

# **GCE**

# **Biology A**

H020/02: Depth in biology

Advanced Subsidiary GCE

**Mark Scheme for June 2019** 

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## **Annotations**

## **Marking Annotations**

Annotation	Use
BOD	Benefit of Doubt
CON	Contradiction
×	Cross
ECF	Error Carried Forward
GM	Given Mark
~~	Extendable horizontal wavy line (to indicate errors / incorrect science terminology)
I	Ignore
•	Large dot (various uses as defined in mark scheme)
	Highlight (various uses as defined in mark scheme)
NBOD	Benefit of the doubt not given
<b>/</b>	Tick
^	Omission Mark
BP	Blank Page
и	Level 1 answer in Level of Response question
L2	Level 2 answer in Level of Response question
L3	Level 3 answer in Level of Response question

#### **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) (i)	sieve tube (cell / element / member) ✓	1	Mark the first answer. If an additional answer is given that is incorrect, then = 0 marks
(ii	Benedict's / Fehling's (solution / reagent) ✓ blue / turquoise ✓ orange / yellow / brown ✓ acid ✓	4	IGNORE vessel  Mark the first answer in each space. If an additional answer is given that is incorrect, then = 0 marks  IGNORE dark / light / cloudy / opaque  IGNORE dark / light / cloudy / opaque  ALLOW named e.g. HCl, H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , HNO <sub>3</sub> IGNORE spelling error e.g. hydrocholic
(b) (i)	starch: is not soluble / does not dissolve (in water) or does not affect osmosis / is osmotically inactive or cannot, enter / leave, cells ✓ makes, it / sap, thick / viscous / sticky / glue-like ✓	max 1	ALLOW could block, tubes / flow / phloem  ALLOW H <sub>2</sub> O would not follow to, increase hydrostatic pressure / set up pressure gradient  ALLOW no co-transporter proteins for starch OR starch is too big to, enter cells / cross cell (surface) membranes / pass through cell wall IGNORE big / too big, unqualified
(ii	entry / exit / loading / unloading, controlled / uses transport proteins  or (is) less likely to, leave / exit / diffuse out of (sieve tubes) or (is) less, reactive / likely to be used (in respiration / by mitochondria / for energy) ✓	1	ALLOW ora throughout for glucose  ALLOW co-transporters for 'transport protein' DO NOT ALLOW channels / pores  IGNORE ref. osmosis / size / solubility / metabolically inactive
	Total	7	

C	uesti	on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
2	(a)		12 ✓ ✓	2	Correct answer = 2 marks even if no working shown. ALLOW 11 / 13 for 2 marks
					If answer is incorrect then award 1 mark:
					if answer to >2 s.f.: ALLOW range from 11.2 to 12.8
					if answer in mm: 0.011 / 0.012 / 0.013
					if answer in cm: 0.0011 / 0.0012 / 0.0013
					if answer in m: 1.1 x 10 <sup>-5</sup> / 1.2 x 10 <sup>-5</sup> / 1.3 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>
					for working: 14 or 15 or 16 ÷ 1250 x 1000
					for converting scale bar to µm: 15 000 or in range from 14 000 to 16 000
					ECF from mis-measured figure: answer to ( $x \div 1250 \times 1000$ ) e.g. 1cm gives an answer of 8 ( $\mu$ m) e.g. 1.5 mm gives an answer of 1.2 ( $\mu$ m)
	(b)	(i)	erythrocyte ✓	1	ALLOW red blood cell

	(ii)	immunity / immune system / immune response ✓	1	Mark the first answer. If an additional answer is given that is incorrect, then = 0 marks  ALLOW immune protection OR defence against / protection from / destroy / fight, pathogens / bacteria / protoctists / parasites / foreign antigens / non-self antigens / infection / infectious disease / malignant cells / cancer cells  IGNORE details e.g. engulf pathogens / make antibodies / specific / non-specific / phagocytosis
(c)	(i)	<ul> <li>1 to, see / identify, (differences between) cells ✓</li> <li>2 to, see / identify, (differences between) organelles ✓</li> <li>3 red blood cells visible, anyway / without stain (due to haemoglobin) ✓</li> <li>4 ref. contrast ✓</li> <li>5 allows, white cells / leucocytes, to be counted ✓</li> </ul>	max 3	ALLOW so white blood cells / A / C / D can be seen or told apart from RBCs  ALLOW named organelles e.g nucleus / cytoplasm  ALLOW without stain white cells are, transparent / colourless
	(ii)	<ul> <li>1 C (is, blue / purple, so) has (more) nucleic acid ✓</li> <li>2 (C has) (m / t / r) RNA ✓</li> <li>3 D (is red so) has (more) protein ✓</li> <li>4 (D has) enzyme / antibody / immunoglobulin ✓</li> <li>5 idea that different cells have different, roles / (concentrations of) biochemicals / levels of activity ✓</li> </ul>	max 4	IGNORE suggested names for cells IGNORE some / no, protein present  2 DO NOT ALLOW DNA  3 IGNORE some / no, nucleic acid present  4 ALLOW (named) hydrolases / (named) cytokines / perforins / granzymes
		Total	11	

	Questi	ion	Answer	Marks	Guidance
3	(a)	(i)	<u>Felis</u> ✓	1	Mark the first answer. If any additional answer is given then = 0 marks
					Need first letter upper case, rest lower case.
		(ii)		2	If additional terms are given then = max 1 for complete correct answer.
			<u>intra</u> specific ✓		ALLOW intra-species
			variation ✓		IGNORE phenotypic / genetic / species DO NOT ALLOW variance / variety
		(iii)	1 can produce fertile offspring ✓	max 2	
			2 (still) similar in appearance / not enough phenotypic difference(s) ✓		2 ALLOW physically alike / similar characteristics 2 ALLOW similar cytochrome c (protein) sequence
			3 have only been, separated / isolated, for a short time ✓		<b>3 ALLOW ora</b> would need to be, separated / isolated, for a long(er) time
			4 genetically similar ✓		4 ALLOW genotypically similar
	(b)	(i)	for, fur / pelts / sport / trophies or to stop them, killing / eating,	1	Mark the first answer. If an additional incorrect answer is given then = 0 marks IGNORE for food / meat / commerce / commercial / cosmetic / aesthetic / dangerous  ALLOW 'to protect' for 'stop them, killing / eating' named e.g: pheasant / grouse / partridge / chicken / duck DO NOT ALLOW large livestock e.g. cattle / horses / deer / pigs

Question	Answer	Marks		Guidance	
(ii) *	Please refer to the marking instructions on page 4 of this In summary: Read through the whole answer. (Be prepared to recognise as Using a 'best-fit' approach based on the science content of the Level 3, best describes the overall quality of the answer. Then, award the higher or lower mark within the level, according to the second of the science content of the scie	d credit ur answer, fi	nex irst	pected approaches where they show relevance.) decide which of the level descriptors, <b>Level 1</b> , <b>Level 2</b> or  nmunication Statement (shown in italics):	
	<ul> <li>award the higher mark where the Communication Statement has been met.</li> <li>award the lower mark where aspects of the Communication Statement have been missed.</li> <li>The science content determines the level.</li> <li>The Communication Statement determines the mark within a level.</li> </ul>				

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#### Level 3 (5–6 marks)

A detailed description **and** explanation of the potential effects of small population size on genetic **and** species biodiversity.

There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured. All the information presented is relevant and substantiated.

#### Level 2 (3–4 marks)

A basic description **and** explanation of potential effects of small population size on genetic **and** species biodiversity.

## OR

A detailed description **and** explanation of the potential effects of small population size on genetic **or** species biodiversity.

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)

A description of some potential effects for genetic **and** species biodiversity of small population size.

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.

# Indicative scientific points may include genetic biodiversity:

- genetic, diversity / variation, low / will decrease
- small gene pool / few alleles (at each locus)
- proportion of polymorphic loci is small
- homozygosity increases / heterozygosity decreases
- inbreeding (depression will occur)
- (as closely-) related cats, mate / breed
- loss of alleles / genetic erosion
- by chance / genetic drift
- correct ref. to disease susceptibility
- low potential for adaptation (to future change)
- new alleles may arise (slowly)
- by mutation
- (slow as) one / few, generation(s) per year

#### species biodiversity

- wildcats may go extinct (in Scotland)
- one less species
- correct ref. to species richness
- correct ref. to species evenness
- former prey species may, return / increase / extend range (increasing biodiversity)
- affect food chain / example of food chain effect
- conservation, efforts / effects
- only one cat species (in Scotland)

Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
(c)	(i)	D ✓	1	Mark the first answer. If any additional answer is given then = 0 marks
	(ii)	A ~	1	Mark the first answer. If any additional incorrect answer is given then = 0 marks  IGNORE B
	(iii)	C ✓	1	<b>Mark the first answer</b> . If any additional answer is given then = 0 marks
	(iv)	B / D ✓	1	<b>Mark the first answer</b> . If any additional <b>incorrect</b> answer is given then = 0 marks
		Total	16	

(	Quest	ion	Answer	Marks	Guidance
4	(a)	(i)	water loss / transpiration / evaporation, equals uptake ✓	1	ALLOW all the water taken up is, lost / transpired / evaporated ALLOW none of the water (taken up) is used
		(ii)*	Please refer to the marking instructions on page 4 of this	mark schei	me for guidance on how to mark this question.
			In summary: Read through the whole answer. (Be prepared to recognise at Using a 'best-fit' approach based on the science content of the Level 3, best describes the overall quality of the answer. Then, award the higher or lower mark within the level, accordited award the higher mark where the Communication States award the lower mark where aspects of the Communication	e answer, fir ing to the <b>Co</b> ment has be	ommunication Statement (shown in italics): een met.
			<ul> <li>The science content determines the level.</li> <li>The Communication Statement determines the mark wit</li> </ul>	hin a level.	

Level 3 (5–6 marks) A detailed description and explanation of the precautions needed when setting up and using the apparatus. There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured. All the information presented is relevant and substantiated.	Indicative scientific points may include  setting up: Description
Level 2 (3–4 marks) A basic description and explanation of the precautions needed when setting up and using the apparatus.  OR A detailed description and explanation of the precautions needed when setting up or using the apparatus.  There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The information presented is relevant and supported by some evidence.	<ul> <li>E so no air can enter, stem / shoot / xylem / apparatus</li> <li>E air / bubble, could block xylem</li> <li>E obtain a continuous column of water</li> <li>Using: <ul> <li>D do not allow the bubble to move too far</li> <li>D use syringe to move bubble</li> <li>E so air bubble does not enter, xylem / stem</li> <li>E so same air bubble can be re-used</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Level 1 (1–2 marks) A description of some of the precautions needed when setting up and using the apparatus. 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.	<ul> <li>D place open end in water</li> <li>E so no, air / (new) bubble, introduced</li> <li>D keep shoot, still / supported</li> <li>E to avoid breaking, seal / water column</li> <li>E to measure transpiration accurately</li> <li>E ensure validity</li> </ul>
	Allow gas for 'air' throughout. Ignore oxygen. Ignore air / bubbles being present or leaving.

Ques	tion	Answer	Marks	Guidance
(b)	(i)	1 57 / trial 4 of condition 3 ✓	max 3	1 ALLOW lower leaf covered / with jelly for 'condition 3' 1 ALLOW 57, marked / circled, in table ECF for mps 2, 3 and 4 if figure other than 57 selected
		2 has made mean higher ✓		2 ALLOW if 57 not included mean would be less
		3 (ignoring / excluding 57) mean = 29.4 ✓		
		4 (using 57) increases mean by, 4.6 (mm) / 15.6% ✓		4 ALLOW ora ignoring 57 decreases mean by, 4.6 mm / 13.5% ECF from wrong mean calculated for mp 3
	(ii)	bubble was not (fully) returned to starting position or misread, scale / ruler / distance or timed for longer than five minutes or air movement / temperature / light increased ✓	1	ALLOW leaf not fully covered with petroleum jelly

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
Question (iii)	6.63 ✓ ✓ ✓	3	Correct answer = 3 marks even if no working shown. ALLOW answer in table 4.2  ALLOW close figure showing, rounding error / error due to rounding during calculation, but deduct 1 mark  If final answer incorrect award 2 marks for:  answer not to 2 d.p: 7 / 6.6 / 6.631 / 6.632
(iv)	to, see / compare, effect of, other (named) treatment(s) / changed conditions ✓	1	

(c)	capillary tube: measures smaller volumes or small diameter so distance, greater / easier to measure or has, smaller units / finer gradations / closer scale (divisions) / more calibration marks ✓ less uncertainty ✓	max 1	ALLOW ora for calibrated pipette throughout  ALLOW thinner / narrower for 'small diameter'  ALLOW AW to give the idea of more marks or subdivisions on measuring scale  ALLOW (gives more) precise (readings)  ALLOW lower / smaller, percentage error IGNORE accuracy
(d)	find / control / standardise / account for, leaf <u>area</u> ✓ calculate / compare, transpiration <u>rate per unit area</u> ✓	2	ALLOW unit for 'area' e.g. mm² / cm² / m² IGNORE size / number of stomata IGNORE surface area to volume ratio ALLOW water, loss / uptake, for 'transpiration' ALLOW mm² / cm² / m² for 'unit area'
	Total	18	

Que	estion	Answer	Marks	Guidance
5 (ε	a)	any two from: to maintain (normal / optimum) water potential	2	DO NOT ALLOW linked to plasmolysis  ALLOW ora ψ lower inside (cell)  IGNORE outside vacuole for external context
(k	o) (i)	40 🗸	2	Correct answer = 2 marks even if no working shown.  IGNORE minus sign  If answer is incorrect, then award 1 mark for:  dividing by end fig: 66.6 (recurring) / 67  calculating with 0.20 NaCl fig: 81.5 / 82  working: (6.5 – 3.9) ÷ 6.5 x 100  or 2.6 ÷ 6.5 x 100

(ii)	as NaCl concentration increases:  1 (external) water potential decreases / solute potential increases ✓	max 2	1 IGNORE outside vacuole for external context
	2 water potential gradient decreases ✓		<b>2 ALLOW</b> ψ difference decreases / ψ inside and out becomes more similar
	3 less water enters (Paramecium / cell / cytoplasm) ✓		3 ALLOW water, enters / diffuses, more slowly ALLOW takes more time for water to enter DO NOT ALLOW solution for 'water'
	4 less water needs to be expelled ✓		4 ALLOW removed / got rid of / ejected, for 'expelled' DO NOT ALLOW solution for 'water' but ECF from 3 IGNORE water expelled less, often / frequently or less contractions in a given time

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
(iii)	<ul> <li>1 making crystals, increases ψ / decreases ψ<sub>s</sub> ✓</li> <li>benefit:</li> <li>2 decreases / less, water entry ✓</li> <li>3 (so) less need to expel water ✓</li> <li>4 (so) less use of energy ✓</li> </ul>	max 3	1 ALLOW ora dissolving crystals, decreases ψ / increases ψ <sub>s</sub> IGNORE removing / releasing, for 'dissolving' ALLOW 'adding' for 'making'  ECF from wrong mp1 for an ora of mp 2-4 for 1 mark only
(iv)	(less) oxygen for <u>aerobic</u> respiration ✓ (less) energy / ATP, for (vacuole) contraction ✓	2	ALLOW is an active process for 'energy' IGNORE active transport DO NOT ALLOW energy created / produced
	Total	11	

Question		ion	Answer	Marks	Guidance
6	(a)	(i)	(cellulose) cell wall ✓	1	IGNORE cell (surface) membrane DO NOT ALLOW skin
		(ii)	damage / wound or carried by, insects / vectors / aphids ✓	1	
	(b)	(i)	<ul> <li>any two from:</li> <li>1 virus / foreign, RNA recognised (as incorrect) ✓</li> <li>2 virus / foreign, RNA / genome, cut / destroyed ✓</li> <li>3 virus, replication / reproduction, stopped ✓</li> </ul>	2	ALLOW viral for 'virus' throughout ALLOW will not recognise, virus / foreign, RNA as correct DO NOT ALLOW DNA / viral mRNA DO NOT ALLOW DNA / viral mRNA, but ecf from 1 IGNORE viral RNA, will not survive / attacked
		(ii)	phospho(di)ester ✓	1	
		(iii)	faulty / incorrect, (m) RNA destroyed ✓	2	
			faulty / wrong, proteins not made or		ALLOW mutated for 'faulty'
			prevents errors in protein synthesis ✓		e.g. stop wrong amino acid sequence forming / stop wrong primary structure
			Total	7	

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