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PUBLISHED**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 descriptions 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

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.

Mark scheme abbreviations

;	separates marking points
/	alternative answers for the same point
A	accept (for answers correctly cued by the question, or by extra guidance)
R	reject
I	ignore
()	the word / phrase in brackets is not required, but sets the context
AW	alternative wording (where responses vary more than usual)
underline	actual word given must be used by candidate (grammatical variants accepted)
max	indicates the maximum number of marks that can be given
ora	or reverse argument
mp	marking point (with relevant number)
ecf	error carried forward
AVP	alternative valid point

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Question	Answer	Marks																		
1(a)	any two from: 1 replace chloroplast (suspension) with, water / boiled chloroplast (suspension) ; 2 replace DCPIP with, water ; 3 keep (chloroplast suspension with DCPIP) in the dark ;	2																		
1(b)(i)	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>percentage concentration of chloroplast suspension</th><th>time taken for DCPIP to decolourise / s</th><th>rate of light-dependent stage of photosynthesis / s⁻¹</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>10</td><td>351</td><td>2.8</td></tr> <tr> <td>20</td><td>59</td><td>16.9</td></tr> <tr> <td>30</td><td>21</td><td>47.6</td></tr> <tr> <td>40</td><td>10</td><td>100.0</td></tr> <tr> <td>50</td><td>5</td><td>200.0</td></tr> </tbody> </table> rates calculated correctly ; (correct) rates correctly rounded to one decimal place ;	percentage concentration of chloroplast suspension	time taken for DCPIP to decolourise / s	rate of light-dependent stage of photosynthesis / s ⁻¹	10	351	2.8	20	59	16.9	30	21	47.6	40	10	100.0	50	5	200.0	2
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1(b)(ii)	1 axes correctly orientated with labels and rate unit and appropriate scales ; 2 points plotted accurately ($\pm \frac{1}{2}$ small square) ; 3 suitable line drawn ;	3																		

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1(c)	any two from: (Did work in 10% sucrose solution because) 1 (sucrose solution) has, same / similar, <u>water potential</u> as in the chloroplast ; 2 water will not enter (chloroplast), by <u>osmosis</u> / as there is no water potential gradient / ora ; 3 <u>chloroplasts</u> will not burst / ora ;	2
1(d)	1 one, stated, concentration of chloroplast suspension ; any five from: 2 minimum of five, stated, temperatures within the range 10 to 60 °C ; 3 method of maintaining a constant temperature ; 4 allowing chloroplast suspensions to reach set temperatures (before exposing to light) ; 5 swirl chloroplast suspension (before exposing to light) ; 6 method for ensuring same light intensity ; 7 carry out experiment in dark room ; 8 colour of sample to match chloroplast suspension (alone) / green colour standard ; 9 correct <i>ref. to</i> repeats and mean ;	6

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Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)(i)	1 description of random / systematic, sampling ; 2 use of, quadrats / (sweep) nets / (light) trap / pooter ; 3 Count the number of each phenotypes ; OR max. 2 marks if Mark-Release-Recapture method 4 <u>capture</u> ladybirds and count / find number / record, number of each phenotypes and <u>mark and release</u> them ; 5 suitable marking so not harmful / too obvious / not removed 6 <u>capture</u> second sample and count / find number / record, number of each phenotypes and count / find number / record number, of marked each phenotypes ;	3
2(a)(ii)	any two from: 1 <i>ref. to</i> data for spring 1929 and spring 1932 ; 2 sample size(s) ; 3 multiple sampling sites (in same area of Germany) ; 4 carry out statistical analysis ; <i>Sampling took place with:</i> 5 the same location(s) / habitat(s) / sampling site(s) / AW ; 6 the same time of day ; 7 the same duration (of sampling) ;	2
2(b)(i)	Line for melanic phenotype is <u>steeper</u> (than non-melanic phenotype) ;	1

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2(b)(ii)	1 award if both graphs have been used ; any two from: 2 all ladybirds have the same starting temperature ; 3 all ladybirds warm up when lamp is on ; 4 all ladybirds return to, original / starting, temperature ; 5 melanic reaches higher temperature / ora ; 6 melanic cool down faster / ora ; 7 females warm up quicker / ora ; 8 females reach higher temperature / ora ; 9 females take longer to cool down / ora ; 10 heavier warm up quicker / ora ; 11 heavier ladybirds reach higher temperature / ora ; 12 heavier ladybirds take longer to cool down / ora ; 13 the temperature plateaus for all except non-melanic females ;	3
2(c)	1 Pearson's (linear correlation) / Spearman's (rank correlation) ; any two from: <i>Pearson's</i> 2 data (for temperature and mass) is, paired / linked ; 3 data is continuous ; 4 scatter diagram, suggests a <u>linear</u>, relationship / correlation / association ; 5 there are at least 5 (paired) observations ; OR <i>Spearman's</i> 6 data (for temperature and mass) is, paired / linked ; 7 the data is ordinal / interval ; 8 scatter diagram, suggests an <u>increasing</u>, relationship / correlation / association ; 9 there are more than 5 (paired) observations ;	3

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2(d)	1 cross <u>melanic</u> with non-melanic ; 2 homozygous (dominant) melanic parent(s) will only have melanic offspring and heterozygous (melanic) parent(s) will have both phenotypes in offspring ; <i>Details about breeding experiment – max 1</i> 3 many breeding pairs ; 4 each breeding pair kept separate from other pairs or separate offspring from parents ; 5 count, the different phenotypes of offspring ;	3