

## **GCE**

# **Biology A**

H420/01: Biological processes

Advanced GCE

**Mark Scheme for June 2019** 

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## Annotations

Annotation	Meaning
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
~~~	Wavy underlined words must be present or similar-meaning words must be present in answer to score a mark.
ECF	Error carried forward
AW	Alternative wording
ORA	Or reverse argument

## **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
L1	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

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	Guidance
1	C✓	1	
2	A✓	1	
3	A✓	1	
4	C✓	1	
5	D✓	1	
6	A✓	1	
7	B✓	1	
8	D✓	1	
9	B✓	1	
10	B <b>✓ ALLOW</b> A	1	
11	D✓	1	
12	C ✓ <b>ALLOW</b> A	1	
13	D✓	1	
14	D✓	1	
15	B✓	1	
	Total	15	

Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
Question 16 (a) (i)	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	similar increase <b>and</b> decrease (in pressure) , between 0 to 0.15s / to 0.15s / to point X ✓  steeper / faster, rise / fall , in ventricle (pressure) ✓ bigger , increase / decrease , in ventricle (pressure) ✓	Marks 4 max	ALLOW changes in pressure are the same, between 0 to 0.15s / to point X / to 0.15s  ALLOW ORA for atrium ALLOW ORA for atrium NOTE: MPs 2 and/or 3 may be implied using comparative figures  Time (s) LA (kPa) LV (kPa) 0 0.2 0.2 0.08 1.5 1.0 0.15 0.2 0.2 0.30 0.8 16.0 0.50 0.2 0.2  For MP7 units must be mentioned once Figures must show change in pressure in kPa  ALLOW +/- 0.5 throughout for pressure e.g. at 0.15s ventricle pressure goes from 0.2 kPa to 16kPa but atrial has 'blip' from 0.2 to 0.8 and back down = MP4 and MP7  e.g. ventricular pressure has big increase from 0.2kPa to 16kPa but atrial only goes to 0.8kPa = MP3 and MP7
(a) (ii)	86	bpm ✓	1	Unit must be given ALLOW beats per minute

(a)	(iii)	45 (%) 🗸	2	IGNORE + or – ALLOW for 1 max 44 or 46  If answer incorrect or not given to 2 sig.figs: ALLOW for 1 max 5 ÷11 x 100 OR 45.45 OR 45.5
(a)	(iv)	atrioventricular ✓	1	ALLOW bicuspid / mitral IGNORE AV DO NOT ALLOW tricuspid
(b)		type / vigour / intensity / AW , of exercise ✓  muscle mass / bone density / fitness / height /	3 max	List Rule If all three prompt lines used and more than one variable is on prompt line mark the first one on each line. If only one or two lines used but there is more than one variable listed mark the first three variables given.  IGNORE repeats / replicates / amount of exercise  IGNORE mass IGNORE gender  DO NOT ALLOW body temperature ALLOW same smart watch  e.g. asthma e.g. smoking e.g. drugs / anabolic steroids IGNORE diet / healthy unqualified / alcohol
(c)		mitochondria / mitochondrion	1	
		Total	12	

Que	Question		Answer		Guidance	
17	(a)	1	(gibberellin is) a chemical messenger ✓  produced in one part of plant but has  effects in another part / AW✓	3 max	IGNORE functions of gibberellin ALLOW cell-signalling molecule	
		3 4 5	long-lasting / acts over long period of time ✓		e.g. causes activity of target cells to be altered e.g. causes response in target cells	

(b)	(i)		4	Volume of gibberellin applied (10 <sup>-3</sup> cm <sup>3</sup> kg <sup>-1</sup> day <sup>-1</sup> )	Rate of increase of internodal length (mm day <sup>-1</sup> )
				0.0	1
				0.2	1
				0.4	2
				0.6	4
				0.9	22
				1.2	47
				1.4	48
				1.8	49
				1.9	50
				2.0	50
		x (horizontal) axis labelled volume of gibberellin applied (x10 <sup>-3</sup> cm <sup>3</sup> kg <sup>-1</sup> day <sup>-1</sup> )  AND y (vertical) axis labelled rate of internodal length increase (mm day <sup>-1</sup> ) ✓  linear scale on both axes		Units must be given for ALLOW solidus i.e. / fo NOTE () or / should be	r both axes r brackets ()
		at least 50% of area covered ✓		NOTE non-linear x axis	data
		line graph AND points plotted accurately to ±1 small square ✓		ALLOW one error in plo	
		suitable curved line of best fit drawn ✓		DO NOT ALLOW ruled	lines between points

(b)	(ii)	flowering cellular prevent aids stopromote	e from ermination ag in long-day plants , transcription / translation as leaf abscission amatal opening as fruit development as , activity of amylase / hydro	lysis of starch ✓	1 max	
(c)	(i)	non-red	lucing , sugars / disaccharides	; ✓	1	ALLOW sucrose / cellulose / vitamins IGNORE minerals / ions / fibre
(c)	(ii)	Test tube	Observations	Conclusion	2	1 mark per correct column
		1	(pale) purple / lilac / violet / mauve	Protein present		
		2	Yellow colour	reducing sugar (present)		IGNORE monosaccharides
		3	Pale brown colour	no / very little , starch (present)		
		4	(turns) white / cloudy / milky OR (forms white) suspension / emulsion	Fat present		DO NOT ALLOW precipitate
		5	pink	Glucose content small (15 mg dl <sup>-1</sup> )		IGNORE any qualifications / shades of colour
		_	<i>.</i> ✓	✓		

(c)	(iii)	(result using colorimeter will be) quantitative  OR  not subjective / less affected by human error  / no bias ✓	1	IGNORE accurate / valid ALLOW is objective
		Total	12	

18 (a)*		ver using the	·
	Level 3 (5–6 marks) Full and detailed comparison of the circulatory systems of a fish and mammal.  There is a well-developed comparison including a range of features. The information presented is relevant and clearly explained.	6	Indicative scientific points may include  As this is a comparison BOTH fish and mammals must be mentioned Similarities  Both are closed systems / blood in blood vessels  Both have a heart  Both carry oxygen using haemoglobin  Both have arteries / veins / capillaries
	Level 2 (3–4 marks)  Detailed comparison of the circulatory systems of a fish and mammal.  There is a reasonable attempt at comparison including a small range of features. The information presented is mostly relevant and clearly explained.		Fish Mammal  Single circulation / blood though heart once Pulmonary and systemic circulations  One atrium and 1 Two atria and 2 ventricles / 4 chambers (in heart) /
	Level 1 (1–2 marks)		(in heart) / no septum in heart has a septum heart

		Some correct comparison of the circulatory systems of a fish and mammal.  The information is basic and communicated in an unstructured way. The information is supported by limited explanations which may be unclear.  O marks  No response or no response worthy of credit.			Blood passes through 2 sets of capillaries (before returning to heart)  Blood pressure is lower (to organs)  Less efficient at transporting / supplying oxygen to tissues  (Fulfils needs) as fish are 'cold blooded' / have a low oxygen demand / low metabolic rate	Blood passes through 1 set of capillaries (before returning to heart)  Blood maintained at higher pressure  2 circulations with different pressures / can have high pressure in systemic circulation  More efficient at transporting / supplying oxygen to tissues  (Fulfils needs) as mammals need to maintain a constant body temperature / have a high oxygen demand / high metabolic rate
(b)	)	secreted into / travels in , blood ✓ binds to receptors on (skin) cell (surface) ✓	2 max		_OW transport medium _OW specific binding sit	
		detail of response inside cell(s) ✓		e.g.	activates G protein	
					causes formation of a senzyme / phosphorylat	

(c)	carbon dioxide / CO₂ , forms , carbonic acid / H₂CO₃ OR carbonic acid / H₂CO₃ , dissociates into H⁺ (and HCO₃⁻) ✓ haemocyanin , acts as a buffer / associates with (excess) H⁺ ✓ H⁺ / low pH , causes change in (tertiary) structure of haemocyanin ✓	2 max	ALLOW hydrogen ions / H ions throughout for H <sup>+</sup> IGNORE cannot bind to oxygen / reduced affinity for oxygen IGNORE Bohr effect If 2 MPs awarded give max 1 if haemoglobin instead of haemocyanin written  ALLOW equation e.g. CO₂ (+ H₂O)→ H₂CO₃ OR e.g. H₂CO₃→ H <sup>+</sup> (+ HCO³-) DO NOT ALLOW hydrogen / H atoms / molecules
	Total	10	

Que	Question		Answer		Guidance
19	(a)	ŀ	have , thin wall / valves , so will , distend / bulge ✓		
		ı	arge lumen / wide , as contains , large volume of / slow-moving , blood ✓		
		f	ound closer to the , surface / skin , than arteries ✓		<b>ALLOW</b> ORA e.g. arteries are found further away from surface than veins
	(b)	2	(skin has) large surface area for absorption ✓ (skin has) many / network of , capillaries ✓	2 max	
			(steroids are) lipid-soluble / non-polar ✓ (so) can cross phospholipid bilayer ✓		ALLOW can cross , cell surface / plasma , membranes
			muscles are close to the skin (surface) so short diffusion , pathway / distance ✓		HIGHIDIANGS

(c)	(i)	(any number in range) 180 to 279 ✓✓✓	3	ALLOW A for 3 mark IGNORE +	_	etween 180	and 279
				Year	% containing testosterone	No of urine samples	Number of positive tests
				1988	1.7	46000	782
				1991	0.65	85000	553
				If incorrec	t response:		
				positive in e.g. 799 - OR e.g. (1.7 ÷ ALLOW for Calculation in EITHER e.g. (1.7 ÷ OR e.g. 1.7% of ALLOW for Calculation in EITHER e.g. (1.7 ÷ OR e.g. 1.7% of Calculation in EITHER e.g. (1.7 ÷ OR e.g. 1.7% of Calculation in EITHER e.g. (1.7 ÷ OR e.g. 1.7% of Calculation in EITHER e.g. (1.7% of Calculation in EITHER e.	sting positive i 1991 546 100) x 47000 or 1 mark n of number of 1988 or 1991 100) x 47000	- (0.65 ÷ 10 samples tes	0) x 84000 sting positive

		<ul> <li>2 or Level 3, best describes the overall quality of the answ scheme.</li> <li>Once the level is located, award the higher or lower mark.</li> <li>The higher mark should be awarded where the level describes statement (in italics) have been met.</li> </ul>	er mark should be awarded where the level descriptor has been evidenced and all aspects of the communication t (in italics) have been met.  er mark should be awarded where the level descriptor has been evidenced but aspects of the communication t (in italics) are missing.  ary:				
		<ul> <li>The science content determines the level.</li> <li>The communication statement determines the mark within a level.</li> </ul>					
(c)	(ii)*	Level 3 (5–6 marks) Full and detailed evaluation including reference to factors that both support and contradict the statement, as well as reference to the issues of validity which affect the data.  There is a well-developed argument including a good range of evidence. The information presented is relevant and clearly explained.	<ul> <li>Indicative scientific points may include         Evidence in support of the statement:         <ul> <li>General trend: reduction in % samples with testosterone from start to end of test</li> <li>From 1988 to 1991, % samples with testosterone decreased as test numbers increased</li> <li>Increase in number of tests carried out over time</li> <li>More testing shows, more awareness / scrutiny / acts as deterrent</li> </ul> </li> </ul>				
		Level 2 (3–4 marks)  Detailed evaluation including reference to at least one factor that supports and one that does not support the statement.	<ul> <li>Evidence against the statement:</li> <li>From 1986 to 1988 there was an increase in % tests with testosterone / number of positive tests</li> <li>Correlation does not show causation</li> <li>More tests but more athletes competing</li> </ul>				
		There is a reasonable attempt at evaluation including a small range of evidence. The information presented is mostly relevant and clearly explained.	<ul> <li>After 1991 / in 1992 and 1993 there was an increase in % tests with testosterone / number of positive tests</li> <li>Fewer samples with testosterone is not the same as less incidence of abuse</li> </ul>				

Total 14	Level 1 (1–2 marks)  Evaluation is attempted including reference to a factor that supports or contradicts the statement, or refers to an issue of validity which affect the data.  The information is basic and communicated in an unstructured way. The information is supported by limited evidence which may be unclear.  O marks  No response or no response worthy of credit.	<ul> <li>No clear pattern / trend in positive samples</li> <li>From 1986 to 1994 the number of positive tests increases</li> <li>Issues of validity with data: <ul> <li>Only a limited / short time was studied or only valid for the time studied</li> <li>Other steroids used and not detected</li> <li>Other drugs mask testosterone levels</li> <li>Testosterone levels may vary naturally in the population (AW)</li> <li>No details provided for the method used / modern technology may have improved the sensitivity of the test over time</li> <li>No detail of a control group</li> <li>Security of testing / cheating / corruption / bribery</li> <li>Not turning up for testing / times of testing</li> <li>Reference to significance of data</li> <li>No statistical tests / SD bars / range bars</li> <li>Could be same sport being tested or different sports</li> <li>Could be same athletes repeatedly tested or different athletes</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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Question			Answer	Marks	Guidance	
(a)	(i)	1 2 3 4	contains non-protein groups ✓  has <u>prosthetic</u> group ✓ (prosthetic group) is , iron / Fe , ion ✓  (prosthetic group) is attached by , covalent bonds / ionic interactions / hydrogen bonds ✓	3 max	ALLOW ions / molecules for groups ALLOW non-polypeptide for non-protein  ALLOW Fe <sup>2+</sup> / Fe <sup>3+</sup> for iron ion  e.g. has non-protein prosthetic group = 2	
(a)	(ii)	1 2 3 4	proteins / contain polypeptide chain(s) ✓  contain , cysteine / sulphur (atoms) ✓ have prosthetic group(s) / are conjugated  (proteins) ✓  contain iron ions ✓	2 max	Mark as continuous prose IGNORE subunit IGNORE ref to structure / amino acids / bonds ALLOW two marks for conjugated protein	
(a)	(iii)	2	haemoglobin , is a larger molecule / has greater molecular mass / has more amino acids ✓ haemoglobin has , quaternary structure / more than one polypeptide chain ✓	2 max	Mark as continuous prose ALLOW ORA for rubredoxin ALLOW longer polypeptide chain(s)  IGNORE subunit ALLOW rubredoxin, does not have quaternary structure / only has one polypeptide chain ALLOW haemoglobin has, four / two alpha and two beta, polypeptide chains DO NOT ALLOW haemoglobin has, one / two / three, polypeptide chains	
		3	haemoglobin has , more than one / four ,		ALLOW rubredoxin only has one prosthetic group  ALLOW ORA for rubredoxin ALLOW haemoglobin doesn't contain sulphur in	
			(a) (iii) 1 2 3 4 4 (a) (iiii) 1 2 3 3 4 3 3 4 3 4 3 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4	a (prosthetic group) is , iron / Fe , ion ✓  (prosthetic group) is attached by , covalent bonds / ionic interactions / hydrogen bonds ✓  (a) (ii) 1 proteins / contain polypeptide chain(s) ✓  2 contain , cysteine / sulphur (atoms) ✓     have prosthetic group(s) / are conjugated (proteins) ✓  4 contain iron ions ✓  (a) (iii) 1 haemoglobin , is a larger molecule / has greater molecular mass / has more amino acids ✓  2 haemoglobin has , quaternary structure / more than one polypeptide chain ✓	3 (prosthetic group) is , iron / Fe , ion ✓ 4 (prosthetic group) is attached by , covalent bonds / ionic interactions / hydrogen bonds ✓  (a) (ii) 1 proteins / contain polypeptide chain(s) ✓ 2 contain , cysteine / sulphur (atoms) ✓ have prosthetic group(s) / are conjugated (proteins) ✓ 4 contain iron ions ✓  (a) (iii) 1 haemoglobin , is a larger molecule / has greater molecular mass / has more amino acids ✓ 2 haemoglobin has , quaternary structure / more than one polypeptide chain ✓  3 haemoglobin has , more than one / four , prosthetic groups / iron ions ✓	

(b)	(i)	264 / 263.932 / 263.93 / 263.9 (nm³) 🗸 🗸	3	ALLOW 2 max for the following if answer is incorrect  1 mark for 9.04 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> x 4500 1 mark for 268 - 4.068
(b)	(ii)	hydrophobic regions / R groups , on inside (of molecule / protein)  AND hydrophilic regions / R groups , on outside (of molecule / protein) ✓	1	BOTH required for one mark  ALLOW e.g. hydrophobic regions point inwards and hydrophilic regions face outwards  DO NOT ALLOW hydrophobic tails / hydrophilic heads
		Tota	al 11	

(	Question		Answer			Guidance
21	(a)	(i)	Hormone produced adrenaline	TWO functions from list in guidance	2	1 mark per correct column     ALLOW adrenaline for noradrenaline in column one     ALLOW for functions any two of the following:
			noradrenaline	increases heart rate, increases blood pressure, widens pupils.		<ul> <li>increases heart rate</li> <li>increases blood glucose concentration</li> <li>increases blood flow to muscles</li> <li>increases glycogenolysis</li> <li>causes pupils to dilate</li> </ul>
			androgens	help regulate sexual characteristics and cell growth.		<ul><li>decreases blood flow to gut</li><li>increases blood pressure</li><li>dilation of bronchioles</li></ul>
			glucocorticoids / cortisol / corticosterone	regulation of metabolism		<ul><li>increases air flow to alveoli</li><li>increases breathing rate</li></ul>
			<b>✓</b>	✓		
	(a)	(ii)	B AND (adrenal) medulla	✓	1	BOTH required for one mark
	(b)	(i)			2	Order MUST be Z, X then Y for two marks
			Z THEN X ✓			
			Y 🗸			

(b)	(ii)	large single peaks present ✓ small wavy line between peaks with at least three waves between any two peaks ✓	2	0 marks if just a wavy line drawn with no peaks
(b)	(iii)	increased stroke volume / AW ✓ increased volume of ventricle (chamber) ✓	2	
		increased , thickness / strength , of heart <u>muscle</u> ✓		ALLOW myocardium for muscle
		Total	9	

C	Questic	n	Answer	Marks	Guidance
22	(a)		<ul> <li>A RuBP / ribulose bisphosphate ✓</li> <li>B triose phosphate / TP ✓</li> <li>C fatty acid(s) ✓</li> <li>D amino acid(s) ✓</li> </ul>	4	Mark first response on each line IGNORE biphosphate  IGNORE named fatty acids / triglycerides / fats IGNORE named amino acids ALLOW polypeptide / protein
	(b)	(i)	independent variable temperature ✓  dependent variable concentration of oxygen ✓  control variable  species / type of pondweed OR mass of pondweed OR light intensity / distance of light source from beaker OR time in water bath / equilibration time / time intervals OR volume of (distilled) water OR mass of NaHCO₃ ✓	3	NOTE: 1 max for control variable IGNORE quoted figures ALLOW <i>P. pusillus</i> for pondweed  ALLOW wavelength of light
	(b)	(ii)	pH ✓ concentration of CO₂ ✓	1 max	IGNORE reference to equipment
			age of pondweed ✓ size / surface area / number , of leaves ✓		ALLOW P. pusillus for pondweed

(c)		D1 D2	descriptions increasing temperature increases , O₂ concentration / rate of photosynthesis ✓ at each temperature rate of , oxygen production / photosynthesis , is constant ✓	3 max	ALLOW ORA for decreasing temperature
		E1	explanations oxygen is a product of , photosynthesis / photolysis / light-dependent reactions ✓		2 max for explanations
		E2 E3	temperature acts as a <u>limiting factor</u> ✓ no other (named) factor was limiting ✓		<b>ALLOW</b> e.g. light intensity / CO <sub>2</sub> concentration
		E4	increasing temperature increases , kinetic energy of molecules / rate of enzyme reactions ✓		ALLOW e.g. increases , ESC / EPC , formation e.g. increases number of successful collisions ALLOW KE for kinetic energy ALLOW ORA for decreasing temperature
(d)	(i)		rate because: not require , photons / light energy ✓	2	IGNORE can occur in the dark
			curate because: s , ATP / reduced NADP , produced in light-dependent stage ✓		ALLOW variations of reduced NADP e.g.NADPH
(d)	(ii)	ribulo	ose <u>bis</u> phosphate carboxylase / RuBisCO ✓	1	ALLOW RUBISCO / rubisco
(e)	(i)	(auxi	n causes) apical dominance ✓	1	

(e)	(ii)	rooting, powder / solutions ✓ micropropagation / tissue culture ✓ weed killers / herbicides ✓ production of seedless fruit ✓ preventing abscission ✓ promotes fruit ripening ✓	2 max	List Rule If both prompt lines used and more than one response is on prompt line mark the first one on each line. If only one line used but there is more than one response listed mark the first two given.  ALLOW rooting hormone IGNORE to take cuttings  ALLOW parthenocarpy ALLOW prevents leaf / fruit , drop
		Total	17	

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