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## GCE

## Biology A

Unit H420A/01: Biological purposes
Advanced GCE

Mark Scheme for June 2017

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Annotations

| Annotation | Meaning |
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| 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 | Olternative wording |
| ORA |  |

## 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.

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| Question Answer |  | Marks |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1}$ |  | A $\checkmark$ | 1 |  |
| 2 |  | C $\checkmark$ | 1 |  |
| 3 |  | A $\checkmark$ | 1 |  |
| 4 |  | B $\checkmark$ | 1 |  |
| 5 |  | D $\checkmark$ | 1 |  |
| 6 |  | D $\checkmark$ | 1 |  |
| 7 |  | B $\checkmark$ | 1 |  |
| 8 |  | C $\checkmark$ | 1 |  |
| 9 |  | B $\checkmark$ | 1 |  |
| 10 |  | C $\checkmark$ | 1 |  |
| 11 |  | A $\checkmark$ | 1 |  |
| 12 |  | A $\checkmark$ | 1 |  |
| 13 |  | C $\checkmark$ | 1 |  |
| 14 |  | D $\checkmark$ | 1 |  |
| 15 |  | A $\checkmark$ | 1 |  |
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| Question |  |  | Answer | Marks | Guidance |
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| 16 | (a) | (i) | scales and hair help to reduce heat loss $\checkmark$ generate heat from , respiration / metabolism $\checkmark$ | 1 max | ALLOW generate heat internally IGNORE temperature |
|  | (a) | (ii) | (insects are smaller and) have a , large(r) / AW , surface area to volume ratio <br> (insects have) greater rate of heat loss $\checkmark$ <br> mammals and birds have, more effective / thicker , insulation <br> ref to a method of more precise control of body temperature in birds and mammals | 2 max | Mps 1 and 2 ALLOW ora for mammals (must be comparative) <br> ALLOW SA:V / surface area relative to volume <br> ALLOW lose heat more , quickly / easily <br> ALLOW have fat under skin ALLOW ora for insects (must be comparative) <br> e.g. thermoregulatory centre / heat gain / heat loss centre <br> e.g. vasodilation / vasoconstriction <br> e.g. sweating / shivering / hairs standing up |
| 16 | (b) | (i) | spiracle (s) $\checkmark$ | 1 | ALLOW stigma(ta) DO NOT ALLOW stomata |
|  | (b) | (ii) | $\underline{\text { trachea(l) (fluid) } \checkmark}$ | 1 | IGNORE haemolymph IGNORE tracheole |



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| 16 | (d) | 1 <br> 2 <br> 3 <br> 4 <br> 5 <br> 6 <br> 7 | large size / at least $50 \%$ of available space title / heading <br> labels outside diagram <br> label lines should not cross over others <br> continuous lines $\checkmark$ <br> no shading <br> use plain paper <br> state magnification <br> correct proportions | 2 max | IGNORE numbered lines and mark as prose IGNORE references to detail of diagram <br> ALLOW once only no , sketching / feathering for either mp5 or mp6 |
|  |  |  | Total | 10 |  |


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| 17 | (a) | (i) | $\begin{aligned} & 10^{8} \\ & \text { OR } \\ & 1 \times 10^{8} \\ & \text { OR } \\ & 100000000 \end{aligned}$ | 2 | If answer is incorrect ALLOW one mark For evidence of correct working i.e. $10^{9} \div 10^{1}$ |
|  | (a) | (ii) | liver has , large / good / AW , blood supply released / secreted / AW , into bile $\checkmark$ | 2 | IGNORE reference to C-reactive protein and copeptin throughout <br> ALLOW liver has sinusoids |
| 17 | (b) | (i) | $3157 \mu^{3} / 3.157 \times 10^{3} \mu^{3}$ <br> OR <br> $3155 \mu^{3} / 3.155 \times 10^{3} \mu^{3} \quad$ (3.14 used for value of $\pi$ ) <br> OR <br> $3158 \mu^{3} / 3.158 \times 10^{3} \mu \mathrm{~m}^{3} \quad$ (22/7 used for value of $\pi$ ) <br> OR <br> $3.157 / 3.155 / 3.158, \times 10^{-15} \underline{\mathrm{~m}}^{3}$ (answer using SI units) | 3 | ALLOW for two marks correctly calculated value not given to 4SF e.g. $3156.55 \mu \mathrm{~m}^{3}$ $3157.82 \mu \mathrm{~m}^{3} \text { (22/7used) }$ $3154.95 \mu \mathrm{~m}^{3}(3.14 \text { used })$ <br> OR <br> correctly calculated value without units e.g. 3157 / 3.157 <br> OR <br> correctly calculated value with inappropriate units $\begin{aligned} & \text { e.g. } 3.157 \times 10^{-6} \mathrm{~mm}^{3} \\ & 3.157 \times 10^{-9} \mathrm{~cm}^{3} \end{aligned}$ <br> If two or three marks were not awarded for the correct answer or calculated value: for one mark look for evidence of use of the formula: $(4 / 3) \times \pi \times r^{3}$ |


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| 17 | (b) | (ii) | (transmission) electron (microscope) <br> AND ONE of the following: <br> 2D image $\checkmark$ <br> internal details visible $\checkmark$ <br> (named) organelles / ultrastructures, visible <br> high magnification <br> high resolution $\checkmark$ | 2 max | ALLOW TEM <br> DO NOT ALLOW scanning electron microscope / SEM <br> IGNORE black and white / colour <br> e.g. mitochondria IGNORE nucleus (as visible under a light microscope) |
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| 18 | (a) |  | the factor that will , determine / limit / AW , the rate <br> when at , low(er) / sub-optimal / AW , level | 2 | Both marks can be gained from a correctly described example <br> e.g. when $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ (concentration) is in short supply, it prevents the rate of photosynthesis increasing <br> DO NOT ALLOW inhibits / reduces ALLOW prevents rate from increasing / slows down rate of increase / stops rate from increasing / causes rate to plateau <br> ALLOW when in short (est) supply |
| 18 | (b) | (i) | increased volume of water added (to seedlings), leads to lower survival (of seedlings) <br> larger decrease in survival for added water , above / from, $30\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right) \checkmark$ <br> volume of water has no effect on number (of seedlings) surviving up to the first 3 days / AW $\checkmark$ <br> quote data points / calculation(s) used , to support any point $\checkmark$ | 3 max | ALLOW the more water the faster they die <br> ALLOW ora e.g. less / little, decrease in survival for $30\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$ and below DO NOT ALLOW at $30 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ <br> minimum one pair of readings quoted for two water volumes (no units needed) |


| 18 | (b) | (ii) | Read through the whole answer from start to finish, concentrating on features that make it a stronger or weaker answer using the indicative scientific content as guidance. The indicative scientific content indicates the expected parameters for candidates' answers, but be prepared to recognise and credit unexpected approaches where they show relevance. <br> Using a 'best-fit' approach based on the science content of the answer, first decide which set of level descriptors, Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3, best describes the overall quality of the answer using the guidelines described in the level descriptors in the mark scheme. <br> Once the level is located, award the higher or lower mark. <br> 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. <br> The lower mark should be awarded where the level descriptor has been evidenced but aspects of the communication statement (in italics) are missing. <br> In summary: <br> - The science content determines the level. <br> - The communication statement determines the mark within a level. <br> Level 3 (5-6 marks) <br> A detailed scientific statement about aerobic respiration AND a detailed scientific statement about anaerobic respiration AND more than one scientific consequence for the plant of overwatering | 6 | Indicative scientific points may include... <br> Aerobic respiration (A) <br> Statement (S) <br> The scientific statement can be implied by giving good scientific detail <br> - (No oxygen so) no aerobic respiration occurs <br> Further detail (D) <br> - No , link reaction / Kreb's cycle / ETC / oxidative phosphorylation <br> - No oxygen to act as the final , electron / hydrogen acceptor <br> Anaerobic respiration (An) |
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| 18 | (c) | (i) | water is (a) polar (molecule) <br> nitrate (ion) / $\mathrm{NO}_{3}{ }^{-}$, is , charged / negative <br> (hydrogen bonds form) between H on water and $O$ on nitrate $\checkmark$ | 2 max | Read answer first; if two marks from written response, IGNORE diagram. If two marks not awarded refer to diagram to find additional mark(s). <br> DO NOT ALLOW water is charged ALLOW water has slightly positive / $\delta^{+}, \mathrm{H}$ IGNORE ‘ס' O’ if describing water <br> IGNORE ‘ $\delta$ ' O’ if describing nitrate or on diagram <br> DO NOT ALLOW nitrate is polar <br> IGNORE solid line for H bond on diagram <br> NOTE 'delta plus of water is attracted to negative charge of nitrate' $=2$ marks (MP1 and 2) <br> NOTE the following examples <br> $=2$ marks (MP $2 \& 3$ ) $=2$ marks (MP $1 \& 3$ ) <br> $=1$ mark (MP3) <br> $=0$ mark |


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| 18 | (c) | (ii) | solutes / ions / named ion , enter , against concentration gradient / by active transport reduces water potential of (endodermal) cell(s) water, moves / diffuses , by osmosis / down water potential gradient | 2 max | ALLOW $\psi$ for water potential throughout DO NOT ALLOW ref to concentration of water in mps 2 or 3 <br> ALLOW 'pumped' as AW for active transport <br> ALLOW water potential of cell(s) becomes more negative <br> ALLOW from high to low water potential |
| 18 | (d) |  | organ is <br> collection / AW, of tissues $\checkmark$ <br> perform / carry out / adapted to , function / role <br> leaves have <br> two from: epidermis / spongy mesophyll / palisade mesophyll / vascular / phloem / xylem , (tissues) <br> (to carry out) photosynthesis / gaseous exchange $\checkmark$ | 4 | IGNORE cells throughout ALLOW working together <br> IGNORE mesophyll (unqualified) IGNORE stomata |
|  |  |  | Total | 19 |  |


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| 19 | (a) |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { B } \checkmark \\ & \text { C } \checkmark \\ & \text { B } \checkmark \end{aligned}$ | 3 | If two or more letters given, 0 mark |
| 19 | (b) |  | nucleotide $\checkmark$ phosphate $\checkmark$ pentose $\checkmark$ strands $\checkmark$ | 4 | If two or more words are given for each gap do not accept contradictory responses <br> ALLOW two |
| 19 | (c) | (i) | $\mathbf{U}$ matrix $\checkmark$ <br> W crista(e) / inner (mitochondrial) membrane $\checkmark$ <br> Z inter-membrane space $\checkmark$ | 3 | IGNORE ETC / ATP synthase / cytochromes ALLOW inter-membranal space |
|  | (c) | (ii) | cyanide, prevents / AW, aerobic respiration <br> AND <br> fluoride , prevents / AW , anaerobic respiration (which also prevents aerobic respiration) $\checkmark$ | 1 | BOTH statements required for one mark IGNORE 'affects’ throughout ALLOW link reaction / Krebs cycle / ETC / oxidative phosphorylation instead of aerobic respiration <br> ALLOW cyanide allows, glycolysis / anaerobic respiration <br> ALLOW prevents, all respiration / both stages of respiration <br> IGNORE lactate fermentation |
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| 20 | (b) |  | SD bars plotted correctly for the first four yeast species above and below the mean. | 2 | A correctly plotted SD bar is an accurately drawn vertical line. If the top and bottom of the line are capped, accept only the following symbols $-, x, C$ <br> IGNORE A. pullulans (both columns) ALLOW one complete SD bar incorrect <br> For one mark <br> Four, five or six complete correct SD bars |
| 20 | (c) |  | 61.54 (\%) <br> OR <br> 70.20 (\%) (calculated from Table 20) | 3 | IGNORE + or - signs ALLOW for two marks correctly calculated answer not to 4 SF e.g. 61.538 / 61.5 e.g. 70.198 / 70.2 <br> ALLOW for one mark evidence of a correct calculation e.g. $\frac{21-13}{13} \times 100 \quad \text { OR } \quad \frac{21.417-12.583}{12.583} \times 100$ |
| 20 | (d) | (i) | 1 incorrect because <br> A. pullulans / one yeast (species), produced more $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ in anaerobic conditions <br> 2 incorrect because error bars / standard deviations, overlap $\checkmark$ | 2 | ALLOW no $t$-test carried out DO NOT ALLOW range bars |


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| 20 | (d) | (ii) | random error (because) some (experiments / yeast species / columns on chart with) large SDs / error bars | 1 | DO NOT ALLOW standard error DO NOT ALLOW range bars |
| 20 | (e) |  | ribosome(s) $\checkmark$ | 1 | ALLOW rough endoplasmic reticulum / RER |
|  |  |  | Total | 12 |  |

(a) Read through the whole answer from start to finish,
concentrating on features that make it a stronger or weaker answer using the indicative scientific content as guidance. The indicative scientific content indicates the expected parameters for candidates' answers, but be prepared to recognise and credit unexpected approaches where they show relevance.

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## Level 3 (5-6 marks)

A statement in support of the claim AND a statement against the claim AND more than one comment on the validity of the claim OR
A statement in support of the claim AND more than one statement against the claim AND a comment on the validity of the claim
There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and

## Indicative scientific points may include...

Supporting firm's claim (F):

- As the volume of Diatin increases the mass of seedless fruit (harvested) increases

Against firm's claim (A):

- no , scale / units / numerical value , on graph axes
- labels of graph axes are the wrong way round
- no , error bars / standard deviation / mean / (named) statistical test
- should be percentage increase in mass
- correlation is not evidence of causation
- risk of bias / lack of objectivity (as company is selling product based on claims)
logically structured. The information presented is relevant and substantiated.


## Level 2 (3-4 marks)

A statement in support of the claim AND a statement against the claim AND a comment on the validity of the claim
OR
A statement in support of the claim AND more than one statement against the claim
OR
A statement in support of the claim AND more than one comment on the validity of the claim

## OR

A statement against the claim AND more than one comment on the validity of the claim
There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The information presented is in the most-part relevant and supported by some evidence.

## Level 1 (1-2 marks)

A statement in support of the claim AND a statement against the claim
OR
A statement in support of the claim and a comment on the validity of the claim
OR
A statement against the claim and a comment on the validity of the claim
OR
More than one statement against the claim
OR
More than one comment on the validity of the claim
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.

- Zeatin is more productive (than Diatin)

Issues with validity (V):

- no method given
- species / type of plant is not named
- no control variables given
- concentration of hormone not specified
- temperature control not specified
- carbon dioxide concentration not specified
- location not specified (e.g. could be outside vs greenhouse)
- mineral availability / soil type, not specified
- water availability not specified
- light intensity not specified
- presence of pollinators not specified
- presence of , pests / weeds / pesticide / herbicide, not specified
- no control group (to compare results)
- no evidence of repeats
- no consideration of the interaction with other hormones or processes

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| 21 | (b) | related to light (L) <br> L1 light intensity / brightness , is not , controlled / specified OR <br> size of hole in box not specified <br> L2 different, light intensities / brightness, could lead to variation in , phototropism / bending $\checkmark$ L3 idea that light intensity / brightness, stays the same <br> related to selection of seedlings (S) <br> S1 no method for , selecting / AW , (20) seedlings <br> S2 could lead to biased results $\checkmark$ S3 idea of random selection $\downarrow$ <br> related to measuring bend of seedlings (B) | 6 max | Mark limitation, explanation and improvement as continuous prose within each numbered prompt. <br> If marks come from more than one letter within either numbered prompt, award that which gives the highest mark <br> IGNORE reference to any other variables <br> ALLOW wavelength / colour instead of intensity throughout (L) <br> For L3 if statement not used other examples may include <br> e.g. use of , light meter / photo sensor <br> e.g. use lamps of same bulb wattage <br> e.g. use same distance from lamp <br> e.g. use same, wavelength / coloured bulb <br> For S1 <br> IGNORE only 20 seedlings selected <br> For S3 <br> ALLOW count , all / more / 50 , seedlings ALLOW reasonable method of selection e.g. photograph and allocate numbers <br> e.g. mini grid then select random numbers |



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| 22 | (a) | (i) | A $\checkmark$ | 1 | mark the first letter only <br> IGNORE name unless contradicts a stated letter |
|  | (a) | (ii) | B, D $\checkmark$ | 1 | If more than two letters given, 0 mark IGNORE names unless contradicts a stated letter |
| 22 | (b) | (i) | similarities <br> S1 both use active transport <br> S2 both involve , co-transport / described $\checkmark$ <br> S3 both involve selective reabsorption $\checkmark$ <br> S4 both involve use of , sodium ions / $\mathrm{Na}^{+}$ <br> differences <br> D1 DCT involves use of, calcium ions / $\mathrm{Ca}^{2+} \downarrow$ <br> D2 (co-transport in) DCT involves ions only $\checkmark$ <br> D3 PCT involves ions and (named) molecules $\checkmark$ | 3 max | maximum two marks for similarities or differences <br> IGNORE sodium / Na <br> IGNORE calcium / Ca <br> e.g. glucose / amino acid(s) |
|  | (b) | (ii) | symptom <br> high volume of / excess, urine <br> OR <br> always thirsty / AW <br> explanation <br> fewer / AW , aquaporins in the (plasma) membrane (of collecting duct cells) $\checkmark$ | 2 | ALLOW large amount / lots, of urine IGNORE reference to , dilute urine / water potential / frequency of urination <br> ALLOW protein water channels for aquaporins |


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| 22 | (c) | (i) | 1 have already / are , differentiated / specialised (so cannot divide) <br> 2 are in, $\mathrm{G}_{0}$ (phase of cell cycle) / resting phase $\checkmark$ <br> 3 idea that shape is (too), irregular / asymmetrical (so cannot divide) $\checkmark$ <br> 4 cytoskeleton cannot function / spindle (fibres) cannot form $\checkmark$ <br> 5 (if mitosis occurred) it would alter, number / size , of the, gaps / fenestrations $\checkmark$ <br> 6 idea that it would alter an aspect of ultrafiltration | 3 max | ALLOW cannot pass G1 checkpoint / cannot go into $S$ phase / remains in $G_{1}$ <br> e.g. (podocyte) has projections (so cannot divide) <br> ALLOW for aspect of ultrafiltration e.g. different sized molecules can pass through e.g. no / less, ultrafiltration e.g. changes rate of ultrafiltration e.g. changes composition of filtrate |
|  | (c) | (ii) | (adult stem cells) are multipotent $\checkmark$ <br> (differentiate to) become any cell type within , kidney / nephron (tissue) $\checkmark$ | 2 | DO NOT ALLOW totipotent / pluripotent ALLOW (adult stem cells) can, differentiate / specialise |
|  |  |  | Total | 12 |  |

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