

# **GCE**

# **Biology B (Advancing Biology)**

Unit H422A/03: Practical skills in biology

Advanced GCE

Mark Scheme for June 2018

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# **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

### **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.

	Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	(a)		legume / leguminous ✓	1	DO NOT ALLOW dicots or dicotyledons IGNORE named examples of crops (as this is not relevant to the question)
	(b)	(i)	respiratory substrate ✓	1	ALLOW respiratory carbohydrate/sugar ALLOW energy source
					DO NOT ALLOW source of energy FOR respiration DO NOT ALLOW source of, carbohydrates /sugars

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
(ii)*	Summary of instructions to markers: Read through the whole answer. (Be prepared to recognitusing a 'best-fit' approach based on the science content or Level 3, best describes the overall quality of the answer Then, award the higher or lower mark within the level, accommod award the higher mark where the Communication Summard the lower mark where aspects of the Communication The science content determines the level.  The Communication Statement determines the level.	of the answer, first der. cording to the <b>Comn</b> Statement has been unication Statement	nunication Statement (shown in italics): met. have been missed.
	Level 3 (5-6 marks)  Details of method and hazard control with all important steps included.  There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured and uses scientific terminology at an appropriate level. All the information presented is relevant and forms a continuous narrative.  Level 2 (3-4 marks)  Outline of method and hazard control with some details missing.  There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure and use of appropriate scientific language.  The information presented is mostly relevant.  Level 1 (1-2 marks)  Correct steps in method or hazard control are described but lack detail.  There is an attempt at a logical structure with a line of reasoning The information is in the most part relevant.  0 marks  No response or no response worthy of credit.	6	Indicative scientific points could include: AO1.2: examples of knowledge of method  I locate a root nodule  use forceps to remove nodule  cut root nodule from plant using a scalpel / razor blade on a tile  wash and sterilise nodule  crush nodule and dilute with distilled water  incubate culture (for 3 days; temperature is given in 1biii and can be ignored).  AO2.7 examples of the application of risk assessment/hazard identification:  potential hazards associated with forceps and scalpel & control (e.g. use of tile; blunt forceps)  sterilising the nodule using alcohol/distilled water  use of sterile petri dishes and other equipment (e.g. boiling; use of sodium hypochlorite / hydrogen peroxide solution)  potential microbial hazards (soil-borne microbes) & control (inoculating loop)  safe disposal of equipment

Ques	tion	Answer	Marks	Guidance
	(iii)	optimal temperature for (bacterial) enzymes ✓ allows rapid reproduction rates / AW ✓ prevent growth of pathogenic bacteria / ORA ✓	2 max	ALLOW 'doesn't denature bacteria enzymes' ALLOW faster (rate of) mitosis / quicker reproduction
(c)	(i)	0.104 🗸 🗸	3	If answer is incorrect or missing, a maximum of 2 marks can be given for intermediate stages as follows: one mark for working such as • 4.0 – ((97.4 / 100) x 4.0) • 4 x 0.026 • 100 – 97.4 = 2.6% with 2.6% of 4.0 = 0.104 one mark for incomplete calculation • 3.896 one mark for correct answer but not quoted to 3dp e.g. 0.10
	(ii)		3 max	<b>IGNORE</b> references to 'miRNA inhibits mRNA' as this is given in the stem of the question
		inhibits <u>translation</u> of mRNA ✓ (miRNA) binds at a <u>complementary</u> site (on mRNA) ✓ argonaute protein, breaks/cleaves, the mRNA strand ✓ AVP ✓		<ul> <li>Further detail e.g.</li> <li>double stranded precursor binds to, dicer / endonuclease protein</li> <li>dicer cuts precursor (into short segments)</li> <li>dicer cuts precursor</li> <li>(short double stranded) miRNA binds to argonaute protein</li> <li>RNA induced silencing complex (RISC) formed</li> <li>small sections of mRNA can be translated but will not result in formation of a, functional / complete, protein</li> </ul>

Question		Answer	Mar	ks	Guidance
	(iii)	miRNA less, precise / specific (than siRNA) ✓	1		DO NOT ALLOW 'miRNA is more accurate' ALLOW miRNA will bind to more than one mRNA ALLOW miRNA will inhibit, all / more, of the leghaemoglobin genes
		T	otal 17	,	

C	Questi	on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
2	(a)	(i)	to remove <u>chloride</u> ions <b>OR</b> to remove other chemicals, that could react with silver nitrate ✓	1 max	
			contamination would reduce, <u>validity</u> of results  OR  removes contamination to, increase, validity of the results ✓		IGNORE generic comments about contamination
		(ii)	(at 100°C) all (carrot) cell membranes will have broken down ✓ all chloride ions (from vacuole/cell) will have, been released/ diffused out ✓	1 max	ALLOW maximum precipitate formed
	(b)		(anomaly identified as) <u>0.018</u> <b>AND</b> (expected correct value as) <u>0.010</u> ✓	1	

(c)	Mark first 3 variables only		
	Variable  volume of distilled water in the boiling tube ✓  Explanation  larger volume reduce, the concentration of chloride ions / precipitate formed / absorbance ORA ✓	6 max	IGNORE references to temperature as this is the independent variable in the investigation  DO NOT ALLOW amount
	Variable  volume of distilled water removed in the sample ✓  Explanation  larger volume will increase, number of chloride ions / precipitate formed / absorbance ORA ✓		DO NOT ALLOW amount
	Variable time boiling tube remains in water bath ✓ Explanation time in water bath should allow for desired temperature to be reached OR if time is too short, fewer chloride ions will have diffused across the membrane(s) / ORA ✓		
	Variable size / volume / number / surface area, of carrot sections  ✓  Explanation larger surface area (to volume ratio) will increase diffusion (rate) / ORA ✓		DO NOT ALLOW amount
	Variable concentration/ volume/ number of drops, of silver nitrate  ✓  Explanation larger concentration/ volume/ number will increase, the absorbance / precipitate formed ORA ✓		DO NOT ALLOW amount

G	uestic	on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
			Variable same filter used in colorimeter ✓  Explanation the filter affects the wavelengths that reach, the sample / the detector ✓		
			Variable same reference solution used in colorimeter ✓ Explanation prevents zeroing errors ✓		
			Variable sections of carrot / tissue, taken from same carrot ✓ Explanation different carrots will, have/store, different chloride ion concentrations ✓		
	(d)	(i)	0.013 ✓	1	at 10°C, absorbance is 0.014 at 40°C absorbance is 0.027
		(ii)		2 max	DO NOT ALLOW any ref to active transport as chloride ion movement at low temperatures is simple diffusion
			higher temperature(s) results in, more disruption to the membrane ✓		<b>ALLOW</b> higher temperature, increases permeability of the plasma membrane
			(rate of) diffusion increases with, an increase in temperature / increased kinetic energy (of chloride ions) ✓		
			hence more chloride ions diffuse out, so more precipitate is formed, so absorbance increases ✓		

(	Question		Answer		Guidance
		(iii)	200 ✓ AU ✓	2	As the question asks for an estimate of the chloride ion concentration the value of 0.05 absorbance is used from Fig. 2.1
			Tota	14	

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3	(a)	(i)	smooth muscle / elastic fibres / tunica media ✓	1	
		(ii)	Explanation should link to correct tissue if named in provided for 3a(i)	1	DO NOT ALLOW reference to elastic fibres
			(elastic fibres enable) recoil  OR		'relaxing/contracting'
			(muscle) <u>contracts</u> to, <u>reduce</u> the size of the lumen ✓		ALLOW regulates blood pressure by altering (width of lumen) IGNORE references to maintain blood pressure
	(b)	(i)	<u>x</u> 80 ✓✓	2	If incorrect answer then award one mark maximum for either correct working i.e. 32/0.4  OR '80'
					<b>ALLOW one mark maximum</b> for correct formula and correctly formatted answer if the candidate has measured incorrectly e.g. 32.5/0.4 = x 81.125 (accept a tolerance of +/-0.5 mm)
		(ii)	0.46 🗸	2	If answer is incorrect or missing: <b>ALLOW</b> one mark for correct working e.g. 1.143 x 0.4 or (14.3 / 100 x 0.4) + 0.4
					<b>ALLOW</b> one mark for correct answer to incorrect number of d.p. e.g. 0.4572 mm

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(c)	hypertrophy/ hyperplasia (of smooth muscle cells) ✓  to withstand a higher blood pressure  OR  to enable greater, contraction (of the artery wall) ✓  more / thicker, elastic fibres ✓  to withstand a higher blood pressure  OR  for greater, recoil ✓  plaque formation/ atheroma / atherosclerosis / increased cholesterol in the artery wall ✓  cancer / uncontrolled cell division results in more cells ✓	2 max	IGNORE generic references to high blood pressure (as a sign of disease)  ALLOW more / bigger, (smooth) muscle cells
(d) (i)	allows leakage of liquid through fenestrations ✓  reduces diffusion distance/ increases rate of diffusion, to meet the demand for nutrients / removal of waste products AW ✓  arterial ✓ hydrostatic ✓ solute ✓ osmotic ✓	4	ALLOW 'gaps between cells' as alternative wording for fenestrations  ACCEPT arteriole / artery  ACCEPT protein  ACCEPT oncotic (if protein is the given as mp3)
	Total	13	

	Questic	on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
4	(a)	(i)	could lead to, false positives / false negatives ✓  if false negative (AW) / has immunity, people receive vaccination when it is not required  OR  if false positive (AW) / has no immunity, may lead to people not receiving vaccination when it is required ✓  correct use of data to demonstrate percentage error ✓	2 max	e.g. 9mm induration is measured (incorrectly) as 9.9mm  → recorded as 10mm → leading to false positive result  e.g. 10mm induration is measured (incorrectly) as 9.1mm → recorded as 9mm → leading to false negative result
		(ii)	suitable suggestion for improved measuring method ✓ valid / appropriate reasoned argument ✓	2	e.g.  callipers give greater degree of precision use scaled photograph of induration give greater degree of precision use scaled photograph of induration use greater degree of precision cut-out stencil/ overlay / AW, used as a standard placed on induration more objective take multiple readings (minimum of 3) calculate mean value

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4 (b)*	Summary of instructions to markers: Read through the whole answer. (Be prepared to recognise and of Using a 'best-fit' approach based on the science content of the and or Level 3, best describes the overall quality of the answer.  Then, award the higher or lower mark within the level, according to award the higher mark where the Communication Statemer award the lower mark where aspects of the Communication  The science content determines the level.  The Communication Statement determines the mark within the level.	nswer, first do to the <b>Comn</b> nt has been in Statement in Sthin a level.	nunication Statement (shown in italics): met. have been missed.
	Level 3 (5-6 marks) Advantages and disadvantages of both tests discussed. Use of data from Table 4.1 to support a conclusion. There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured and uses scientific terminology at an appropriate level. All the information presented is relevant and forms a continuous narrative.  Level 2 (3-4 marks) Advantages and/or disadvantages of both tests mentioned. A relevant reference to Table 4.1 is made. There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure and use of appropriate scientific language. The information presented is mostly relevant.  Level 1 (1–2 marks) Advantages and/or disadvantages of at least one test mentioned. No relevant, correct reference to Table 4.1. 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	Indicative scientific points could include:  Advantages of Mantoux test:  results easy to measure  portable  Disadvantages of Mantoux test:  requires sterile equipment  requires correct storage of tuberculin  subjectivity involved in measuring induration  gives, significant / AW, number of false results  requires longer period before test results are obtained  Advantages of ELISA test:  enables measurement of antibody concentration (in response to administered antigen)  results are objective / more accurate  quicker test  Disadvantages of ELISA test:  requires (more) specialist training  more expensive  not portable  more specialist equipment required

Question	Answer Marks	Marks	Guidance
			<ul> <li>Use of Table 4.1 to support conclusion</li> <li>65/89 samples give the same result with both tests</li> <li>73% (65/89 x 100) of the results are the same (in agreement) in both tests</li> <li>24 results are false results</li> <li>27% (24/89 x 100) are false results</li> <li>ELISA have 45% testing positive (40/89)</li> <li>ELISA have 55% testing negative (49/89)</li> </ul>

Question	n	Answer	Marks				Gı	uidance		
(c)	(i)	<i>r<sub>s</sub> value</i> -0.6394 ✓ ✓ ✓	3	Math  ALLO 0.639	Candidates should retain all decimal places and only round in the final stage of the calculation (see Mathematical Skills Handbook)  ALLOW 2 marks maximum for answer given to 3dp (-0.639)  If incorrect r <sub>s</sub> value is given, marks can be given for			ee n to 3dp (-		
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				Patient	Age at vaccination	Rank	Length of time immune (years)	Rank	d	d²
				Α	13	6.5	16	7.5	-1	1
				В	12	8	17	5.5	2.5	6.25
				С	14	4.5	18	3.5	1	1
				D	1	9	22	2	7	49
				E	30	2	4	9	-7	49
				F G	35 15	3	1 18	10 3.5	-9 -0.5	81 0.25
				Н	14	4.5	17	5.5 5.5	-0.5 -1	1
				i	0	10	23	1	9	81
				J	13	6.5	16	7.5	-1	1
									Total	270.5

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(c)	ii) Null hypothesis is supported because:	3 max	ALLOW ecf for each statement for miscalculated r <sub>s</sub> value in c(i) ALLOW 2 marks maximum if the incorrect degrees of freedom have been used
	Any three from: degrees of freedom is 8 ✓		
	the r <sub>calculated</sub> value is less than the r <sub>critical</sub> value at $5\%~(p=0.05)~/~AW~\checkmark$		ALLOW correct reference to using 5% probability level ALLOW 0.6394 is less than 0.6429
	the r <sub>calculated</sub> value is (also) less than the r <sub>critical</sub> value at $1\%$ (p = 0.01) / AW $\checkmark$		<b>ALLOW</b> 0.6394 is less than 0.8333
	accept the null hypothesis ✓		IGNORE 'null hypothesis is correct'
	the difference in length of time immunity was effective is due to (random) chance / there is no significant negative correlation ✓		
	Total	16	

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