

GCSE (9–1)

Combined Science B

(Twenty First Century Science)

J260/05: Biology (Higher Tier)

General Certificate of Secondary Education

Mark Scheme for June 2019

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Annotations available in RM Assessor

Annotation	Meaning
✓	Correct response
×	Incorrect response
^	Omission mark
BOD	Benefit of doubt given
CON	Contradiction
RE	Rounding error
SF	Error in number of significant figures
ECF	Error carried forward
LI	Level 1
L2	Level 2
L3	Level 3
NBOD	Benefit of doubt not given
SEEN	Noted but no credit given
I	Ignore

Abbreviations, annotations and conventions used in the detailed Mark Scheme (to include abbreviations and subject-specific conventions).

Annotation	Meaning
1	alternative and acceptable answers for the same marking point
✓	Separates marking points
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

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 B:

	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.

(Question	Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
1	(a)	Cytoplasm ✓ Mitochondria ✓	2	2x1.1	
	(b)	Active transport ✓ Muscle contraction ✓	2	2x1.1	
	(c)	Any three from: comment on safety/hazards/ways to reduce risk ✓	3	3x1.2	
		how much mass of potato is used each time ✓			ALLOW weight/amount of potato used each time/how much potato extract / how much time to soak the disc in the potate extract
		type/size/surface area of the paper ✓			in the potato extract
		how much/volume of water each time ✓			
		the volume/amount/concentration of H₂O₂/solution ✓			
		the temperature ✓			
		the size of the test tube ✓			
		start the timer at the same time e.g. when disc has sunk to the bottom of the test tube \checkmark			
	(d)	Any two from: the reaction makes oxygen/gas ✓	2	2x2.2	Candidates need to refer to more once for marking points 2 and 3
		more oxygen/bubbles formed when (rate of) reaction is faster ✓			
		more oxygen/bubbles means the disc will rise faster ✓			

Que	stion	Answer		AO element	Guidance
(e)	(i)	FIRST CHECK THE ANSWER ON ANSWER LINE If answer = 0.131 (s ⁻¹) award 3 marks		3x2.2	Check for answer written in/beside the table
		1 ÷ 7.66 ✓			
		= 0.1305483 ✓			
		= 0.131 (s ⁻¹) (3sf) \(\)			
(e)	(ii)	Between 0.75% and 6.00% H2O2 the reaction rate increases by approximately 2.5 times ✓	2	2x3.2b	
		The biggest difference in time taken for the paper disc to reach the surface is between 0.75 and 1.50% H2O2 ✓			
(f)		Idea of repeat readings ✓	1	3.3b	
(g)		Hydrogen peroxide/H₂O₂ is the substrate/key ✓	4	2.1	ALLOW labelled diagrams for mark points three and four.
		Substrate fits into the active site/lock of the enzyme ✓		1.1	Tour.
		Idea that shapes of substrate and active site are complementary/substrate is the correct shape ✓		1.1	
		Idea that only H_2O_2 can fit into the active site of catalase		1.1	

Q	uestic	on	Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
2	(a)	(i)	Arrow from herring (only) to human ✓	1	2.1	Arrow head can point in any direction but must be from herring to human, e.g. Hamans Seals Killer whales Zooplankton Phytoplankton
	(ii)		Both eat herring ✓ Idea that herring in short supply/not enough herring for all the seals and killer whales ✓	2	2x2.1	
		(iii)	Photosynthesis ✓	1	1.1	
		(iv)	Phytoplankton ✓	1	2.1	
		(v)	Ben ✓ If there are fewer species the biodiversity is lower ✓	2	2x2.1	
	(b)	(i)	1965 AND 1.2 (million tonnes) ✓	1	3.1a	
		(ii)	Fall in mass of catch/catch is lower/fewer herring caught	1	3.2a	ALLOW correct use of data to justify marking point.

Que	stion	Answer		AO element	Guidance	
	(iii)	FIRST CHECK THE ANSWER ON ANSWER LINE If answer = 0.1375 (million tonnes/year) award 3 marks	3			
		1984 = 0.4 and 1988 = 0.85-0.95 ✓		3.1a		
		$0.95 - 0.4 = 0.55 \checkmark$ $0.55 \div 4 = 0.1375 / 0.14$ (million tonnes/year) \checkmark		2.1 2.1	ALLOW ECF ALLOW ECF	
(с	:)	Any two from: Meeting the needs of people for herring to eat without damaging the herring population for the future ✓ herring are not being used up faster than they can be replaced ✓	2	2x2.1	Answers must refer to the context of the question i.e. herring	
		Herring population would not decrease / would remain constant ✓			Note: this marking point relates to herring population size, not the size of the catch	

C	uestic	n	Answer		Marks	AO element	Guidance
3	(a)	(i)	Athlete's foot fungus by fo Malarial protist by Salmonella bacterium	y contact with ontaminated urfaces y contaminated ood or water y mosquitoes y sexual intercourse	1	1.1	All three correct = one mark
		(ii)	Any three from: Virus particles sneezed or coughed of tissue / prevents others breathing virus. Tissue disposed of to prevent further. Wash hands to kill/remove viruses Droplets containing the flu virus are be infect the breathing system V	rus/particles in ✓	3	3x2.1	IGNORE references to bacteria/germs ALLOW Use of hand sanitiser

C	Questic	on	Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
3	(b)	(i)	FIRST CHECK THE ANSWER ON ANSWER LINE If answer = 0.0068 award 2 marks 170 000 ÷ 25 000 000 ✓ = 0.0068 ✓	2	2x2.2	IGNORE units
		(ii)	FIRST CHECK THE ANSWER ON ANSWER LINE If answer = 190 or 190.08 award 3 marks 66 000 000 ÷ 25 000 000 ✓ 72 x (66 000 000 ÷ 25 000 000) ✓ = 190.08 or 190 ✓ OR 72 ÷ 25 000 000 ✓ 66 000 000 x (72 ÷ 25 000 000) ✓ = 190.08 or 190 ✓	3	3x2.2	
	(c)		Electron microscope ✓	1	1.1	
	(d)	(i)	(Successfully) vaccinated individuals cannot (get flu and therefore cannot) pass on flu ✓ The more individuals that are vaccinated the less likely the infants will be infected with flu/ Idea of herd effect ✓	2	2x2.1	

Question	Answer		AO element	Guidance		
3 (d*) (i	Please refer to the marking instructions on page 4 of this mark scheme for guidance on how to mark this question. Level 3 (5–6 marks) Explains role of antigens and white blood cells in triggering immune response. AND Explanation of why flu vaccine is not 100% effective. There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured. The information presented is relevant and substantiated. Level 2 (3–4 marks) Basic explanation of role of antigens and white blood cells in triggering immune response. AND Basic explanation of why flu vaccine is not 100% effective. There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The information presented is relevant and supported by some evidence. Level 1 (1–2 marks) Basic explanation of role of antigens and white blood cells in triggering immune response. OR Explanation of why flu vaccine is not 100% effective. There is an attempt at a logical structure with a line of reasoning. The information is in the most part relevant. O marks No response or no response worthy of credit.	6	3 x 1.1 3 x2.1	 AO1.1 Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the role of antigens and white blood cells in triggering immune response. White blood cells destroy pathogens Some white blood cells digest pathogens/produce chemicals which kill pathogens or make antibodies Pathogens have antigens on their surface Antigens allow white blood cells to identify self and non-self. White blood cells have receptors which bind to antigens White blood cells can make an antibody specific to each antigen (Primary) response (to vaccine) produces memory cells Memory cells/secondary response provide immunity by quickly producing antibodies on re-infection AO2.1 Application of knowledge and understanding related to the effectiveness of the vaccine. Dead/weakened/attenuated virus/proteins in vaccine cannot cause flu but has antigens so triggers production of antibodies and memory cells Flu is very infective so need to vaccinate large proportion of the population Flu virus proteins/antigens mutate/change often producing new shapes. New shaped antigens will not be recognised by immune systems and so have a selective advantage/spread quickly So the vaccine may not contain the most common antigens and will not protect against flu Antibodies made by vaccinated person will be the wrong shape 		

C	Questic	n	Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance		
3	(e)	(i)	Any one from: both affect respiratory/breathing system/lungs ✓ flu virus damages cells (of respiratory system) making infection by other viruses/bacteria/fungi/microorganisms easier ✓ flu infection weakens immune system (making other secondary infections more likely) ✓	1	2.1			
	(ii)		14:1 ✓	1	2.2	DO NOT ALLOW 1:14 IGNORE units		
		(iii)	Any two from: less/smaller volume of air in alveolus ✓ (fluid) reduces surface area of alveoli (in contact with air) ✓ diffusion of oxygen/gas slower (through fluid so takes longer to reach lining/wall of alveolus) ✓ this reduces (the rate/amount of) gas exchange / less oxygen diffuses into blood ✓ AND any two from: (tired/weak because) oxygen is needed (for cellular) respiration ✓ less oxygen/respiration ✓	4	2 x 2.1	ALLOW example of life process e.g. muscle		
			therefore less ATP/energy (for life processes)✓			contraction		

C	Questic	on	Answer		AO element	Guidance			
4	(a)	(i)	H√ h Parent: Hh h✓ Hh hh h Hh hh✓ Correct possible fertilised eggs	3	3x2.1	ALLOW for all three marks: Parent: HH	h h	H Hh Hh	H Hh Hh
		(ii)	50% ✓	1	1.2	ECF from 4ai			
	(b)	(i)	Amino acids ✓	1	1.1				
		(ii)	Nucleotide (monomers) ✓ Two strands ✓ Double helix ✓	3	3x1.1	ALLOW higher level ideas, i.e.: four different nucleotides/bases each nucleotide made from sugar, phosphate and base A-T and C-G base pairing			e and
		(iii)	 (iii) Any two from: Change/mutation in a gene ✓ Can change the order of the amino acids (in a protein) ✓ New order of bases/amino acids makes different protein. ✓ 		2x1.1	ALLOW higher level ideas, i.e.: order of bases (in DNA/gene) c example of mutation (e.g. deleti substitution)	hange		1

C	Question		Answer		AO element	Guidance
5	(a)	(i)	Any two changes and explanations: Change 1 Misshapen/sickle rbc ✓ Explanation 1 Less surface area for diffusion of oxygen in and out of cell or cannot pass through capillaries ✓ Change 2 nucleus in some rbcs reduces amount of haemoglobin ✓ Explanation 2 haemoglobin carries oxygen ✓ Change 3 Fewer rbc ✓	4	3.1a 1.1 3.1a 1.1 3.1a	Explanation must be linked to change to get all three marks. ALLOW two marks for two changes/two explanations.
			Explanation 3 less haemoglobin to carry oxygen ✓		1.1	
		(ii)	Stain or appropriately named stain e.g. methylene blue ✓	1	1.2	IGNORE dye
	(b)		Gene (for haemoglobin production) ✓ switched off ✓	2	2x1.1	ORA
	©	(i)	Any two from: Idea of peer review /claims checked by other scientists ✓ Only one person cured ✓ idea that it may only be a temporary cure/don't know how long after treatment blood was tested ✓	2	2x3.1b	

Question		n	Answer		Marks	AO element	Guidance
5	(c)	(ii)	Any two from:		2	2x1.1	
			Embryos cannot give consent ✓ Stem cells are obtained from embryos that Killing embryos is destroying a human life				ORA
	(d)		Atria contracting Ventricles		2	2x2.1	One mark for each correct column. ALLOW any clear indication of choice instead of tick.
			contracting	✓			
			Valves between atria and ventricles shut	✓			

Q	Question		Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
6	(a)	(i)	Light intensity 2 ✓ because more than 50% of maggots moved away from the light/more than twice as many maggots moved away compared to towards the light.✓	2	2x3.2a	
		(ii)	Any two from: Use filters/different coloured light bulbs (sources) e.g. red, blue, green, UV, IR. ✓ Use (the same) light intensity (4) for all ✓ Use the same card circle each time ✓ Use the same time period before counting the maggots ✓	2	2x3.3a	DO NOT ALLOW different colours of light ALLOW light at different wavelengths ALLOW general idea that everything else would stay the same (as in the original experiment) and only light colour would be changed
	(b)		Any four from: Arrival of a nerve impulse at the synapse ✓ Causes release of transmitter substance ✓ (Neuro)transmitter diffuses (across synaptic gap) ✓ (Neuro)transmitter attaches/binds to the receptors ✓ If enough (neuro)transmitter attaches, then an impulse is triggered in second neuron ✓	4	4x1.1	

Question		on	Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
7	(a)	(i)	1 ✓	1	1.1	
		(ii)	2 and 4 ✓	1	1.1	Both needed to be awarded the mark
		(iii)	Any two from: active transport requires ATP/respiration/energy respiration only takes place in living cells / mitochondria xylem is dead / does not have mitochondria/companion cells	2	2x1.1	
		(iv)	Membranes are partially permeable/proteins are too big	1	1.1	
	(b)		Any two from: Cut leaf into a thin section ✓ Place on a slide with a drop of water ✓ Add a drop of stain ✓ Use a mounted needle to lower a coverslip over the leaf section ✓	2	2x1.2	

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