

GCSE

Biology A

Unit A163/02: Ideas in Context plus B7 (Higher Tier)

General Certificate of Secondary Education

Mark Scheme for June 2015

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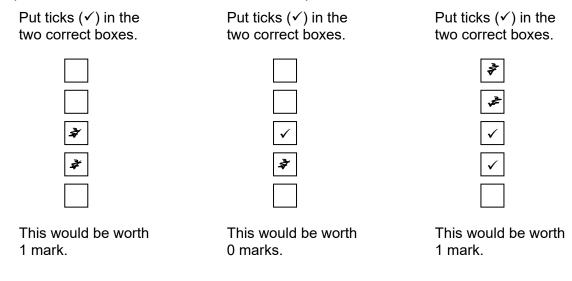
BP	Blank Page – this annotation must be used on all blank pages within an answer booklet (structured or unstructured) and on each page of an additional object where there is no candidate response.
?	indicate uncertainty or ambiguity
BOD	benefit of doubt
CON	contradiction
×	incorrect response
ECF	error carried forward
0	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
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~~~	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
NBOD	no benefit of doubt
R	reject
✓	correct response
<pre> { </pre>	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
<b>^</b>	information omitted

#### Subject-specific Marking Instructions

- a. If a candidate alters his/her response, examiners should accept the alteration.
- b. Crossed out answers should be considered only if no other response has been made. When marking crossed out responses, accept correct answers which are clear and unambiguous.

#### E.g.

For a one mark question, where ticks in boxes 3 and 4 are required for the mark:



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Question	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
Question 1 a	Expected Answers         [Level 3]         Includes three areas.         Quality of written communication does not impede communication of the science at this level.         (5 – 6 marks)         [Level 2]         Includes two areas.         Quality of written communication partly impedes communication of the science at this level.         (3 – 4 marks)         [Level 1]         Includes one area only.         Quality of written communication impedes communication of the science at this level.         (1 – 2 marks)         [Level 0]         Insufficient or irrelevant science. Answer not worthy of credit.         (0 marks)	Marks 6	Additional Guidance         This question is targeted to include grades D up to A.         Labels on diagram may include:         NB labels and structures may be in different positions.         Image: Structures of the structures may be in different positions.         Image: Structures of the structures may be in different positions.         Image: Structures of the structures may be in different positions.         Image: Structures of the structures may be in different positions.         Image: Structures of the structures of the structure of the structure of the structures of the structure o

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Que	estion	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
	b	Dislocation;	2	Do not credit sprain / strain / break/ overextension/ pulled
		Torn ligament or tendon;		
	С	Rest	2	Four correct (in any order) equals 2 marks
		Ice		Two or three correct equals 1 mark
		Compression		
		Elevation		RICE = 0
	d	Any 1 from	1	
		Idea of returning joint to normal / rehabilitation /		
		recover;		
		Use of exercise / strengthen;		
		Tota	[11]	

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Qu	esti	on	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
2	а		White blood cells fight infection / fight microbes/ produce antibodies; Platelets <u>clot</u> blood; Plasma_transports or carries_(substances / cells);	3	
	b		No <u>nucleus;</u> Concave / bi concave / large surface area;	2	
	С	i	Pulmonary artery; aorta; Vena cava; Pulmonary vein;	3	Any three for 3 marks Do not credit left aorta
		ii	Stop blood flowing backwards / into Atrium;	1	Allow blood flow in one direction
		iii	Idea that blood goes through the <b>heart twice</b> ; To the lungs and to the body;	2	
		iv	<i>Any two from</i> Only one ventricle / 3 chambers; Blood to body will not contain as much oxygen / not as efficient transport of oxygen; Blood with oxygen mixing with blood without oxygen;	2	Accept 'single chamber on the bottom'
		V	Any 2 from: mechanical valve – better survival rate ORA; Identification of the outlier / anomaly;	2	<b>Ignore</b> 'mechanical valves last longer' <b>Ignore</b> longer life expectancy Identification means either ' tissue valve' or '10 years'
		vi	There is no data after 15 years: How many patients were involved in each study; Were patients in each group matched; Age; Sex; Lifestyle / example of lifestyle e.g. drinking or smoking; Medical history; BMI / mass; Fitness;	2	
			Fitness; Total	[17]	

Question	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
Question 3	Expected Answers         [Level 3]         Comments refer to three areas.         Quality of written communication does not impede communication of the science at this level.         (5 – 6 marks)         [Level 2]         Comments refer to two areas.         Quality of written communication partly impedes communication of the science at this level.         (3 – 4 marks)         [Level 1]         Comments refer only to one area.         Quality of written communication impedes communication of the science at this level.         (1 – 2 marks)         [Level 0]         Insufficient or irrelevant science. Answer not worthy of credit.         (0 marks)	6	<ul> <li>This question is targeted up to grade A</li> <li>General points may include: <ul> <li>cold water loses heat /uses water to cool down</li> <li>fat insulates / stops heat loss</li> <li>idea that sun warms</li> <li>brain/hypothalamus monitors body temperature</li> </ul> </li> <li>Processes for keeping warm may include: <ul> <li>vasoconstriction/blood vessels constricting</li> <li>reduce blood flow to surface</li> <li>(vasoconstriction) so heat retained / reduces heat loss</li> <li>allow shivering (to generate heat)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Processes for keeping cool may include: <ul> <li>vasodilation/blood vessels dilating</li> <li>Increased blood flow to surface</li> <li>(vasodilation) so heat / energy lost (from surface)</li> <li>evaporation</li> </ul> </li> <li>Ignore ref to capillaries dilate or contract Ignore ref to sweating Ignore ref to homeostasis and negative feedback</li> </ul>
			Use the L1, L2, L3 annotations in Scoris; do not use ticks.
	Total	[6]	

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Question		Expected Answers	Expected Answers Marks Additional C		Additional Guidance
	a	Max 2 from one area For - Carbon not (shown) entering / leaving the system; Energy is not (shown) entering or leaving the system; Idea of recycled / no waste; Against - Fossil fuels lock carbon away for a long time; Carbon entering the atmosphere faster than leaving it; Fossil fuels used up faster than replaced;	3	<b>Ignore</b> any reference to <b>energy</b> being recycled/ not wasted. Do not credit "no recycling"	
	b	Sunlight / energy entering or leaving system; Outputs / losses = inputs / gains; OR Completely supported by what they produce;	1	Ignore closed loop	
		Total	[4]		

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Ques	stion	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
5 a	a	Level 3 (5–6 marks) Answer includes points from three areas. Quality of written communication does not impede communication of the science at this level. Level 2 (3–4 marks) Answer includes points from two areas. Quality of written communication partly impedes communication of the science at this level. Level 1 (1–2 marks) Answer includes points from one area. Quality of written communication impedes communication of the science at this level. Level 0 (0 marks) Insufficient or irrelevant science. Answer not worthy of credit.	6	<ul> <li>This question is targeted include grades B up to A*</li> <li>Relevant scientific points concerning eutrophication include: <ul> <li>Idea that nitrates cause algal bloom / growth / build up</li> <li>Algae cut off sun(light)</li> <li>Less photosynthesis</li> <li>so algae / plants die</li> <li>(Bacteria) decompose algae</li> <li>Bacteria use up oxygen</li> <li>Fish / organisms die due to lack of oxygen / need oxygen to survive</li> </ul> </li> <li>Relevant scientific points concerning table include: (Pond A) <ul> <li>High level nitrate / 61</li> <li>Low level of oxygen / 2</li> </ul> </li> <li>(Pond B) <ul> <li>Low level of nitrate / 8</li> <li>High level of oxygen / 13</li> </ul> </li> <li>Relevant scientific conclusions include: <ul> <li>Pond A / pond with highest nitrates is eutrophic</li> <li>Pond B / pond with lowest nitrates is healthy / not eutrophic</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
b	o i	Idea that pesticide could be toxic / poisonous / harmful to people or living things/ environment e.g. bioaccumulation/decrease in biodiversity;	1	Ignore eutrophication Ignore contamination
	ii	How bad/ serious/ harmful/ damaging/ toxic/ dangerous the risk/ effect is; Chances/ likelihood of risk happening;	2	Ignore any ideas of dosage/ numbers of people affected

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Qı	Question		on Expected Answers		Additional Guidance
		iii	Benefits are high or example of benefit (e.g. increased yield/increased profit); Risk is low;	2	Benefits outweigh risk = 2 marks <b>Accept</b> have confidence in scientists or farmers = 1 mark
	С	i	3 in 1000 or 3/1000 or .003 or 0.3% (2);	2	ignore 3:1000 Allow 1 in 1000 for 1 mark Ignore 2/1000
		ii	Perceived - Increase of <u>50%</u> sounds high; Calculated - But it is <b>only</b> 3 in 1000 / increase of <b>only</b> 1 in 1000 ;	2	ecf from ci
			Total	[15]	

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Qu	Question		Expected Answers		Additional Guidance
6	а	i	Non specialised/undifferentiated; Can become any type of cell/specialised cell;	2	Ignore just 'other cells', just 'another cell'
		ii	stem cells <b>injected into brain</b> ; Stem cells turn <b>into</b> / grow <b>into</b> nerve cells; to produce dopamine;	3	Ignore stem cells grow/replicate/make/replace/repair nerve cells
	b		Any 2 from How to power it / battery replacement / may run out; <u>Rejection;</u> Radio /electrical/ magnetic interference; (Constant) pace of the pacemaker may be too fast / too slow / inadequate (to meet the demands of the body);	2	<b>Ignore</b> idea of pacemaker failure <b>Ignore</b> idea of faulty battery
			Total	[7]	
			Paper total	60	

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