



GCSE

Environmental and Land Based Science

Unit B682/01: Plant Cultivation and Small Animal Care (Foundation Tier)

General Certificate of Secondary Education

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Expected Answers			Marks	Additional Guidance
1	a	4 (1) 2 5 3	3	All 4 responses correct = 3 2 responses correct = 2 1 response correct = 1
1	b	September –March/ Autumn/ Winter; When the plant/roots are dormant/not growing	2	
2	a	Any two from: Organic natural/inorganic artificial Organic release nutrients slowly/ inorganic release nutrients quickly Organic contain micronutrients/ inorganic don't Organic contain variable/unknown quantities of nutrients/ inorganic contain fixed/known quantities Organic stimulate soil microbes Organic improve soil structure Organic are heavier to apply	2	Do not need a comparison A inorganic is artificial or chemical A organic is cheaper
2	b	Manure/name example	1	Dried blood, hoof and horn, bone meal, wood ash, kelp, (garden) compost
2	c	Plot 5	1	
2	d	2.9kg	2	Two marks for the correct answer One mark for correct total 14.5kg or correct workings
2	e	Any one from: They were eaten (by pests)/ disease The students missed the potatoes when they dug them up The plot was in the shade Too many weeds stopped the potato from growing Too much/ too little water	1	I fertiliser washed away in the rain
2	f	(no) Yield (in Plot 1) inorganic is higher than organic; Inorganic 1.46kg and organic 1.43kg	2	

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3	See LOR markscheme	6	
4	Any two from: Go mouldy/rotten/decay; Dry out/shrivel up; Taste/smell changes; Texture/soft; Colour	2	
5	Biological pest control uses living organisms; Non biological control uses pesticides/ chemicals	2	I biological is natural
6	a See LOR markscheme	6	
	b Any three from: Broiler was heavier at the start Broiler grew/ increased in mass faster Broiler heavier at end Any comparative data	3	eg. 644g compared to 242g
6	c 608	1	
	d Any two from: Use more chickens Compare using different breeds of layers and broilers Weigh the chickens every day Weigh the chickens for a longer period of time Repeat the investigation	2	A relevant comment about gender
	e Any three from: Select hens that lay a lot of eggs; Select offspring that lay a lot of eggs; Continue over many generations; reference to using males with proven record ie ones whose progeny have been shown to be good layers	3	
7	See LOR markscheme	6	

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8	a	Hopping around	1	
	b	More time sleeping; Less time eating/hopping/other named activity; More time scratching.	2	
	c	The rabbit is ill; The rabbit has (external) parasite/suitable named example; Pregnant	2	A no food provided A weather if qualified A different time of day
	Total		50	

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3	<p>[Level 3] A description of a range of signs of ill health in plants and an explanation of the causes. Quality of written communication does not impede communication of the science at this level. (5-6 marks)</p> <p>[Level 2] A description of some of the signs of ill health in plants and an explanation of the causes. OR A full description of most of the signs of ill health in plants. Quality of written communication partly impedes communication of the science at this level. (3-4 marks)</p> <p>[Level 1] A description of some of the signs of ill health in plants or an explanation of the causes. Quality of written communication impedes communication of the science at this level. (1-2 marks)</p> <p>[Level 0] Insufficient or irrelevant science. Answer not worthy of credit. (0 marks)</p>	6	<p>This question is targeted at grades up to C</p> <p>Indicative scientific points may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wilting • Due to lack of water • Signs of nutrient deficiency/poor growth • Due lack of named nutrient • Signs of pest damage/named pest damage • Due to presence of named pest • Signs of fungal disease • Due to fungi/named fungal disease • Signs of viral infection • Due to virus/name viral disease • Signs of overwatering • Due to too much water

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6a	<p>[Level 3] A full description of all aspects of weighing the small mammal. Quality of written communication does not impede communication of the science at this level. (5-6 marks)</p> <p>[Level 2] A description of most of the aspects of weighing a small mammal. Quality of written communication partly impedes communication of the science at this level. (3-4 marks)</p> <p>[Level 1] A description of some of the aspects of weighing a small mammal. Quality of written communication impedes communication of the science at this level. (1-2 marks)</p> <p>[Level 0] Insufficient or irrelevant science. Answer not worthy of credit. (0 marks)</p>	6	<p>This question is targeted at grades up to E</p> <p>Indicative scientific points may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wearing PPE • Washing hands • Zeroing the scales • Calibrating the scales • Description of how to handle animal • Description of how to keep the animal calm/safe • Suitable scales • Suitable units/resolution • Suitable container for holding the animal • Note down the weight • Identification of animals • Repeat readings/ find a mean • Put back in the pen

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7	<p>[Level 3] A full description of digestion to include all the major organs and their function. Quality of written communication does not impede communication of the science at this level. (5-6 marks)</p> <p>[Level 2] A description of digestion to include some of the major organs and their function. Quality of written communication partly impedes communication of the science at this level. (3-4 marks)</p> <p>[Level 1] A description of digestion to include an organ involved and its function. Quality of written communication impedes communication of the science at this level. (1-2 marks)</p> <p>[Level 0] Insufficient or irrelevant science. Answer not worthy of credit. (0 marks)</p>	6	<p>This question is targeted at grades up to C</p> <p>Indicative scientific points may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mechanical digestion in the mouth by the teeth • Saliva to moisten or break down the food • Acid in stomach • to kill microbes • Break down of food in stomach/small intestines/saliva to digest food • By enzymes • Absorption of digested food/named substances • In the small intestine • Bacterial action in caecum to digest cellulose • Production of soft faeces at night and reingestion • Absorption of products of cellulose digestion/gain more nutrients • Absorption of water in the large intestine

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