticks (✓) in
the two correct
boxes.

✗
✗
✓
✓

*This would be
worth one mark.*

7. The list principle:

If a list of responses greater than the number requested is given, work through the list from the beginning. Award one mark for each correct response, ignore any neutral response, and deduct one mark for any incorrect response, eg one which has an error of science. If the number of incorrect responses is equal to or greater than the number of correct responses, no marks are awarded. A neutral response is correct but irrelevant to the question.

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8. Marking method for tick boxes:

Always check the additional guidance.

If there is a set of boxes, some of which should be ticked and others left empty, then judge the entire set of boxes.

If there is at least one tick, ignore crosses. If there are no ticks, accept clear, unambiguous indications, eg shading or crosses.

Credit should be given for each box correctly ticked. If more boxes are ticked than there are correct answers, then deduct one mark for each additional tick. Candidates cannot score less than zero marks.

eg if a question requires candidates to identify a city in England, then in the boxes

Edinburgh	
Manchester	
Paris	
Southampton	

the second and fourth boxes should have ticks (or other clear indication of choice) and the first and third should be blank (or have indication of choice crossed out).

Edinburgh			✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Manchester	✓	x	✓	✓	✓				✓	
Paris				✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Southampton	✓	x		✓		✓	✓		✓	
Score:	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	NR

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Question			Expected Answers				Marks	Additional Guidance
1	a			Kidneys reabsorb all . . .	Kidneys reabsorb as much. . .	Kidneys do not reabsorb	[2]	Three rows correct = 2 marks Two rows correct = 1 mark One or zero rows correct = 0 marks
			Salt		✓			
			Sugar	✓				
			Water		✓			
	b		<div><div></div><div>amount of salt in the blood<div>✓</div>(1)</div><div>drinking fluids<div>✓</div>(1)</div><div></div><div></div></div>				[2]	One mark for each correct response More than two responses – delete 1 mark for each error Ignore crosses in rows 1, 4 and 5
			Total				[4]	

Question			Expected Answers				Marks	Additional Guidance
2	a		movement of <u>molecules/particles</u> (1) from a region of their high concentration to a region of their low concentration (1)				[2]	OWTTE
	b			moves into the cell	moves out of the cell	no overall movement	[1]	All three for 1 mark
			oxygen	✓				
			carbon dioxide		✓			
			dissolved food	✓				
	c		water dilute concentrated partially permeable				[2]	Responses must be in the correct order Four correct response = 2 marks Two or three correct responses = 1 mark One or zero correct responses = 0 marks
			Total				[5]	

Question			Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
3	a		homeostasis (1)	[1]	More than 1 response = 0 marks Accept any other indication of a correct response
	b		<div> <div> part of the space suit temperature probe heating system control circuit </div> <div> part of the body brain effector receptor </div> <div> function detects the temperature processing centre produces the response </div> </div>	[2]	Left hand side correct = 1 mark Right hand side correct = 1 mark
	c	i	rate of reaction increases (1) molecules move faster (1) increased frequency (and energy) of collisions/ more collisions/ successful collisions/ energetic collisions (between molecules) (1)	[3]	OWTTE Accept bigger/more/larger Accept particles = molecules Accept correct ref. to kinetic energy Accept correct ref. to enzyme/substrate complexes Reject unqualified 'more energy'
		ii	sweating (1)	[1]	More than 1 response = 0 marks
			Total	[7]	

Question			Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
4	a		double; nucleus; cytoplasm	[2]	Responses must be in the correct order. Three correct responses = 2 marks Two correct responses = 1 mark One or zero correct responses = 0 marks
	b		<div> <div>number of types of bases</div> <div> <div></div> <div></div> <div>four</div> </div> <div>joined together</div> <div> <div>in twos</div> <div></div> <div></div> </div> </div>	[1]	More than one response = 0 marks
	c	i	separate/ divide (1) copy/ duplicate/ replicate (1)	[2]	OWTTE Accept part/ open up = separate Accept correct references to mRNA production
		ii	22 (1)	[1]	More than one response = 0 marks
Total				[6]	

Question			Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
5	a		brain (1) spinal cord (1)	[2]	More than two responses – deduct 1 mark for each additional response.
	b		axon (1) cell membrane (1) increases (1)	[3]	Responses must be in the correct order.
	c		<div> <div>receptor</div> <div>effector</div> <div>sensory neuron</div> <div>spinal cord</div> </div>	[2]	Accept phonetic spellings Four correct responses = 2 marks Two or three correct responses = 1 mark One or zero correct responses = 0 marks
			Total	[7]	
6	a		George (1) Charley (1)	[2]	More than two responses – deduct 1 mark for each additional response Accept any order of response Accept any other indication of a correct response
	b		meristem/ cambium (1)	[1]	Accept phonetic spelling
	c		any named correct tissue eg xylem/phloem (1) any named correct organ eg leaf/flower/stem/root (1)	[2]	
			Total	[5]	

Question			Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
7	a		electrical stimulation (1)	[1]	More than 1 response = 0 marks
	b	i	<div> <div></div> <div>...</div> <div>storage and retrieval of information.</div> <div> <div></div> <div>✓</div> <div></div> <div></div> </div> </div>	[1]	More than 1 response = 0 marks
		ii	Any two from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> intelligence; language; consciousness/thinking 	[2]	OWTTE It must be a process. Accept any alternative correct credible answer eg sight, hearing, touch, smell, taste, learning, receive or respond to a stimulus, communicating, processing information. Reject memory, as memory/retrieval/storage is in stem of question. Reject reflexes, response (alone). reaction (alone), nerve impulses, effector, receptor, processing centre.
			Total	[4]	

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8	a		simple (1)	[1]	More than 1 response = 0 marks
	b		<div> <input type="checkbox"/> </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> </div> <div> ...be more likely to transmit impulses...(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> </div>	[1]	
	c		Mike (1) Hannah (1)	[2]	More than two responses – deduct 1 mark for each additional response.
			Total	[4]	

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