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GCSE (9-1)

Biology A (Gateway)

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Mark Scheme for June 2019

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Annotations available in RM Assessor

Annotation	Meaning
✓	Correct response
×	Incorrect response
^	Omission mark
BOD	Benefit of doubt given
CON	Contradiction
RE	Rounding error
SF	Error in number of significant figures
ECF	Error carried forward
L1	Level 1
L2	Level 2
L3	Level 3
NBOD	Benefit of doubt not given
SEEN	Noted but no credit given
I	Ignore

Abbreviations, annotations and conventions used in the detailed Mark Scheme (to include abbreviations and subject-specific conventions).

Annotation	Meaning
1	alternative and acceptable answers for the same marking point
√	Separates marking points
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
ECF	Error carried forward
AW	Alternative wording
ORA	Or reverse argument

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.

The breakdown of Assessment Objectives for GCSE (9-1) in Biology A:

	Assessment Objective							
AO1	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of scientific ideas and scientific techniques and procedures.							
AO1.1	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of scientific ideas.							
AO1.2	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of scientific techniques and procedures.							
AO2	Apply knowledge and understanding of scientific ideas and scientific enquiry, techniques and procedures.							
AO2.1	Apply knowledge and understanding of scientific ideas.							
AO2.2	Apply knowledge and understanding of scientific enquiry, techniques and procedures.							
AO3	Analyse information and ideas to interpret and evaluate, make judgements and draw conclusions and develop and improve experimental procedures.							
AO3.1	Analyse information and ideas to interpret and evaluate.							
AO3.1a	Analyse information and ideas to interpret.							
AO3.1b	Analyse information and ideas to evaluate.							
AO3.2	Analyse information and ideas to make judgements and draw conclusions.							
AO3.2a	Analyse information and ideas to make judgements.							
AO3.2b	Analyse information and ideas to draw conclusions.							
AO3.3	Analyse information and ideas to develop and improve experimental procedures.							
AO3.3a	Analyse information and ideas to develop experimental procedures.							
AO3.3b	Analyse information and ideas to improve experimental procedures.							

For answers to Section A if an answer box is blank ALLOW correct indication of answer e.g. circled or underlined.

Qu	estion		Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
1		В		1	1.1	
2		Α		1	1.1	
3		С		1	1.1	
4		D		1	1.1	
5		С		1	1.1	
6		В		1	2.1	
7		D		1	1.1	
8		В		1	1.2	
9		D		1	1.1	
10		В		1	1.1	
11		С		1	2.2	
12		В		1	2.1	
13		В		1	1.2	
14		В		1	1.2	
15		В		1	2.2	

Q	Question		Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
16	(a)		B, (C), E, D, (A) ✓ ✓	2	1.1	ALLOW 1 mark for B selected in first box
	(b)		cow B x bull B ✓	4	3.2a	If wrong cow or bull chosen = No marks
			cow makes creamy milk ✓ bull's mother produced high yield of milk ✓		3.1b x3	IGNORE cow C has creamy milk
		Cow B / Bull B not aggressive ✓				IGNORE bull A's mother produced high yield
	(c)	(i)	yield of milk has gone up and number of cows has decreased ✓	1	3.1a	IGNORE negative correlation
		(ii)	Any two from:	2	3.2b	
			(cows' milk yield has increased) due to selective breeding			
			(cows' milk yield has increased) due to intensive farming✓			ALLOW improved medications / hormone injections / better quality food supply ✓
			need less cows to produce the same amount of milk ✓			

Q	Question		Answer		AO element	Guidance
17	(a)		the population is increasing ✓	1	1.1	ALLOW more births than deaths
	(b)	(i)	move genes ✓ from one organism to another ✓	2	1.1	ALLOW modifying/alter the genome IGNORE alter genes
		(ii)	Any two from: disease resistance ✓ frost resistance ✓ pest resistance ✓ taste ✓ drought resistance ✓ vaccines ✓ colour ✓ flavour ✓	2	1.2	IGNORE yield /size of fruit
		(iii)	FIRST CHECK ANSWER ON THE ANSWER LINE If answer = 48 (%) award 2 marks	2		
			96÷200 or 0.48 ✓		2.2	
			=48 (%) ✓		1.2	ALLOW correct conversion of the fraction of the people with a negative opinion into a percentage

Q	Question 18 (a)		Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance	
18			antigens ✓		1.1		
			white blood cells ✓				
	(b)	(i)	as a control / to compare the results ✓	1	1.2	ALLOW show the drug is having the effect/works /no psychological effect	
		(ii)	FIRST CHECK ANSWER ON THE ANSWER LINE If answer = 75 (patients) award 2 marks	2	2.2		
			480/6.4 ✓				
			=75 (patients) ✓				
	(c)		Any two from: for peer review ✓	2	2.2	IGNORE get accurate results	
			idea of checking the results ✓			ALLOW check for safety/bias	
			to increase the number of patients tested ✓				
			conclusions more valid ✓			ALLOW conclusions are more reliable	

Q	Question		Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance	
19	(a)		plants receive less light (for photosynthesis) / salt water/concentration affects osmosis / water is drawn out of the plants ✓	1	2.1		
	(b)		quadrat ✓	1	1.2		
	(c)	(i)	FIRST CHECK ANSWER ON THE ANSWER LINE If answer = 0.1 (%) award 3 marks	3			
			10x0.25 or 2.5 (m²)√		2 x 2.2		
			2.5 ÷ 2500 / 0.001 ✓				
			= 0.1 (%) ✓		1.2	ALLOW correct conversion of the fraction of the area sampled into a percentage	
		(ii)	(student A):	3		If student B chosen = No marks	
			has taken more samples/quadrats than B ✓		3.1a x2	IGNORE A = 10 and B = 8 samples	
			has sampled all over/spread out/ random over the marsh ORA \checkmark			IGNORE plants more spread out	
			samples more likely to be representative / not bias / valid \checkmark		3.2a		
		(iii)	Any two from: wash hands (after sampling) ✓	2	3.3b	ALLOW sterilise equipment after use	
			not to eat / do not put hands to mouth (whilst sampling) ✓				
			protective clothing (whilst sampling) ✓				

Question	Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
	Cover cuts with plasters ✓			
(d)	Please refer to the marking instructions on page 4 of this mark scheme for guidance on how to mark this question. Level 3 (5–6 marks) Provides a detailed explanation for the uses for the land. AND Provides a detailed explanation how preserving the salt marsh will maintain biodiversity. There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured. The information presented is relevant and substantiated. Level 2 (3–4 marks) Provides a detailed explanation for the uses for the land. OR Provides a detailed explanation how preserving the salt marsh will maintain biodiversity. OR Provides a basic explanation for the use for the land. AND Provides a basic explanation how preserving the salt marsh will maintain 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) Provides a basic explanation for the use for the land. OR	6	1.1 x2 2.1 x4	AO1.1 Demonstrates knowledge and understanding of land use and the need to maintain biodiversity I land may be used for growing crops/biofuels/ grazing animals/renewable energy protecting the salt marsh will maintain biodiversity/ecosystem/number of species/habitats/food chains ORA AO2.2a Applies knowledge and understanding of land use and the need to maintain biodiversity increases in population mean that land is needed to supply more food / biofuel/renewable energy farmers will gain more money from more food production increased demand for renewable energy resources to reduce climate change the salt marshes are rare habitats/species avoid species becoming extinct/endangered ORA maintaining biodiversity can provide medicines ORA pollinators are crucial in maintaining biodiversity ORA

Question	Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
	Provides a basic explanation how preserving the salt marsh will maintain biodiversity.			
	There is an attempt at a logical structure with a line of reasoning. The information is in the most part relevant.			
	marks No response or no response worthy of credit.			

Q	Question		Answer						AO element	Guidance
20	(a)		clots the bloo prevents blee		ws wounds t	to heal / form	s a scab	2	1.1	IGNORE clump blood ALLOW prevents pathogens getting into the body
	(b)		Rr	R r	R RR Rr	Rr r Rr rr	√	3	2.1	correct gametes = one mark correct genotypes of offspring = 1 mark
			ratio 3 : 1 ✓						3.2b	ALLOW ECF for ratio ALLOW 3 in 4
	(c)		Any three from variation with ✓ (resistant rates killed ORA ✓ (resistant rates pass on the angles)	some rats s) more like s more like	ely to survive	e/less likely to e ORA ✓		3	2.1	ALLOW mutation for resistance ALLOW offspring produced / breed together ALLOW pass on advantageous gene IGNORE trait is passed on / genes are passed on

Question	Answer		AO element	Guidance
(d)	Any two from: (stops/less) respiration ✓ (no/less) energy/ATP ✓ key process interrupted e.g. cell metabolism/protein synthesis/chemical reactions/active transport ✓	3	2.1	

Question		on	Answer				Marks	AO element	Guidance
21	(a)		Communicable disease Non-communicable			3	1.1	4 correct = 3 marks,	
			Caused by a bacterium	Caused by a fungus	Caused by a virus	disease			2 or 3 correct = 2 marks, 1 correct = 1 mark
			crown gall disease	barley powdery mildew	AIDS	type 2 diabetes			
			///						
	(b)	(i)	viruses are n	uses are not destroyed/killed by antibiotics ✓			2	2.1	ALLOW antibiotics are ineffective in treating viruses / antibiotics only kill bacteria
			wants to avoi	d the sprea	d of antibio	tic resistant (bacteria)		DO NOT ALLOW viruses can become antibiotic resistant
		(ii)				tting better / the l/only last 14 days ✓	2	3.1a	
			any symptom bacteria ✓	ns/infection	(after 14 da	ys) is caused by			IGNORE time for bacteria need to grow

Q	Question		Answer		AO element	Guidance
22	(a)	(i)	feeds on seeds it is a primary (consumer) ✓		2.1	ALLOW eats seeds which are the producer/first trophic level
			feeds on insects, then it is a secondary (consumer) ✓			ALLOW eats insects which are the primary consumer ALLOW it feeds on seeds and insects if no other marks scored. IGNORE references to
		(ii)	predator because it eats/kills pine martens ✓	2	2.1	herbivores/carnivores/predators ALLOW pine martens are foxes prey ALLOW foxes hunt pine martens
			competitor (with pine martens) because they eat flycatchers/same prey ✓			ALLOW competitor because pine martens also eat flycatchers
		(iii)	insect(s) / Great tits	1	1.1	
	(b)	(i)	correctly chosen axes, labelled with units ✓	4	2.2	height (m) must be on x-axis
			suitable scale for the number of bird boxes ✓			DO NOT ALLOW scale that use less than half the grid
			bars correctly drawn ✓			ALLOW +/- half a square IGNORE –touching adjacent bars
			suitable key ✓			

Question	Answer		AO element	Guidance	
(iii)	Any three from: great tits (nest) higher (in the trees) / ORA ✓	3	3.2b		
	this protects them from weasels who live mainly on the ground / ORA ✓ idea flycatchers (nest) at all heights ✓			ALLOW weasels can't reach them/great tits ALLOW fewer great tits lower down as weasels eat them = 2	
	as pine martens can move up and down/climb the tree ✓			ALLOW flycatchers can get killed anywhere in tree by pine marten IGNORE pine martens eat flycatchers and live in the trees	

Q	Question		Answer		AO element	Guidance
23	(a)		Combustion Eating Photosynthesis Respiration	2	1.1	ALLOW numbers matched to correct boxes All 4 lines correct = 2 marks 2 or 3 lines correct = 1 mark 1 or 0 lines correct = 0 mark
	(b)	(i)	(no) microorganisms (in the soil) ✓ no decay (takes place) ✓	2	1.1 2.1	AW microbes, decomposers, saprophytes, detritivores, bacteria, fungi AW decomposition, rotting, break down
						ALLOW not enough nitrifying bacteria to replace nitrates / no nitrates released by nitrifying bacteria = 2 IGNORE no organisms to recycle the minerals
		(ii)	plants release oxygen by photosynthesis ✓	2	2.2	ALLOW correct word (or symbol) equations for photosynthesis linked to plants and respiration linked to organisms in the soil / microbes / animals
			organisms in the soil / microbes / animals release carbon dioxide by respiration ✓			AW microbes, decomposers, saprophytes IGNORE breathe out carbon dioxide IGNORE plants will respire and give out carbon dioxide ALLOW 1 mark for plants release oxygen/photosynthesise and microbes give out carbon dioxide/respire if no other marks are awarded.

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