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MARK SCHEME

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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.

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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	<u>'List rule' guidance</u> 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.

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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.

mark scheme abbreviations

- **;** separates marking points
- / alternatives
- **R** reject
- **A** accept (for answers correctly cued by the question, or guidance for examiners)
- **I** ignore as irrelevant
- **AW** alternative wording (where responses vary more than usual)
- **AVP** alternative valid point
- **ora** or reverse argument
- underline actual word given must be used by candidate (grammatical variants excepted)

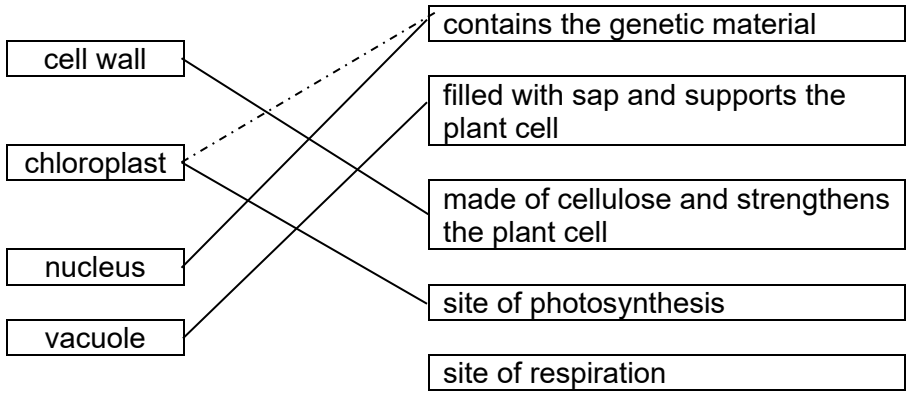
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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1(a)	**J ;** **F ;** **C ;** **K / C ;** **A ;** **G ;**	**6**	
1(b)	**B** - oesophagus **;** **H** - gall bladder **;**	**2**	
1(c)	*any order*: colon **;** rectum **;** anus **;**	**3**	
2(a)	*any three from:* 1 greater percentage of people have stopped (smoking tobacco) in the 60+ (age group) (than the 16–24 year old age group) / **ora ;** 2 greater percentage of smokers (present) in 16–24 (year old age group) (than in 60+ age group) / **ora ;** 3 greater percentage of people in the 60+ group have stopped smoking than are currently smoking **;** 4 greater percentage of people in the 16–24 group smoke than have stopped smoking **;** 5 greater percentage of people in the 60+ (age group) have smoked in the past than have smoked in the current 16–24 (age group) **;** 6 comparative data quote / manipulation **;**	**3**	
2(b)	*any two from:* COPD / chronic obstructive pulmonary disease **;** CHD / coronary heart disease **;** AVP **;;**	**2**	
2(c)	tar **;**	**1**	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
2(d)	*any three from:* 1 ref. to toxicity **;** 2 ref. to, combines / reacts, with haemoglobin **;** 3 takes the place of oxygen in red blood cells **;** 4 compound formed is very stable **;** 5 cells do not get enough oxygen / reduces oxygen carrying capacity of the blood **;** 6 cells cannot respire **;** 7 increased rate of breathing **;** 8 AVP **;**	**3**	**AW** throughout

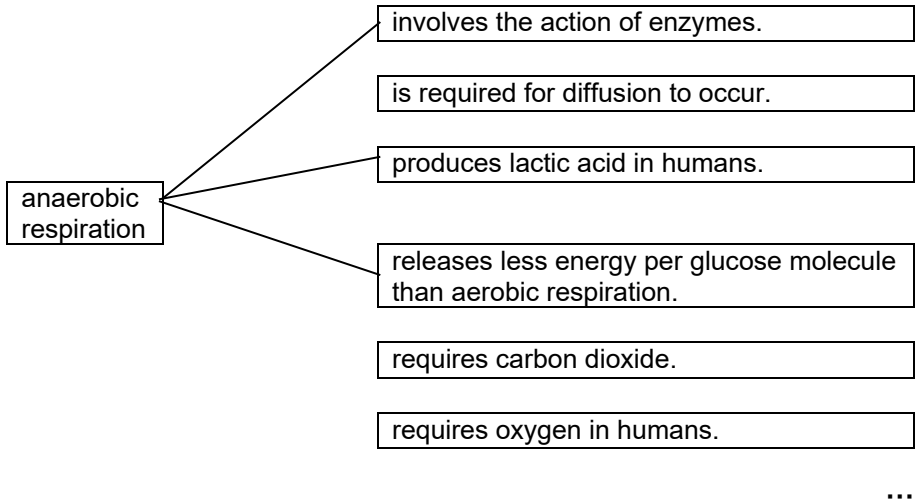
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3(a)	arrow drawn <u>from</u> chuckwallas <u>to</u> coyotes **;**	**1**	
3(b)	<table><tr><th></th><th>producer</th><th>consumer</th><th>herbivore</th><th>carnivore</th></tr><tr><td>coyote</td><td></td><td>✓</td><td></td><td>✓</td></tr><tr><td>jack rabbit</td><td></td><td>✓</td><td>✓</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>rattlesnake</td><td></td><td>✓</td><td></td><td>✓</td></tr><tr><td>yucca plant</td><td>✓</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>**;;;;**	**4**	one mark for each correct column **R** each additional tick
3(c)	mountain lion **;**	**1**	
3(d)	(population of) chuckwallas would decrease **;** *idea of* there would be, less food / less energy / more competition (for food) **;**	**2**	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
3(e)	predators ; alleles ; offspring ; all ;	**4**	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
4(a)	*plant cell labelled from top to bottom:* cell wall ; cytoplasm ; chloroplast ; cell membrane ;	**4**	
4(b)	**part** **funtion**  ;;;;	**4**	one mark per part **A** line between chloroplast and contains the genetic material **R** other additional lines
4(c)	conduction / transport / transfer of, water / mineral ions ; support ;	**2**	
4(d)(i)	gravitropism ;	**1**	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
4(d)(ii)	roots would grow downwards / **AW ;**	**1**	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
5(a)(i)	*any three from:* 1 oxygen is released by photosynthesis **;** 2 no carbon dioxide results in no, oxygen release / photosynthesis / **ora ;** 3 because carbon dioxide is, a reactant / required, for photosynthesis **;** 4 rate of, oxygen release / photosynthesis, increases with increasing concentration (of carbon dioxide) / **ora ;** 5 relationship is non-linear **;**	**3**	**AW** throughout **A** equation for MP1 and MP3
5(a)(ii)	temperature affects the rate of photosynthesis / **AW ;**	**1**	
5(b)(i)	methane / CH_4 / **AVP ;**	**1**	
5(b)(ii)	***either*** limewater **;** cloudy / AW **;** ***or*** hydrogencarbonate indicator **;** yellow / orange **;**	**2**	
5(c)	*any two from:* insecticide / pesticide / herbicide ***or*** weed killer / fungicide / AVP **;;**	**2**	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
6(a)	 ;;;	**3**	one mark per line **R** each additional line
6(b)	glucose ; → alcohol + carbon dioxide ;	**2**	
6(c)	*any three from:* movement ; sensitivity ; growth ; reproduction ; excretion ; nutrition ;	**3**	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
7(a)(i)	**A** - pulmonary vein **;** **C** - renal artery **;** **E** - vena cava **;**	**3**	
7(a)(ii)	**A ;**	**1**	**A** any artery except **F**
7(b)	*any three from:* *(arteries have)* thick(er) wall **;** thick(er) / more, muscle **;** thick(er) / more, elastic layer **;** narrow(er) lumen / **AW ;** absence of valves (usually) **;** **AVP ;** e.g. convoluted, endothelium / inner layer **AW** / more connective tissue	**3**	
7(c)(i)	phagocytosis **;** antibody production **;**	**2**	
7(c)(ii)	red blood cells **;** plasma **;** platelets **;**	**2**	

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
8(a)(i)	12 ;	**1**	
8(a)(ii)	18 ;	**1**	
8(b)	*days 1–5* (uterus lining is) lost / shed / menstruation (described) ; *days 8–14* uterus lining, builds up / thickens / increases ;	**2**	
8(c)	egg cell is released / ovum is released / ovulation ;	**1**	
8(d)	testosterone ;	**1**	
8(e)	*any two from:* pubic hair grows ; underarm hair grows ; body shape changes ; sexual organs, grow / mature ;	**2**	

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