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MARK SCHEME

Maximum Mark: 120

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Students did not sit exam papers in the June 2020 series due to the Covid-19 global pandemic.

This mark scheme is published to support teachers and students and should be read together with the question paper. It shows the requirements of the exam. The answer column of the mark scheme shows the proposed basis on which Examiners would award marks for this exam. Where appropriate, this column also provides the most likely acceptable alternative responses expected from students. Examiners usually review the mark scheme after they have seen student responses and update the mark scheme if appropriate. In the June series, Examiners were unable to consider the acceptability of alternative responses, as there were no student responses to consider.

Mark schemes should usually be read together with the Principal Examiner Report for Teachers. However, because students did not sit exam papers, there is no Principal Examiner Report for Teachers for the June 2020 series.

Cambridge International will not enter into discussions about these mark schemes.

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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 question. Each question 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 question 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.

Science-Specific Marking Principles

- 1 Examiners should consider the context and scientific use of any keywords when awarding marks. Although keywords may be present, marks should not be awarded if the keywords are used incorrectly.
- 2 The examiner should not choose between contradictory statements given in the same question part, and credit should not be awarded for any correct statement that is contradicted within the same question part. Wrong science that is irrelevant to the question should be ignored.
- 3 Although spellings do not have to be correct, spellings of syllabus terms must allow for clear and unambiguous separation from other syllabus terms with which they may be confused (e.g. ethane / ethene, glucagon / glycogen, refraction / reflection).
- 4 The error carried forward (ecf) principle should be applied, where appropriate. If an incorrect answer is subsequently used in a scientifically correct way, the candidate should be awarded these subsequent marking points. Further guidance will be included in the mark scheme where necessary and any exceptions to this general principle will be noted.

5 'List rule' guidance (see examples below)

For questions that require *n* responses (e.g. State **two** reasons ...):

- The response should be read as continuous prose, even when numbered answer spaces are provided
- Any response marked *ignore* in the mark scheme should not count towards *n*
- Incorrect responses should not be awarded credit but will still count towards *n*
- Read the entire response to check for any responses that contradict those that would otherwise be credited. Credit should **not** be awarded for any responses that are contradicted within the rest of the response. Where two responses contradict one another, this should be treated as a single incorrect response
- Non-contradictory responses after the first *n* responses may be ignored even if they include incorrect science.

6 Calculation specific guidance

Correct answers to calculations should be given full credit even if there is no working or incorrect working, **unless** the question states 'show your working'.

For questions in which the number of significant figures required is not stated, credit should be awarded for correct answers when rounded by the examiner to the number of significant figures given in the mark scheme. This may not apply to measured values.

For answers given in standard form, (e.g. $a \times 10^n$) in which the convention of restricting the value of the coefficient (*a*) to a value between 1 and 10 is not followed, credit may still be awarded if the answer can be converted to the answer given in the mark scheme.

Unless a separate mark is given for a unit, a missing or incorrect unit will normally mean that the final calculation mark is not awarded. Exceptions to this general principle will be noted in the mark scheme.

7 Guidance for chemical equations

Multiples / fractions of coefficients used in chemical equations are acceptable unless stated otherwise in the mark scheme.

State symbols given in an equation should be ignored unless asked for in the question or stated otherwise in the mark scheme.

Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)(i)	warmth / suitable temperature required for germination ; moisture / water required for germination ;	2
1(a)(ii)	no oxygen ;	1
1(a)(iii)	$\left(\frac{8}{10}\right) \times 100 = 80(\%)$;	1
1(b)(i)	draw an arrow going from left to right ;	1
1(b)(ii)	phototropism ;	1
1(c)(i)	nuclei ; sex ; zygote ;	3
1(c)(ii)	contains ovules / site of fertilisation / produces ovules ;	1
1(c)(iii)	sperm ;	1

Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)(i)	20 ; 2,8,8,2 ;	2
2(a)(ii)	the idea that numbers of protons and electrons are equal ; protons are positive electrons are negative ; total positive charge balances total negative charge ;	3
2(a)(iii)	nucleus ;	1
2(b)(i)	3 ;	1
2(b)(ii)	calcium chloride ; carbon dioxide + water ;	2

Question	Answer	Marks
2(b)(iii)	temperature is (on average) low ; concentration of acid in rain water is low ;	2

Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)(i)	X - any point on the steepest gradient (between t = 500s and t = 800s);	1
3(a)(ii)	Y – any point on the middle horizontal section (between t = 300s and t = 500s);	1
3(a)(iii)	speed = distance/time or 400/800 ; = 0.5m/s ;	2
3(b)(i)	friction;	1
3(b)(ii)	moves faster / starts to move at a shallower slope, less than 40°;	1
3(b)(iii)	gravitational potential;	1
3(c)	moment = distance × force or 40 × 0.27 ; = 10.8 (Nm) ;	2

Question	Answer	Marks
4(a)(i)	correct offspring genotype ; Hh, Hh, hh, hh probability 50% ;	2
4(a)(ii)	<u>pure</u> ;	1
4(a)(iii)	Hh ;	1
4(b)(i)	carbon, hydrogen, oxygen and nitrogen circled ;	1
4(b)(ii)	add biuret solution ; if the sample contains protein it will turn purple ;	2

Question	Answer	Marks
4(b)(iii)	<p> fats and oils glycogen protein starch ... 1 correct for 1 mark 2 or 3 correct for 2 marks all correct for 3 marks </p>	3

Question	Answer	Marks
5(a)(i)	8(%) ;	1
5(a)(ii)	bauxite ;	1
5(a)(iii)	electrolysis ;	1
5(b)(i)	malleability / it is malleable ; the idea that it can be forced to change shape without breaking ;	2
5(b)(ii)	resistant to corrosion / it does not react with food ;	1
5(c)(i)	a (solid) mixture containing metals / a mixture of a metal and other elements;	1

Question	Answer	Marks
5(c)(ii)	alloy is stronger / less likely to bend or break ;	1
5(d)	reference to reaction with / need for oxygen ; reference to reaction with / need for water ; description of paint as a barrier between steel and oxygen / water ;	3

Question	Answer	Marks																		
6(a)	solid: difficult to compress and fixed shape; liquid: difficult to compress and able to flow; gas: easily compressed and able to flow	3																		
6(b)(i)	liquid can be held in a tube; as it is heated or cools it rises up or falls down the tube;	2																		
6(b)(ii)	the temperature at which a liquid turns to a gas;	1																		
6(c)	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>material</th> <th>thermal conductor</th> <th>thermal insulator</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>aluminium</td> <td>✓</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>copper</td> <td>✓</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>plastic</td> <td></td> <td>✓</td> </tr> <tr> <td>steel</td> <td>✓</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>wool</td> <td></td> <td>✓</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>∴ 3 correct for 1 mark all correct for 2 marks</p>	material	thermal conductor	thermal insulator	aluminium	✓		copper	✓		plastic		✓	steel	✓		wool		✓	2
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6(d)	radiation;	1																		

Question	Answer	Marks
6(e)(i)	energy;	1
6(e)(ii)	20 to 20 000;	1
6(e)(iii)	amplitude increases and frequency increases;	1

Question	Answer	Marks					
7(a)	<i>producer</i> – maize ticked ; <i>consumer</i> – locust, lizard and snake ticked ; <i>carnivore</i> – lizard and snake ticked ;	3					
7(b)	ref to photosynthesis ; light energy used ; by producers / plants ; to make carbohydrates ;	max 3					
7(c)	<table border="1" style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: top;"> <tbody> <tr><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>5</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td></tr> </tbody> </table> ;; 5 at the top and 4 at the bottom for 1 mark 2, 1 in the correct order for 1 mark	3	5	2	1	4	2
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8(a)(i)	any Group 1 element / other correct (e.g. calcium);	1
8(a)(ii)	solution is alkaline / reaction produces (soluble) base / hydroxide of element in (i) ;	1
8(b)(i)	cobalt chloride ; blue to pink ; OR anhydrous copper(II) sulfate ; white to blue ;	2
8(b)(ii)	$2\text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$;	1
8(c)	covalent ;	1
8(d)(i)	(simple) <u>distillation</u> ;	1
8(d)(ii)	the idea that water boils and sodium chloride does not / water is more volatile than sodium chloride ; because covalent compounds tend to have low bpts / ionic compounds high bpts;	2

Question	Answer	Marks
9(a)(i)	focal length shown from lens to focal point;	1
9(a)(ii)	F pointing to focus of rays;	1
9(a)(iii)	visible light in centre box;	1
9(a)(iv)	standing behind a lead screen or doctor leaves the room or operates the X-ray machine from behind a screen;	1
9(b)(i)	two from α , β , γ ;;	2
9(b)(ii)	damages cells / cancer / mutations ;	1
9(c)	background radiation; the ground / rocks, plants, cosmic rays;	2

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10(a)	capillaries ; veins ;	2									
10(b)	<table border="1"> <tbody> <tr> <td>heart</td> <td>vena cava</td> <td>aorta / pulmonary artery</td> </tr> <tr> <td>lungs</td> <td>pulmonary artery</td> <td>pulmonary vein</td> </tr> <tr> <td>kidney</td> <td>renal artery</td> <td>renal vein</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> ; ; ; each correct row for 1 mark	heart	vena cava	aorta / pulmonary artery	lungs	pulmonary artery	pulmonary vein	kidney	renal artery	renal vein	3
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10(c)	airways circled ; two / two-way circled ;	2									
10(d)(i)	xylem ;	1									
10(d)(ii)	phloem ;	1									
10(d)(iii)	<i>enter</i> root hair (cell) ; <i>leave</i> through stomata / leaf ;	2									

Question	Answer	Marks
11(a)	ethene ethanol ethane ; ; ; one correct for 1 mark all correct for 2 marks	2
11(b)(i)	steam / H ₂ O ;	1

Question	Answer	Marks
11(b)(ii)	increases rate of reaction / the idea that little ethanol produced without it ;	1
11(c)(i)	fermentation ;	1
11(c)(ii)	carbon dioxide ; limewater ;	2
11(d)	(combustion produces) gaseous products ; which are lost (to the air) ; extra detail – products are carbon dioxide / water / carbon monoxide ;	3

Question	Answer	Marks
12(a)(i)	0.5 (A);	1
12(a)(ii)	voltmeter;	1
12(b)	2 (Ω); the combined resistance of two resistors in parallel is less than that of either resistor by itself;	2
12(c)	current; resistance;	2
12(d)	concentric circles around the wire; correct 'spacing' of circles; correct direction ;	3