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Biology A

General Certificate of Secondary Education

Unit **A221/01**: Modules B1, B2, B3 (Foundation Tier)

Mark Scheme for June 2012

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


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Annotations

Used in the detailed Mark Scheme:

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 that can be accepted
(words)	words which are not essential to gain credit
words	underlined words must be present in answer to score a mark
ecf	error carried forward
AW/owtte	alternative wording
ORA	or reverse argument





Available in scoris to annotate scripts

	indicate uncertainty or ambiguity
	benefit of doubt
	contradiction
	incorrect response
	error carried forward
	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
	no benefit of doubt

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	reject
	correct response
	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
	information omitted

Subject-specific Marking Instructions

- 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.

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.
☐
☐
☒
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☐
This would be worth
1 mark.Put ticks (✓) in the
two correct boxes.
☐
☐
☒
☒
☐
This would be worth
0 marks.Put ticks (✓) in the
two correct boxes.
☒
☒
☒
☒
☐
This would be worth
1 mark.

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c. 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.

d. 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

- e. For answers marked by levels of response:
- Read through the whole answer from start to finish**
 - Decide the level** that **best fits** the answer – match the quality of the answer to the closest level descriptor
 - To determine the mark within the level**, consider the following:

Descriptor	Award mark
A good match to the level descriptor	The higher mark in the level
Just matches the level descriptor	The lower mark in the level

- iv. Use the **L1**, **L2**, **L3** annotations in Scoris to show your decision; do not use ticks.

Quality of Written Communication skills assessed in 6-mark extended writing questions include:

- appropriate use of correct scientific terms
- spelling, punctuation and grammar
- developing a structured, persuasive argument
- selecting and using evidence to support an argument
- considering different sides of a debate in a balanced way
- logical sequencing.

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Question			Answer	Mark	Guidance										
1	(a)		nucleus	1											
	(b)		genes	1											
	(c)		<table><tr><td>making proteins</td><td>✓</td></tr><tr><td>storing information</td><td>✓</td></tr><tr><td>linking cells together</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>transporting nutrients</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>producing carbon dioxide</td><td></td></tr></table>	making proteins	✓	storing information	✓	linking cells together		transporting nutrients		producing carbon dioxide		2	2 correct = 2 marks. 1 correct = 1 mark. deduct 1 mark for each additional incorrect response
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transporting nutrients															
producing carbon dioxide															
	(d)		<table><tr><td>1</td><td>✓</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>23</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>46</td><td></td></tr></table>	1	✓	2		4		23		46		1	deduct 1 mark for each additional incorrect response
1	✓														
2															
4															
23															
46															
			Total	5											

Question			Answer	Mark	Guidance
2			Clones can only contain...		3 4 correct = 3 marks 3 correct = 2 marks 2 correct = 1 mark 1 or 0 correct = 0 marks deduct 1 mark for each additional incorrect response
			Clones are generically identical.	✓	
			Multicellular organisms can not...		
			Stem cells from genetically...		
			Asexual reproduction...	✓	
			Differences between clones...	✓	
			Clones occur when cells of...	✓	
			Clones are always male...		
			Any variation found...		
			Total	3	

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3	(a)		<p><i>any 2 from:</i></p> <p>idea of chest infections/coughing/breathing difficulties;</p> <p>thick/build up of/ too much mucus/ production of phlegm;</p> <p>difficulty digesting food/digestive system not working correctly/ difficulty in gaining weight/ large (smelly) stools;</p> <p>sterility;</p>	1	<p>2 correct responses = 1 mark</p> <p>mark responses across the two lines available, treat responses as a list</p> <p>accept correct reference to pancreas, if qualified</p> <p>accept any other correctly named symptom eg sinusitis, arthritis, incontinence, diabetes, skinny/thin</p> <p>ignore weight loss</p>
	(b)	(i)	6	1	<p>if more than 1 response = 0 marks</p> <p>accept any clear indication of a response</p>
		(ii)	2	1	<p>if more than 1 response = 0 marks</p> <p>accept any clear indication of a response</p>
		(iii)	1 AND 5	1	<p>if more than 2 responses = 0 marks</p> <p>accept any clear indication of responses</p>
		(iv)	2	1	<p>if more than 1 response = 0 marks</p> <p>accept any clear indication of a response</p>
	(c)		<p>decision to have the test or not/ to abort or not (1)</p> <p>impact of decision - lots of people/ parents/ other children will be affected if the baby has cystic fibrosis/ life implications for baby (1)</p>	2	OWTTE
			Total	7	

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4	(a)		bacterial infections	1																
	(b)		<table><tr><td>Bacteria become resistant...</td><td>✓</td><td>-</td></tr><tr><td>New antibiotics tested on people..</td><td>-</td><td>✓</td></tr><tr><td>New antibiotics tested for profit...</td><td>-</td><td>✓</td></tr><tr><td>Antibiotics must be effective or safe...</td><td>-</td><td>✓</td></tr><tr><td>Patients should complete the course...</td><td>✓</td><td>-</td></tr></table>	Bacteria become resistant...	✓	-	New antibiotics tested on people..	-	✓	New antibiotics tested for profit...	-	✓	Antibiotics must be effective or safe...	-	✓	Patients should complete the course...	✓	-	2	5 correct = 2 marks 3 or 4 correct = 1 mark
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Patients should complete the course...	✓	-																		
	(c)		<table><tr><td>Vaccines are made from...</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Vaccines cause an ...</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Different people experience...</td><td>✓</td></tr><tr><td>Vaccines contain other peoples...</td><td></td></tr></table>	Vaccines are made from...		Vaccines cause an ...		Different people experience...	✓	Vaccines contain other peoples...		1	2 or more responses = 0 marks							
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	(d)		idea that person might not want vaccination justified eg fear of needles / of side effects (1) idea of being vaccinated means you will not pass the disease onto other people ; less chance / less people get disease (1)	2	accept prevent epidemics for 1 mark															
			Total	6																

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Question			Answer	Mark	Guidance
5	(a)		...receive carbon dioxide	2	deduct 1 mark for each additional incorrect response
			...rest between beats		
			...receive oxygen		
			...be attached to a bone		
			...receive glucose		
			...produce vitamins		
	(b)	(i)	thick wall/muscle (1) to withstand pressure (1) OR elastic wall (1) to maintain blood flow/pressure between heart beats (1)	2	
		(ii)	valves (1) to prevent back flow (1) OR large lumen (1) reduced resistance to flow (1)	2	do not accept thin walled as this does not help it function accept alternate wording for lumen
	(c)		any correct health example with both parts of the correlation correctly linked eg the more you smoke (1) the greater the risk of (lung) cancer/heart disease (1)	2	smoking causes (lung) cancer/heart disease = 1 mark
			Total	8	

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6	(a)		4	1	if more than 1 response = 0 marks
	(b)		5	1	if more than 1 response = 0 marks
			Total	2	

Question			Answer	Mark	Guidance
7			have produced different results (1) copy themselves (1) natural selection (1)	3	look for other indications of responses eg lines from phrase to gap linked correctly
			Total	3	

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8	(a)		<table><tr><td>Variation can be caused by the environment.</td><td>✓</td></tr><tr><td>Variation only occurs between organisms of the same species.</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Variation is caused by natural selection.</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Genetic variation can be passed from parent to offspring.</td><td>✓</td></tr><tr><td>Environmental variation is passed from parent to offspring.</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Variation is caused by selective breeding.</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Variation can occur in a single organism of a species.</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Variation can be caused by genes.</td><td>✓</td></tr></table>	Variation can be caused by the environment.	✓	Variation only occurs between organisms of the same species.		Variation is caused by natural selection.		Genetic variation can be passed from parent to offspring.	✓	Environmental variation is passed from parent to offspring.		Variation is caused by selective breeding.		Variation can occur in a single organism of a species.		Variation can be caused by genes.	✓	3	<p>if more than 3 responses deduct 1 mark for each additional response</p> <p>accept any clear indication of responses eg crosses if ticks not shown, shaded boxes</p>
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	(b)		<table><tr><td>The transfer of information between different organisms.</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Showing how artificial selection took place.</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Transferring energy from the Sun into food.</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>The extinction of a species.</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>The future development of food crops.</td><td>✓</td></tr><tr><td>The production of new medicines.</td><td>✓</td></tr></table>	The transfer of information between different organisms.		Showing how artificial selection took place.		Transferring energy from the Sun into food.		The extinction of a species.		The future development of food crops.	✓	The production of new medicines.	✓	2	<p>if more than 2 responses deduct 1 mark for each additional response</p> <p>accept any clear indication of responses eg crosses if ticks not shown, shaded boxes</p>				
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	(c)		meeting needs of people today/ maintaining biodiversity/ idea of saving species/ named example of a sustainable process eg replacement planting of trees, selective harvesting of fish, recycling a specific resource (1) for future use / generations (1)	2	OWTTE																
	(d)		credit any good example eg Dodos	1	reject dinosaurs																
			Total	8																	
			Paper Total	42																	

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