



...day June 20XX – Morning/Afternoon

GCSE (9–1) Combined Science (Biology) A (Gateway Science)

J250/01 Paper 1 (Foundation Tier)

SAMPLE MARK SCHEME

Duration: 1 hour 10 minutes

MAXIMUM MARK 60

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This document consists of 16 pages

MARKING INSTRUCTIONS**PREPARATION FOR MARKING****SCORIS**

1. Make sure that you have accessed and completed the relevant training packages for on-screen marking: *scoris assessor Online Training*; *OCR Essential Guide to Marking*.
2. Make sure that you have read and understood the mark scheme and the question paper for this unit. These are posted on the RM Cambridge Assessment Support Portal <http://www.rm.com/support/ca>.
3. Log-in to scoris and mark the **required number** of practice responses (“scripts”) and the **required number** of standardisation responses.

YOU MUST MARK 10 PRACTICE AND 10 STANDARDISATION RESPONSES BEFORE YOU CAN BE APPROVED TO MARK LIVE SCRIPTS.

MARKING

1. Mark strictly to the mark scheme.
2. Marks awarded must relate directly to the marking criteria.
3. The schedule of dates is very important. It is essential that you meet the scoris 50% and 100% (traditional 50% Batch 1 and 100% Batch 2) deadlines. If you experience problems, you must contact your Team Leader (Supervisor) without delay.
4. If you are in any doubt about applying the mark scheme, consult your Team Leader by telephone, email or via the scoris messaging system.

5. Work crossed out:
 - a. where a candidate crosses out an answer and provides an alternative response, the crossed out response is not marked and gains no marks.
 - b. if a candidate crosses out an answer to a whole question and makes no second attempt, and if the inclusion of the answer does not cause a rubric infringement, the assessor should attempt to mark the crossed out answer and award marks appropriately.
6. Always check the pages (and additional objects if present) at the end of the response in case any answers have been continued there. If the candidate has continued an answer there then add a tick to confirm that the work has been seen.
7. There is a NR (No Response) option. Award NR (No Response)
 - if there is nothing written at all in the answer space
 - OR if there is a comment which does not in any way relate to the question (e.g. 'can't do', 'don't know')
 - OR if there is a mark (e.g. a dash, a question mark) which isn't an attempt at the question.Note: Award 0 marks – for an attempt that earns no credit (including copying out the question).
8. The scoris **comments box** is used by your Team Leader to explain the marking of the practice responses. Please refer to these comments when checking your practice responses. **Do not use the comments box for any other reason.** If you have any questions or comments for your Team Leader, use the phone, the scoris messaging system, or email.
9. Assistant Examiners will send a brief report on the performance of candidates to their Team Leader (Supervisor) via email by the end of the marking period. The report should contain notes on particular strengths displayed as well as common errors or weaknesses. Constructive criticism of the question paper/mark scheme is also appreciated.

10. For answers marked by levels of response:

Read through the whole answer from start to finish, using the Level descriptors to help you decide whether it is a strong or weak answer. The indicative scientific content in the Guidance column indicates the expected parameters for candidates' answers, but be prepared to recognise and credit unexpected approaches where they show relevance. Using a 'best-fit' approach based on the skills and science content evidenced within the answer, first decide which set of level descriptors, Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3, best describes the overall quality of the answer. Once the level is located, award the higher or lower mark:

The higher mark should be awarded where the level descriptor has been evidenced and all aspects of the communication statement (in italics) have been met.

The lower mark should be awarded where the level descriptor has been evidenced but aspects of the communication statement (in italics) are missing.

In summary:

The skills and science content determines the level.

The communication statement determines the mark within a level.

11. Annotations

Annotation	Meaning
DO NOT ALLOW	Answers which are not worthy of credit
IGNORE	Statements which are irrelevant
ALLOW	Answers that can be accepted
()	Words which are not essential to gain credit
—	Underlined words must be present in answer to score a mark
ECF	Error carried forward
AW	Alternative wording
ORA	Or reverse argument

12. Subject-specific Marking Instructions

INTRODUCTION

Your first task as an Examiner is to become thoroughly familiar with the material on which the examination depends. This material includes:

- the specification, especially the assessment objectives
- the question paper
- the mark scheme.

You should ensure that you have copies of these materials.

You should ensure also that you are familiar with the administrative procedures related to the marking process. These are set out in the OCR booklet **Instructions for Examiners**. If you are examining for the first time, please read carefully **Appendix 5 Introduction to Script Marking: Notes for New Examiners**.

Please ask for help or guidance whenever you need it. Your first point of contact is your Team Leader.

The breakdown of Assessment Objectives for GCSE (9–1) in Combined Science A (Gateway Science):

	Assessment Objective
AO1	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of scientific ideas and scientific techniques and procedures.
AO1.1	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of scientific ideas.
AO1.2	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of scientific techniques and procedures.
AO2	Apply knowledge and understanding of scientific ideas and scientific enquiry, techniques and procedures.
AO2.1	Apply knowledge and understanding of scientific ideas.
AO2.2	Apply knowledge and understanding of scientific enquiry, techniques and procedures.
AO3	Analyse information and ideas to interpret and evaluate, make judgements and draw conclusions and develop and improve experimental procedures.
AO3.1	Analyse information and ideas to interpret and evaluate.
AO3.1a	Analyse information and ideas to interpret.
AO3.1b	Analyse information and ideas to evaluate.
AO3.2	Analyse information and ideas to make judgements and draw conclusions.
AO3.2a	Analyse information and ideas to make judgements.
AO3.2b	Analyse information and ideas to draw conclusions.
AO3.3	Analyse information and ideas to develop and improve experimental procedures.
AO3.3a	Analyse information and ideas to develop experimental procedures.
AO3.3b	Analyse information and ideas to improve experimental procedures.

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SECTION A

Question	Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
1	A	1	1.1	
2	A	1	1.1	
3	C	1	1.1	
4	C	1	2.1	
5	A	1	2.1	
6	C	1	2.2	
7	C	1	1.1	
8	C	1	2.1	
9	D	1	1.1	
10	D	1	2.1	

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SECTION B

Question		Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
11	(a)	control <i>blood</i> sugar / control glucose in the blood (1)	1	1.1	
	(b)	maintaining a constant internal environment (2) BUT balancing bodily inputs and outputs (1)	2	1.1	ALLOW in response to internal and external changes (1)
	(c) (i)	follicle stimulating hormone (FSH) correctly labelled on the pituitary gland (1) oestrogen correctly labelled on the ovary (1) progesterone correctly labelled on the ovary (1)	3	1.2	ALLOW correctly labelled arrows pointing to or word written over correct organ ALLOW correctly labelled arrows or word written over either/both ovaries

Question	Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
(ii)*	<p>Please refer to the marking instructions on page 4 of this mark scheme for guidance on how to mark this question.</p> <p>Level 3 (5–6 marks) identifies more than two correct stages of the menstrual cycle and correctly links these to the hormones involved and their relative levels during the cycle.</p> <p><i>There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured. The information presented is relevant and substantiated.</i></p> <p>Level 2 (3–4 marks) identifies two correct stages of the menstrual cycle and correctly links these to the hormones involved.</p> <p><i>There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The information presented is relevant and supported by some evidence.</i></p> <p>Level 1 (1–2 marks) identifies at least two correct stages of the menstrual cycle and the day they occur.</p> <p><i>The information is basic and communicated in an unstructured way. The information is supported by limited evidence and the relationship to the evidence may not be clear.</i></p> <p>0 marks <i>No response or no response worthy of credit.</i></p>	6	<p>2 x 2.2</p> <p>4 x 1.2</p>	<p>AO2.2: Apply knowledge and understanding of the menstrual cycle to identify from the graph the relative levels of hormone and their effects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • menstruation occurs due to low levels of oestrogen and progesterone • lining of the uterus starts to thicken as the levels of oestrogen rise • maintaining thickened lining due to high levels of progesterone <p>AO1.2: Demonstrates knowledge about menstruation and also the role of the female sex hormones in the cycle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • oestrogen also inhibits FSH to ensure only one egg is released per cycle • ovulation occurs due to FSH causing the ovary to develop a mature egg / ovum - which is usually released around day 14 • FSH also stimulates ovaries to produce oestrogen • ALLOW oestrogen stimulates the pituitary gland to release LH (luteinising hormone) that stimulates egg release

Question		Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
12	(a)	to make sure each measuring cylinder had the same amount of water at the start (1)	1	2.2	ALLOW so it is a fair test
	(b)	prevent water evaporating from the measuring cylinder (1)	1	2.2	
	(c)	max one from: when the cutting was set up (1) how long each cutting has been in the water (1) max two from: the start and finish volumes of water (1) calculation of the change in volume (1) the start and finish masses of the cylinders (1) calculation of the change in mass (1)	1 2	3.2a 2 x 3.3a	ALLOW correct labels in table headings ALLOW volume of water at timed intervals ALLOW masses at timed intervals
	(d) (i)	(group 3's value of) 232 is similar/closest to 230.4 (1)	1	2.1	
	(ii)	any two from: different number of leaves on cuttings (1) leaves of different surface area (1) unhealthy plants may not work so well (1)	2	2 x 3.1a	ALLOW there may be slight differences in humidity of the air / any breezes in the room could affect the rate of water loss from the cuttings

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	<p>(iii) take more cuttings as samples (1) repeating the procedure will improve accuracy(1)</p> <p>OR</p> <p>more accurate measurements of mass/volume (1) will improve the precision of answer (1)</p> <p>OR</p> <p>measuring the mass of the cutting before and after (1) could eliminate any error due to cutting growth (1)</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>2 x 3.3b</p>	

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Question		Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
14	(a)	50 (°C) (1)	1	2.1	
	(b)	enzyme A rate is decreasing enzyme B rate is increasing (1) values to be added from the graph measurement from graph to show rate of enzyme A and B at 45 (°C) (2) rate of reaction for A is greater at 45 (°C)/twice as fast (1)	4	4 x 2.1 3.1a	
	(c)	enzyme A (no mark) fastest rate /optimum temperature is around 37 (°C) (1) which is human body temperature 37 (°C) (1)	2	3.2b 3.1b	

