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Biology A

Unit **A162/01**: Modules B4, B5, B6 (Foundation Tier)

General Certificate of Secondary Education

Mark Scheme for June 2016

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






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Annotations

Used in the detailed Mark Scheme:

Annotation	Meaning
/	alternative and acceptable answers for the same marking point
(1)	separates marking points
not/reject	answers which are not worthy of credit
ignore	statements which are irrelevant - applies to neutral answers
allow/accept	answers that can be accepted
(words)	words which are not essential to gain credit
words	underlined words must be present in answer to score a mark
ecf	error carried forward
AW/owtte	alternative wording
ORA	or reverse argument

	indicate uncertainty or ambiguity
	benefit of doubt
	contradiction
	incorrect response
	error carried forward
	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
	no benefit of doubt
	reject
	correct response
	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
	information omitted

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Subject-specific Marking Instructions

- a. If a candidate alters his/her response, examiners should accept the alteration.
- b. Crossed out answers should be considered only if no other response has been made. When marking crossed out responses, accept correct answers which are clear and unambiguous.

E.g.

For a one mark question, where ticks in boxes 3 and 4 are required for the mark:

Put ticks (✓) in the
two correct boxes.

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

This would be worth
1 mark.

Put ticks (✓) in the
two correct boxes.

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

This would be worth
0 marks.

Put ticks (✓) in the
two correct boxes.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

This would be worth
1 mark.

- c. The list principle:

If a list of responses greater than the number requested is given, work through the list from the beginning. Award one mark for each correct response, ignore any neutral response, and deduct one mark for any incorrect response, e.g. one which has an error of science. If the number of incorrect responses is equal to or greater than the number of correct responses, no marks are awarded. A neutral response is correct but irrelevant to the question.

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d. Marking method for tick boxes:

Always check the additional guidance.

If there is a set of boxes, some of which should be ticked and others left empty, then judge the entire set of boxes.

If there is at least one tick, ignore crosses. If there are no ticks, accept clear, unambiguous indications, e.g. shading or crosses.

Credit should be given for each box correctly ticked. If more boxes are ticked than there are correct answers, then deduct one mark for each additional tick. Candidates cannot score less than zero marks.

E.g. If a question requires candidates to identify a city in England, then in the boxes

Edinburgh	
Manchester	
Paris	
Southampton	

the second and fourth boxes should have ticks (or other clear indication of choice) and the first and third should be blank (or have indication of choice crossed out).

Edinburgh			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Manchester	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
Paris				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Southampton	<input type="checkbox"/>	x		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Score:	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	NR

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1	a	i	A	1	accept correct indication on diagram
		ii	13 <input type="checkbox"/> 26 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 46 <input type="checkbox"/> 52 <input type="checkbox"/>	1	
		iii	nucleus to be correctly labelled	1	Accept arrows (either direction) Accept correct line without word nucleus
		iv	84 (2)	2	award one mark for the correct working (e.g. 2100 x 4/100)
	b	i	a set of chromosomes from each parent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	1	
			Total	6	

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2	a	i	8	1	
	a	ii	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>the stem cells are unspecialised cells</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>the stem cells can become any type of cell</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	2	
	b	i	<p>any two from the following :</p> <p>cells become/replace pancreatic cells;</p> <p>cells will start making insulin for the patient;</p> <p>so blood glucose can be regulated;</p> <p>patients will no longer need to take insulin injections;</p>	2	<p>accept repair the pancreas, but NOT repair pancreatic cells</p> <p>ignore blood glucose decreases</p>
		ii	<p>any two from the following :</p> <p>no ethical/moral issues or example e.g. right to life;</p> <p>don't need to harm/destroy/kill embryos;</p> <p>maybe more difficult to obtain embryo cells ORA;</p> <p>bone marrow cells can be taken from the patient;</p> <p>reduced chance of rejection;</p>	2	<p>ignore safer/more risky</p> <p>accept more bone marrow cells than embryo cells</p>

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		iii	<p>The Government</p> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	1	
	c		90 hours	1	
	d		<p>Tissue</p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	1	
			Total	10	

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3	a	i	All correctly plotted (2 marks) Five or six correctly plotted (1 mark)	2	Allow 1 square error margin If plotted points invisible , score marks from line of best fit. ignore bar chart Points to be plotted: 0.00, 0 0.02, 20 0.04, 28 0.06, 35 0.08, 40 0.12, 43 0.14, 43
	a	ii	Continuous, correct and smooth line of best fit, going through all plotted points, including the origin	1	Accept points joined with straight lines dot-to-dot Allow 1 square error margin. If plotted points invisible , score marks if line passes through the correct points on the graph Do not accept straight line of best fit Allow ecf
	a	iii	42	1	Allow 41 – 43 Allow ecf - correct reading of data from line

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	a iv	<p>Any two from</p> <p>as carbon dioxide increases (the rate of) photosynthesis/reaction increases OR there is a positive correlation;</p> <p>idea that increasing carbon dioxide has no further effect/ rate remains constant/rate plateaus;</p> <p>because there is another limiting factor/ named limiting factor/CO_2 is no longer a limiting factor;</p>	2	<p>do not accept in reverse: as photosynthesis increases, carbon dioxide increases / OWTTE</p> <p>do not accept rate of photosynthesis decreases</p>
	a v	<p>(it is an) outlier / anomalous result / anomaly (1)</p> <p>it does not fit the trend / pattern / line of best fit (1)</p>	2	<p>Allow does not fit in</p> <p>Ignore does not match /look similar to other results</p>

Question		Answer	Marks	Additional guidance
	b	<p>Level 3 (5-6 marks) Uses point(s) of information provided alongside biological knowledge. Quality of written communication does not impede communication of the science at this level</p> <p>Level 2 (3-4 marks) Uses point(s) of information provided. Quality of written communication partly impedes communication of the science at this level</p> <p>Level 1 (1-2 marks) States condition(s) required for growth. Quality of written communication impedes communication of the science at this level</p> <p>Level 0 (0 marks) Insufficient or irrelevant science. Answer not worthy of credit</p>	6	<p>This question is targeted at grades up to C</p> <p>Indicative scientific points may include:</p> <p>Conditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temperature • use heaters/greenhouse (to raise temperature) • pH (of soil) • light (intensity) • use lamps to increase light intensity • water • minerals /nitrates • provide fertilisers (to provide minerals) • carbon dioxide levels should be above that of atmospheric levels • burn fuels to produce CO₂ <p>Using information provided</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pH (of the soil) 6-8/neutral ORA • temperature 28-35 ORA <p>Biological knowledge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • optimising conditions for enzymes ORA • correct reference to limiting factors
	c	Diffusion (1)		
		Total	15	

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4	a	<p>Level 3 (5-6 marks) Identifies some problems with experimental design AND suggests improvements directly linked to the problem.</p> <p>Quality of written communication does not impede communication of the science at this level</p> <p>Level 2 (3-4 marks) Identifies some problems with experimental design and suggests improvements, unlinked.</p> <p>Quality of written communication partly impedes communication of the science at this level</p> <p>Level 1 (1-2 marks) Identifies either a problem OR an improvement.</p> <p>Quality of written communication impedes communication of the science at this level</p> <p>Level 0 (0 marks) Insufficient or irrelevant science. Answer not worthy of credit</p>	6	<p>This question is targeted at grades up to C</p> <p>Indicative scientific points may include</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Problem</th> <th>Improvement</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Only 5 cress seedlings used</td> <td>Increase the number of cress seedlings</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Light is from other sources</td> <td>Eliminate light from other areas/grow in a box with light from one direction only</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Could be due to another factor</td> <td>Try light source from other angles to see if results are similar</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5 days may not be long enough</td> <td>Extend experiment beyond 5 days</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No repeats carried out</td> <td>Repeat experiment</td> </tr> <tr> <td>One seedling did not grow towards the light</td> <td>Repeat experiment</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Some blocked from light because seedlings not all the same size</td> <td>Use seedlings all the same size/put smaller plants near front/ensure evenly lit</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Idea that sunlight can be variable</td> <td>Use fixed light source/lamp (from side)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Problem	Improvement	Only 5 cress seedlings used	Increase the number of cress seedlings	Light is from other sources	Eliminate light from other areas/grow in a box with light from one direction only	Could be due to another factor	Try light source from other angles to see if results are similar	5 days may not be long enough	Extend experiment beyond 5 days	No repeats carried out	Repeat experiment	One seedling did not grow towards the light	Repeat experiment	Some blocked from light because seedlings not all the same size	Use seedlings all the same size/put smaller plants near front/ensure evenly lit	Idea that sunlight can be variable	Use fixed light source/lamp (from side)
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	b	Plants are able to get more light (1) so they can photosynthesise/make glucose/make sugar (1)	2	ignore nearer the sun/get more sun/attracts sunlight accept make starch/make food accept reverse arguments
	c	Meristems <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	1	
		Total	9	

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5	a	brain (1) spinal cord (1)	2	Ignore spine												
	b	i	2	award 2 marks for 3 correct responses award 1 mark for 2 correct response No marks for 1 correct response												
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	c	<p>Level 3 (5-6 marks) States several features of both systems and comparison is clear. Quality of written communication does not impede communication of the science at this level</p> <p>Level 2 (3-4 marks) States some features of both systems Quality of written communication partly impedes communication of the science at this level</p> <p>Level 1 (1-2 marks) States some features of either system. Quality of written communication impedes communication of the science at this level</p> <p>Level 0 (0 marks) Insufficient or irrelevant science. Answer not worthy of credit</p>	6	<p>This question is targeted at grades up to E Indicative scientific points may include</p> <p>Nervous system features</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • receptor/brain • electrical (impulses) • fast (response) • neurones • short lived (response) <p>Endocrine system features</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • produced by a gland • chemical • slow response • (transported) in the blood • response lasts a long time <p>Example of comparison – 6 marks at level 3. The nervous system has a fast response whereas the hormonal system is slow. The nervous system uses neurones.</p> <p>Allow any evidence of direct comparison e.g. use of “er” or but / whereas etc.</p>
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6	a	<u>long term memory</u> still works (1) problems with <u>short term memory</u> (1)	2	Accept long term better than short-term (2 marks).
	b	MRI/CAT/CT scan	1	Do not accept X rays.
	c	repetition/chunking/pattern/link to stimulus	1	Do not accept write it down unless qualified by repeated. Accept any sensible answer.
		Total	4	

Question		Answer	Marks	Additional guidance
7		enzymes (1) anaerobic (1) energy (1) glucose (1)	4	
		Total	4	

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