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Science B

Unit B712/02: Modules B2, C2, P2 (Higher Tier)

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B712/02 Annotations used in scoris

Annotation	Meaning				
	correct response				
×	incorrect response				
BOD	benefit of the doubt				
NBOD	benefit of the doubt <u>not</u> given	benefit of the doubt <u>not</u> given			
ECF	error carried forward	error carried forward			
^	information omitted	information omitted			
I	ignore				
R	reject				
CON	contradiction				

Abbreviations, annotations and conventions used in the detailed Mark Scheme.

- / = alternative and acceptable answers for the same marking point
- (1) = separates marking points
- **allow** = answers that can be accepted
- **not** = answers which are not worthy of credit
- **reject** = answers which are not worthy of credit
- **ignore** = statements which are irrelevant
- () = words which are not essential to gain credit
 - = underlined words must be present in answer to score a mark (although not correctly spelt unless otherwise stated)
- ecf = error carried forward
- AW = alternative wording
- ora = or reverse argument

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1 a	the tick lives on or feeds on deer / squirrel / mouse (causing them harm) (1)	1	allow the tick lives on other organisms or host (causing them harm) allow tick sucks or feed on blood allow feed on living animals or plants allow feeds on animals or plants causing them harm but ignore just 'feeds on animals or plants' ignore tick takes energy from deer / squirrel / mouse
b	competition between (different) species or different types of animals(1)	2	allow when prey has more than one predator (1) ignore competition between two different animals
	example from the web used (1)		 e.g. beetle and ant (1) any two from caterpillar / deer / squirrel / mouse (1) but beetle and ant both feed on caterpillar (2) any two from caterpillar / deer / squirrel / mouse feed on oak (2) allow any two from mouse / beetle / ant feed on caterpillar (2)
C	draw a pyramid shape (1)	2	drawn pyramids must have four levels ignore labels
	then any one from:		
	idea oak (is large so) has a large biomass (1)		allow correct definition of both pyramids e.g. (pyramid of) biomass
	idea that caterpillars are smaller than oak so many can feed on single oak (1)		shows the (dry) mass or weight of each level and (pyramid of) numbers shows the number of each organism or level (1)
	idea that ants will be smaller than caterpillars so have a smaller biomass (1)		ignore ideas about transfer of energy
	idea biomass is average mass times the number so a very large mass will make the biomass large (1)		

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
d	ammonia / nitrites (1) nitrifying (1)	2	allow NH ₃ / NO ₂ ⁻ (1)
	Total	7	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
2	Level 3 (5 - 6 marks) Describes sustainable fishing	6	This question is targeted at grades up to A* Indicative scientific points at level 3 that may be included:
	AND		 some ideas from level 1 and 2
	detailed evaluation of the process AND		 initially successful as rise in levels above safe stock level
	identifies more than one problem with sustainable fishing.		 increase in catch in late 80's resulted in fall in population
	Quality of written communication does not impede communication		 reducing the catch number in the 90's has allowed the levels to rise again
	of the science at this level. (5 – 6 marks)		now above the precautionary level so successful
	Level 2 (3 - 4 marks) Describes sustainable fishing AND attempts to evaluate the		Indicative scientific points at level 1 and 2 that may be included: evaluation
	process OR		 herring numbers are now going up so has been successful
	describes sustainable fishing AND identifies one problem		 some years are better than others as the population has gone up and down
	with sustainable fishing OR		 no real success as numbers keep going up and down
	attempts to evaluate the process AND identifies one problem with sustainable fishing Quality of written communication partly impedes communication of the science at this level.		 problems difficult to manage in North sea as need agreement of all the countries difficult to manage as large area to police
	(3 – 4 marks)		 some fishermen could take more than they should without being caught different equation manual to get different quarter / setab numbers
	Attempts to evaluate the process		 different countries may want to set different quotas / catch numbers idea that difficult to avoid catching herring along with other fish / bycatch
	OR identifies one problem with sustainable fishing		idea that if not catching herring will catch other species
	OR		idea that employment drops if quotas set
	attempts to describe sustainable fishing OR a simple description of the changes shown on the graph 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.		 idea that quotas can reduce income of fishermen idea that quotas can lead to increased price of herring
			description
			 sustainable fishing is when you (take enough herring to feed the human population but) leave enough to maintain the herring population
	(0marks)		Use the L1, L2, L3 annotations in Scoris; do not use ticks.
	Total	6	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
3 a i	8 (2) but if answer incorrect then <u>38</u> (1) 5	2	allow 7.6 (1) if answer line blank, mark the answer in the table, answer on line takes precedence
a ii	mean for leech or flatworms or some pollution in water organisms is the highest / more leech or flatworms present (1) so indicates some pollution / leech or flatworms can survive in polluted water (1)	2	 allow very few clean water species (caddis fly and dragonfly) present (1) so some pollution must be present (1) / ORA allow more polluted water organisms than clean ones (1) allow leech or flatworms are indicator species for pollution (1) but leech or flatworms are indicator species for some pollution (2)
b i	D (1)	1	
b ii	 any two from: absence of dragon fly or caddis fly numbers or clean water organisms would indicate some pollution (1) numbers of leech or flatworms or some pollution in water organisms show not heavily polluted or shows some pollution (1) numbers of rat-tailed maggots or bloodworms or very polluted water organisms show not heavily polluted or shows not C (1) 	2	marks are conditional on identifying location D allow idea of dilution of pollution by the time it gets to D (1)
	Total	7	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
4 a	Syrmaticus (1)	1	
b	critical (1)	1	mark answer on line first allow answer ringed, underlined or ticked if no answer on the answer line
C	idea of survival of the fittest (1)	1	allow description of survival of the fittest e.g. pheasants without bright colours died out (1) allow organism with variation is better adapted to survive (1) allow death of offspring without the feature (1)
d	 any two from: idea the Darwin's ideas are based on genetics or genes or alleles / idea that Lamarck's ideas have no genetic basis (1) Darwin's ideas are based on inherited characteristics / ORA (1) Lamarck's ideas are based on acquired characteristics / ORA (1) but idea that we now know inherited characteristics are controlled by genetics or genes or alleles (2) 	2	ignore references to DNA
	Total	5	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
5 a	either CaO or CO ₂ on RHS (1) BUT CaCO ₃ \rightarrow CaO + CO ₂ (2)	2	allow any correct multiple e.g. $2CaCO_3 \rightarrow 2CaO + 2CO_2$ (2)
			allow $CaCO_3$ + heat \rightarrow CaO + CO ₂ (1) allow heat above arrow
			allow = or ≒ for arrow not 'and' or & for +
			allow one mark for correct balanced equation with minor errors in case, subscript and superscript
			e.g. $CaCo^3 \rightarrow CAO + CO_2$ (1)
b	break down (of a substance)(using heat) (1)	1	allow a reaction which produces two or more substances from one substance (by heating) (1)
			allow (substance) decomposes (with heat) / break up (of a
			substance)(with heat) (1)
			allow cracking at high temperature (1)
			allow molecules break down (1)
			ignore breaks up bonds not heat particles broken down
			not breakdown of heat
			not elements break down
			ignore decay / dissolve
С	(limestone and) clay (1)	2	ignore other additions e.g. sand or water
			2 nd mark dependent on clay
	heated (together) (1)		not burn or melt
d	granite	2	all correct scores 2
	marble		but if incorrect then
	limestone		any two adjacent materials in correct order / any two in correct position
	talc		scores 1
е	granite is an igneous rock (1)	2	allow descriptions of how granite and limestone are made or how their structures explain their relative hardness e.g. granite is hard because it
	limestone is a sedimentary rock (1)		structures explain their relative hardness e.g granite is hard because it has interlocking crystals (1)
			allow one is igneous and one is sedimentary (1)
	Total	9	

Question	n Answer	Marks	Guidance
6 a	crust and upper or outer part of the mantle (1)	1	allow cold, rigid outer part of the Earth (1)
			ignore between crust and mantle
b	idea that crust is too thick to drill through / idea that need to use seismic waves produced by man-made explosions (1)	1	allow too thick to dig through (1) allow don't have the technology to go deep into the Earth (1) allow idea that it is too hot to reach the core or centre of the Earth (1) allow idea that it is difficult to predict and/or measure seismic waves produced by earthquakes (1) ignore too hard to drill through ignore just 'can't drill through it' ignore impossible to reach the centre of the Earth
			ignore mines are only drilled a small amount into the Earth
C	any two from (Wegener) continental drift theory (in 1914) (1) idea that tectonic plates once fitted together or coastlines fitted together e.g. Africa and South America (1)	2	allow descriptions of continental drift (1)
	(Wegener) found similar earthworms in different continents (1)		allow different countries
	continuity of fossil record on different continents (1)		allow different countries
	similar rock layers found in different continents (1)		allow different countries
	idea that this theory was not accepted by scientists at that time (1)		
	idea of magnetic orientation of ocean floor (1)		
	idea of sea floor spreading e.g. mid Atlantic trough (1)		allow Rift Valley (1)
	research supported by theory of plate tectonics so slowly accepted by scientists (1)		
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7 a	copper – any one from best or good heat conductor / malleable (so easy to shape) / not very strong (1)	4	use ticks in this question ignore references to corrosion and density and melting point
	brass – any one from worst or poor heat conductor / malleable (so easy to shape) / strongest or high strength (1)		
	zinc – any one from poor heat conductor / brittle or poor malleability (so would crack) / lowest strength (1)		
	best choice copper (1)		
b	advantage –any one from	2	only award 1 mark for any idea linked to economics
	idea that it is economically advantageous (1)		allow less use of landfill or reduces disposal problems (1) allow idea that jobs created in recycling industry (1) ignore cheaper
	idea that saves energy (1)		
	idea that saves natural resources (1)		allow idea that less mining needed (1) allow idea that materials are not wasted (1) ignore sustainable
	disadvantage – any one from		Ignore sustainable
	idea that it is economically disadvantageous (1)		e.g reduces jobs for miners (1) ignore more expensive
	difficult to sort (1)		allow idea that recycling is time consuming e.g. takes time to dismantle cars (1)

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			ignore recycling is less convenient
			allow storage for recycling is needed (1)
	some materials cannot be recycled (1)		
	Total	6	

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
8	Level 3 One correct half equation is written AND a description of what happens at both electrodes. Quality of written communication does not impede communication of the science at this level. (5 – 6 marks) Level 2 A correct description of the electrolysis apparatus AND a description of what happens at one of the electrodes Quality of written communication partly impedes communication of the science at this level. (3 – 4 marks)	6	 This question is targeted at grades up to A/A*. Indicative scientific points at level 3 may include: some of the points at levels 1 and 2 and in addition either cathode reaction Ag⁺ + e⁻ → Ag or anode reaction Ag - e⁻ → Ag⁺ / Ag → Ag⁺ + e⁻ oxidation occurs at the anode reduction occurs at the cathode concentration of silver nitrate solution is unchanged Description of what happens at the electrodes cathode gains mass silver is deposited at cathode anode loses mass silver dissolves at anode impurities fall to the bottom at anode silver (atoms) lose electrons (to make silver ions) at cathode silver ions gain electrons (to make silver atoms)
	Level 1 A simple description of the electrolysis apparatus OR a description of what happens at <u>one</u> of the electrodes 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. (0marks)		 Description of electrolysis apparatus cathode is pure silver anode is impure silver silver nitrate solution is the electrolyte / conducts electricity cathode is negative electrode (from diagram) anode is positive electrode (from diagram) If anode is stated as pure silver and cathode as impure silver with no other correct statements then 1 mark scored. If answer describes copper purification then max level 2. Use the L1, L2, L3 annotations in Scoris; do not use ticks.
	Insufficient or irrelevant science. Answer not worthy of	6	Use the L1, L2, L3 annotations

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
9 a	(Source A) gamma / γ (Source B) alpha / α (Source C) beta / β	2	three correct (2) one or two correct (1)
b	1 (overalls etc) disposed of in landfill (1) 2 (active waste) encased in concrete or glass or in storage drums and buried (deep underground) (1)	2	 allow bury them (1) allow bury (in containers) underground (1) allow underground (1) ignore burn them ignore put them in the bin allow encased in lead and buried (1) allow idea of sealed in concrete box or metal box and buried (1) ignore sealed in a glass box ignore just 'buried' ignore idea of buried and then covered in concrete allow reprocessed and buried (1) but ignore just reprocessed allow stored in drums underwater or storage pond (1) but not
	Total	4	

Questio	n	Answer	Marks	Guidance
10 a	i	(television) 2.5 (kWh) (1)	1	allow answer in table if no answer on line answer on line takes precedent
i	ii	184(p) (2) but if incorrect	2	allow £1.84 (2) allow 1.84 (1)
		11.5 x 16 (1)		allow correct working e.g. (4.0 x 16) + (7.5 x 16) (1)
b		idea that off peak is only available during the night (1)	2	allow only available at inconvenient times (1) ignore idea that vacuum uses very little energy so doesn't make much difference to the cost
		vacuum cleaner is used when off peak not available or is not used at night (1)		allow (idea that) do not want to disturb the neighbours (at night) or makes a lot of noise at night (1) ignore Louis would be asleep allow he uses the vacuum in the day (only) (1)
		Total	5	

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
11	Level 3 Describes one advantage and one disadvantage for both types of power station AND gives an explanation for two of the advantages and/or disadvantages. Quality of written communication does not impede communication of the science at this level. (5 – 6 marks) Level 2 Describes one advantage and one disadvantage for one type of power station OR describes a total of two advantages and/or disadvantages for either type of power station AND attempts an explanation for one advantage or one disadvantage. Quality of written communication partly impedes communication of the science at this level. (3 – 4 marks) Level 1 Describes one advantage or one disadvantage for either type of power station. 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	This question is targeted at grades up to A Indicative scientific points may include: NUCLEAR ADVANTAGES • no carbon dioxide produced ignore unqualified references to pollution • small quantities of fuel needed / idea of more energy per unit mass • fuel readily available • no need for expensive transport system Explanations • no carbon dioxide produced so will not contribute to greenhouse effect/ global warming • fuel readily available so there will not be a shortage of fuel for the power station • no need for expensive transport system to get fuel to power station NUCLEAR DISADVANTAGES • radioactive waste ignore toxic or nuclear waste • security of transport of fuel • expensive to build • danger of exposure to radiation • decommissioning is expensive • plutonium is a waste product • plutonium is a waste product • transport of fuel because it needs high security • danger of exposure to radiation can cause cancer, etc • plutonium is a waste product used to make atom bombs • idea that consequences of accidents are far reaching • could be a terrorist target COAL ADVANTAGES • available for hundreds of years / large supplies available • fuel is cheap • no radioactive waste • cheaper to build (than nuclear) • available for hundreds of years so unlikely to run out • fuel is cheap so will keep the cost of electricity low COAL DISADVANTAGES • produces carbon dioxide • needs to be transported • a non-nerewable source • produces ash • produces carbon dioxide • no neredise bource so will eventually run out / is finite • non-nerewable source • produces ash • produces carbon dioxide which is a greenhouse gas / causes global warming • a non-nerewable source • produces ash which needs to be disposed of • suffur dioxide causes acid rain or smog Use the L1, L2, L3 annotations in Scoris; do not use ticks.
	Total	6	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
12 a	doubling the surface area doubles the current (on its own) / doubling the light intensity doubles the current (on its own) (1) but	2	allow 4 x area = 4 x current (1) allow current is (directly) proportional to surface area or light intensity (1)
	(if you double both of them then) the current increases by four / (if you double both of them then) the current increases by more than double (2)		allow you only need to double either to double the current (2) allow current is (directly) proportional to surface area x light intensity (2) but increases by any other incorrect factor max 1 mark
b	18 (%) (2) but if incorrect <u>60</u> (x 100) (1) <u>333</u>	2	allow 0.18 % (1) but 0.18 with % rubbed out (2) allow 18.02 (%) or 18.018 (%) (2) but 18.01 (%) (1)
c i	50 (W) (1)	1	
ii	1.2 million or 1 200 000 or 1.2 x 10 ⁶ (1)	1	allow ecf from (c)(i)
	Total	6	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
13 a	samples of the Moon rock have been analysed or tested or brought back to Earth / robots can analyse the Moon rock (and send information back to Earth) (1)	2	allow soil or (moon)dust for rock ignore surface
	(samples show) similarity in rocks between the Earth and the Moon (1)		allow iridium or trace elements in Moon rock same as on Earth (1) allow similar levels of oxygen in Moon rock (1) ignore Moon rock less dense ignore Moon has no iron core / ora
b	gravity or gravitational pull (1)	2	allow centripetal force (1) ignore G-force not centrifugal force ignore GPE
	pulls or attracts the Moon to the centre of its orbit / pulls or attracts the Moon to (the centre of) the Earth (1)		 allow pulls the Earth to (the centre of) the Moon (1) allow gravity provides the centripetal force (2) but gravity is the centripetal force (1) Contradictions score 0 e.g. centripetal force because it opposes gravity scores 0.
	Total	4	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
14 a	2.64 or -2.64 scores (2) if answer incorrect then	2	ignore signs allow 2.6 or – 2.6 (2)
	$\frac{5.4 + 0.6 + 2.4 + 1.7 + 3.1}{5} \text{or } \frac{13.2}{5}(1)$		allow 264 % (1)
b	sensible choice of scale on y axis so that graph covers at least half of the paper and covers a range between 1.8 and 4.4 (1) all five bars plotted correctly (1)	2	allow double width bars allow tolerance of $\pm \frac{1}{2}$ square on plotting
C	player A (1) lost most fat and gained most muscle (1)	2	second mark dependent on choosing player A both ideas required allow lost most weight and gained most muscle (1) allow highest difference in muscle and body fat (1) allow player D provided the justification is after the diet player D has the lowest body fat percentage and the highest muscle percentage (2).
d	player A – contains 120g of protein and 42g of fat (1) player B – contains 94g of protein and 42g of fat (1) player C – contains 81g of protein and 157g of fat (1) player A (1)	4	check table for answers/working if not given on answer line allow player A has highest protein content and same fat content as player B (1) allow ecf on incorrect calculations for last mark
	Total	10	

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