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General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.
- Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

Mark schemes have been developed so that the rubrics of each mark scheme reflects the characteristics of the skills within the AO being targeted and the requirements of the command word. So for example the command word 'Explain' requires an identification of a point and then reasoning/justification of the point.

Explain questions can be asked across all AOs. The distinction comes whether the identification is via a judgment made to reach a conclusion, or, making a point through application of knowledge to reason/justify the point made through application of understanding. It is the combination and linkage of the marking points that is needed to gain full marks.

When marking questions with a 'describe' or 'explain' command word, the detailed marking guidance below should be consulted to ensure consistency of marking.

Assessment Objective		Command Word	
Strand	Element	Describe	Explain
AO1		An answer that combines the marking points to provide a logical description	An explanation that links identification of a point with reasoning/justification(s) as required
AO2		An answer that combines the marking points to provide a logical description, showing application of knowledge and understanding	An explanation that links identification of a point (by applying knowledge) with reasoning/justification (application of understanding)
AO3	1a and 1b	An answer that combines points of interpretation/evaluation to provide a logical description	
AO3	2a and 2b		An explanation that combines identification via a judgment to reach a conclusion via justification/reasoning
AO3	За	An answer that combines the marking points to provide a logical description of the plan/method/experiment	
AO3	3b		An explanation that combines identifying an improvement of the experimental procedure with a linked justification/reasoning

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Question number	Answer	Mark
1(a)(i)	B many deaths were not confirmed to be caused by Ebola	(1)
	The only correct answer is B	
	A is not correct because people are not immune to Ebola	
	<i>C</i> is not correct because Ebola spreads easily	
	D is not correct because Ebola causes symptoms	

Question number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
1(a)(ii)	(exchange of) bodily fluids / named body fluids / contact with body fluids	accept any contact or body fluid transmission	(1)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1(a)(iii)	 A description including: virus particles are assembled (1) 	accept virus is made/produced ignore virus reproduces	(2)
	 virus lyses the cell / virus exits the cell (1) 		

Question number	Answer	Mark
1(b)(i)	lysogenic (pathway)	(1)
	accept phonetically correct misspellings	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1(b)(ii)	all the {genetic material/DNA} of an organism	accept all the genes of an organism	(1)

(Total for question 1 = 6 marks)

Question number	Answer	Mark
2(a)	C white blood cell	(1)
	The only correct answer is C	
	A is not correct because the HIV virus does not destroy red blood cells B is not correct because the HIV virus does not destroy nerve cells D is not correct because the HIV virus does not destroy sperm cells	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
2(b)	An answer linking three from:		(3)
	 (pathogens have) antigens (1) 	accept bacteria/virus for pathogen	
	 (that trigger) antibodies to be produced (1) 		
	 by lymphocytes (1) 	ignore WBC	
	 (leads to the) destruction of the pathogen (1) 	accept engulf pathogen	
	 memory {cells/ lymphocytes} produced (1) 		
	 cause a secondary response (in the event of infection by the same pathogen) (1) 	accept description of a secondary response e.g. before symptoms/before the person gets ill/can react quickly	

Question number	Indicative content	Additional guidance	Mark
2(c)(i)	Substitution (1) 21.00 x 11.18	award full marks for correct numerical answer without working	(3)
	Evaluation (1) 234.78	award 2 marks for correct evaluation	
	3 significant figures 235	ecf for the incorrect calculation correctly rounded to 3 s.f.	

Question number	Indicative content	Additional guidance	Mark
2(c)(ii)	 One from: each country has a different size population (1) allows comparisons to be made between countries (1) 	ignore it is easier to read/easier to analyse	(1)

Question number	Indicative content	Additional Guidance	Mark
2(c)(iii)	 One from: vaccination (1) {reporting/diagnosis} systems (1) {access to/quality of} healthcare (1) environmental factors (1) 	accept examples of relevant environmental factors e.g. population density, proximity of country to others. (1) accept herd immunity (1)	(1)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
number			
3(a)(i)	Two from:		(2)
	 (meristem cells) are undifferentiated 	accept are stem cells	
	 (meristem cells) divide / produce more cells (1) 		
	• by mitosis (1)	accept (the cells produced) can differentiate /become specialised/elongate (1)	

(Total for question 2 = 9 marks)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3(a)(ii)	An answer including:use a thin section of {cells/meristem} (1)	accept add a sample of the cells to the	(3)
	 add a stain / named stain (1) 	microscope slide	
	 place a cover slip on top of the sample (1) 	accept a description of a coverslip	

Question number	Answer	Mark
3(b)(i)	chloroplast / chloroplasts	(1)
	accept phonetically correct misspellings	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3(b)(ii)	(aerobic) respiration / release energy	ignore make / produce energy accept word equation for respiration	(1)
		accept to produce ATP	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3(b)(iii)	 Any two from: no nucleus/ chromosomal DNA (in the cytoplasm) (1) no membrane-bound organelles (1) circular/plasmid DNA (1) no mitochondria (1) no chloroplasts (1) no vacuole (1) 	accept: presence of flagellum (1) presence of a slime coat (1) presence of pili (1) accept cell wall not made of cellulose (1)	(2)

(Total for question 3 = 9 marks)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4(a)(i)	An answer that links the following		(2)
	 tall is dominant (1) 	accept short is recessive	
	 they are heterozygous / have one tall allele (1) 	accept one of each allele	
		ignore genes	
		accept they have inherited one tall dominant allele for 2 marks	

Question number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
4(a)(ii)	Any two from:		(2)
	 provide {optimal/identical /best/ideal/controlled} growth conditions (1) 	accept all grown under the same conditions accept examples of optimal conditions.	
	 reduce chances of disease/ pests/pathogens (1) 	accept prevent unwanted pollination	

Question	Answer			Additional	Mark
number			guidance		
4(b)(i)		for gametes		(3)	
	One mark	for the offsprin	accept aA		
		А			
	А	AA	Aa		
	а	Aa	аа		
				accept ecf from	
	25 (%) (1))	the Punnett		
	23 (70) (1))		square	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4(b)(ii)	An answer linking the following:		(2)
	 genetic variation increase / (offspring) show variation (1) 	accept different combination of alleles accept allows dispersal of	

(1)	accept allows dispersal of offspring through seeds	
 more likely to survive {a disease / environmental change / selection pressure} / allows evolution/survival of the fittest (1) 	accept other examples of a survival reason e.g natural disaster	

Question number	Answer	additional guidance	Mark
4(c)	An answer linking:mix the food in ethanol and pour into water (1)	accept add water and ethanol and mix	(2)
	• white emulsion forms (1)	accept white precipitate / goes cloudy / emulsion test accept rub pea / food on filter paper (1) and look for a translucent mark (1)	

(Total for question 4 = 11 marks)

Question number	Ans	wer									Mark
5(a)(i)											(1)
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		:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	_	
	Т	Α	С	Α	Α	Т	G	С	Α		
	acce	pt Ic	wer	case	e let	ters				-	

Question number	Answer	Mark
5(a)(ii)	C a double helix with strands joined by hydrogen bonds between bases	(1)
	The only correct answer is C	
	A is not correct because DNA strands are not held together with strong bonds	
	B is not correct because complementary bases do not form the helix	
	D is not correct because there are two complementary strands	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(a)(iii)	Mutation	accept genetic modification / genetic engineering / insertion / deletion / substitution	(1)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(b)	An explanation linking four of the following:		(4)
	 the population of great tits shows variation (1) 	accept there is a mutation that leads to some birds having longer beaks	
	 bird feeders provide a selection pressure (1) 		
	 birds with longer beaks {can feed from bird feeders/get more food} (1) 	accept there is competition for food / birds with longer beaks outcompete accept birds with shorter beaks can't get food	
	 these birds are more likely to {survive/ reproduce} / survival of the fittest (1) 	accept birds with shorter beaks die out	
	 pass the {allele/gene /characteristic} for long beaks to their offspring (1) 	accept offspring have long beaks	
	 over many generations the beak length of the bird population increases (1) 	accept the process continues/repeats itself	

Question number	Answer	Mark
5(c)(i)	A they have membrane-bound organelles	(1)
	The only correct answer is A	
	B is not correct because they have a nucleus	
	C is not correct because they do not have a cell wall	
	D is not correct because this is not a specific feature of eukaryotic cells	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(c)(ii)	genetic analysis / based on {DNA/genetics} / DNA of Archaea more similar to eukaryotes (1)	accept more knowledge because of better microscopes	(1)

(Total for question 5 = 9 marks)

Question number	Answer	Mark
6(a)(i)	all the starch has been converted into glucose / all the starch has reacted with the amylase / all the starch is digested (1)	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
6(a)(ii)	 Any two from: pH of the solution (1) concentration of amylase (1) concentration of starch (1) amount of mixing (1) size of the tube used (1) time interval must be the same (1) 	(2)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(a)(iii)	it is a control/to check that starch doesn't breakdown into glucose without amylase (1)	ignore control variable ignore allow results to be compared	(1)

Question number	Answer		Mark
6(b)	A plan including three of the following:		(3)
	 mix starch solution with amylase (1) 	ignore mix the solutions	
	• use different pH values (1)		
	 using buffers / test at pH solutions between pH 6.5 and 7.5 (1) 	accept ranges around 5 to 8	
	 control named variables (1) 		
	 a method of testing for glucose/a method of testing for starch 	accept test the sample for starch/glucose	
	 the sample that produces glucose in the shortest time is closest to the optimum (1) 		

Question number	Answer	Mark
6(c)	An explanation linking:	(3)
	 the stomach is {acidic/low pH/pH 2}(1) 	
	 which will denature the {amylase/enzyme} (1) 	
	 changes the shape of the active site/substrate will not {bind/fit} into the active site (1) 	

(Total for question 6 = 10 marks)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
7(a)(i)	Any two from:		(2)
	 wash hands/wear gloves (1) 		
	 keep lid on the samples/only remove the lid for a short time (1) 		
	 work close to a Bunsen flame (1) 		
	 use sterile equipment (1) 	accept {flame/heat} the loop before taking the sample	
		accept clean bench with ethanol/sterilising fluid (1)	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
7(a)(ii)	{57/58} minutes / {94/95} minutes (1) 37 minutes	two marks for correct answer with no working	(2)

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Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
7(a)(iii)	 use a stain/focus the microscope/increase the magnification 	accept use an electron microscope	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
7(b)(i)	C genetic engineering	(1)
	The only correct answer is C	
	A is not correct because selective breeding is not a method of inserting genes	
	B is not correct because asexual reproduction is not a method of inserting genes	
	D is not correct because tissue culture is not a method of inserting genes	

Question number	Indicative content	Mark
*7(b)(ii)		(6)
	Advantages less damage to crops increased yield/more food more profit that the toxin only affects target insects less use of chemical insecticides no need to buy chemicals Disadvantages insects develop resistance to the toxin plants are more expensive to produce initially risk of cross fertilisation with wild plants/other crops reduces biodiversity detrimental impact on the food web in the area possibility of bioaccumulation 	
	reliance on seed companiesconsumer concerns with eating GM crops	

Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	No rewardable material.
Level 1	1–2	 Demonstrates elements of biological understanding, some of which is inaccurate. Understanding of scientific ideas lacks detail. Presents an explanation with some structure and coherence.
Level 2	3–4	Demonstrates biological understanding, which is mostly

		 relevant but may include some inaccuracies. Understanding of scientific ideas is not fully detailed and/or developed. Presents an explanation that has a structure which is mostly clear, coherent and logical.
Level 3	5–6	 Demonstrates accurate and relevant biological understanding throughout. Understanding of the scientific ideas is detailed and fully developed. Presents an explanation that has a well-developed structure which is clear, coherent and logical.

Level	Mark	Descriptor
Level 1	1-2	A simple discussion of either advantages or disadvantages of growing plants that produce toxins.
		The response clearly distinguishes advantages and disadvantages.
Level 2	3-4	A simple discussion of both advantages and disadvantages of the growing plants that produce toxins OR a detailed discussion of advantages or disadvantages of the growing plants that produce toxins.
		The response clearly distinguishes advantages and disadvantages and uses some key scientific terms correctly.
Level 3	5-6	A detailed discussion of advantages and disadvantages of the growing plants that produce toxins.
		The response clearly distinguishes advantages and disadvantages and uses key scientific terms correctly.

Level	Mark	Examples of possible responses
	0	No rewardable material.
Level 1	1	Less crops are eaten by insects
	2	A disadvantage is that insects may develop resistance to the toxin
Level 2	3	Less crops are eaten by insects, increasing the yield. The toxin gene could spread to other plants.
	4	• An advantage is that less crops are eaten by insects increasing the yield. A disadvantage is that the insects could become resistant to the toxin.
Level 3	5	• Less crops are eaten by insects increasing the yield and the farmer does not need to use pesticides. The toxin gene could spread to other plants or it could spread through the food chain and affect other organisms.
	6	• The advantages are that less crops are eaten by insects increasing the yield and the farmer does not need to use pesticides on the crop. The disadvantages are that the insects could become resistant to the toxin, it reduces the biodiversity, and the toxin could build up in the food chain by bioaccumulation.

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Total for question 7 = 12 marks

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8(a)(i)	$0.035 \div 5 = 0.007$ (1)	award two marks for correct answer with no working	(2)
	7 / -7 (ms)	accept 0.033 ÷ 4 =0.008 for 1 mark if working shown	
		accept 8 / -8 (ms) for 2 marks if working shown.	
		allow ecf for incorrect mean converted into ms for 1 mark	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8(a)(ii)	Any two from:		(2)
	 test the drink on more people / different people (1) 		
	 more repeats on the same people (1) 		
	 repeat using different volumes of the drink (1) 	accept different amounts	
	 repeat using different times between drinking and the test (1) 		
	 repeat the experiment with just water (1) 	accept use a control/use a placebo	
	 control other environmental factors/named factors (1) 	accept tiredness/health/drug intake/food intake	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8(b)(i)	sensory (neurone)	accept phonetically correct misspellings	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
8(b)(ii)	B cell body dendron	(1)
	The only correct answer is B	
	A is not correct because P is the cell body	
	C is not correct because P is the cell body	
	D is not correct because Q is the dendron	

Question number	Indicative content	Mark
* 8(c)	 Synapse transmission neurones transmit electrical impulses the synapse is a gap between 2 neurones triggering the release of neurotransmitters which diffuse across the synapse as a chemical signal neurotransmitters bind to receptors on the next neurone triggering an electrical impulse in the next neurone 	(6)
	 Painkillers prevent neurotransmitters binding to receptors in the next neurone electrical impulse is not triggered signal is not received by the central nervous system person does not feel pain 	

Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	No rewardable material.
Level 1	1–2	 The explanation attempts to link and apply knowledge and understanding of scientific ideas, flawed or simplistic connections made between elements in the context of the question. Lines of reasoning are unsupported or unclear
Level 2	3-4	 The explanation is mostly supported through linkage and application of knowledge and understanding of scientific ideas, some logical connections made between elements in the context of the question Line of reasoning mostly supported through the application of relevant evidence
Level 3	5–6	 The explanation is supported throughout by linkage and application of knowledge and understanding of scientific ideas, some logical connections made between elements in the context of the question Line of reasoning are supported by sustained application of relevant evidence

Level	Mark	Descriptor
		A simple explanation of how messages are transmitted either
Level 1	1-2	over the synapse or along the neurone
		Linked to the offect of neinkillers
		Linked to the effect of painkillers
	At least one link between how messages are transmitted	
Level 2	3-4	between the neurone and the synapse or across the synapse
		Linked to the effect of painkillers
		A detailed description of how messages are passed across the
Level 3	5-6	synapse
		Linked to the effect of painkillers binding to receptors

Level	Mark	Examples of possible responses
	0	No rewardable material.
Level 1	1	Messages are passed along neurones as electrical impulses
	2	 A synapse is a gap between neurones and the painkillers prevent the pain message getting through to the brain
		• Synapses are gaps between neurones. Neurotransmitters diffuse across the gap to the next neurone.
	4	• Synapses are gaps between neurones. Neurotransmitters diffuse across the gap to the next neurone. The painkillers bind to receptors stopping the message being passed on to the CNS so the person does not feel pain.
Level 3	5	Synapses are gaps between neurones. The electrical impulse reaches the synapse and causes neurotransmitters to diffuse

	across the gap to the next neurone. A new impulse is initiated in the next neurone.
6	• Synapses are gaps between neurones. The electrical impulse reaches the synapse and causes neurotransmitters to diffuse across the gap to the next neurone. A new impulse is initiated in the next neurone. The painkillers prevent the neurotransmitters binding to the next neurone, so a new impulse is not generated and the message is not passed to the CNS.

(Total for question 8 = 12 marks)

Question number	Answer		Mark
9(a)(i)	 An answer including three from: (cells are triggered to divide) by mitosis (1) this division is uncontrolled (1) 	accept cells won't	(3)
	 creates a mass/large number of cells /tumour (1) 	stop dividing/faster cell division/increased cell division	

Question number	Answer	Mark
9(a)(ii)	C interphase	(1)
	The only correct answer is C	
	A is not correct because the DNA is not replicated in anaphase B is not correct because the DNA is not replicated in prophase	
	D is not correct because the DNA is not replicated in telophase	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
9(a)(iii)	An answer combining:		(2)
	 1 in 20 is a rate of 5% (1) 	accept 13% is 1 in 8/1 in 7.7 accept other correct manipulation of figures	
	 obesity increases the risk of bowel cancer more (than other types of cancer) (1) 	accept obesity is less of a contributing factor to other types of cancer	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
9(b)	An explanation linking:	ignore references to muscle mass	(2)
	 BMI calculation takes into account height / divides mass by height² (1) 	accept BMI relies on measurements of height and weight/mass accept equation for BMI	
	 the obese man must be shorter / the normal man is taller (1) 	accept the men are different heights	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
9(c)	 An answer including: surgery to treat narrow or blocked arteries (1) 	accept by-pass surgery / stents / heart surgery / other relevant surgeries such as gastric bands	(3)
	 lifestyle changes including {healthy diet/more exercise} (1) 	accept examples of lifestyle changes e.g. stop smoking	
	 (life-long) medication to {prevent blood clots/reduce blood pressure/thin the blood} (1) 	accept named medications used for cardiovascular disease	

(Total for question 9 = 11 marks)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
10(a)	 An explanation linking: (a diverging lens) {bends/refracts} light rays outwards (1) 	ignore refract light rays less	(2)
	 so the light rays {meet/converge/focus} on the retina (1) 	accept refract light onto the retina. accept the back of the eye accept a diagram for either or both marking	
		points	

Question number	Answer	Mark
10(b)(i)	B 85 000	(1)
	The only correct answer is B	
	A is not correct because the number of affected males is not 42 500	
	C is not correct because the number of affected males is not 166 666D is not correct because the number of affected males is not 1 020 000	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
10(b)(ii)	An explanation linking two of the following:		(2)
	 allele is located on the X chromosome (1) 	ignore sex-linked	
	 men are XY/have one X chromosome (1) 	ignore X/Y genes.	
	 if they have one {recessive/affected} allele they are colour blind (1) 	accept the idea that if woman have one affected allele, they have a second allele/women would need two recessive alleles	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
10(b)(iii)	 An explanation linking: 0% / he will not be colour blind (1) he will inherit the Y chromosome from his father that does not have the allele / inherits an X chromosome from his mother with the {dominant / normal / unaffected} allele (1) 		(2)

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Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
10(c)	An explanation linking four of the following:		(4)
	 changes the sequence of the mRNA (1) 	accept mRNA produced from the DNA sequence	
	 produced in transcription (1) 		
	 leads to a different amino acid (in the polypeptide sequence) (1) 	accept the (mRNA) determines the amino acid sequence	
	 which is added {by tRNA/during translation/at the ribosome} (1) 		
	 changes the shape/function of the protein / a cone cell does not detect the coloured light correctly (1) 	ignore a different protein is produced	

(Total for question 10 = 11 marks)