

GCSE (9–1)

Combined Science (Biology) A

(Gateway Science)

J250/01: Paper 1 (Foundation Tier)

General Certificate of Secondary Education

Mark Scheme for June 2019

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Annotations available in RM Assessor

Annotation	Meaning
	Correct response
	Incorrect response
	Omission mark
	Benefit of doubt given
	Contradiction
	Rounding error
	Error in number of significant figures
	Error carried forward
	Level 1
	Level 2
	Level 3
	Benefit of doubt not given
	Noted but no credit given
	Ignore

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

Annotation	Meaning
/	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 Combined Science 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.

Question			Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
1			D	1	1.1	
2			B	1	2.2	
3			D	1	1.2	
4			A	1	1.1	
5			A	1	2.2	
6			C	1	2.2	
7			D	1	2.2	
8			C	1	1.1	
9			C	1	2.1	
10			C	1	1.1	

Question			Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
11	(a)	(i)	surface area = 384✓ volume = 512✓	2	2.2	
	(b)		increases decreases	1	3.1a	both correct for mark
	(c)		increase the surface area (for gas exchange) ✓ increase the surface area to volume ratio (for gas exchange) ✓ reduce the distance (for diffusion into blood) ✓	3	3 x 2.1	ALLOW without gills distance (for diffusion into blood) is too large.

Question			Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
12	(a)	(i)	66 (%)✓	1	2.2	
		(ii)	muscle requires oxygen/glucose ✓ OR removal of carbon dioxide/water/heat from muscle ✓ oxygen/glucose/carbon dioxide/water/heat is transported in the blood ✓	2	2.2 2.1	IGNORE references to lactic acid. IGNORE references to lactic acid.
	(b)	(i)	Any two from: arteries have thicker wall / ORA ✓ arteries have muscle in walls ✓ arteries have collagen in walls✓ arteries have elastic tissue ✓ capillary wall only one cell thick ✓ capillary wall is permeable / ORA ✓	2	1.1	Wall is in stem of question, assume references to artery or capillary are in context of wall. IGNORE references to overall size.
		(ii)	idea of higher pressure (of blood) in artery ✓ OR idea of need for exchange / diffusion of materials through capillary wall ✓	1	1.1	

Question			Answer			Marks	AO element	Guidance
13	(a)	(i)	Chloroplast			1	1.1	
			Cell membrane	✓				
			Mitochondria					
			Nucleus					
		(ii)	contains receptor molecules / surface markers✓ AND allows cells to stick together / recognise other molecules✓ OR (membrane) is selective (barrier) ✓ AND Controls which substances enter or leave ✓ OR (membrane) is thin ✓ AND allows short diffusion pathway / allows flexibility ✓			2	1.1	IGNORE incorrect answer from 13(a)(i)
	(b)	(i)	mitosis ✓ replication ✓			2	1.1	
		(ii)	to provide different cells or specialised cells ✓ for development / growth / repair ✓			2	1.1	ALLOW can differentiate ALLOW (cell) replacement as equivalent to repair

Question			Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
14	(a)	(i)	D ✓	1	2.1	
		(ii)	peaks after ovulation ✓	1	2.1	ALLOW peaks after day 14 IGNORE levels off
		(iii)	maintains uterus lining ✓	1	1.1	IGNORE thickens
	(b)		prevents ovulation ✓ thickens mucus from cervix ✓ prevents implantation of (fertilised) ovum / zygote ✓	2	1.1	ALLOW higher level responses that are linked to negative feedback ALLOW idea of mucus preventing sperm entering uterus

Question			Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
15	(a)	(i)	phloem ✓	1	2.1	
		(ii)	xylem ✓	1	2.1	
	(b)	(i)	sucrose / sugar / amino acids / proteins / hormones ✓	1	1.1	
		(ii)	downwards because substances collect above the cut ✓	1	3.2b	ALLOW because swollen area is above cut ALLOW “at the top” as equivalent to “above the cut”

Question			Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
16	(a)		eye ✓	1	1.1	
	(b)	(i)	46(s) ✓	1	1.2	
		(ii)	idea of more attempts fewer errors ✓ idea of more attempts the quicker they are ✓	2	3.2a	

	(c)*	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) Detailed description of the nervous system, in an appropriate order, and how the parts they work together to coordinate the response given in the question. <i>There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured. The information presented is relevant and substantiated.</i> Level 2 (3–4 marks) Limited description of the nervous system listed, in an appropriate order. AND Describes the role of one part. <i>There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The information presented is relevant and supported by some evidence.</i> Level 1 (1–2 marks) Limited description of the nervous system, in an appropriate order. OR Describes the role of one part. <i>There is an attempt at a logical structure with a line of reasoning. The information is in the most part relevant.</i> 0 marks No response or no response worthy of credit.	6	2x 1.1 4x 2.1	AO1.1 Demonstrates knowledge and understanding of scientific ideas Parts identified in the correct order for the response • receptors • sensory neurone • relay neurone • spinal cord • brain • motor neurone • muscles / effectors AO2.1 Applies knowledge and understanding of scientific ideas Links parts to job in this specific example • image in mirror detected by receptors • receptors are in the eye • sensory neurone take impulses to the CNS/brain • relay neurone in the brain or spinal cord • CNS/brain coordinates the response • impulses sent down spinal cord • motor neurone takes impulse from spinal cord down the arm • muscles in the hands bring about the response continued
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Question			Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
17	(a)	(i)	7 ✓	1	1.2	If answer line is blank open up the whole script to check for answer in table. IGNORE units
		(ii)	Any two from: it is an anomaly / does not fit the pattern ✓ much lower/faster than the other two results ✓ makes the mean more accurate ✓	2	3.1b	ALLOW (considerably) different to the other results / too far away from the rest of the results / outlier IGNORE incorrect result ALLOW is only/just 8 ALLOW it is small compared to other results / should take longer / should be 17-19 IGNORE just 'it is small' / 'it is 8' ALLOW not using it brings mean closer to true value ALLOW using it would lower the mean IGNORE not fair test / they measured it wrongly
	(b)		10 - spread (of data) is least / smallest range ✓	1	3.2a	ALLOW only two minutes between highest and lowest / all within one (minute) of each other ALLOW numbers are closer (than the others) IGNORE results are similar to each other / mean is close to the other numbers / no anomalies / highest values

	(c)	to show that the algae/algal/beads was causing the effect / as a control ✓	1	2.2	ALLOW to see if the indicator changes colour without algae/algal/beads present ALLOW examples of being used as a control e.g. to see if carbon dioxide is used up without any algae/algal/beads present make sure the hydrogen carbonate does not react with anything else (other than the algal beads) to see if anything changes without the algae (beads) to make sure indicator does not change on its own ALLOW as a comparison (to the normal)
	(d)	Max two from: idea that (more algae beads there are) the more chlorophyll/chloroplasts ✓ (more algae beads) absorbs more light ✓ larger surface area to take up more carbon dioxide ✓ Max one from: the more algae/algal/beads present the faster the rate of photosynthesis / ORA ✓	3	2x 3.2b 3.1a	ALLOW more enzymes available (that are involved in photosynthesis) ALLOW (more algae beads) absorb more energy ALLOW the more algae beads the more photosynthesis / ORA ALLOW the more algae/algal/beads present the faster carbon dioxide is used / ORA IGNORE faster rate of reaction IGNORE carbon dioxide is a limiting factor / needed for photosynthesis

	(e)	(i)	idea of water bath to maintain the temperature ✓	1	2.2	ALLOW change the temperature / idea of using it as a water bath / control the temperature
		(ii)	put the algae beads at different temperatures ✓ Max two from: states the need for controlling other variables ✓ identifies at least one variable they need to control ✓ measure time to turn purple (at different temperatures) ✓	3	2.2 2x3.3a	ALLOW keep everything else the same e.g. keeping the number of beads the same each time / always use 20 beads / same concentration of hydrogen carbonate indicator solution / control light intensity ALLOW time how long it takes IGNORE find the rate (of photosynthesis)

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