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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.

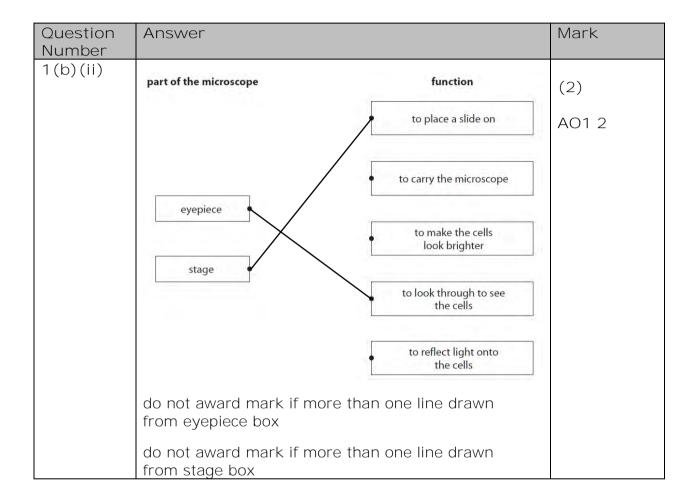
Assessment Objective		Command Word		
Strand	Element	Describe	Explain	
AO1		An answer that combines the marking points to provide a logical description	An explanation that links identification of a point with reasoning/justification(s) as required	
AO2		An answer that combines the marking points to provide 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	3a	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	

Question number	Answer	Mark
1(a)(i)	B cell membrane	(1)
	The only correct answer is B	AO1 1
	A is not correct because Y is not the cell wall	
	C is not correct because Y is not the nucleus	
	D is not correct because Y is not the cytoplasm	

Question number	Answer	Mark
1(a)(ii)	A chromosomes The only correct answer is A	(1)
	B is not correct because mitochondria are not found in Z	AO1 1
	C is not correct because ribosomes are not found in Z	
	D is not correct because vacuoles are not found in Z	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1(a)(iii)	mitochondria	accept cytoplasm	(1)
			AO1 1

Question number	Answer	Mark
1(b)(i)	cells appear { larger / magnified} / can be seen in more detail /organelles can be seen	(1) AO1 2



Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1(c)	picometre		(1)
			AO1 1

(Total for question 1 = 7 marks)

Question number	Answer	Mark
2(a)(i)	A layer A The only correct answer is A	(1)
	B is not correct because layer B will not contain the most recent fossils	AO2 1
	C is not correct because layer C will not contain the most recent fossils	
	D is not correct because layer D will not contain the most recent fossils	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
2(a)(ii)	 An explanation including tool A is less refined (than B, C and D) (1) (because) tool A was worked less (1) (because) it is older / made by earlier humans / less evolved humans (1) 	accept reverse arguments	(2) AO3 1ab

Question	Answer	Additional	Mark
number		guidance	
2(b)(i)	characteristics (1) selective (1)	answers must be in the correct order	(2) AO1 1

Question Number	Answer	Mark
2(b)(ii)	C all the DNA of an organism The only correct answer is C	(1) AO1 1
	A is not correct because the genome is not all the cells of an organism	AOTT
	B is not correct because the genome is not all the enzymes of an organism	
	D is not correct because the genome is not all the structures of an organism	

Question	Answer	Mark
number		
2(b)(iii)	food security / animals are less dangerous / make jobs easier / companionship / give humans protection	(1) AO1 1

(Total for question 2 = 7 marks)

Question	Answer	Additional	Mark
number		guidance	
3(a)(i)	similar pattern of bones / 5 digits / pentadactyl (limb)		(1) AO3 1a

Question Number	Answer	Mark
3(a)(ii)	D Alfred Russel Wallace	(1)
	The only correct answer is D	AO1 1
	A is not correct because Alexander Fleming did not work with Charles Darwin on the theory of evolution	
	B is not correct because Gregor Mendel did not work with Charles Darwin on the theory of evolution	
	C is not correct because Richard Leakey did not work with Charles Darwin on the theory of evolution	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3(b)(i)	(bones) contain (living) cells / nuclei / mitochondria	accept references to the role of DNA in bone cells	(1) AO2 1

Answer	Mark
 An answer including two from: (stem cells) divide / produce more cells (1) by mitosis (1) stem cells are undifferentiated (1) (stem cells) differentiate / develop into { different / specialised} types of cells (1) 	(2) AO1 1
	An answer including two from: • (stem cells) divide / produce more cells (1) • by mitosis (1) • stem cells are undifferentiated (1) • (stem cells) differentiate / develop into

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3(b)(iii)	cone(s) / rod(s)		(1)
			AO1 1

Question number	Answer	Mark
3(b)(iv)	 An answer including (transplanted stem cells) can develop / replace (retinal) cells (1) to correct blindness / damaged retina (1) 	(2) AO2 1

(Total for question 3 = 8 marks)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
4(a)	C it is not spread from person to person	(1)
	The only correct answer is C	AO1 1
	A is not correct because obesity is not spread from person to person	
	B is not correct because obesity is not caused by a virus	
	D is not correct because obesity does not last for a short time	

Question Number	Answer	Mark
4(b)(i)	 An explanation linking the risk is high (1) because the person is obese (1) 	(2) AO3 1ab

Question	Answer	Additional	Mark
Number		guidance	
4(b)(ii)	Any two from:		
			(2)
	 medication (1) 	accept named	
		medicines	AO1 1
	 heart transplant (1) 		
	• stents (1)		
	bypass surgery (1)		

Question Number	Answer	Mark
4(c)(i)	(the percentage of people who smoked cigarettes from 2011 to 2019) has decreased	(1) AO3 2a

Question Number	Answer	Mark
4(c)(ii)	 more smokers die than non-smokers (and fewer people taking up smoking) (1) people are more aware of the dangers of smoking / have followed health advice (1) (there are) alternatives to smoking cigarettes / { nicotine gum / nicotine patches / vapes} available (1) smoking cigarettes is expensive / unaffordable (1) 	(2) AO3 2a

Question Number	Answer	Mark
4(c)(iii)	a line showing a continued downward trend to 2041	(1)
		AO3 2a

Question Number	Answer	Mark
4(c)(iv)	B uncontrolled cell division	(1)
	The only correct answer is B	AO1 1
	A is not correct because cancer is not uncontrolled organ division	
	C is not correct because cancer is not controlled cell division	
	D is not correct because cancer is not controlled organ division	

(Total for question 4 = 10 marks)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
5(a)(i)	bacteria are killed (by the garlic extract / antibiotic)	(1) AO2 2

Question Number	Answer	Mark
5(a)(ii)	 An explanation linking C (is the 100 mg/cm³ concentration) (1) (because C) has the largest area with no bacterial growth / A and B have smaller areas (with no bacterial growth) (1) 	(2) AO3 2ab

Question	Answer	Mark
Number		
5(a)(iii)	one from:	
	• use a control (1)	(1)
	 use the same source of garlic extract (1) incubate the agar plates at the same temperature (1) ensure paper discs are the same size (1) measure the diameter of the clear zone (1) repeat (each concentration) (1) 	AO3 3a

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(a)(iv)	3.14 x 5 ² / 3.14 x 25 (1) 78.5 (mm ²)	award full marks for correct answer without working	(2) AO2 1

Question Number	Answer	Mark
5(b)(i)	to sterilise it / to kill {bacteria / microorganisms} (on the spreader)	(1) AO1 2

	Answer	Mark
Number 5(b)(ii) t	 disinfect the work surface / area (1) work close to a Bunsen burner (flame) (1) wear protective gloves / mask (1) taking the lid off for the minimum amount of time possible (1) aseptic techniques (1) 	(2) AO1 2

(Total for question 5 = 9 marks)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
6(a)	D recessive	(1)
	The only correct answer is D	AO1 1
	A is not correct because the term that describes the allele for white flowers is not heterozygous	
	B is not correct because the term that describes the allele for white flowers is not homozygous	
	C is not correct because the term that describes the allele for white flowers is not gamete	

Question Number	An	Answer			Mark
6(b)(i)					(2)
					AO2 2ab
	ſ		r	r	
		R	Rr	Rr	
		r	rr	rr	
		• gamet	tes (r r) (1)		
		• genoty	ypes of offspring	; (1)	

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(b)(ii)	50 (%)	ecf from Punnett square	(1) AO3 2a

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(c)(i)	$(133 \div 46) = 2.89 / 2.9 (1)$ Rounded to the whole number $3 (:1)$	award full marks for correct answer without working	(2) AO3 2a

Question Number	Answer	Mark
6(c)(ii)	 An explanation linking both parents are heterozygous / Pp / each parent has an allele for white flowers (1) 	(2) AO2 2
	 (so) some offspring have { two recessive alleles / pp} / are homozygous recessive (1) 	

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(d)(i)	An answer including two from		(2)
	 gametes are produced by meiosis (1) 		AO1 1
	 (meiosis) { halves the number of chromosomes / produces haploid gametes} / gametes have one of each pair of chromosomes (1) 		
		accept when gametes fuse diploid cells / cells with 14 chromosomes are produced (1)	

Question	Answer	Mark
Number 6(d)(ii)		
0(a)(ii)	Any two from:	(2)
	• (male and female) gametes fuse (1)	AO1 1
	• (forming a) zygote (1)	
	• (forming a) diploid cell (1)	

(Total for question 6 = 12 marks)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
7(a)	(using fertiliser) produces a larger one thousand grain mass / {bigger / heavier} grains		(1) AO3 1a

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
7(b)	An answer including:		(2)
	 (single) grains are {very small / have a small mass / have different masses} (1) 	accept reverse argument	AO2 2
	 so the mass of single grains would not allow a reliable comparison (of fertiliser treatments) to be made (1) 	accept to calculate an average (grain mass) (1)	

7(c)(i)	C using predators to control pests	(1)
	The only correct answer is C	AO1 1
	A is not correct because biological control is not using antiseptics to control pests	
	B is not correct because biological control is not using fertilisers to control pests	
	D is not correct because biological control is not using pesticides to control pests	

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
7(c)(ii)	 An explanation linking two from: (biological control agent) is enclosed / cannot escape if crop is under cover (1) so (biological control agent) more likely to {find / eat / destroy} pests (1) (therefore) less crop damage / more yield (if under cover) (1) 	accept predator / parasite / named predator e.g ladybirds	(2) AO2 2

Question number	Indicative content	Mark
7(d)*	 GM plants have their genome modified genes introduced into their genome, e.g. Bt corn 	(6) AO2 1
	 Advantages resistance to insects means less crop damage so there is a larger yield GM corn plants produce a toxin that kills insects the toxin is not released into the environment so {safer for farmers / beneficial insects not killed} less / no {insecticide / pesticide} needed so cheaper to manage pests (long term) 	
	 corn can be sprayed with weedkiller (to kill weeds) without affecting the crop crop grows better / larger yield because no weeds Disadvantages	
	 GM seeds are more expensive genes for {insect / weedkiller} resistance could become incorporated into {wild plants / weeds} 	
	 decreasing weeds / insect populations could impact biodiversity / food chains over time insects could become resistant to the toxin produced by the GM corn so concerns that weeds / pest could be more difficult to control in the future 	

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.
		 Lines 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, logical connections made between elements in the context of the question.
		 Lines of reasoning are supported by sustained application of relevant evidence.

Level	Mark	Additional Guidance	General additional guidance The level is determined by the areas of indicative content covered within the response. The mark within the level is determined by the detail and/or use of biological terms within each explanation.
	0	No rewardable material	
Level 1	1-2	Makes simple statements about an advantage or a disadvantage of growing GM corn plants.	 Possible candidate responses Seeds for GM corn plants are expensive. Seeds for GM corn plants are expensive so may not be affordable to some farmers.
Level 2	3-4	Makes simple statements to explain an advantage and a disadvantage of GM corn plants and makes some logical connections between points.	Dessible candidate responses Less pesticide are needed for GM corn plants. A disadvantage is that the seeds are expensive. Less pesticide is needed for GM corn plants. A disadvantage is that the seeds are expensive, but farmers spend less money on pesticides.
Level 3	5-6	Explains advantages and disadvantages of GM corn plants and makes logical connections between points.	 Possible candidate responses Less pesticide is needed for GM corn plants. The corn can be sprayed with weedkiller without affecting the crop. A disadvantage is that this can reduce the biodiversity. Seeds are also expensive to buy. Less pesticide is needed for GM corn plants. The corn can be sprayed with weedkiller without affecting the crop so a large yield will be produced. A disadvantage is that weedkillers can reduce biodiversity. Seeds are also expensive to buy, so farmers will not buy them and will continue to use pesticides.

(Total for Question 7 = 13 marks)

Question	Answer	Additional	Mark
number		guidance	
8(a)(i)	mutation / sexual reproduction / different combinations of alleles can occur	accept genetic modification	(1) AO2 1

Question number	Answer	Mark
8(a)(ii)	D phenotype The only correct answer is D A is not correct because gene is not the correct term for an observable characteristic B is not correct because genotype is not the correct term for an observable characteristic C is not correct because heterozygous is not the correct term for an observable characteristic	(1) AO1 1

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
number			
8(b)		ignore mitosis	(1)
	asexual (reproduction)	reject meiosis	AO1 1
		accept cloning / binary fission	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8(c)	One from advantages:	ignore genetically identical / no variation for advantages and disadvantages	(2) AO2 1
	 (fruit) will have desired qualities (1) 	accept examples of characteristics e.g. all tasty / same taste	
	 can be produced faster (1) 	ignore higher yield	
	AND		
	One from disadvantages:		
	 susceptible to a disease (1) 	accept inherited/genetic diseases	
	• can't survive an environmental change (1)	accept can't survive a selection pressure	
	 reduced gene pool (1) 		

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8(d)	A method including four from:		(4)
	 mix starch, enzyme and pH (solution) (1) 	all three solutions are required	AO3 3a
	 use iodine (to test for starch) (1) 	accept add iodine to a spotting tile	
	 (with iodine solution) blue-black means starch is present / { orange / brown} means no starch present (1) 	ignore blue	
	 control of one variable e.g. concentration, volume, temperature (1) 	ignore amount unless a measurement is given	
	 repeat using different pH solutions (1) 		

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8(e)	An explanation linking two from: • enzyme denatures (1)	accept enzyme changes shape	(2) AO2 1
	 which changes the shape of the active site (1) 		
	 so { the enzyme cannot bind to its substrate / active site no longer complementary / no enzyme-substrate complexes form} (1) 	accept substrate { no longer fits /is no longer complementary} accept starch for substrate	

(Total for question 8 = 11 marks)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
9(a)	Calculation	award full marks for the correct answer with no working	(2)
	$300 \div 30 / 2^{10} / \text{ indication that there are 10 divisions (1)}$	accept 512 for one mark	AO2 1
	Evaluation		
	1024		

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
9(b)(i)	(pathogens are organisms) that cause disease	ignore examples of pathogens unless linked to causing disease	(1) AO1 1
		accept cause disease / illness / infections	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
9(b)(ii)	An explanation including two from:		(2)
	• they inhibit processes (in bacteria) (1)	accept named processes e.g. disrupt cell walls	AO1 1
	 so bacteria { are destroyed / are killed / growth stops / reproduction stops} (1) 	accept slows down for stopped	
	 but antibiotics { do not affect/damage} the host cell (1) 		

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
9(b)(iii)	substitution 80 ÷ 0.005 (1)	award full marks for the correct answer with no working	(2) AO2 1
	16 000		

Question number	Indicative content	Mark
9(c)*		(6)
	<u>similarities</u>	
	 cell membrane cell wall ribosomes cytoplasm both have DNA 	AO1 1
	<u>differences</u>	
	 chromosomal DNA (bacteria) plasmid DNA (bacteria) flagella (bacteria) smaller size (bacteria) prokaryotic (bacteria) 	
	 nucleus containing DNA (plants) chloroplasts (plants) mitochondria (plants) vacuole (plants) eukaryotic (plants) 	

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 a description 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 a description 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 a description that has a well-developed structure which is clear, coherent and logical.

Level	Mark	Additional Guidance	General additional guidance The level is determined by the number points of indicative content and the inclusion of similarities and differences in the response. The mark within the level is determined by the depth of detail, coherence and accuracy of the response.
	0	No rewardable material	
Level 1	1-2	Makes simple statements identifying either similarities or differences between bacterial cells and plant cells.	Bacterial cells and plant cells have a cell wall. Bacterial cells and plant cells have a cell wall for structural support.
Level 2	3-4	Makes simple statements to describe a similarity and a difference between bacterial cells and plant cells including some detail.	Both cells have a cell membrane and a cell wall. Bacteria have flagella, but plant cells do not. Both cells have a cell membrane and a cell wall for structural support. Bacteria have flagella, but plant cells do not.
Level 3	5-6	Gives an accurate, detailed description of similarities and differences between bacterial cells and plant cells.	Both cells have a cell membrane and a cell wall. Bacteria have flagella and plasmids but plant cells do not. Both cells have a cell membrane and a cell wall for structural support. Bacteria have flagella for movement, and a plasmid, but plant cells do not.

(Total for question 9 = 13 marks)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
10(a)(i)		Award full marks for	(3)
	240 x 0.35 / 84 (1)	the correct answer with no workings	AO2 1
	240 - 84 (1)	ecf for an incorrect value subtracted from 240 shown in	
	156 (people)	workings	
	OR		
	100 - 35 / 65 / 0.65 (1)		
	0.65 x 240 / 65 ÷ 100 x 240 (1)	ecf for an incorrect value multiplied by 240 shown in	
	156 (people)	workings	
	OR		
	240 ÷ 100 / 2.4 (1)		
	2.4 x 65 (1)	ecf for an incorrect value multiplied by	
	156 (people)	65 shown in workings	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
10(a)(ii)	Any one from:		(1)
	• the eye(ball) is too long (1)	ignore the eye(ball) is too big	AO1 1
	• the cornea is too curved (1)		
	 lens is too thick/too curved (1) 		
	the {cornea/lens} refracts the light too much (1)		
	• {light rays focus/focal point is} in front of the retina (1)	ignore image forms in front of the retina	
		accept it is inherited / caused by genetics (1)	

Question number	Answer	Mark
10(a)(iii)	С	(1)
	•	AO1 1
	The only correct answer is C A is not correct because a convex lens is not used B is not correct because a convex lens is not used D is not correct because a concave lens doesn't refract light in this way	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
10(b)(i)	an answer including two from:		(2)
	• protein (has built up) (1)		AO1 1
	• (in the) <u>lens</u> (1)	accept cloudy lens	
	• light is dispersed (1)	accept not all the light rays pass through	
		ignore blurry vision	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
10(b)(ii)	(surgery to) replace the lens / use an {artificial / plastic lens}	ignore surgery /laser surgery	(1) AO1 1

Question number	Answer	Mark
10c(i)	A cerebellum	(1)
	The only correct answer is A	AO2 1
	B is not correct because structure X is not the cerebral hemisphere	
	C is not correct because structure X is not the medulla oblongata	
	D is not correct because structure X is not the spinal cord	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
10c(ii)	An answer including:		(2)
	 by electrical impulses (1) 	accept electrical message / signal	AO2 1
	 along a motor neurone (to the effector) (1) 	accept motor neurone in the correct place in a description of a reflex arc	

(Total for question 10 = 11 marks)