

# **GCE**

# **Biology A**

Unit H420A/01: Biological purposes

Advanced GCE

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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
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**.

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	A✓	1	
2	C✓	1	
3	A✓	1	
4	B✓	1	
5	D✓	1	
6	D✓	1	
7	B✓	1	
8	C✓	1	
9	B✓	1	
10	C✓	1	
11	A✓	1	
12	A✓	1	
13	C✓	1	
14	D✓	1	
15	A✓	1	
	Total	15	

Q	uesti	on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
16	(a)	(i)	scales and hair help to reduce heat loss ✓ generate heat from , respiration / metabolism ✓	1max	ALLOW generate heat internally IGNORE temperature
	(a)	(ii)	(insects are smaller and) have a , large(r) / AW , surface area to volume ratio ✓  (insects have) greater rate of heat loss ✓  mammals and birds have , more effective / thicker , insulation ✓  ref to a method of more precise control of body temperature in birds and mammals ✓	2 max	Mps 1 and 2 ALLOW ora for mammals (must be comparative) ALLOW SA:V / surface area relative to volume  ALLOW lose heat more , quickly / easily  ALLOW have fat under skin ALLOW ora for insects (must be comparative)  e.g. thermoregulatory centre / heat gain / heat loss centre e.g. vasodilation / vasoconstriction e.g. sweating / shivering / hairs standing up
16	(b)	(i)	spiracle (s) ✓	1	ALLOW stigma(ta) DO NOT ALLOW stomata
	(b)	(ii)	trachea(I) (fluid) ✓	1	IGNORE haemolymph IGNORE tracheole

Q	uesti	on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
16	(c)			3 max	give credit to examples used in the correct context
			high metabolic , demands / rate ✓		ALLOW high rate of respiration
			need , large oxygen / rapid oxygen , supply ✓		
			diffusion , not sufficient / too slow / distance too far ✓		IGNORE not efficient
			(to) maintain, steep / AW, concentration / diffusion, gradient(s) ✓		
			surface area to volume ratio is (usually) low ✓		ALLOW SA:V / surface area relative to volume
			(named) metabolite(s) needed by <u>cells</u> / (named) waste(s) removed from <u>cells</u> ✓		ALLOW nutrients / hormones IGNORE oxygen ALLOW toxins

Q	uesti	on		Answer	Marks	Guidance
16	(d)				2 max	IGNORE numbered lines and mark as prose IGNORE references to detail of diagram
			1	large size / at least 50% of available space ✓		
			2	title / heading ✓		
			3	labels outside diagram ✓		
			4	label lines should not cross over others ✓		
			5	continuous lines ✓		ALLOW once only no , sketching / feathering for either mp5 or mp6
			6	no shading ✓		ettilet impo of impo
			7	use plain paper ✓		
			8	state magnification ✓		
			9	correct proportions ✓		
				Total	10	

Q	uesti	on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
17	(a)	(i)	10 <sup>8</sup> OR 1×10 <sup>8</sup> OR 100 000 000	2	If answer is incorrect ALLOW one mark For evidence of correct working i.e.10 <sup>9</sup> ÷ 10 <sup>1</sup>
	(a)	(ii)	liver has , large / good / AW , blood supply ✓ released / secreted / AW , into bile ✓	2	IGNORE reference to C-reactive protein and copeptin throughout  ALLOW liver has sinusoids
17	(b)	(i)	3157 $\mu m^3$ / 3.157 x10 <sup>3</sup> $\mu m^3$ OR  3155 $\mu m^3$ / 3.155 x10 <sup>3</sup> $\mu m^3$ (3.14 used for value of $\pi$ )  OR  3158 $\mu m^3$ / 3.158 x10 <sup>3</sup> $\mu m^3$ (22/7 used for value of $\pi$ )  OR  3.157 / 3.155 / 3.158 , x10 <sup>-15</sup> $m^3$ (answer using SI units) $\checkmark \checkmark \checkmark$	3	ALLOW for two marks  correctly calculated value not given to 4SF e.g. 3156.55 μm³

Q	Question		Answer		Guidance	
17	(b)	(ii)	(transmission) electron (microscope) ✓	2 max	ALLOW TEM DO NOT ALLOW scanning electron microscope / SEM	
			AND ONE of the following:			
			2D image ✓		IGNORE black and white / colour	
			internal details visible ✓			
			(named) organelles / ultrastructures , visible ✓		e.g. mitochondria  IGNORE nucleus (as visible under a light	
			high magnification ✓		microscope)	
			high <u>resolution</u> ✓			
			Tot	al 9		

Que	Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
18	(a)		the factor that will , determine / limit / AW , the rate ✓ when at , low(er) / sub-optimal / AW , level ✓	2	Both marks can be gained from a correctly described example e.g. when CO <sub>2</sub> (concentration) is in short supply, it prevents the rate of photosynthesis increasing  DO NOT ALLOW inhibits / reduces ALLOW prevents rate from increasing / slows down rate of increase / stops rate from increasing / causes rate to plateau  ALLOW when in short (est) supply
18	(b)	(i)	increased volume of water added (to seedlings) , leads to lower survival (of seedlings) ✓ larger decrease in survival for added water , above / from , 30 (cm³) ✓ volume of water has no effect on number (of seedlings) surviving up to the first 3 days / AW ✓ quote data points / calculation(s) used , to support any point ✓	3 max	ALLOW the more water the faster they die  ALLOW ora e.g. less / little , decrease in survival for 30(cm³) and below  DO NOT ALLOW at 30cm³  minimum one pair of readings quoted for two water volumes (no units needed)

18 (	(b)	(ii) *	Read through the whole answer from start to finish, concentrating on features that make it a stronger or weaker answer using the indicative scientific content as guidance. The indicative scientific content indicates the expected parameters for candidates' answers, but be prepared to recognise and credit unexpected approaches where they show relevance.  Using a 'best-fit' approach based on the science content of the answer, first decide which set of level descriptors, Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3, best describes the overall	6	
			quality of the answer using the guidelines described in the level descriptors in the mark scheme.  Once the level is located, award the higher or lower mark.  The higher mark should be awarded where the level descriptor has been evidenced and all aspects of the communication statement (in italics) have been met.  The lower mark should be awarded where the level descriptor has been evidenced but aspects of the communication statement (in italics) are missing.  In summary:  • The science content determines the level.  • The communication statement determines the mark within a level.  Level 3 (5–6 marks)  A detailed scientific statement about aerobic respiration AND a detailed scientific statement about anaerobic respiration AND more than one scientific consequence for the plant of overwatering		Indicative scientific points may include  Aerobic respiration (A) Statement (S) The scientific statement can be implied by giving good scientific detail  (No oxygen so) no aerobic respiration occurs  Further detail (D)  No, link reaction / Kreb's cycle / ETC / oxidative phosphorylation  No oxygen to act as the final, electron / hydrogen acceptor  Anaerobic respiration (An)

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)

A detailed scientific statement about either aerobic or anaerobic respiration **AND** a scientific consequence for the plant of overwatering

There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The information presented in the most part relevant and supported by some evidence.

#### Level 1 (1-2 marks)

A statement about either aerobic or anaerobic respiration **AND** a scientific consequence for the plant of overwatering

There is an attempt at a logical structure with a line of reasoning. The information is in the most part relevant and correct.

#### 0 marks

No response or no response worthy of credit.

### Statement (S)

The scientific statement can be implied by giving good scientific detail

(Plant has to) switch to anaerobic respiration
/ only anaerobic respiration can occur

#### Further detail (D)

- Only glycolysis occurs
- Alcoholic fermentation occurs
- NAD regenerated (for glycolysis)
- Pyruvate to ethanal to ethanol
- Named enzyme e.g. pyruvate decarboxylase
- (Only) 2 ATP

### Scientific consequences for the plant (C)

- ethanol is toxic
- (alcoholic fermentation) is irreversible
- Less ATP produced / only 2 ATP from glycolysis
- Less / no , active transport
- (root hair cells) cannot take up mineral ions (by active transport)
- so (plant) cannot make, proteins / amino acids / DNA / chlorophyll etc
- cannot generate water potential gradient (into roots) / water potential (in root hair cells) is too high
- water cannot be absorbed (so cells cannot remain turgid)
- less / no , photosynthesis

Q	uesti	on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
18	(c)	(i)		2 max	Read answer first; if two marks from written response, <b>IGNORE</b> diagram. If two marks not awarded refer to diagram to find additional mark(s).
			water is (a) polar (molecule) ✓		DO NOT ALLOW water is charged ALLOW water has slightly positive / δ <sup>+</sup> , H IGNORE 'δ <sup>-</sup> O' if describing water
			nitrate (ion) / NO₃ , is , charged / negative ✓		IGNORE 'δ⁻ O' if describing nitrate or on diagram  DO NOT ALLOW nitrate is polar
			(hydrogen bonds form) between H on water		IGNORE solid line for H bond on diagram
			and O on nitrate ✓		NOTE 'delta plus of water is attracted to negative charge of nitrate' = 2 marks (MP1 and 2)
					NOTE the following examples
					= 2 marks (MP 2 & 3) = 2 marks (MP 1 & 3)
					O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O

Q	Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
18	(c)	(ii)		2 max	<b>ALLOW</b> $\Psi$ for water potential throughout <b>DO NOT ALLOW</b> ref to concentration of water in mps 2 or 3
			solutes / ions / named ion , enter , against concentration gradient / by active transport ✓		ALLOW 'pumped' as AW for active transport
			reduces water potential of (endodermal) cell(s) ✓		<b>ALLOW</b> water potential of <u>cell(s)</u> becomes more negative
			water , moves / diffuses , by osmosis / down water potential gradient ✓		ALLOW from high to low water potential
18	(d)		organ is collection / AW , of tissues ✓  perform / carry out / adapted to , function / role ✓  leaves have two from: epidermis / spongy mesophyll / palisade mesophyll / vascular / phloem / xylem , (tissues) ✓  (to carry out) photosynthesis / gaseous exchange ✓	4	IGNORE cells throughout ALLOW working together  IGNORE mesophyll (unqualified) IGNORE stomata
			Total	19	

Q	uesti	on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
19	(a)		B ✓ C ✓ B ✓	3	If two or more letters given, 0 mark
19	(b)		nucleotide ✓ phosphate ✓ pentose ✓ strands ✓	4	If two or more words are given for each gap do not accept contradictory responses  ALLOW two
19	(c)	(i)	<ul> <li>U matrix ✓</li> <li>W crista(e) / inner (mitochondrial) membrane ✓</li> <li>Z inter-membrane space ✓</li> </ul>	3	IGNORE ETC / ATP synthase / cytochromes  ALLOW inter-membranal space
	(c)	(ii)	cyanide , prevents / AW , aerobic respiration  AND  fluoride , prevents / AW , anaerobic respiration (which also prevents aerobic respiration) ✓	1	BOTH statements required for one mark IGNORE 'affects' throughout ALLOW link reaction / Krebs cycle / ETC / oxidative phosphorylation instead of aerobic respiration ALLOW cyanide allows , glycolysis / anaerobic respiration  ALLOW prevents , all respiration / both stages of respiration
			Total	11	IGNORE lactate fermentation

Q	Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
20	(b)		SD bars plotted correctly for the first four yeast species above and below the mean. ✓✓	2	A correctly plotted SD bar is an accurately drawn vertical line. If the top and bottom of the line are capped, accept only the following symbols  —, X, ①  IGNORE A. pullulans (both columns) ALLOW one complete SD bar incorrect  For one mark Four, five or six complete correct SD bars
20	(c)		61.54 (%)  OR  70.20 (%) (calculated from Table 20) ✓✓✓	3	IGNORE + or - signs ALLOW for two marks  correctly calculated answer not to 4 SF e.g. 61.538 / 61.5 e.g. 70.198 / 70.2  ALLOW for one mark  evidence of a correct calculation e.g.  21-13/13 ×100  OR  21.417-12.583/12.583
20	(d)	(i)	<ul> <li>1 incorrect because</li> <li>A. pullulans / one yeast (species) , produced more CO₂ in anaerobic conditions ✓</li> <li>2 incorrect because error bars / standard deviations , overlap ✓</li> </ul>	2	ALLOW no <i>t</i> -test carried out  DO NOT ALLOW range bars

Question		on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
20	(d)	(ii)	random error (because) some (experiments / yeast species / columns on chart with) large SDs / error bars ✓	1	DO NOT ALLOW standard error DO NOT ALLOW range bars
20	(e)		ribosome(s) ✓	1	ALLOW rough endoplasmic reticulum / RER
			Total	12	

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21 (a) Read through the whole answer from start to finish,

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answer using the indicative scientific content as guidance. The
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#### In summary:

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# Level 3 (5-6 marks)

A statement in support of the claim **AND** a statement against the claim **AND** more than one comment on the validity of the claim **OR** 

A statement in support of the claim **AND** more than one statement against the claim **AND** a comment on the validity of the claim

There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and

# Indicative scientific points may include... Supporting firm's claim (F):

 As the volume of Diatin increases the mass of seedless fruit (harvested) increases

### Against firm's claim (A):

- no , scale / units / numerical value , on graph axes
- labels of graph axes are the wrong way round
- no, error bars / standard deviation / mean / (named) statistical test
- should be percentage increase in mass
- correlation is not evidence of causation
- risk of bias / lack of objectivity (as company is selling product based on claims)

logically structured. The information presented is relevant and substantiated.

#### Level 2 (3-4 marks)

A statement in support of the claim **AND** a statement against the claim **AND** a comment on the validity of the claim

#### OR

A statement in support of the claim **AND** more than one statement against the claim

#### OR

A statement in support of the claim **AND** more than one comment on the validity of the claim

#### OR

A statement against the claim **AND** more than one comment on the validity of the claim

There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The information presented is in the most-part relevant and supported by some evidence.

#### Level 1 (1-2 marks)

A statement in support of the claim **AND** a statement against the claim

#### OR

A statement in support of the claim **and** a comment on the validity of the claim

#### OR

A statement against the claim **and** a comment on the validity of the claim

#### OR

More than one statement against the claim

#### OR

More than one comment on the validity of the claim There is an attempt at a logical structure with a line of reasoning. The information is in the most part relevant.

#### 0 marks

No response or no response worthy of credit.

• Zeatin is more productive (than Diatin)

Issues with validity (V):

- no method given
- species / type of plant is not named
- no control variables given
- concentration of hormone not specified
- · temperature control not specified
- carbon dioxide concentration not specified
- location not specified (e.g. could be outside vs greenhouse)
- · mineral availability / soil type, not specified
- · water availability not specified
- light intensity not specified
- presence of pollinators not specified
- presence of , pests / weeds / pesticide / herbicide , not specified
- no control group (to compare results)
- no evidence of repeats
- no consideration of the interaction with other hormones or processes

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
21 (b)	<ul> <li>related to light (L)</li> <li>L1 light intensity / brightness, is not, controlled / specified OR</li> <li>size of hole in box not specified ✓</li> <li>L2 different, light intensities / brightness, could lead to variation in, phototropism / bending ✓</li> <li>L3 idea that light intensity / brightness, stays the same ✓</li> </ul>	6 max	Mark limitation, explanation and improvement as continuous prose within each numbered prompt.  If marks come from more than one letter within either numbered prompt, award that which gives the highest mark  IGNORE reference to any other variables  ALLOW wavelength / colour instead of intensity throughout (L)  For L3 if statement not used other examples may include e.g. use of , light meter / photo sensor e.g. use lamps of same bulb wattage e.g. use same distance from lamp e.g. use same , wavelength / coloured bulb
	related to selection of seedlings (S) S1 no method for , selecting / AW , (20) seedlings ✓ S2 could lead to biased results ✓		For S1 IGNORE only 20 seedlings selected
	S3 idea of random selection ✓		For S3 ALLOW count, all / more / 50, seedlings ALLOW reasonable method of selection e.g. photograph and allocate numbers e.g. mini grid then select random numbers
	related to measuring bend of seedlings (B)		

related to replicates (R) R1 experiment / trial , was not repeated ✓  R2 cannot , calculate mean / identify anomalies /	For R2 IGNORE reference to , fair test / accuracy / reliability
D3 specify , size / volume / diameter , of petri dish ✓	For D3 ALLOW use the same sized dish

Q	Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
22	(a)	(i)	A ✓	1	mark the first letter only  IGNORE name unless contradicts a stated letter
	(a)	(ii)	B , D ✓	1	If more than two letters given, 0 mark IGNORE names unless contradicts a stated letter
22	(b)	(i)	similarities \$1 both use active transport ✓ \$2 both involve, co-transport / described ✓ \$3 both involve selective reabsorption ✓ \$4 both involve use of, sodium ions / Na <sup>+</sup> ✓  differences D1 DCT involves use of, calcium ions / Ca <sup>2+</sup> ✓  D2 (co-transport in) DCT involves ions only ✓  D3 PCT involves ions and (named) molecules ✓	3 max	IGNORE sodium / Na  IGNORE calcium / Ca  e.g. glucose / amino acid(s)
	(b)	(ii)	symptom high volume of / excess , urine OR always thirsty / AW ✓  explanation fewer / AW , aquaporins in the (plasma) membrane (of collecting duct cells) ✓	2	ALLOW large amount / lots , of urine IGNORE reference to , dilute urine / water potential / frequency of urination  ALLOW protein water channels for aquaporins

Q	Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
22	(c)	(i)	1 have already / are , differentiated / specialised (so cannot divide) ✓	3 max	
			2 are in , G <sub>0</sub> (phase of cell cycle) / resting phase ✓		ALLOW cannot pass G1 checkpoint / cannot go into S phase / remains in G <sub>1</sub>
			3 idea that shape is (too), irregular / asymmetrical (so cannot divide) ✓		e.g. (podocyte) has projections (so cannot divide)
			4 cytoskeleton cannot function / spindle (fibres) cannot form✓		
			5 (if mitosis occurred) it would alter , number / size , of the , gaps / fenestrations ✓		
			6 idea that it would alter an aspect of ultrafiltration ✓		ALLOW for aspect of ultrafiltration e.g. different sized molecules can pass through e.g. no / less , ultrafiltration e.g. changes rate of ultrafiltration e.g. changes composition of filtrate
	(c)	(ii)	(adult stem cells) are multipotent ✓	2	DO NOT ALLOW totipotent / pluripotent ALLOW (adult stem cells) can , differentiate / specialise
			(differentiate to) become any <u>cell</u> type within , kidney / nephron (tissue) ✓		
			Total	12	

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