

Cambridge National Science

Unit R075/01: How Scientific Data is Used

Level 1

Mark Scheme for June 2014

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Annotations

Used in the detailed Mark Scheme:

Annotation Meaning			
/	alternative and acceptable answers for the same marking point		
(1)	separates marking points		
not/reject	answers which are not worthy of credit		
ignore	statements which are irrelevant - applies to neutral answers		
allow/accept	answers that can be accepted		
(words)	words which are not essential to gain credit		
<u>words</u>	underlined words must be present in answer to score a mark		
ecf	error carried forward		
AW/owtte	credit alternative wording / or words to that effect		
ORA	or reverse argument		

Available in scoris to annotate scripts:

BP	Blank Page – this annotation must be used on all blank pages within an answer booklet (structured or unstructured) and on each page of an additional object where there is no candidate response.
?	indicate uncertainty or ambiguity
BOD	benefit of doubt
CON	contradiction
×	incorrect response
ECF	error carried forward
	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
NBOD	no benefit of doubt
R	reject

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✓	correct response
L1 , L2 , L3	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
Λ	information omitted
?	indicate uncertainty or ambiguity
BOD	benefit of doubt
CON	contradiction
×	incorrect response
ECF	error carried forward
	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
∼	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
NBOD	no benefit of doubt
R	reject
	correct response
3	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
Λ	information omitted

Subject-specific Marking Instructions

- a. Accept any clear, unambiguous response (including mis-spellings of scientific terms if they are *phonetically* correct, but always check the guidance column for exclusions).
- b. Crossed out answers should be considered only if no other response has been made. When marking crossed out responses, accept correct answers which are clear and unambiguous.

e.g. for a one-mark question where ticks in the third <u>and</u> fourth boxes are required for the mark:

		₹
		姥
₹	✓	✓
*	*	✓
This would be worth 1 mark.	This would be worth 0 marks.	This would be worth 1 mark.

c. The list principle:

If a list of responses greater than the number requested is given, work through the list from the beginning. Award one mark for each correct response, ignore any neutral response, and deduct one mark for any incorrect response, e.g. one which has an error of science. If the number of incorrect responses is equal to or greater than the number of correct responses, no marks are awarded. A neutral response is correct but irrelevant to the question.

d. Marking method for tick-box questions:

If there is a set of boxes, some of which should be ticked and others left empty, then judge the entire set of boxes.

If there is at least one tick, ignore crosses and other markings. If there are no ticks, accept clear, unambiguous indications, e.g. shading or crosses. Credit should be given according to the instructions given in the guidance column for the question. If more boxes are ticked than there are correct answers, then deduct one mark for each additional tick. Candidates cannot score less than zero marks.

e.g. if a question requires candidates to identify cities in England:

Edinburgh	
Manchester	
Paris	
Southampton	

the second and fourth boxes should have ticks (or other clear indication of choice) and the first and third should be blank (or have indication of choice crossed out).

Edinburgh			✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Manchester	✓	×	✓	✓	✓				✓	
Paris				✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Southampton	✓	×		✓		✓	✓		✓	
Score:	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	NR

- e. For answers marked by levels of response:
 - i. Read through the whole answer from start to finish
 - ii. Decide the level that best fits the answer match the quality of the answer to the closest level descriptor
 - iii. To determine the mark within the level, consider the following:

Descriptor	Award mark		
A good match to the level descriptor	The higher mark in the level		
Just matches the level descriptor	The lower mark in the level		

iv. Use the L1, L2, L3 annotations in Scoris to show your decision; do not use ticks.

Quality of Written Communication skills assessed in 6-mark extended writing questions include:

- appropriate use of correct scientific terms
- spelling, punctuation and grammar
- developing a structured, persuasive argument
- selecting and using evidence to support an argument
- considering different sides of a debate in a balanced way
- logical sequencing.

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Q	Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	(a)	(i)	8	1	
	(a)	(ii)	chick peas	1	Allow ecf from part (i)
	(b)		repeatable	1	
	(c)	(i)	reproducible	1	
	(c)	(ii)	confirm result using second method	1	Allow quicker / more accurate / easy / more precise Do NOT allow better
	(d)	(i)	any sensible answer eg soil type / rainfall / how quickly it grows / price / profit / demand / pests / disease resistance / other necessary elements in soil	1	
	(d)	(ii)	use reference material / use internet / do another experiment	1	
			Total	7	

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Qı	uesti	on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
2	(a)	(i)	sodium is yellow/orange (1) barium is green (1)	2	Allow colour (of flame) (1); Allow different elements/cations give different colours (1)
	(a)	(ii)	qualitative	1	3
	(b)	(i)	AnionTest add dilute acid to the powder add dilute barium chloride to a solution of the powder add dilute silver nitrate to a solution of the powder	1	
	(b)	(ii)	use lime water (1); goes milky/white precipitate/cloudy (1)	2	

2 (c)			
	Gives the steps in the procedure in the correct order AND explains at least one way of avoiding contamination. No significant errors in science or use of scientific terms. Quality of written communication does not impede communication of the science at this level. (5 – 6 marks) [Level 2] Gives most of the steps in the procedure in the correct order AND describes one way of avoiding contamination. Some errors in science. Quality of written communication partly impedes communication of the science at this level. (3 – 4 marks) [Level 1] Some steps in the procedure are given but may not be sequenced correctly OR describes one way of avoiding contamination. Quality of written communication impedes communication of the science at this level. (1 – 2 marks) [Level 0] Insufficient or irrelevant science. Answer not worthy of credit. (0 marks)	6	This question is targeted at grades up to D Indicative scientific points may include: Procedure:
	Total	12	

Q	Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
3	(a)		bromothymol blue methyl orange phenolphthalein √	1	
	(b)	(i)	independent (1); dependent (1); controlled (1)	3	
	(b)	(ii)	evaluate repeatability / take mean / check results / to make it more reliable	1	Do NOT allow fair test / accurate
	(c)	(i)	(McNairs) 3.0 (g) (1); (Scrumpi's) 4.4 (g) (1)	2	Allow 2.9 - 3.1 (g) Allow 4.3 - 4.5 (g)
	(c)	(ii)	(too much) McNairs (1); (strongest) Allgoods (1)	2	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
3 (d)	[Level 3] Calculates BOTH range and mean rejecting outlier AND concludes that it is not watered down. Quality given and decision made. No significant errors in science. Quality of written communication does not impede communication of the science at this level. (5 – 6 marks) [Level 2] Calculates BOTH range and mean AND concludes that it is not watered down. Decision made on whether watered down. Some errors in the use of scientific terms. Quality of written communication partly impedes communication of the science at this level. (3 – 4 marks)	6	This question is targeted at grades up to D Indicative scientific points may include: Ignoring test 3 • range: 22.0 to 22.5/0.5 • mean: 22.2 • omit 15.0 • test 3 is outlier / made mistake in reading • not watered down • use of graph Not Ignoring test 3 • range: 15.0 to 22.5/7.5 • mean: 20.4 • include all tests • poor quality due to large range • not watered down
	[Level 1] Calculates EITHER range or mean OR takes one value to make a conclusion. Quality of written communication impedes communication of the science at this level. (1 – 2 marks) [Level 0] Insufficient or irrelevant science. Answer not worthy of credit.		Use the L1, L2, L3 annotations in Scoris; do not use ticks.
	(0 marks)		
	Total	15	

Question		on	Answer				Marks	Guidance
4 (a)			Phase	hase Component			2	
			Stationary -	Drink spot				
			Mobile	Paper				
				Pencil line				
				Solvent				
	(b)	(i)			True	False	2	
			Drink 1 contains more than one √					
	substance.							
			Drink 1 contains fructose. √					
	(b)						2	
		for comparison (1)						
	(b)	(iii)	3.0/10 (1);				2	Allow 0.28 to 0.32
			0.3 (1)					0.3 without working gets 2 marks
	(b) (iv) galactose (1);						2	Allow ecf from b(iii)
								Allow nearest sugar within 0.04
	the Rf values match (1)							
	(c)	(i)	Edward (1):				2	Do NOT allow Philip or Ann
	(- /	\ \	Comment about why	Edward is correct				Allow answer saying why Philip AND Ann are wrong
			eg. another sugar pr			about 0.3		, , , , ,
			(1)					
	(c)	(ii)	Different solvents m	nove at different sp	eeds		2	
			up the paper.	•				
			The R _f value for a s	sugar depends on t	the	V		
			solvent.					
			It gives more data a	about the sugars p	resent.			
		It makes it a fair test.						
	(c) (iii) gas chromatography /GC / HPLC / mass spectrometer				ss spectr	ometer	2	Allow clinisticks/clinistix
	(1);							
			more sensitive (1)					Allow precise / accurate / gives more evidence / less
							16	human error
			Total					

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