

Cambridge National Science

Unit R075/02: How Scientific Data is Used

Level 2

Mark Scheme for January 2016

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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:

?	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
✓	correct response

L1 , L2 , L3	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
LI , LZ , L3	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
Λ	information omitted
_	
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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:

		₹ .
		₽
*	\checkmark	\checkmark
*	₹	✓
nis would be worth 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

Q	uesti	on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	(a)	(i)	any TWO from: same ratio of men to women all countries / all places / all teams unbiased / same make up as whole	2	Allow test male and female
		(ii)	Any TWO from: use clean / sterile equipment use gloves keep samples separate seal specimen / put lid on label store correctly	2	Ignore goggles Allow any name equipment eg needle, container
	(b)	(i)	graph for B same as graph for blood without drugs (1); extra part on graph A / does not match blood without drugs (1)	2	Allow A is different
		(ii)	look for graph of extra part (1); internet / book (1)	2	Allow do experiment on drugs for 1 mark
		(iii)	use a different technique	1	Allow name technique that would work. Do not allow idea of someone else using the same test
			Total	9	

Q	uestic	on	Answer	Marks	
2	(a)		add up and divide (1); ignore rough and titration 3 / use titrations 1, 2 and 4 only (1)	2	Allow (27.6 + 27.4 + 27.5)/3
	(b)		0.2 x 27.5/25 (1); 0.22 (mol/dm ³) (1)		Allow use of own average Allow 2 marks for 0.22 without working Do not allow 0.2 without working
			Total	4	

Q	uestic	on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
3	(a)	(i)	(qualitative) no numbers / subjective / colour differs for people	1	no mark for qualitative alone
		(ii)	same spot for both so same pigment / both contain (same) blue green spot which is chlorophyll-a (1); other pigment cannot be same as spots in different positions (1); carotene is yellow but could be other yellowish pigments (1)	3	
	(b)	(i)	measure from same place for all pigments / control starting place	1	Allow pencil line will not move
		(ii)	9.6/10 (1); 0.96 (1)	2	Allow 9.4 to 9.8 Allow 2 marks for 0.96 without working or by measurement instead of using scale Allow 0.94 to 0.98 Allow 0.64 to 0.67 for 1 mark
		(iii)	carotene	1	Allow ecf from (iii)
	(c)		spots further apart (so less error in measuring distances)	1	Ignore no ruler/scale on Jack's chromatogram Allow Adam let the solvent run for longer (for a larger spread of results)

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
3 (d)	[Level 3] Identifies all pigments in plants A and B and gives reason/evidence for choices. Explains difference. Quality of written communication does not impede communication of the science at this level. (5 – 6 marks) [Level 2] Identifies all pigments in plants A and B and gives reasons/evidence for choices. Quality of written communication partly impedes communication of the science at this level. (3 – 4 marks) [Level 1] Identifies some of the pigments in plants A and B. 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: Plant A:
	Total	15	

Q	uestic	on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
4	(a)	(i)	Adv: quantitative / gives numbers / not subjective / objective (1); Dis: need to calibrate / takes longer (to set up) / expensive	2	Allow more precise/exact Ignore accurate Allow need to be trained
			(1)		Allow field to be trained
		(ii)	Lucy: (agree) (river water) 8.7>8.1 (1); Matt: (agree) (well water) close to 7 (1); range 6.6 to 7.2 so includes pH7 (1);	4	Answers must include justification
			Amy: (disagree) (tap water) is most acidic / (6.4 to)6.6 is lowest pH		Must have reasons to gain full marks, but allow 1 mark total if just just agree, agree, disagree (all three correct)
	(b)	(i)	to make the residue stick to the wire to find out what colour the acid gives to make the colour stronger to clean the wire	1	
		(ii)	sodium	1	
		(iii)	colour is very strong / masks other colours / not enough of other metal / much more sodium	1	Allow some metal ions do not produce a colour in the flame
		(iv)	use same technique and gets same result	1	Do not allow just same results
		(v)	use more sensitive technique / correct named technique	1	Do not allow just alternative technique

Q	Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
	(c)	(i)	no ions / does not affect test	1	Ignore distilled water is neutral Allow tap water could be contaminated
			sulfate ions are present (1); no chloride ions are present (1)	2	Allow no bromide or iodide ions present
			Test: use limewater (1); Result: goes cloudy / milky (1)	2	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
4 (d)	[Level 3] Finds Q value for all three means and all three ranges and makes conclusion about quality with mathematical justification. Quality of written communication does not impede communication of the science at this level. (5 – 6 marks) [Level 2] Finds Q value for all three means and some of the ranges and makes conclusion about quality without mathematical justification. Quality of written communication partly impedes communication of the science at this level.	6	This question is targeted at grades up to D* Indicative scientific points may include: pH
	[Level 1] Finds Q value for all three means and makes qualitative conclusion about quality. 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)		Mean, Max and min • Mean (80+75+70)/3=75 • Good • Max (88+80+72)/3=81 • Good • Min (65+60+68)/3=64 • Medium Overall Q • Mean values put it as good • Range extends to medium Use the L1, L2, L3 annotations in Scoris; do not use ticks.
	Total	22	

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