



# GCSE

## Biology B

General Certificate of Secondary Education

Unit **B632/02**: Modules B4, B5, B6 (Higher Tier)

## Mark Scheme for January 2012

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## Annotations

Annotation	Meaning
	correct response
	incorrect response
	benefit of the doubt
	benefit of the doubt <b>not</b> given
	error carried forward
	information omitted
	ignore
	reject
	contradiction

## Subject-specific Marking Instructions

- / = alternative and acceptable answers for the same marking point
- (1) = separates marking points
- allow = answers that can be accepted
- not = answers which are not worthy of credit
- reject = answers which are not worthy of credit
- ignore = statements which are irrelevant
- () = words which are not essential to gain credit
- = underlined words must be present in answer to score a mark (although not correctly spelt unless otherwise stated)
- ecf = error carried forward
- AW = alternative wording
- ora = or reverse argument

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	(c)		(growing plants) without soil / in nutrient solution / in fertiliser solution (1)	1	<b>allow</b> valid description eg in gel / in beads <b>ignore</b> just water / liquid / fluid
			<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	

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2	(a)		(root) hairs (1) increase / large surface area (1)  OR partially-permeable (1) for osmosis (1)	2	for full marks must be one idea fully explained  <b>allow</b> deep / long roots (1) to reach (water) far underground (1) <b>allow</b> spreading roots (1) to collect (water) over wide area (1)
	(b)		xylem (1)	1	<b>ignore</b> veins / vascular bundles
	(c)	(i)	<b>any two from:</b>  lots of water enters cell / cell is full of water (1)  <b>high</b> pressure of water / cell contents / cytoplasm (1)  cell contents / cytoplasm / cell membrane push against cell wall (1)  no more water can enter cell by osmosis (1)	2	
		(ii)	increased (rate of) evaporation / increased (rate of) diffusion (1)	1	<b>allow</b> (water / particles) have more (kinetic) energy
			<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	

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3	(a)	(i)	ammonium (compounds) / ammonia (1)	1	<b>allow</b> nitrites <b>allow</b> correct chemical formulae
		(ii)	nitrifying (bacteria) (1)	1	<b>ignore</b> named species <b>not</b> nitrogen-fixing
	(b)		amino acids (1)  lightning / nitrogen-fixing bacteria (1)	2	<b>allow</b> DNA / nucleic acids / ATP / chlorophyll (1) <b>ignore</b> enzymes  <b>allow</b> examples: Azotobacter / Clostridium / Rhizobium (1)
	(c)	(i)	requires energy (from respiration) / can move against / up concentration gradient / AW (1)	1	<b>allow</b> correct higher level references to ATP <b>ignore</b> diffusion is passive <b>not</b> diffusion against the concentration gradient
		(ii)	to move against <b>concentration</b> gradient / (nitrates) only present in low <b>concentrations</b> in the soil / high(er) <b>concentrations</b> (of nitrates) in plant (1)	1	<b>ignore</b> reference to rate of absorption <b>ignore</b> more minerals in the plant than in soil <b>not</b> diffusion against the concentration gradient
			<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	

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4	(a)		<p>high levels of carbon dioxide build-up in the blood <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>high levels of carbon dioxide build-up in exhaled air <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>high levels of oxygen build-up in exhaled air <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>high levels of oxygen build-up in the blood <input type="checkbox"/></p>	1	more than one box ticked scores zero
	(b)	(i)	maximum / largest volume of air taken in and breathed out in one breath (1)	1	<b>allow</b> largest amount of air exchanged in a single breath <b>allow</b> volume of air exchanged in a deep breath <b>allow</b> maximum / largest volume of air taken in during one breath <b>allow</b> maximum / largest volume of air breathed out in one breath <b>allow</b> total capacity minus residual volume
		(ii)	1.6(litres) (1)	1	<b>allow</b> answer in range 1.5 – 1.7
		(iii)	48% (2) But 2.4 / 5.0 (1)	2	
	(c)		<b>any one from:</b> shortage of donors (1)  tissue match / rejection (1) similar size / age (1)	1	<b>ignore</b> long waiting list <b>allow</b> (many) donors organs may not be healthy <b>ignore</b> same blood group <b>allow</b> close tissue match / close genetic match
	(d)		mitosis (1) immuno-suppressant (1)	2	
			<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	



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5	(a)	(i)	(cartilage) replaced / added / joined by calcium / phosphorous (1)	1	<b>allow</b> calcification / ossification <b>allow</b> replaced / added / joined by phosphate <b>ignore</b> reacts with minerals / mineralisation / minerals deposited <b>allow</b> mineralisation by calcium / phosphorous / phosphate
		(ii)	ball (and socket) (1)  movements in more than one plane / in most directions (1)	2	<b>allow</b> universal joint (1)  <b>allow</b> movement in three axes (1) <b>allow</b> rotation / in all directions / (all) around / swivel / 360° <b>ignore</b> wide range of movement / flexible
	(b)		(elderly have) brittle bones / osteoporosis (1)	1	<b>allow</b> poor bone density / fragile bones <b>allow</b> demineralisation of bone / bones have less calcium / phosphorous <b>ignore</b> soft / weak / spongy bones
	(c)		antibodies in Esther's blood / plasma <b>and</b> antigens on red blood cells (1)  agglutination / blood forms clumps / antibodies bind to / attack antigens / agglutinins react (with antigens) (1)  (Esther) would be able to receive blood groups B <b>and</b> O (1)	3	<b>allow</b> anti A antibodies <b>and</b> B antigens (1)  <b>ignore</b> try to reject each other <b>ignore</b> blood clots  <b>ignore</b> references to rhesus
			<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	

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6	(a)		ovary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	more than one box ticked scores zero
			oviduct <input type="checkbox"/>		
			uterus <input type="checkbox"/>		
			vagina <input type="checkbox"/>		
	(b)		progesterone / LH / luteinising hormone (1)	1	<b>ignore</b> testosterone
	(c)		due to adrenaline / due to a hormone that passes into foetus (1)	1	<b>allow</b> (Sue's) hormones can cross the placenta
	(d)		(increased levels of carbon dioxide in blood)  by the brain (1)   increased breathing rate / depth (1)	2	<b>allow</b> by chemoreceptors / medulla / carotid (body) / aortic (body) (1) <b>ignore</b> reference to incorrect regions of the brain  <b>allow</b> more nerve impulses sent to intercostal / diaphragm muscles heart beats faster / stronger / hyperventilation / panting (1) <b>ignore</b> breathes heavily
			<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	

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7	(a)	(i)	provide food for <b>yeast</b> / so <b>yeast</b> can turn it / make it into alcohol (1)	1	<b>allow</b> respiration / fermentation of <b>yeast</b> <b>ignore</b> reacts with the yeast / allows the yeast to grow <b>not</b> for aerobic respiration
		(ii)	to increase rate of fermentation / respiration / growth / alcohol production (1)	1	must have the idea of increase in rate to gain mark eg so yeast can grow (0) <b>but</b> so yeast can grow faster / quickly(1)  <b>allow</b> so enzymes work at optimum temperatures / work faster / work efficiently (1) <b>ignore</b> so reaction occurs faster / yeast works faster <b>ignore</b> increased collisions unless refers to substrate and enzymes <b>ignore</b> so the yeast will not die
	(b)		$C_6H_{12}O_6 \rightarrow 2C_2H_5OH + 2CO_2$ (2)	2	correct symbols = 1 correct balancing = 1 numbers must be subscript letters must be capitals
	(c)	(i)	penicillin (1)	1	<b>allow</b> antibiotics <b>ignore</b> <i>Penicillium</i>
		(ii)	<i>Entamoeba</i> is not a bacterium / fungus / <i>Entamoeba</i> is a protozoan (1)	1	<b>allow</b> does not kill protozoans / only kills bacteria / fungus <b>ignore</b> does not kill <i>Entamoeba</i> / only kills some microorganisms / is not a virus
			<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	

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8	(a)	(i)	restriction (enzyme) (1)	1	<b>allow</b> endonuclease <b>ignore</b> nuclease / exonuclease / restrictive <b>not</b> DNA polymerase
		(ii)	ligase (1)	1	
	(b)		may not be safe to eat bananas / resistant gene may enter environment (1)	1	<b>allow</b> people may not buy / eat the bananas / the gene pool will be reduced / less variation in population (1) <b>ignore</b> side effects unless qualified (eg side effects on humans) <b>ignore</b> cost
	(c)	(i)	springtail (1)	1	
		(ii)	<b>any two from:</b> aerate (soil) (1)  improve drainage (1)  mix up (soil layers) (1)  neutralise (acid) soils (1)  break down organic matter / leaves (1)	2	mark as one paragraph <b>allow</b> increase oxygen /air (in soil) / provide air channels (1)  <b>allow</b> introduce water channels (1)  <b>allow</b> mix up minerals (1)  <b>allow</b> increase pH of soil (1) <b>not</b> decrease pH of soil  <b>ignore</b> releases minerals decomposing negates this marking point only
	(d)	(i)	methane (1)	1	<b>allow</b> CH <sub>4</sub>
		(ii)	<b>two from:</b> uses waste products (1)  reduction of net carbon dioxide emissions (1)  less release of other named pollutant (eg SO <sub>2</sub> or particulates) (1) renewable / sustainable (1)	2	<b>allow</b> reverse arguments   <b>allow</b> less CO <sub>2</sub> released / lower carbon footprint / carbon neutral / less greenhouse gases / less risk of global warming (1) <b>not</b> does not give off CO <sub>2</sub>   <b>allow</b> biofuels do not take millions of years to form (1)
			<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	

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9	(a)	(i)	36.0 and 43.5 (1)	1	both answers needed for one mark any order allow +/- 0.5
		(ii)	<b>any two from:</b> increases optimum temperature / works best at 50°C instead of 40°C (1)  more active at higher temperatures / more active at quoted temperature (43.5°C - 60°C) (1)  less variation in activity / activity is less affected by temperature (1)  between 36 – 43.5°C activity is lower (1)	2	<b>assume</b> answer refers to immobilised enzymes unless stated  <b>allow</b> higher level answers eg denatures at a higher temperature (1)  <b>allow</b> tested / works over a narrower range of temperatures (1) <b>ignore</b> reference to 25 - 35°C
	(b)	(i)	sucrose (1)	1	<b>allow</b> invertose <b>not</b> sucrase
		(ii)	fructose / glucose (1)	1	<b>allow</b> reducing sugar / dextrose
			<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	

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