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Unit 4: Ideas in Context (Foundation Tier)

Mark Scheme for June 2010

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1	a		analogue [old] signals not being transmitted / only digital [new] signals are being transmitted / any reference to switchover (1)	[1]	accept 'changing to digital' ignore reference to regions
	b		analogue – any continuously varying wave or set of waves (1) digital – any attempt at a square wave (1)	[2]	example diagram <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>analogue</p>  <p>original signal</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>digital</p>  <p>original signal</p> </div> </div> <p>if the diagrams are 'correct', but the wrong way round, no marks</p> <p>accept non-constant in amplitude and/or frequency in either wave</p> <p>ignore reference to '1's and '0's</p> <p>ignore diagrams showing wave fronts</p> <p>ignore diagrams showing coils</p>
	c		noise (1) quality (1) pattern (1) amplified (1)	[4]	allow 'quality' for third space
	d		660 x 0.5 (1) 330 (1)	[2]	correct numerical answer gains both marks no ECF allow 660/2 as alternative to 660 X 0.5

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1	e	i	not <u>absorbed</u> (by atmosphere) (1)	[1]	reject not absorbed by ionosphere accept can reflect off <u>ionosphere</u>
		ii	microwaves (1) can go through <u>ionosphere</u> / radio waves cannot go through <u>ionosphere</u> (1)	[2]	mark independently accept microwaves not stopped / not absorbed / not blocked / not prevented / not reflected / ORA accept ionosphere prevents transmission (of radio waves) ignore atmosphere ignore references to speed
		iii	idea of reflection (1)	[1]	ignore conduction
			Total	[13]	

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2	a	i	668 000/ 80 (1) 8350 (1)	[2]	correct numerical answer gains both marks no ecf accept different ways of writing the working eg 668 000 x 1/80 668 000 x 0.0125 do not credit working if it is only one stage of a longer, incorrect calculation
		b	nucleus / chromosomes / DNA (1)	[1]	
		ii	4 (1)	[1]	accept 'GCAT'
		iii	proteins (1) inactive (1)	[2]	responses must be in the correct order
	c		any two from: any reference to cloning; any therapeutic context; any reference to <u>making</u> tissue/cells/organs;	[2]	look for a use of stem cells, not just a description therapeutic – any reference to medical intervention (apart from IVF) eg 'treating patients' 'replace/repair tissues' = 1 mark for therapeutic, but has not told us that tissues are being <u>made</u> , only used for replacement, so not the second mark ignore 'to do research' if part of the answer is in terms of plants, do not give credit for that part but treat as neutral

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2	d	i	stage	only mitosis	only meiosis	neither	[2]	correct mitosis column = 1 mark correct meiosis column = 1 mark ignore third column
			1 Fertility drugs ...		✓			
			2 Egg cells are ...			✓		
			3 Sperm ... incubated ...			✓		
			4 A sperm fertilises ...			✓		
			5 ... egg (zygote) ...	✓				
			6 ...embryo is placed ...			✓		
					ii	similarity: (egg and) sperm / gametes involved (1) difference: (IVF) happens in Petri dish / outside the body / does not involve intercourse (1)		
		iii	46 (1)				[1]	accept ‘23 <u>pairs</u> ’
			Total				[13]	

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3	a		nitric (acid) (1) hydrochloric (acid) (1)	[2]	
	b		carbon dioxide (1)	[1]	if more than one chemical named, no marks ignore formula [given in the paper]
	c	i	goes down (1)	[1]	something about <u>direction</u> of change needed ignore any numbers except for the candidate who does not give direction of change, but does quote the correct start and end masses, eg 'the mass goes from 201 to 200.25'
		ii	carbon dioxide is given off / a gas is given off (1)	[1]	ignore evaporation arguments ignore explanations of change in rate
		iii	60 seconds / 1 minute (1)	[1]	allow 59 seconds allow '60' without units accept 'A further 30 seconds'
		iv	higher temperature / higher concentration of acid / grind up the solid / smaller lumps / bigger surface area / agitate the solution / shake it / stir it (1)	[1]	ignore change in amount of any reagent allow 'use stronger acid' accept 'less dilute' for 'more concentrated' allow use a catalyst
	d	i	not safe (1)	[1]	accept 'hazard' or 'explosive' but not 'flammable' or 'violent' ignore references to increased rate of reaction – the candidate must specifically discuss safety.

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