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Generic Marking Principles

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptors for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always whole marks (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded positively:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- · marks are not deducted for errors
- · marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

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GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

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Mark scheme abbreviations

; separates marking points

I alternative answers for the same point

R reject

A accept (for answers correctly cued by the question, or guidance for examiners)

I ignore (for answers that include irrelevant information that does not contradict the expected answer)

AW alternative wording (where responses vary more than usual)

ora or reverse argument (for answers which are written as the opposite to the expected answer)

<u>underline</u> actual word given must be used by candidate (grammatical variants accepted)

max indicates the maximum number of marks that can be given

ecf error carried forward

mp marking point (with relevant number)

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1(a)(i)	independent variable: type of leaf / type of plant / type of disc / species (of plant);	2	
	dependent variable: time for (leaf) discs to, rise to / reach, the surface / the top;		I rate of photosynthesis
1(a)(ii)	any 7 of:	7	max. 6 if critical step mp9 missing
	1 ref. to a method of transferring leaf discs;		e.g. forceps, glass rod, paint brush, tweezers
	2 same, height / volume / depth, of solution / NaHCO ₃ , in beaker (for all leaf types);		2 A other suitable containers e.g. syringe / boiling tube / test tube
	3 use, timer / stop clock, to find time for leaf disc(s) to reach, surface / top;		3 A time for first leaf disc / all leaf discs / stated number of leaf discs / each one in a separate beaker R if different types of leaf in same beaker at same time
	4 ref. to using same number of leaf discs (for all leaf types);		4 minimum of 3
	5 ref. to the same concentration of solution (for all leaf types);		
	6 ref. to standardising some aspect of the discs;		6 e.g. same, size / diameter / age / position in leaf sampled

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1(a)(ii) cont	7 ref. to keeping same light intensity;		7 A methods that achieve same light intensity, e.g. lamp(s) at fixed distance / same wattage (bulbs) / variable resistor / dimmer
	8 ref. to method for keeping temperature of solution constant; critical step 9 start timer (immediately) when disc(s) reach bottom (of beaker);		e.g. temperature-controlled room or chamber / environmental chamber / incubator / water-bath / thermostatic control I air conditioning / heat shield
	10 low/medium, risk, experiment/investigation/procedure/assessment/AW;		 10 R no risk I 'low hazard' experiment. A Allergy to leaves and wear, gloves / protective clothing A NaHCO₃ is a mild skin irritant to and wear, gloves / protective clothing I ref. to water and electricity / care with cutting discs
	11 ref. to minimum of 3 readings (for at least one leaf type) and calculating a mean or excluding / identifying, anomalies;		11 A having at least 3 discs in one beaker A one disc in 3 separate beakers I average / average mean A mean average
1(b)(i)	divide 1 by the time;	1	A distance disc travels divided by time A divide 10 / 100 / 1000 by time I volume of oxygen divided by time

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1(b)(ii)	idea that:	3	
	1 leaves (with thick cuticles) may be heavier which will, increase time to rise / require more oxygen to raise them or		1 A in terms of leaves being thicker
	cuticles, are transparent / do not affect light absorption or		A no evidence that thick cuticles reduce light absorption
	thick cuticle only on upper surface so light absorption via lower surface not affected or		I ref. to no lower cuticle
	difference between spiderwort with thin cuticle and sorghum with thick cuticle, is small / may not be significant		
	or leaves (with thick cuticles may) have fewer stomata so less gas exchange;		A with ref. to carbon dioxide in / oxygen out
	2 the purple parts of the leaf may contain chlorophyll (which is hidden by the purple pigment) / cannot assume that the purple stripes do not contain chlorophyll		A idea that green stripes are more chlorophyll dense (than other leaves)
	or no actual data on the chlorophyll content		
	 or the purple pigments may also absorb light (idea of accessory pigments) or 		could relate to purple stripes or whole leaf
	spiderwort rate, close to sorghum / faster than ivy, which does not have purple stripes;		
	3 experiment carried out at, 20 °C / room / low temperature, and C4 plants / Sorghum, only efficient at high(er) temperatures / ora;		

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1(c)(i)	1	idea of using same, quantity / amount, of leaf tissue from each plant; e.g. (weigh to) obtain same mass / same number of discs / cut same area of leaf	3	1	A dry mass
	2	ref. to outline method of extracting pigments; e.g. (crush / leave, the leaves in) solvent / acetone / propanone / ethanol / alcohol or extraction solvent		2	I water as a solvent
	3	ref. to using red filter (in a colorimeter);		3	 A idea of shining a red light through the extract I 'chlorophyll absorbs red light' A if leaf / discs are used
	4	idea that taking a reading for, absorbance / transmission, to compare each extract;			e.g. 'spiderwort chlorophyll has a lower / the lowest absorbance (of red light in the colorimeter)'
1(c)(ii)	so	lvent / named solvent (used to extract the chlorophyll);	1	A	water

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1(d)	max 3 if only mp1-4 given	4	
	use of t-test: 1 <u>3</u> ;		
	2 idea of carrying out (separate) t-test on (pairs of data from) spiderwort and (each of) the other (3) plants / AW;		2 I value stated in mp1
	finding the significance: 3 calculate / find / use, the degrees of freedom / v;		 3 must be in correct context A calculation (10–1)+(10–1) A 20 – 2 or statement that v is 18 I formula, as given
	4 ref. to critical / table, value at, 0.05 (probability/significance) or 5% (confidence, level / index. limit);		4 ref. to using 0.05 / 5% (column) R 0.05% A at 95% / 0.95 confidence limit / index
	5 if (calculated) value of t, is greater than / > , critical / table, value, the difference is significant; ora		5 A in terms of results (of <i>t</i> -tests) were significant I 'values' are significant

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Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
2(a)(i)	an	y 3 of.	3	I simple data quotes unqualified
	1	habitat / tree species / broad-leaved trees, good for grey squirrels, has increased (overall) or habitat / tree species / broad-leaved trees, good for grey squirrels, has increased more in Scotland than England;		
	2	habitat / tree species, good for red squirrels, has decreased or habitat / tree species, good for red squirrels, has decreased more in England than in Scotland;		could be in terms of (large) decrease in European Larch or could be in terms of the Japanese Larch increase in Scotland
	3	habitat/tree species, good for both squirrel species, has decreased;		3 could be in terms of decrease in Norway spruce
	4	habitat / tree species, poor for both squirrel species, has increased or habitat / tree species, poor for both squirrel species, has increased more in Scotland than in England;		could be in terms of the large increase in Sitka Spruce or much larger increase in Sitka Spruce in Scotland

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2(a)(ii)	any 2 of:	2	
	 less, habitat/suitable woods/places to live (for red squirrel); less food (for red squirrels); less, cover/places, to hide from predators; 		 A fewer nesting sites for reds I shelter A in terms of habitat / competition R if state same niche A changed habitat conditions favour more, predators / predation
	4 ref. to disease in red squirrels;		I ref. to interbreeding
2(b)(i)	any 2 of:	2	
	trap density or same trap density (in each / either type of woodland); trap size / type or same sized traps / humane steel traps; test for antibodies or standard test for antibodies;		A quoted densities 1 per 0.01 km² (broad-leaved) / 2 per 0.01 km² (narrow-leaved) A 'number in a given area' as description of density
	time of sampling or idea of sampling between the same months / year / AW;		A 'same time of sampling' I ref. to regular sampling
2(b)(ii)	(between 2002 and 2010 / over time) the percentage of squirrels with, immunity / antibodies / testing positive, has decreased or (in 2010) compared to control group the percentage of squirrels with, immunity / antibodies / testing positive is (much) lower;	1	I ref. to no. of squirrels (killed) I unqualified data quotes

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2(b)(iii)	idea that on the mainland the squirrels can (rapidly) re-invade or idea that the mainland area, will be larger / has more areas to 'hide', so less easy to remove them (all) / so more survive post cull or idea that survivors post cull provide a breeding population to build up the population (rapidly);	1	 A ora throughout A in terms of no barrier to the migration of the grey squirrels A in terms of <i>idea of</i> (red) squirrels being isolated on the island

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