

2013 Biology Standard Grade General Marking Instructions

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Standard Grade Biology 2013 - Additional marking notes

Please use these notes alongside the finalised 'VERSION 1 MARKING INSTRUCTIONS'

Markers Meeting

Do take clear notes of all decisions taken and use them in your marking.

Do bring up reasonable different interpretations of a question which may lead to different acceptable answers.

Do provide other responses illustrating good biology.

Do only bring up alternative responses you have actually seen.

Do try to form an idea of the minimal acceptable answer based on the marking instructions and any discussion.

Do not bring up obviously different ways of saying the same thing.

Do not bring up repeated examples of clearly incorrect answers.

Do not raise issues not directly concerning the marking instructions – put them in your report.

During marking

There are **no half marks**.

In the marking instructions, if a word is <u>underlined</u> then it is essential; (bracketed) then it is not essential.

Answers separated by / are alternatives.

Negation. A correct answer can sometimes fail to gain the mark if it is negated. This happens when:

An extra **incorrect answer** is given together with the correct one.

Additional incorrect information is given which contradicts the correct answer, demonstrating a misunderstanding of the question. (Additional unrequired information will not negate a correct answer if it does not contradict that answer).

Do accept chemical formulae instead of chemical names.

Do accept subscript, superscript and normal script when used to identify generations in genetic crosses.

Do accept incorrect spelling if it looks or sounds reasonably correct – unless it could be confused with another biological term or is an amalgam of two or more words.

Do try to make a decision if you see a response not discussed at the markers meeting. Make a note of your decision and use it if the same response is seen again.

Do put 0 in **every** mark box where zero marks have been awarded.

Do check the totalling of the script marks carefully.

Do not make any written comments on the scripts. Use ticks, crosses, underlining, etc to indicate marking decisions.

Referring scripts

Refer scripts to the Principal Assessor (*PA Referral*) only in extreme cases of indecision over an answer. A relevant referral form must be completed and included with the script. The script should be labelled *PA Referral*.

Refer scripts for Special Attention (M) if there is suspected malpractice or offensive remarks on the script. A report should be written on a separate piece of paper and included with the scripts. The script packet should be labelled **Special Attention** (M).

STANDARD GRADE BIOLOGY - 2013 GENERAL LEVEL MARKING INSTRUCTIONS VERSION 2

Qu	Acceptable answer	Mark	Unacceptable answer	
(a) (i)	Green algae Pondweed (either order)	1		
(ii)	sticklebacks water fleas water fleas water fleas water fleas pondweed water fleas trout (Accept 'sticklebacks' positioned so that arrows cross other arrows so long as they make the correct connections)	1	perch sticklebacks water beetles Extra 'perch'	
(iii)	1. water beetles 2. perch or 2. trout or 1. water beetles 1. or sticklebacks	1		
(iv)	Loss of one species / Decrease in numbers of one species	1	Extinction of one species One animal may die Reduced number of prey Less food	
(v)	Factor: Name of appropriate abiotic factor (pH, temperature, light, etc.)	1	LC35 1000	
	Method: Name of corresponding measuring instrument or method of use			
	('Method' mark cannot be given without the appropriate factor)	1		

Qu	Acceptable answer	Mark	Unacceptable answer
(b) (i)	9	1	
(ii)	90	1	
(,		'	
(c)	ecosystem		
	population both needed	1	

Qu	Acceptable answer	Mark	Unacceptable answer	
2 (a) (i)	carbon dioxide / CO ₂ water / H ₂ O	either order, both needed =	1	
(ii)	Chlorophyll		1	
(iii)	light / sunlight		1	sun
(b) (i)	As the temperature increases, the concentration decreases / As the temperature decreases, the concentration increases		1	As the concentration decreases, the temperature increases. Use of abbreviations
(ii)	Any temperature in range 7 °C to 14 °C.		1	

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3 (a)	E	anther	produces / releases pollen / male sex cells	6 correct = 3 4 / 5 correct = 2 2 / 3 correct = 1	3	Stores pollen
	В	sepal	protects flower bud / developing flower			Protects flower
	D	Stigma	collects pollen			
	G	Ovule	site of fertilisation			
(b)	Metho	od: Insect			1	
	Reaso		als / Nectary / Enclosed stamens / anthers / stigma st pass anthers to reach nectary	a / flower parts /	1	Brightly coloured / scented (negates)

Qu	Acceptable answer	Mark	Unacceptable answer
4 (a) (i)	C	1	
(ii)	G	1	
(iii)	В	1	
(b)	coronary artery	1	
(c) (i)	Engulf bacteria / Produce antibodies	1	
(ii)	protein	1	
(iii)	1 : 50 : 700	1	

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5 (a) (i)	membrane nucleus cytoplasm		any order				3 correct = 2 1 / 2 correct = 1	2	
(ii)	chloroplast	t						1	
(iii)	stain							1	Name of an example / dye
(1.)									
(b)	Male	Sperm	Testes	Small	No	Yes	5 columns correct = 3		
	Female	Egg / Ova	Ovaries / Ovary	Large	Yes	No	3 / 4 columns correct = 2 1 / 2 columns correct = 1	3	

Qu	Acceptable answer	Mark	Unacceptable answer
6 (a)	Chromosomes become visible in the nucleus Chromosomes line up at the equator Stage Y Nuclear membrane breaks down	1	
	Stage Y Nuclear membrane breaks down Cytoplasm divides	1	
	Mark Stage X and Stage Y separately		
(b)	nucleus	1	
	the same as	1	

Qu	Acceptable answer	Mark	Unacceptable answer
7 (a) (i)	16 (Accept correct answer written in calculation space)	1	
(ii)	The number of seeds / 20 seeds / many seeds used at each temperature / in each dish	1	The amount of seeds used
(iii)	Volume / amount of water / light Mass / amount of cotton wool / spacing of seeds	1 1	Size of dish / oxygen / pH
	Type of seeds Any two, 1 mark each		
(b) (ii) (iii)	Seed germination 50	1 1 1	

Qu	Acceptable answer	Mark	Unacceptable answer
8 (a) (i)	renal artery	1	
(ii)	ureter	1	
(iii)	collects / stores urine	1	
(iv)	urea	1	
(v)	reabsorption	1	absorption
(b) (i)	400 (Accept correct answer written in calculation space if units are given)	1	
(ii)	Water gain usually equals water loss / Water gain equals water loss at 15 °C and 20 °C / Water gain equals water loss at 2 of the 3 temperatures	1	Water gain equals water loss
(iii)	(Water loss in) urine decreases (Water loss in) sweat increases Water loss in breath increases Accept water loss increases as an alternative single answer to both of these Any 2 =	1	
(iv)	Drink (water / fluid)	1	

Qu	Acceptable answer	Mark	Unacceptable answer
9 (a)	Task is easier / faster / done better with two eyes / Judging distance is better with two eyes	1	Accuracy / Answers involving more than one person
	Practice improves results	1	
(b)	Size / length / width / type of nail Thickness of wood Hardness / type of wood Size / mass / length of hammer / same hammer Same lighting conditions Same eye closed Same hand used Any two, one mark each	2	Same person Same nail Same piece of wood
(c) (i) (ii)	Time taken to hammer nail (seconds) Correct y axis label = (No abbreviations) Correct y axis scale (maximum value of 4 plus minimum of one other value) = Correct drawing of bars with straight level tops =		

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10 (a) (i)	Bruising (Exposure to) drought either	order	1	Exposure
(ii)	Mechanical stress (Zapping with) ultrasound (Zapping with) electricity	Any two =	1	
(iii)	(Help them) survive drought / disease / attack by pests / Mop up molecules which damage cells			Prevents disease /attack by pests Increases vitamin C content
(iv)	Vitamin C		1	
(b) (i)	Prevent damage to DNA		1	
(ii)	Combat heart disease / Protect arteries / Reduce risk of diabetes / Reduce risk of neurological disease		1	

Qu		Mark	Unacceptable answer		
11 (a)	Height		Sown in March	1	
	30 – 60 cm			1	
	Cosmea M	allow	both needed	1	
(b)	Height (of plants / flowers) Snapdragons are 30 – 60 cm ta	ll, Sunflowers are 150 – 250	cm tall	1	
(c)	Both features shown by more the Both features shown by Snapdr Could be Snapdragon or Marigo Don't know when it is sown / see	agon, Marigold Ild		1	
(d)	Hollyhock Snapdragon	Sunflower	All three needed	1	

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12 (a)	В	Muscle / quadraceps	Produces a force to move bones at a joint	5 correct = 3		
	С	Bone	Framework for muscle attachment	3 / 4 correct = 2 1 / 2 correct = 1	3	
	D	Tendon	Joins muscle to bone			
	Α	Ligament	Joins bone to bone / Joins the bones of the joint together			Holds bones together / Keeps bones together / Holds joint together
(b)	Hinge				1	

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13 (a)	They become sickle shaped	1	They change shape
(b)	Immune	1	
(c)	Heart Spleen Both needed, any order =	1	

Qu	Acceptable answer	Mark	Unacceptable answer
14 (a)	Group B Group O Correct divisions (any order) = Correct labels = (Allow label mark if segments are wrong but labelled in correct order of sizes) Group AB	1 1	
(b)	A	1	
(c)	2 million / 2 000 000	1	

Qu	Acceptable answer		Mark	Unacceptable answer
15 (a) (i)	Attached ear lobes Free ear lobes either order	Both needed =	1	
(ii)	1 Fred / Rab 2 Margot / Linda	Both needed =	1	
(iii)	Attached		1	
(iv)	F ₁ F ₂	Both needed =	1	
(v)	Discontinuous		1	
(b)	Genotype		1	
(c) (i)	Gamete(s) / haploid		1	
(ii)	Fertilisation		1	

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16 (a)	To kill / prevent the growth of bacteria To kill harmful bacteria	1	Kill micro-organisms Fight infection
(b) (i)	If not, all bacteria are not killed / bacteria numbers increase / So that all bacteria are killed	1	So bacteria don't become resistant to antibiotic
(ii)	5 000	1	

Qu	Acceptable answer	Mark	Unacceptable answer
17 (a) (i)	Methane / Biogas	1	
(ii)	It is renewable / It does not run out / It conserves fossil fuels	1	Fossil fuels will run out It is infinite Less harmful to the environment
(b)	oxygen / aerobic conditions	1	Food
(c)	Cholera / Dysentry / Polio / Typhoid	1	

[END OF MARKING INSTRUCTIONS]