



GCSE

## Science A

General Certificate of Secondary Education

Unit A143/02: Unit 3: Modules B3, C3, P3 (Higher Tier)

# Mark Scheme for June 2013

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## 1. Annotations

Used in the detailed Mark Scheme:

Annotation	Meaning
/	alternative and acceptable answers for the same marking point
(1)	separates marking points
<b>not/reject</b>	answers which are not worthy of credit
<b>ignore</b>	statements which are irrelevant - applies to neutral answers
<b>allow/accept</b>	answers that can be accepted
(words)	words which are not essential to gain credit
<u>words</u>	underlined words must be present in answer to score a mark
ecf	error carried forward
AW/owtte	credit alternative wording / or words to that effect
ORA	or reverse argument

Available in scoris to annotate scripts:

	correct response
	incorrect response
	benefit of doubt
	no benefit of doubt
	error carried forward
	indicate level awarded for a question marked by level of response
	information omitted
	contradiction
	reject

	indicate uncertainty or ambiguity
	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response

2. **ADDITIONAL OBJECTS:** You **must** assess and annotate the additional objects for each script you mark. Where credit is awarded, appropriate annotation must be used. If no credit is to be awarded for the additional object, please use annotation as agreed at the SSU.

**3. Subject-specific Marking Instructions**

- a. Accept any clear, unambiguous response (including mis-spellings of scientific terms if they are *phonetically* correct, but always check the guidance column for exclusions).
- b. 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 the third and fourth boxes are required for the mark:*

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

*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, e.g. 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-box questions:

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 and other markings. If there are no ticks, accept clear, unambiguous indications, e.g.

shading or crosses. Credit should be given according to the instructions given in the guidance column for the question. 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 cities in England:

Edinburgh	<input type="checkbox"/>
Manchester	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paris	<input type="checkbox"/>
Southampton	<input type="checkbox"/>

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	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓				✓	
Paris				✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Southampton	✓	✗		✓		✓	✓		✓	
<b>Score:</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>NR</b>

## e. For answers marked by levels of response:

i. **Read through the whole answer from start to finish**

ii. **Decide the level that best fits** the answer – match the quality of the answer to the closest level descriptor

iii. **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
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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.

Question		Answer			Marks	Guidance																		
1	(a)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> furnace      turbine      generator			2	all 3 correct = (2); two correct = (1). allow descriptions of action eg furnace = 'burns coal' /idea of combustion <b>ignore</b> reactor generator – <b>allow</b> dynamo																		
	(b)	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>wind</td> <td>coal</td> <td>neither</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></td> <td></td> <td>✓</td> </tr> <tr> <td>✓</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>			wind	coal	neither	✓				✓		✓					✓	✓			3	all 5 correct = (3); 4 correct = (2); 3 correct = (1)  2 ticks in same row = con - no mark for that row
wind	coal	neither																						
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		<b>Total</b>			5																			

Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
2		<p><b>Level 3 (5–6 marks)</b> Correctly compares across two rows AND Realises that increased fuel costs will make insulation more worthwhile. Quality of written communication does not impede communication of the science at this level.</p> <p><b>Level 2 (3–4 marks)</b> Compares across two rows. Reference to fuel costs missing or incorrect OR compares across 1 row and reference to fuel costs correct. Quality of written communication partly impedes communication of the science at this level.</p> <p><b>Level 1 (1–2 marks)</b> Discusses one row only OR discusses a column OR discusses fuel costs. Any mention of fuel costs or payback time is probably incorrect. Quality of written communication impedes communication of the science at this level.</p> <p><b>Level 0 (0 marks)</b> Insufficient or irrelevant science. Answer not worthy of credit.</p>	6	<p><b>This question is targeted at grades up to C.</b></p> <p><b>Indicative scientific points at level 3 may include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>realises that a rise in fuel cost will make savings, but may have difficulty in articulating this idea.</li> <li>explanation of effect of insulation in terms of reduced heat loss so less fuel use/cost savings</li> </ul> <p><b>Indicative scientific points at level 2 may include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>may confuse payback time with lifetime</li> <li>Comparison may have some inaccuracies.</li> </ul> <p><b>Indicative scientific points at level 1 may include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>partial use of data, eg just one column, or just one row</li> <li>discussion of fuel cost and nothing else correct</li> </ul> <p><b>Use the L1, L2, L3 annotations in Scoris; do not use ticks.</b></p>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	

Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
3	(a)	time on top and bottom of equation (1);	1	eg The power is energy per time so the time will cancel out and leave just useful energy out/total energy in <b>ignore</b> just power = energy/time
	(b)	input power = voltage $\times$ current = $230\text{ V} \times 7.7\text{ A}$ (1); = $1771\text{ W}$ (1); efficiency = $(1750\text{ W}/1771\text{ W} \times 100\%) = 98.8\%$ (1)	3	98.8% ( <b>accept</b> 98.814 or 99%) without working scores 3 marks. <b>accept</b> 98% for 2 marks  <b>allow</b> ecf from using $110\text{ V} - 847\text{ W}$ , for 2 <sup>nd</sup> marking point (the only wrong voltage acceptable is 110) (NB likely to be there if final answer is 48.4%)  then <b>allow</b> $1750/847 \times 100 = 207\%$ for 3 <sup>rd</sup> marking point  so 207% on its own scores 2 marks
	(c)	less energy reaches <b>the saw</b> <b>AND</b> so it will not work (as well) AW  OR the <b>transformer</b> will waste (most of the/a lot of/more) energy <b>AND</b> so (the transformer) gets hot and melts/ the saw won't work as well	1	<b>accept</b> power instead of energy <b>ignore</b> less powerful (the saw) <b>ignore</b> ref to current/amps unless current is calculated and used in explanation  <b>ignore</b> blow up/explode
		<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	

Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance												
4	(a)	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>True</td><td>false</td></tr> <tr> <td>✓</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>✓</td></tr> <tr> <td>✓</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>✓</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>✓</td></tr> </table>	True	false	✓			✓	✓		✓			✓	2	all 5 correct = 2 3 or 4 correct = 1
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	(b)	<p>contamination = taking in/direct contact (with radioactive material)</p> <p>OR_irradiation = exposure to radiation from an exterior source (owtte) (1);</p> <p>(contamination more serious) as radiation continues to cause damage over a long <b>time</b> (1)</p>	2	<p><b>accept</b> it/contamination/radioactive substance (gets into the body)</p> <p><b>ignore</b> ref to take in/direct contact with <b>radiation</b></p> <p><b>ignore</b> digest</p> <p><b>accept</b> on clothes as direct contact</p> <p><b>accept</b> can walk away from it (irradiation)</p> <p><b>accept</b> reverse argument</p> <p><b>ignore</b> long term effects</p>												
		<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>													

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5		<p><b>[Level 3]</b> Answer fully describes more than one reason how and more than one reason why the organisms are put into groups. Quality of written communication does not impede communication of the science at this level. <b>(5–6 marks)</b></p> <p><b>[Level 2]</b> Answer describes a reason how and a reason why the organisms are put into groups. Quality of written communication partly impedes communication of the science at this level. <b>(3–4 marks)</b></p> <p><b>[Level 1]</b> Answer describes how or why organisms are put into groups. Quality of written communication impedes communication of the science at this level. <b>(1–2 marks)</b></p> <p><b>[Level 0]</b> Insufficient or irrelevant science. Answer not worthy of credit. <b>(0 marks)</b></p>	6	<p><b>This question is targeted at grades up to A*.</b></p> <p>Key points:</p> <p>How:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• classified using similarities/differences</li> <li>• in <b>physical</b> features/example</li> <li>• in DNA (<b>ignore</b> genes)</li> <li>• idea that there is an order/hierarchy</li> <li>• classified at different levels (e.g. kingdom, phylum, class, order, genus, species) or into named groups</li> <li>• with larger groups with fewer features in common first</li> <li>• then smaller groups with more features in common</li> </ul> <p>Why:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• makes sense of the enormous diversity</li> <li>• makes communication about organisms easier</li> <li>• allow evolutionary relationships to be found</li> <li>• predict/recognise features from similar organisms within that group</li> </ul> <p><b>ignore</b> “to see what species it is” or definition of species</p> <p><b>Use the L1, L2, L3 annotations in Scoris; do not use ticks.</b></p>
		<b>Total</b>	6	

Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
6	(a)	<p>Between 1950 and 1970.....</p> <p>The rate of decline.....</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (1) <input type="checkbox"/>	2 if more than 2 ticks, subtract a mark for each additional tick
	(b) (i)	<p><i>Richard is correct as:</i> decrease (in bee colony numbers) before mobile phones became popular/1990 (1)</p> <p>was larger/faster/quicker (ORA) (1)</p>	2	<b>ignore</b> Richard is wrong <b>accept</b> correct comparison before & after 1990/mobile phones using figures for 2 marks  more of a decrease before mobile phones became popular/before 1990 = 2 marks
	(ii)	<p><b>any two from</b></p> <p>monoculture is not sustainable (1)</p> <p>reduction in biodiversity (1)</p> <p>affects natural ecosystems/habitats (1)</p> <p>increased number of pests specific to the monoculture crop (1)</p> <p><b>increased</b> use of pesticides/fertiliser/named example (1)</p> <p>reduced soil nutrients (or named nutrient) (1)</p> <p>more susceptible to environmental conditions/changes (1)</p> <p>fewer natural predators (of pest) (1)</p> <p>more susceptible to disease (1)</p> <p>visual impact (1)</p>	2	<b>ignore</b> references to bees  <b>accept</b> examples of habitats e.g. hedgerow removal <b>ignore</b> damages <b>environment</b>  <b>accept</b> reduced soil fertility <b>ignore</b> reduced crop yield  <b>ignore</b> pollution  <b>ignore</b> reference to allergies
		<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	

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7	(a)	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>leathery skin.....</td><td>Physical</td><td>✓</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>strong claws.....</td><td>Physical</td><td>✓</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>gland produces....</td><td>Both</td><td></td><td></td><td>✓</td></tr> <tr> <td>streamlined</td><td>Physical</td><td>✓</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>fluffs up feathers....</td><td>Behavioural</td><td></td><td>✓</td><td></td></tr> </table>	leathery skin.....	Physical	✓			strong claws.....	Physical	✓			gland produces....	Both			✓	streamlined	Physical	✓			fluffs up feathers....	Behavioural		✓		3	5 correct = (3) 4 correct = (2) 3 correct = (1) 2 correct = (0)
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streamlined	Physical	✓																											
fluffs up feathers....	Behavioural		✓																										
	(b)	any 2 from: penguin numbers increase; whale numbers decrease; less competition for food / more food/krill available;	2	<b>ignore</b> whales hunted/whales dying if incorrect statement made max 1 mark e.g. penguin numbers decrease or whales eat penguins 2 incorrect statements = 0																									
	(c) (i)	(Esme is correct) because: idea that offspring must be fertile to be certain they are the same species ORA (1)	1	<b>ignore</b> whether Esme or Arthur are correct																									
	(ii)	any natural change and amplification, where appropriate, as to why they might affect the penguin population (1) e.g. predator increase, disease, competition, food supply, natural disaster, climate change  any man-made change and amplification, where appropriate, as to why they might affect the penguin population (1) e.g. pollution, <b>introduction</b> of new species, hunting, fishing, habitat destruction, tourism, mining, drilling for oil, climate change	2	some suggestions need little/no amplification – e.g hunting, predators, food supply, habitat destruction others may require explanation – competition, climate change, natural disaster <b>ignore</b> reference to polar bears  <b>allow</b> climate change in either category, if clearly explained																									
		<b>Total</b>	8																										

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8	(a)	<p><b>A= desert, B= water (no mark)</b></p> <p><b>A</b> has smooth grains AND <b>B</b> has jagged grains (1)</p> <p><b>A</b> has more erosion/more violent collisions/ no cushioning effect  <b>OR</b>  <b>B</b> less erosion/water acts as a cushion/ collisions less violent (1)</p>	2	<p><b>accept</b> comparative statement e.g. a smoother grains for 1 mark</p> <p><b>NB</b> max 1 mark if say A water and B desert</p>

Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
8	(b)	<p><b>[Level 3]</b> Justifies a valid conclusion about movement of rocks or change in Earth's magnetic field using data.  Quality of written communication does not impede communication of the science at this level. <b>(5–6 marks)</b></p> <p><b>[Level 2]</b> Makes a valid conclusion about movement of rocks or change in Earth's magnetic field. May make <b>correct</b> reference to figures. Quality of written communication partly impedes communication of the science at this level. <b>(3–4 marks)</b></p> <p><b>[Level 1]</b> Gives some basic trends/statements from data. Quality of written communication impedes communication of the science at this level. <b>(1–2 marks)</b></p> <p><b>[Level 0]</b> Insufficient or irrelevant science. Answer not worthy of credit. <b>(0 marks)</b></p>	6	<p><b>This question is targeted at grades up to A/A*</b></p> <p><b>Indicative scientific points at Level 3 may include</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Earth's magnetic field is horizontal at the equator and <math>90^\circ</math> at the poles</li> <li>• 280 million years ago the rocks that make up Britain formed on the equator</li> <li>• 150 million years ago the rocks that make up Britain formed <math>30^\circ</math> above the equator</li> <li>• 60 million years ago rocks formed about where they are now/<math>50^\circ</math> above equator</li> <li>• mechanism for movement – convection in mantle</li> <li>• uses data to link angle of magnetic crystals to the position on the Earth's surface where the rock was formed.</li> </ul> <p><b>Indicative scientific points at Level 2 may include</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Britain has moved North/away from equator</li> <li>• Some of the rocks that make up Britain formed on the equator/<math>0^\circ</math></li> <li>• scientists can determine latitude rock at when it cooled from this data</li> <li>• Earth's magnetic field is horizontal at the equator</li> <li>• rocks formed in Britain in different places on Earth</li> <li>• magnetic field may have changed (<b>ignore</b> increased/decreased)</li> </ul> <p><b>Indicative scientific points at Level 1 may include</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the older rocks has a smaller angle</li> <li>• negative correlation</li> </ul> <p><b>NB: simply quoting numbers from table is insufficient</b> <b>Use the L1, L2, L3 annotations in Scoris; do not use ticks.</b></p>

Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance	
		Total	8		
9	(a)	(i)	1		
		<table border="1"> <tr> <td>25</td> <td>2</td> <td>(1)</td> </tr> </table>	25	2	(1)
25	2	(1)			
		(iii)	2	if more than 2 ticks, subtract a mark for each additional tick	
		Results could be misleading...  A fair comparison can be made	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(1) (1)	
	(b)	<b>any two from:</b> disease can be passed on in other ways/other sources of infection; people used well water/other sources/non-chlorinated water; early equipment less effective; time to remove the disease pool (of people) /carriers to die off mains/chlorinated water not (immediately) installed in all houses; people refused to drink chlorinated water/did not think it was safe;	2	<b>ignore</b> ref to dose <b>ignore</b> comments about how effective chlorine is at killing bacteria (e.g. takes time to kill bacteria or does not kill all the bacteria) <b>accept</b> only available to the rich/people could not afford it	

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9	(c)	<p>The risk from the harmful chemicals is small.</p> <p>Chlorine kills bacteria in the water supply.</p>	<table><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>(1)</td></tr><tr><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td><td>(1)</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td></td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td></td></tr><tr><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td><td>(1)</td></tr></table>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(1)	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(1)	2	if more than 2 ticks, subtract a mark for each additional tick
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		<b>Total</b> 8													

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10	(a)	coal (found locally); (1) limestone (found locally); (1)  low costs/ease of transportation/ease of export; (1)	2	ignore reference to salt ignore reference to the coast (as source of salt) ignore minerals or other named mineral accept access to port
	(b)	dissolving; electrolysis; sodium hydroxide;	2	3 correct = 2 marks 2 or 1 correct = 1 mark.
		<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	

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