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Unit **A222/01**: Modules B4, B5, B6 (Foundation Tier)

Mark Scheme for January 2012

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Annotations

Annotation	Meaning
	Indicate uncertainty or ambiguity
	Benefit of doubt
	Contradiction
	Incorrect response
	Error carried forward
	Draw attention to a particular part of a candidate's response
	Draw attention to a particular part of a candidate's response
	Draw attention to a particular part of a candidate's response
	No benefit of the doubt
	Reject
	Correct Response
	Draw attention to a particular part of a candidate's response
	Information omitted

Annotation	Meaning
/	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 which can be accepted

Annotation	Meaning
(words)	words which are not essential to gain credit
<u>words</u>	underlined words must be present in order to score a mark
ecf	error carried forward
AW/owtte	alternate wording
ORA	or reverse argument

Subject-specific Marking Instructions

- Accept any clear, unambiguous response (including mis-spellings of scientific terms if they are *phonetically* correct, but always check the guidance column for exclusions).
- If a candidate alters his/her response, examiners should accept the alteration.
- 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.

e.g. for a one-mark question where ticks in the third and fourth boxes are required for the mark:

☐
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*This would be worth
1 mark.*

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*This would be worth
0 marks.*

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☐

*This would be worth
1 mark.*

d. 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, e.g. 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.

e. Marking method for tick-box questions:

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 and other markings. If there are no ticks, accept clear, unambiguous indications, e.g. shading or crosses. Credit should be given according to the instructions given in the guidance column for the question. 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.

e.g. if a question requires candidates to identify cities in England:

Edinburgh	<input type="checkbox"/>
Manchester	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paris	<input type="checkbox"/>
Southampton	<input type="checkbox"/>

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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1	(a)		<div style="text-align: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">is greater than his heat loss</div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-right: 10px;">David's heat gain</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-right: 10px;">—</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">is equal to his heat loss</div> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">is less than his heat loss</div> </div>	1	more than 1 line =0
	(b)		receptors; skin; receptors; blood;	2	1 mark for each correct line of responses
	(c)		water evaporates (from the head) (1) using heat from the body (1) body cools down (1)	3	accept it cools him down accept cools body/ head/ blood cooling mark must indicate cooling/ lowering temperature not just keeping it constant /same
			Total	6	

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Question			Answer	Marks	Guidance
2	(a)		food (1) respiration (1)	2	eating ignore any other forms of drink e.g. apple juice accept in either order
	(b)		urine (1) fully (1) salt (1)	3	must be in correct order
			Total	5	

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3	(a)		<p>(overall) movement/diffusion of water from a dilute/low to a more concentrated solution (1)</p> <p>through a partially permeable membrane (1)</p>	2	<p>OWTTE</p> <p>accept from high to low concentration of water (molecules)</p> <p>accept less –ve to more –ve/ higher water potential to a lower water potential</p> <p>accept from a high to a low concentration if with ref to diffusion</p> <p>ignore particles</p> <p>accept semi/ selectively/ differentially= partially</p> <p>ignore abbreviations</p>																
	(b)		<table><tr><td></td><td>cells burst</td><td>cells shrink</td><td>cells stay the same</td></tr><tr><td>cells in pure water</td><td>✓</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>cells in a salt solution that is the same concentration as inside the cells</td><td></td><td></td><td>✓</td></tr><tr><td>cells in a salt solution that is more concentrated than inside the cells.</td><td></td><td>✓</td><td></td></tr></table>		cells burst	cells shrink	cells stay the same	cells in pure water	✓			cells in a salt solution that is the same concentration as inside the cells			✓	cells in a salt solution that is more concentrated than inside the cells.		✓		2	<p>marked by rows</p> <p>3 correct responses = 2 marks</p> <p>1 or 2 correct responses = 1 mark</p> <p>more than 1 tick in a row = negates the response for the row</p> <p>accept any clear indication of correct response e.g. shaded boxes/ crosses (but without ticks)</p> <p>ignore crosses if tick shown clearly in correct box</p>
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			Total	4																	

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4	(a)		<table><tr><td>cell growth</td><td>mitosis</td></tr><tr><td>B</td><td>A</td></tr><tr><td>D</td><td>C</td></tr></table>	cell growth	mitosis	B	A	D	C	2	4 correct = 2 marks 3 correct = 1 mark
cell growth	mitosis										
B	A										
D	C										
	(b)		18 (1)	1	accept any clear indication of correct response						
	(c)		gametes (1)	1	accept any clear indication of correct response						
	(d)		(gametes) fuse during fertilisation (1) this allows the full/ correct chromosome number to be reinstated; A/W (1)	2	accept combine, join, come together, carry out, form zygote ignore meet accept gives full set of chromosomes / correct number/ right amount of chromosomes accept correct reference to haploid and diploid state/ correct ref to haploid and diploid numbers e.g. 23 + 23 = 46						
			Total	6							

Question			Answer	Marks	Guidance
5	(a)		Liam; Arthur;	1	accept either order
	(b)		cytoplasm; nucleus;	1	accept phonetic spellings both correct responses = 1 mark
			Total	2	

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6	(a)	(i)	Each specialised cell only produces the specific protein it needs.	2	accept any clear indication of correct response e.g. shaded boxes/ crosses (but without ticks) more than 2 ticks = negates one mark for each extra tick
			Many of the genes in a particular cell are not active.		
			New genes are produced during cell specialisation.		
			Some of the genes are lost as each cell becomes more specialised.		
			Specialised cells in the same seedling contain different genes.		
			The specialised cells only contain half the number of genes needed.		
		(ii)	unspecialised; grow;	1	both correct = 1 mark
	(b)	(i)	phototropism (1)	1	allow phonetic spellings allow phototropic
		(ii)	any three from: <u>more</u> light; <u>more</u> photosynthesis; <u>more</u> growth/taller/ faster growth; increases its chances of survival/ compete better;	3	accept sunlight = light ignore sun accept energy – but must be qualified e.g. from sun ignore food accept more glucose ignore better photosynthesis and ignore better growth
			Total	7	

Question			Answer	Marks	Guidance
7	(a)		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> structure <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">receptor</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">sensory neuron</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">central nervous system (CNS)</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">motor neuron</div> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> function <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">carries impulses from receptors to the CNS</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">detects the stimulus</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">carries impulses from the CNS to the effector</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">coordinates the mouse's response</div> </div> </div>	2	4 correct lines =2 marks 3 or 2 correct lines =1 mark more than 1 line from or to any box loses the mark
	(b)		peripheral nervous system (1)	1	accept any clear indication of correct response
	(c)	(i)	long fibre of cytoplasm surrounded by a cell membrane (1)	1	accept any clear indication of correct response
		(ii)	increases the speed of (transmission) of a nerve impulse (1) insulates the neuron (from neighbouring cells) (1)	2	accept reverse argument ignore ref. to responses/ reactions
			Total	6	

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8	(a)		MRI scans / study patients with brain damage/CAT scan/CT scan (1)	1	ignore brain scan not X ray
	(b)	(i)	the storage and retrieval of information (1)	1	accept any clear indication of correct response
		(ii)	intelligence; language development;	1	2 correct responses = 1 mark more than 2 responses = 0 marks accept any clear indication of correct response
			Total	3	

Question			Answer	Marks	Guidance												
9	(a)		brain; learning and impulses; repetition;	2	3 correct responses = 2 marks 2 correct responses = 1 mark 1 or 0 correct responses =0 marks												
	(b)		<table><tr><td>Jumping in response to a sudden, loud noise.</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Maintaining a constant body temperature.</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Quickly moving your hand from a sharp object.</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Reducing the size of the pupils in the eyes.</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Remembering a telephone number.</td><td>✓</td></tr><tr><td>Speaking a language.</td><td>✓</td></tr></table>	Jumping in response to a sudden, loud noise.		Maintaining a constant body temperature.		Quickly moving your hand from a sharp object.		Reducing the size of the pupils in the eyes.		Remembering a telephone number.	✓	Speaking a language.	✓	1	2 correct responses = 1 mark accept any clear indication of correct response e.g. shaded boxes/ crosses (but without ticks) more than 2 ticks =0 marks
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