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Annotations used in scoris

Annotation	Meaning	
	correct response	
×	incorrect response	
BOD	benefit of the doubt	
NBOD	benefit of the doubt <u>not</u> given	
ECF	error carried forward	
^	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 pointsallow = 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 = or reverse argument

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1 a i	positive (1) phototropism (1)	2	allow responds positively(1) ignore + ignore bends towards the light allow phototropic (response) (1) ignore photosynthesis
a ii	idea that auxin becomes evenly distributed (1)	2	allow auxin spreads out to all sides / both sides (1) allow idea that auxin builds up in all parts / on both sides / in whole shoot (1) allow auxin does not collect on one side (1) allow placement of auxin keeps changing / side with more or less auxin keeps changing (1) ignore auxin disperses to shaded side / collects on shaded side
	idea that cell elongation occurs (on all sides) (1)		ignore just 'it elongates' or 'shoot elongates'
b		2	Assume answer refers to 'Start-Root' unless otherwise stated ignore yes or no; just look for explanation
	any two from: (yes) has the largest (mean) number of roots (1)		allow it has the most roots /has the larger number of roots (1) ignore it has large number of roots / more root growth ignore just (yes) it has 12.8 (mean) root number
	(no) idea that Roo-Ting has a similar (mean) number of roots (1)		allow Roo-Ting has slightly less (mean) number of roots (1)
	(no) only the third best (mean) root length / Rootz-it or Roo-Ting has higher or better (mean) root length /ora (1)		allow it has shorter roots than Rootz-it or Roo-Ting /ora (1) allow does not have the highest root length (1) ignore just 'Rootz-it or Roo-Ting grow longer '/ ora
	compares two sets of data from the table (1)		e.g. (no) Roo-Ting has (mean) root length of 32.4(mm) rather than 28.3 (mm) (1)

		e.g. (no) Roo-Ting has longer roots as its (mean) root length of 32.4(mm) rather than 28.3 (mm) (2) e.g. (no) it has 12.8 (mean) root number but Roo-Ting has 12.5 which is similar (2) e.g. Start Root 4.1mm less root length than Root-Ting (2)
Total	6	

Qu	estion	Answer	Marks	Guidance
2	а	avoid using tobacco products / avoid smoking (1) change diet to avoid foods linked with cancer (1)	2	allow stop smoking / avoid passive smoking (1) allow reduce smoking / smoke less (1) allow eat a balanced or healthy diet / improve diet / better diet (1) allow sensible examples (1)
				 e.g. avoid high fat diet / reduce fat in diet e.g. avoid or reduce junk food e.g. avoid or reduce processed food or meat / red meat e.g. avoid high sugar or salt diet / reduce sugar or salt in diet e.g. eat more fruit or veg
				ignore just 'change diet' ignore lose weight / drink less alcohol ignore references to anti-oxidants ignore reference to medical checks
				allow as an extra marking point idea of more exercise (1)
	b i	antibodies (1)	1	ignore white blood cells / lymphocytes / memory cells not antigens (are made) BUT allow antibodies are made to attach to the antigens (1)
	b ii	(you could have) dizziness or light-headedness / fainting / blurred vision / nausea / rapid, shallow breathing / fatigue /	1	allow lack of concentration (1) allow lack of energy / tiredness /drowsiness (1)
		kidney failure (1)		<pre>allow organ failure / organs stop working (1) ignore heart attack / heart failure ignore make you ill / you could die ignore reduces blood flow to the brain</pre>

С	i	16 (1) 53.3 (%) (1)	2	allow ecf from first part (answer in first part/30 x 100) allow 53 / 53.3333333333333333333333333333333
c i	i	idea that more women in Scotland smoke (1)	1	ignore more people in Scotland smoke ignore women in Scotland smoke more cigarettes (per day)
		Total	7	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
3 a	Identifies that Sam is long-sighted, Ann is short-sighted AND gives one possible cause AND both correct lenses linked to correct vision problem for both. Quality of written communication does not impede communication of the science at this level. (5 – 6 marks)	6	This question is targeted at grades up to A. Indicative scientific points at level 1, 2 and 3 may include: ANN Short-sight caused by • eye(ball) too long (ignore too big) • lens too fat / thick /rounded • idea of light focused in front of retina / (light) rays meet in front of retina • light refracted too much ignore (light) rays refracted in front of retina / light does not touch retina / do not meet at the back of the eye Correction • Short-sight / Ann corrected by concave / diverging lens SAM Long-sight caused by • eye(ball) too short (ignore too rounded /small) • lens too thin / narrow • idea of light focused behind retina / idea that (light) rays (would) meet behind retina • light not refracted enough ignore (light) rays refracted behind retina / light passes through retina / do not meet at the back of the eye / refract further than the eye Correction • Long-sight / Sam corrected by convex / converging lens Look for answers on diagrams but answers on lines take precedence ignore cornea surgery / laser surgery ignore references to descriptions e.g. Ann cannot see distant objects well e.g. Sam cannot see close objects well use the L1, L2, L3 annotations in RM assessor.

			Do not use ticks.
b	cannot focus on near objects / idea that accommodation is harder (1)	1	allow lens stays in thin shape / lens cannot become fat (1) allow won't be able to do accommodation (1) allow idea that difficult to change from focusing on distant and nearby objects (1) ignore 'cannot focus on distant objects and near objects'
	Total	7	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
4 a		1	more than 1 tick is zero
	anabolic steroid		
	aspirin		
	ecstasy		
	solvent		
	(1)		
b	alcohol breakdown produces or releases toxins	2	ignore liver breaks down toxin
	/poisons (1)		ignore alcohol is a toxin or poison ignore just 'liver makes toxins' or 'alcohol makes toxins'
			ignore just liver makes toxins or alcohormakes toxins
	cause cirrhosis (1)		allow phonetic spelling e.g. serosis (1)
			allow forms hardening / scarring of liver tissue (1)
			ignore rots your liver
			ignore fatty liver
С	any two from	2	
	idea that depressants affect synapses (1)		ignore just 'travels to the synapse'
	depressants block receptor sites or molecules /		ignore dopamine receptors
	depressants bind with receptor sites or molecules (1)		not just bind with receptors
	acetylcholine / neurotransmitter cannot bind (to		ignore less acetylcholine / neurotransmitter released or binding
	receptor sites or molecules) (1)		with the receptor sites or molecules
	, , ,		ignore act like acetylcholine / neurotransmitter
	idea that the next neurone cannot be stimulated (1)		allow impulse not sent along the next neurone / no new impulse

		generated / block transmission of impulse (1)
		ignore slows down or delays transmission of signal or impulse ignore slows reaction time / slows reflexes ignore chlorpromazine mimics dopamine
Total	5	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
5 а	solvent evaporates / water evaporates (1)	1	allow solvent / water becomes a gas or vapour (1) ignore just 'evaporation' ignore solvent or water dries ignore reactions with oxygen ignore liquid evaporates
b	any two from:	2	
	idea that particles / molecules are mixed or dispersed (within a liquid) (1)		allow idea that pigment (particles) is mixed or dispersed (within a liquid) (1) allow particles dispersed in another substance (1) ignore just 'mixture of particles' but allow mixture of particles in a liquid (1) ignore oil droplets dispersed in water ignore paint droplets dispersed in water / particles of solvent molecules ignore dispersal of paint droplets with a solvent not solute spread out in solvent or solvent dispersed in solution
	particles / molecules do not settle because bombarded by other particles (1)		allow there is charge repulsion between particles (1)
	idea that particles / molecules are too small (to settle at bottom of paint) (1)		ignore powder is fine (so does not settle at bottom of paint)
С	C (1)	2	If another pigment chosen then no marks
	(because) it gives off light or emits light (in the dark) (1)		allow glows (in the dark) (1) ignore just 'absorbs light' or 'takes in light' ignore references to colour and temperature ignore energy unless it is clear it is light energy
	Total	5	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
6 a	(yes) (only award these marks if a 'yes' answer is given)	2	marks are for explanation which must be comparative
	any two from: cheapest / most cost efficient / most cost effective (1)		allow cost less (than the others) (1) ignore just 'cost effective or cost efficient' ignore 'it is cheap' ignore just 'high relative energy content'
	higher energy content than LPG and propane / second highest relative energy content (per litre) (1)		
	idea that you don't need as much (volume) as LPG and propane / second lowest volume needed / only gas oil requires less volume (1)		ignore just 'volume needed to heat house per year is low or lowest'
	produces less carbon dioxide emissions than gas oil (1)		allow is not the highest producer of carbon dioxide (1) ignore produces medium relative mass of carbon dioxide
			Max one mark for no answer with explanation (only award these marks if a 'no' answer is given) e.g. no because gas oil requires less or lowest volume / gas oil contains more or the most energy (per litre) / paraffin does not have the highest relative energy content / paraffin produces more carbon dioxide than LPG or propane (1)
			ignore produces the most carbon dioxide ignore does not have the most energy content

b		2	comments must be comparative
	idea that smaller molecules have weaker or fewer intermolecular forces / ora (1)		allow smaller molecules have weaker forces between molecules / smaller molecules have fewer forces between molecules / ora (1) allow small molecules have weak or few intermolecular forces and large molecules have strong or many intermolecular forces(1) ignore smaller or larger intermolecular forces
	idea that smaller molecules have lower boiling points / ora (1)		allow small molecules have low boiling points and large molecules have high boiling points (1) allow weaker or fewer intermolecular forces have lower boiling point / ora (1) allow the smaller the molecules the less energy or heat is needed to break intermolecular forces / forces between molecules (1) allow IMF / intermolecular bonds / bonds between molecules not forces between atoms / in molecules / intramolecular forces
С	$C_3H_8 + 5O_2 \rightarrow 3CO_2 + 4H_2O$ correct formulae (1) balancing - conditional on correct formulae (1)	2	ignore references to position fractions are in column allow any correct multiple, including fractions e.g. $2C_3H_8 + 10O_2 \rightarrow 6CO_2 + 8H_2O$ (2) allow = or \Rightarrow for arrow
			not 'and' or & for + allow one mark for correct balanced equation with incorrect use case, superscript or subscript e.g. $C_3h_8 + 5O2 \rightarrow 3Co_2 + 4H2O$
	Total	6	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
7 a	C (1)	1	allow correct answer ticked, circled or underlined in list if answer line is blank
b i	addition (1)	1	ignore compound / polymerisation
C	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	2	The first marking point can be awarded if they only draw the correct product reject a double bond drawn between carbon atoms of product allow just the product drawn for one mark product must have bonds on either side of carbon atoms allow one CH ₃ group on each carbon top or bottom allow CH ₃ group drawn showing bonds between C and 3, H atoms allow round brackets
	balanced equation with correct use of n (1)		marking point is dependent on correct structure of product and reactant
	Total	4	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
8 a	(evaporates easily) idea that that the perfume (particles) can reach or travel to the nose (1)	2	allow so smell can travel to nose (1) ignore so you can smell it
	(does not react with water) idea that otherwise perfume would react with perspiration or sweat (1)		allow so it doesn't react with perspiration or sweat (1) allow so it doesn't react with moisture on the skin (1) but ignore so it doesn't react with moisture ignore it doesn't react with water on the skin ignore doesn't react with rain ignore doesn't harm you when you sweat ignore so it doesn't react with the skin / irritate the skin / react with atmosphere ignore so it doesn't wash off when you sweat or wash ignore idea of being able to go near water when wearing the perfume e.g. you can still go swimming
b	against animal testing – idea of cruelty (1)	2	allow references to ethical issues e.g. it is not ethical / it is not morally right (1) allow animals suffer / it is cruel / harms animals (1) allow idea of animal rights (1) allow some have religious beliefs against animal testing (1) allow animals cannot choose whether or not they are tested on (1) allow may give different result with animals rather than humans (1) ignore just 'not fair' or 'not right'
	for animal testing – idea that scientists need to be sure that cosmetics are safe (for use on humans) (1)		allow to make sure it is safe (for humans to use) (1) allow to identify possible (side) effects / as it may be harmful to humans (1) allow safer than testing on humans (1) allow may give same or similar result with animals and humans (1) ignore humans may benefit from the medication ignore just 'animals are similar to humans' ignore it is better for animals to suffer than humans

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
c	Level 3 Chooses solvent D with three reasons for their choice AND explains in detail why water will not dissolve nail varnish. Quality of written communication does not impede communication of the science at this level. (5 – 6 marks) Level 2 Chooses solvent D with three reasons for their choice OR Chooses solvent D with two reasons for their choice AND attempts to explain why water will not dissolve nail varnish. Quality of written communication partly impedes communication of the science at this level. (3 – 4 marks) Level 1 Chooses solvent D with one reason for their choice. OR attempts to explain why water will not dissolve nail varnish. 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.	6 6	This question is targeted at grades up to A* Indicative scientific points may include: Choice of solvent: solvent D is the best choice because it is non-toxic it is non-flammable idea that it's (reasonably) good or effective at dissolving nail varnish / more effective at dissolving nail varnish than most of the others / only E is more effective at dissolving nail varnish than most of the others / only E is more effective at dissolving nail varnish (than D) / evaporates easily Why water will not dissolve nail varnish at level 1 or 2: idea that attraction or force between water molecules is strong idea that attraction or force between particles in nail varnish is strong idea that the attraction or force between water molecules and nail varnish particles is weak Why water will not dissolve nail varnish at level 3: the attraction or force between particles in nail varnish is greater than the attraction or force between water molecules and nail varnish particles the attraction or force between water molecules is greater than the attraction or force between water molecules and nail varnish particles the attraction or force between water molecules is greater than the attraction or force between water molecules and nail varnish particles allow bonds for forces or attraction but not covalent bond not intramolecular attraction or force or bonds answer must be in terms of particles or molecules allow intermolecular forces = forces between molecules
	(0 marks)		Do not use ticks.
	Total	10	

Ques	stion	Answer	Marks	Guidance
9 a	a	radio (waves) (1)	1	
k)	for total internal reflection (1)	1	allow for TIR (1) not total internal refraction
C	i	3 x 10 ⁸ (m/s) (2)	2	allow 300 000 000 (m/s) (2)
		if answer incorrect or incomplete then:		
		3 000 000 x 100 (1)		
		or		
		3 X 10 ⁶ X 100 (1)		
	ii		1	both answers correct for 1 mark
		3 x 10 ⁸ (m/s) or 300 000 000 (m/s)		allow ecf from 9ci but candidate must use the speed calculated in 9ci e.g. if 3 x 10 ⁷ is the answer in 9ci then the only answers
		1 (m) (1)		in 9ci e.g. if 3 x 10 ⁷ is the answer in 9ci then the only answers that are correct in 9cii are 3 x 10 ⁷ and 0.1 (1)
С	t	one mark for both correct names:	2	allow answers labelled on the diagram
		X amplitude		allow answers labelled on the diagram
		and		
		Y wavelength (1)		
		one mark for both correct descriptions:		
		X is the distance from the centre or middle to the top of the crest /		allow X is the maximum height of the wave measured from the middle
		X is the distance from zero displacement to maximum displacement		ignore X is (just) the height of the wave
		and Y is the distance between a point on one wave and		ignore Y is (just) the width of one wave

the same point on the next wave / Y is the distance from crest to crest / Y is the distance from trough to trough / Y is the distance between a start of one wave and the start of the next wave (1)		IF no other mark scored then allow one mark for correct name and description of either X or Y e.g. X is amplitude and the distance from the centre or middle to the top of the crest (1)
		Y is wavelength and the distance between a point on one wave and the same point on the next wave (1)
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Qu	esti	on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
10	а	i	(£)150 (1)	1	if answer line blank allow answer in correct place in the table answer line takes precedence
		ii	2 (years) (1)	1	if answer line blank allow answer in correct place in the table answer line takes precedence
	b		any two from:	2	no marks if option 1 or cavity wall insulation chosen
			option 2 (or draught proofing and loft insulation) saves more money (each year) / ORA (1)		allow option 2 saves £150 (per year) / saves an extra £50 (per year) (1)
			option 2 (or draught proofing and loft insulation) takes less time to payback / ORA (1)		allow option 2 is a quicker payback time / paid back sooner (1) allow option 2 takes 2.5 years to pay back (1) allow ecf from 10aii
			option 2 (or draught proofing and loft insulation) is cheaper (to fit) / ORA (1)		allow option 2 is £225 (to fit) (1)
	С	i	any three from:	3	allow explanations in terms of temperature loss (rather than energy loss)
			less energy or less heat loss across foam or wood / more energy or more heat loss across plaster or brick (1)		ignore just 'there is energy / heat loss across the wall' ignore no or little energy loss energy loss across foam or wood ignore large amount of energy loss across plaster or brick
			foam or wood or air are (good) insulators / foam or wood or air are poor conductors (1)		ignore just 'foam or wood are conductors or good conductors'
			air is trapped in foam or wood (1)		allow trapped air reduces convection (currents) (2)
			air (in foam or wood) reduces or stops convection		

ii	any one from: add another insulating layer (1)	1	allow add another layer of wood or foam or material that traps air (1) allow make the wood or foam (layers) thicker (1) ignore cavity wall insulation / double glazing ignore the idea of removing brick or plaster (and changing it all
	add reflective foil (to the inside or plaster layer) (1)		to foam or wood) ignore adding vacuum between layers allow add silver foil or aluminium foil (1) ignore just add foil
i i			

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
11	Level 3: (5-6 marks) Detailed explanation of the advantages of DAB AND detailed suggestions about the number of stations and quality of reception Quality of written communication does not impede communication of science at this level. Level 2: (3-4 marks) Simple explanation of the advantages of DAB AND simple suggestions about the number of stations and quality of reception Quality of written communication partly impedes communication of science at this level.	6	This question is targeted up to grade A* Indicative scientific points may include the following: advantages of DAB • more broadcasters or more stations or more channels • less interference (than analogue) • less interference with other digital broadcasts • noise is easy to remove / noise can be cancelled • allows wireless communication ignore easier to remove interference / no interference ignore multiplexing number of stations • A or D have 63 / the most / more / A has 58 plus 5 • B has 11 (in total) / 11 stations with fair reception / the least / zero stations with good reception • C has 58 • A, C or D may be in a city or populated area • B may be rural or far from a large city or in a less populated area
	Level 1: (1-2 marks) Simple explanation of the advantages of DAB OR simple suggestions about the number of stations and quality of reception Quality of written communication impedes the communication of science at this level Level 0: (0 marks) Insufficient or irrelevant science. Not worthy of credit.		 quality of reception A or D are covered or have good reception or good quality / B or C may not be covered or have poor reception or poor quality or no reception A or D are near a transmitter or mast / B or C may be far from a transmitter or mast DAB broadcasts can have poor(er) audio quality / FM or AM have better audio quality DAB broadcasts can be affected by refraction Ignore references to buildings or obstacles blocking signals Ignore reference to the weather Use the L1, L2, L3 annotations in RM assesor. Do not use ticks.
	Total	6	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
12 a	microwaves are absorbed by water particles or water molecules or microwaves are absorbed by fat particles or fat molecules (1)	2	ignore microwaves penetrate fat or water / absorb water / absorb fat ignore just food / water / fat absorbs the microwaves (need to use the term particles or molecules correctly somewhere in answer for this marking point)
	this increases kinetic energy or KE (1)		allow water or fat gains kinetic energy or KE (1) ignore kinetic energy passed to food
b i	any one from:	1	
	idea that transmitter is a long distance (from the houses or person or ground) (1)		allow transmitter is high (up) or further (away) (1) ignore just mast or it is a long distance or high (up) or further (away)
	low(er) or less frequency (of microwaves used so less harmful to humans) (1)		allow ORA as long as they make it clear that it is the oven that has a higher frequency ignore references to power
ii	there is a need to balance risk with benefit / (known) benefits outweigh the (possible) risks /	1	allow examples of how risks can be reduced e.g. risk can be reduced by using hands free or texting (1)
	risk is small compared to the benefits of using mobile (1)		ignore there is no data or evidence to prove they cause harm
	Total	4	

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