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General Certificate of Secondary Education

Unit A321/02: Modules C1, C2, C3 (Higher Tier)

Mark Scheme for January 2012

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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
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	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
	no benefit of doubt
	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.

e.g.

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

Put ticks (✓) in the two correct boxes.

<input type="checkbox"/>
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This would be worth 1 mark.

This would be worth 0 marks.

This would be worth 1 mark.

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.

e.g. 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

Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	(a) (i)	12 (2)	2	allow one mark for 14 (outlier included) allow one mark for correct working with wrong answer
	(ii)	range is small / results are very close / values nearly the same / no outliers (1) repeatability is high/good (1)	2	ignore idea of needing to repeat readings allow results are reliable / results have high reliability
	(iii)	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; gap: 10px;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; flex: 1;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; gap: 10px;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; flex: 1;">The ranges for Town A and for Town B...</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 20px; height: 20px; background-color: #ccc;"></div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; gap: 10px;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; flex: 1;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; gap: 10px;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; flex: 1;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; gap: 10px;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; flex: 1;">The mean for town B is outside the range...</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 20px; height: 20px; background-color: #ccc;"></div> </div>	2	
	(b)	measurements for town B are higher (than town A) (1) town B has cars (in centre) but Town A does not (1) statement linking the two eg correlation / causal link (1)	3	town B has more carbon/particulates allow town B has more cars if no mention of town A or B max 1 allow reverse argument ignore references to pollution that do not mention carbon/particulates
		Total	9	

Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
2	(a)	5 (1) 4 (1)	2	one mark for each correct number no mark if wrong way round, i.e. 4 5
	(b)	hydrogen oxygen 8 10 8 10	2	one mark for each correct row
	(c)	carbon (1) and carbon monoxide (1)	2	either order allow carbon particulates but do not allow particulates
			Total	6

Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
3	(a)	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="flex: 1; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-right: 10px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 5px; text-align: center;">✓</div> </div> <p>Crude oil can be separated into a number... (1)</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="flex: 1; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-right: 10px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 5px; text-align: center;">✓</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="flex: 1; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-right: 10px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 5px; text-align: center;">✓</div> </div> <p>The molecules in crude oil have different chain... (1)</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="flex: 1; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-right: 10px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 5px; text-align: center;">✓</div> </div>	2	
	(b)	hydrogen carbon (1)	1	both required, either order
	(c)	lubricants / lubricating oil (1) raw materials for chemical synthesis (1)	2	allow 'oil' but do not allow 'crude oil' allow raw materials / chemical synthesis / feedstock
		Total	5	

Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
4	(a)	<p><i>argument for wood being more sustainable:</i> uses less energy / uses less fossil fuel / produces less carbon dioxide / causes less air acidification (1)</p> <p><i>argument for uPVC being more sustainable:</i> produces less air pollutants / causes less water pollution (1)</p> <p>decision that data show wood is more sustainable based on data from the table (1)</p> <p>plus: an idea of how this is more sustainable: eg fossil fuels finite/cause pollution / carbon dioxide causes global warming / air pollution causes smog / water pollution kills fish (1)</p>	4	<p>allow reverse argument for each marking point eg uPVC less sustainable because uses more energy</p> <p>no mark for quoting numbers without qualification</p>
	(b)	<p><input type="text"/> <input type="text"/></p> <p><input type="text"/> <input type="text"/></p> <p>Trees can be grown to get more wood. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (1)</p> <p><input type="text"/> <input type="text"/></p> <p>uPVC is made from chemicals in crude oil... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (1)</p> <p><input type="text"/> <input type="text"/></p>	2	

Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
4	(c)	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> The forces of attraction between polymer chains... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (1) <input type="text"/>	1	
	(d)	any two from: decrease chain length / make chains short/shorter ; decrease crystallinity / decrease density / decrease packing ; reduce cross linking / less cross links / no cross links (2)	2	allow not crystalline / less crystalline allow increase branching / add branches be careful to look for the command words eg decrease allow less/take away = decrease
		Total	9	

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5	(a)	(i)	<table border="1"> <tr> <td></td><td>true (✓)</td><td>false (✓)</td></tr> <tr> <td>They help to mix ingredients ...</td><td>✓</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>They prevent the growth ...</td><td></td><td>✓</td></tr> <tr> <td>They reduce the amount of sugar ...</td><td></td><td>✓</td></tr> <tr> <td>They prevent ingredients ...</td><td>✓</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>They help to separate ...</td><td></td><td>✓</td></tr> </table>						true (✓)	false (✓)	They help to mix ingredients ...	✓		They prevent the growth ...		✓	They reduce the amount of sugar ...		✓	They prevent ingredients ...	✓		They help to separate ...		✓
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		(ii)	added to fats/oils (1) (fats and oils) become rancid/deteriorate/have short shelf life / prevents going rancid/deterioration (1) (antioxidants) prevent reaction with oxygen / prevents oxidation (1)			3	allow foods high in fat/oil eg butter/cheese do not allow idea of rotting/decay/bacterial attack allow to prolong shelf life / stop 'going off' if contradiction eg prevents oxidation and prevents mould, this mark is lost																		
		(b)	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>They have passed a safety test.</td> <td>✓</td> <td>(1)</td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>They are approved for use in the EU.</td> <td>✓</td> <td>(1)</td> </tr> </table>			They have passed a safety test.	✓	(1)										They are approved for use in the EU.	✓	(1)	2				
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		(c)	any two from: natural chemicals in plants (may be toxic/harmful) ; moulds/fungi/bacteria contaminate crops (during storage) ; (toxic/harmful chemicals) may form during food processing/cooking (2)			2	ignore all references to pesticides/herbicides/fertilisers ignore reference to E numbers/insects/manure/packaging do not allow idea that toxic chemicals are not destroyed during cooking																		
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6	(a)	<p>any two from:</p> <p>risk is small ; benefit outweighs risk ; amount of pesticides/herbicides is small ; these chemicals have been tested/approved ; people do not think about/do not know the risk / people think there is no risk ; people have to eat ; this food is cheaper / organic food is expensive ; they wash residues off the food (2)</p>	2	
	(b)	<p>we are not sure whether synthetic pesticides...</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (1)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>organic farming methods do not use...</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (1)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	2	
			Total 4	

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