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Generic Marking Principles

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptors for a guestion. Each guestion paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always whole marks (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded positively:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the guestion as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

Abbreviations used in the Mark Scheme

•	;	separates marking points
•	1	separates alternatives within a marking point
•	R	reject
•	ignore	mark as if this material was not present
•	Α	accept (a less than ideal answer which should be marked correct)
•	AW	alternative wording (accept other ways of expressing the same idea)
•	<u>underline</u>	words underlined (or grammatical variants of them) must be present
•	max	indicates the maximum number of marks that can be awarded
•	mark independently	the second mark may be given even if the first mark is wrong
•	ecf	credit a correct statement that follows a previous wrong response
•	()	the word / phrase in brackets is not required, but sets the context
•	ora	or reverse argument
•	AVP	any valid point

Question	Answer		Guidance
1(a) C; E; B;		3	
1(b) sperm is, deposited / AW, in the vagina ; (travels) through, cervix / uterus ; to oviduct ;		3	
1(c)(i)	DNA ; information ; genes ;	3	
1(c)(ii)	X and Y;	1	
1(c)(iii)	ref. to tail / flagellum ; ref. to enzymes ; AVP ;; e.g. mitochondria / streamlined shape / haploid nucleus	2	A acrosome

Question	tion Answer		Guidance
2(a)(i)	yellow / brown ;	1	
2(a)(ii)	blue-black ;	1	
2(a)(iii)	chlorophyll is required for, photosynthesis / production of starch or glucose;	1	
2(b)	2(b) light required, for photosynthesis / to make starch or glucose ; no photosynthesis took place ;		
2(c)(i)	2(c)(i) into the root ; (via) <u>root hair cell</u> ; by osmosis / diffusion ; across a partially permeable membrane ;		
2(c)(ii)	support / transport of mineral ions ;	1	A cooling / solvent / germination
2(c)(iii)	xylem ;	1	
2(c)(iv)	stoma(ta);	1	A guard cells

Question	Answer			I	Marks	Guidance
3(a)(i)	1995 ;				1	
3(a)(ii)	195 (cases per 100 000 people) ;				1	
3(a)(iii)	(steady) increase (from 2003) ; fluctuation between 2007 and 2009 / described ; level off / plateau / AW, from 2009 ; data quote with year and number including units ;				3	
3(b)	Campylobacter ;				1	
3(c)	rehydration / oral rehydration therapy;				1	A water with, sugar and salt / electrolytes
3(d)	cellular	chemical	mechanical		3	1 mark for each correct column
	phagocytosis	stomach acid	nasal hairs			
	antibodies	mucus	skin			
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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
4(a)	iris shaded on diagram;	1	
4(b)	cornea controls how much light enters eye iris refracts light lens focuses light retina carries impulses to brain optic nerve contain light receptors	3	1 mark for 1 correct 2 marks for 2 / 3 correct 3 marks for 4 correct
4(c)(i)	(change in) temperature / cold / fear ;	1	
4(c)(ii)	(hair) erector muscles ;	1	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance	
5(a)(i)	К; М;	2		
5(a)(ii)	combustion ;	1		
5(a)(iii)	arrow drawn from carbon compounds in plants to carbon compounds in animals ;	1		
5(b)	methane;	1	A water vapour / nitrous oxides/ CFCs / ozone	
5(c)(i) habitat destruction ; extinction : soil erosion ; flooding ; AVP ;; e.g. landslides / leaching / disruption to food chains or webs or loss of food source / desertification		2		
5(c)(ii)	agriculture ; mining / extraction, of resources ; building, houses / factories / industries ; building, transport links / roads ; AVP ; e.g. paper production	2		
5(d)(i)	10662.4 ;;	2	A 10662 ecf incorrect total ÷ 5 max one mark	
5(d)(ii)	deforestation is decreasing / less areas of forest are being removed ;	1		
5(d)(iii) ref. to, education / awareness ; protecting areas / national parks ; legislation ; AVP ;; e.g. idea of alternative, sources of energy used / resources		2	ecf if wrong trend in 5d(ii)	

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Question	n Answer		Guidance
6(a)	6(a) bronchiole, diaphragm, intercostal (muscle), trachea labelled ;;;;		1 mark for each correct label
6(b)	good blood supply ; thin ; ventilated ; large surface (area) ; AVP ; e.g. moist / permeable	2	
6(c)(i)	6(c)(i) more water vapour ; more carbon dioxide ; higher temperature ;		A saturated A warm <u>er</u>
6(c)(ii)	(aerobic) respiration;	1	A removal of lactic acid / oxidation R anaerobic respiration
6(d)	<i>cell</i> red blood cell / ciliated cell / muscle cell / white blood cell ; A guard cell <i>organ</i> lung / trachea / bronchus / bronchiole / larynx ; A leaf	2	1 mark for example of a cell / goblet cell 1 mark for example of an organ

Question	Answer			Marks	Guidance	
7(a)	carbon dioxide ; urea ;				2	A (excess) salts
7(b)	changing condition	volume of urine	concentration of urine		3	one mark for each correct row
	increase in water uptake	increase	decrease			
	increase in temperature	decrease	increase			
	increase in exercise	decrease	increase			
				;;;		
7(c)(i)	permanent ; increase in size ;				2	
7(c)(ii)	movement ; respiration ; sensitivity ; reproduction ; nutrition ;				3	

Question	Answer			Marks	Guidance
8(a)	limited number of, phenotypes / categories / groups ; no intermediates / AW ;			1	
8(b)	attached or unattached earlobes	✓		3	deduct one for each additional box ticked
	foot length				
	gender (male or female)	✓			
	height				
	tongue rolling	✓			
	weight				
			;;;		
8(c)	is a genetic change ; forms new alleles ; can be caused by ionising radiation ;			3	deduct one for each additional line