

# Mark Scheme (Results)

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#### **General Marking Guidance**

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.
- Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

Question Number	Answer		Additional Guidance	Mark
1(a)	1.	translation;		
	2.	it is a copy of the DNA (genetic) code;		
	3.	it carries the genetic information to the ribosome / eq;	2 PIECE TOGETHER  NB carries a copy of the DNA code to the ribosome = 2 marks	
	4.	acts as a template to form sequence of amino acids / eq;	<b>3 ACCEPT</b> idea that codons are (used) to line up the amino acids / tRNA binds with mRNA placing amino acids in sequence	(3)

Question	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
Number			
1(b)(i)			
	The only correct answer is <b>B</b> hydrogen		
	<b>A</b> is incorrect because ester bonds join organic acids to organic alcohols		
	<b>C</b> is incorrect because peptide bonds join amino acids together		
	<b>D</b> is incorrect because phosphodiester bonds join a phosphate to a ribose sugar		(1)

Question	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
Number			
1(b)(ii)	The only correct answer is <b>A</b> CCA		
	<b>B</b> is incorrect because T is not found in mRNA		
	<b>C</b> is incorrect because T is not found in mRNA		
	<b>D</b> is incorrect because UGG is complementary to ACC which is the amino acid		
	binding site		(1)

Question	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
Number			
1(c)(i)			
	post-transcriptional modification / (pre / m)RNA splicing ;	IGNORE transcription	(1)

Question	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
Number			
1(c)(ii)	The only correct answer is <b>C</b> nucleus		
	<b>A</b> is incorrect because rRNA is made in the nucleus		
	<b>B</b> is incorrect because post-translational modification occurs in the Golgi		
	apparatus		
	<b>D</b> is incorrect because translation occurs on the rER		(1)

Question	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
Number			
1(c)(iii)	The only correct answer is <b>C</b> RNA polymerase		
	<b>A</b> is incorrect because DNA polymerase is involved with synthesising DNA		
	<b>B</b> is incorrect because reverse transcriptase is involved in the synthesis of DNA		
	from RNA		
	<b>D</b> is incorrect because spliceosome breaks phosphodiester bonds in mRNA		(1)

Question	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
Number			
1(c)(iv)	The only correct answer is <b>D</b> spliceosome		
	<b>A</b> is incorrect because integrase joins DNA to DNA		
	<b>B</b> is incorrect because reverse transcriptase is involved in the synthesis of DNA		
	from RNA		
	<b>C</b> is incorrect because RNA polymerase is involved with synthesising RNA		(1)

Question	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
Number			
1(c)(v)			
	introns (and some exons) ;		(1)

Question	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
Number			
2(a)			
	1. (climax) {final stage of / end of / after / eq} succession;		
	2. (community) {populations / species / biodiversity / eq} remain stable / eq;	2 IGNORE NPP	
			(2)

Question	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
Number			
2(b)			
	1. {lichens / pioneer species} break rock down (into soil) / eq;		
	(small plants / grass) (decompose) {adding nutrients / adding humus}     (to the soil);	2 ACCEPT lichens / pioneer species	
	3. {larger plants / bushes} (decompose) increasing the {depth of / nutrients in} the soil / eq ;	<b>3 ACCEPT</b> small plants / grasses if lichens / pioneer species given in mp 2	
	4. idea that trees (and large plants) appear last ;		
		ACCEPT a correct description of the	
		sequence of events (3) with no	
		explanation for 1 mark, if no other marks	
		awarded	(3)

Question	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
Number			
2(c)	<ol> <li>herbivores would eat the {pioneer species / mosses /grass / (small) plants};</li> </ol>		
	2. so there would be {smaller / fewer / less growth of} plants ;		
	3. therefore the soil will not be improved / eq;	3 ACCEPT herbivore faeces will improve	
	4. herbivores would eat the shoots of the {bushes / larger plants };	the soil	
	5. so there would be fewer {bushes / larger plants / trees};	5 ACCEPT no trees	
	6. idea that a different climax community would be reached ;	6 ACCEPT {climax community / stage 3} will take longer stay in stage 2 longer IGNORE no climax community would be	
		reached	(4)

Question	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
Number			
3(a)			
	a virus is inside a {cell / tissue} ;	ACCEPT virus enters a cell / tissue	(1)

Question	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
Number			
3(b)	<ol> <li>idea of no interferon production whilst viruses {find / attach / penetrate / eq} host cells;</li> <li>increase in interferon production because {infected host cells produce interferon / more cells become infected / eq};</li> </ol>	1 ACCEPT idea of a delay whilst interferons are actually being synthesised	
	<ol> <li>idea that interferon production falls as viral {replication / penetration into host cells / eq} is prevented;</li> </ol>		
	<ol> <li>idea that interferon production falls as virus particles are destroyed by {immune system / phagocytes};</li> </ol>	4 DO NOT ACCEPT killed	(3)

Question	Answer						Mark
Number							
3(c)							
		Role	Non-specific response only	Immune response only	Both the non- specific response and the immune response	Not in either type of response	
		phagocytosis	X	X	X	X	
		destruction of pathogen	X	X	x	X	
		antigen presentation	X	X	$\boxtimes$	X	(3)

Question	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
Number			
3(d)		<b>ACCEPT</b> cytotoxic cells for T killer cells	
		throughout and CD4 cells for T helper cells	
	<ol> <li>T helper cells {activate / eq} {T killer cells / B cells} whereas T killer cells {destroy / eq} host-infected cells;</li> </ol>	1 PIECE TOGETHER	
	T helper cells produce cytokines whereas T killer cells produce {perforins / chemicals / enzymes / eq};	2 PIECE TOGETHER IGNORE T killer cells {produce / do not produce} cytokines	
	<ol> <li>T helper cells involved in the {humoral (and cell-mediated response)         / eq} whereas T killer cells involved in (only) the {cell-mediated         response / eq};</li> </ol>	<b>3 ACCEPT</b> T helper cells needed for antibody production (and destruction of host-infected cells) whereas T killer cells needed for destruction of host-infected cells (only)	
		-	(3)

Question	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
Number			
4(a)	<ol> <li>pulmonary TB is greater than EPTB which is greater than multiple TB / eq;</li> <li>credit use of figures to support two types of TB;</li> </ol>	1 ACCEPT pulmonary is the highest and multiple the lowest  2 ACCEPT eg PTB 80 – 85%  EPTB 10 – 15%  MTB 5 – 10 % but smaller	
		than EPTB	(2)

Question	Answer Additional Guidance Ma	1ark
Number		
4(b)(i)	<ol> <li>because (easier to catch as) { breathed in / airborne disease / eq };</li> <li>idea that people with pulmonary TB create aerosols containing TB;</li> <li>1 ACCEPT spreads in the air / droplet infection</li> <li>2 ACCEPT coughing</li> </ol>	
		(2)

Question	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
Number			
4(b)(ii)			
	1. bacteria engulfed by macrophages / eq ;		
	2. macrophages cannot destroy them / eq ;		
	3. presence of {plaques / tubercles} (in lungs) / eq;		
	4. (persistent) coughing / eq ;		
	5. which {reduces / destroys / eq} the gas exchange surface ;		
	6. less oxygen can enter blood / breathing problems / eq ;	6 ACCEPT shortness of breath	
	7. if brain does not get enough oxygen person will die / opportunistic (lung) infections / eq;	<b>7 IGNORE</b> death due to other organ failure	(4)

Question	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
Number			
4(c)			
	1. coughing can rupture blood vessels (in lungs) / eq ;		
	2. bacteria {enter / carried in} blood (stream) ;		
	3. bacteria {become lodged in / infect / eq} other {tissues / organs} ;	3 IGNORE lungs	
	4. resulting in {cell / tissue} destruction (in other organs) / eq;		
	5. resulting in loss of function (and death);	5 ACCEPT organ failure IGNORE lung problems	(3)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
5(a)	<ol> <li>idea that the animal will not {feel pain / itch / eq};</li> <li>and therefore will not brush the tick off / eq;</li> </ol>	<ul><li>1 ACCEPT blood less likely to clot (if reduced inflammation)</li><li>2 ACCEPT idea of longer blood flow</li></ul>	
			(2)

Question	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
Number			
5(b)(i)			
	1. 10.9 ÷ 98 / 0.11 / eq;	1 ACCEPT correctly rounded value of	
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	0.111224489	
	2. 8.9 (kDa);	<b>2 ACCEPT</b> 8.8 (if 0.11 used)	
	2. 6.5 (((24)))		(2)

Question	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
Number			
5(b)(ii)	<ol> <li>idea that the prediction used the mean molecular mass of an amino acid;</li> </ol>	IGNORE comments on E1	
	2. different {amino acids / R groups} have different masses ;		
	3. E2 had been modified / eq ;	<b>3 ACCEPT</b> description that would increase mass	(2)

Question	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
Number			
5(b)(iii)	1. using enzymes ;	1 ACCEPT peptidyl transferase / ligase DO NOT ACCEPT incorrect enzymes	
	2. to form peptide bonds ;	2 DO NOT ACCEPT incorrectly named bonds IGNORE covalent bonds	
	3. by condensation reactions ;	<b>3 ACCEPT</b> addition-elimination / polymerisation	(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
5(c)		NB max 4 if no link to heart / account not in	
	1. idea that CVD starts with damage to the endothelial cell lining;	context of evasins	
	<ol><li>white blood cells arrive at the site due to the release of chemokines;</li></ol>		
	<ol> <li>idea that (evasins could) {prevent the inflammatory response / reduce the number of white blood cells at the site };</li> </ol>		
	4. idea that plaque {would not form / would not form as quickly};	4 ACCEPT atheroma	
	5. therefore the (coronary) artery would not become blocked / eq;	5 ACCEPT will not become narrow	
	6. so blood could still flow to the heart {muscle / cells / tissue};		
	<ol> <li>and therefore the heart {muscle / cells / tissue} would still be supplied with {oxygen / glucose};</li> </ol>		
			(5)

Question	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
Number			
6(a)(i)			
	idea that some of the sightings were of groups of sharks ;	<b>ACCEPT</b> mistaken identity / loan sharks	
	laca that some of the signtings were of groups of sharks,	less likely to be spotted	(1)

Question	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
Number			
6(a)(ii)	<ol> <li>credit idea relating to food availability;</li> <li>credit idea relating to the survey method;</li> <li>credit idea relating to predators / poaching;</li> <li>credit idea relating to disease;</li> </ol>	<b>2</b> eg time of year survey conducted, only count sharks on the surface, change in migratory patterns	
	create aca retaining to allocate ,		(2)

Question	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
Number			
6(a)(iii)			
	1. credit value in range 800 – 3200 ;		
	2. extrapolating / line of best fit;		(2)

Question	Answer Additional Guidance	Mark
Number		
6(b)(i)	1. idea of collecting DNA samples from each shark;  1 ACCEPT stated source DNA)	e of sample (of
	2. idea of tagging the sharks when DNA is collected;	
	3. PCR used ;	
	4. idea of using (gel) electrophoresis;  4 ACCEPT a description and electric current	that includes gel
	5. idea of counting different banding patterns ;  5 ACCEPT idea that eac represents one shark	ch different pattern
	6. by comparing {number / width / position / eq} of bands;	
	7. extent of the different banding patterns indicates genetic diversity / eq;  7 ACCEPT the more simplest diverse	nilar the bands, the
		(4)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
6(b)(ii)	<ol> <li>idea that if the species is endangered then there is a risk of inbreeding;</li> <li>inbreeding reduces the genetic diversity;</li> <li>so (inbred) animals are susceptible to disease / eq;</li> <li>so numbers could be reduced further / risk of extinction / eq;</li> </ol>	3 ACCEPT converse	
			(3)

Question	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
Number			
7(a)	1. 480 - 20 / 460 (mg) ;		
	2. $(460 \div 120 =) 3.8 / 3.83 (mg)$ ;	<b>2</b> CE from mp 1	(2)

Question	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
Number			
7(b)	1. 5 × 1000 ÷ 120 / 41.67 (mg) ;		
	2. (3.83 × 100 ÷ 41.67 =) 9 / 9.19 / 9.2 (%)	<b>2</b> CE from 7(a) CE from mp 1 if dp in wrong place	(2)

Question	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
Number			
7(c)(i)			
	1. idea of loss of mass in faeces ;	1 ACCEPT not fully digested	
	2. idea of loss of mass in urine ;	<b>NB ACCEPT</b> excretion if neither mp 1 or 2 awarded	
	3. idea of loss of mass in eggs laid ;		
	4. idea of loss of mass due to {respiration/ movement};	4 ACCEPT used for	
	5. resulting in {heat loss / water vapour production / eq} ;		
	6. loss of skin / moulting / ecdysis ;		(2)

Question Number	Answe	er	Additional Guidance	Mark
*7(c)(ii)	1.	idea of starting with {eggs / young insects} ;	QWC focussing on clarity of response	
	2.	idea of measuring the starting and finishing mass of each stick insect (for each time period);	2 ACCEPT calculating the increase / change NB piece together	
	3.	idea of measuring the starting and finishing mass of the leaves (for each time period;	3 ACCEPT calculating the decrease / change NB piece together	
	4.	idea of collecting eggs and recording their mass ;		
	5.	idea of collecting faeces and recording their mass;		
	6.	credit method of measuring {urine / water vapour} produced;		
	7.	idea of recording temperature rise in tank;		
	8.	idea of using several stick insects and calculating a mean for {their mass increase / the mass of leaves eaten};		
	9.	credit control of variable relating to stick insects;	<b>9</b> e.g. sex, species , age	
				(6)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
8(a)(i)		QWC focussing on logical sequence	
		<b>NB</b> the account must be comparative for full marks to be awarded, although not every mp has to be comparative	
	1. longer day length means more (sun)light ;		
	2. more light (energy) {the faster the / more} light-dependent reactions;		
	3. producing more {ATP / NADPH} (for the light-independent reactions)		
	4. high humidity reduces water loss (from the bamboo) ;		
	5. more water available for photolysis ;		
	6. {enzymes / named enzymes} will work faster in higher temperatures ;	6 ACCEPT description	
	7. therefore {light-independent reactions / eq} will be {faster / more};		
	8. producing {more GALP / GALP faster} ;		
	9. so bamboo will be able to produce more biomass / eq ;		(6)

Question	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
Number			
8(a)(ii)		<b>NB</b> the account must be comparative and related to bamboo for full marks to be awarded, although not every mp has to be comparative	
	<ol> <li>because removing more carbon dioxide (from the atmosphere than a slower growing plant);</li> </ol>		
	<ol><li>less carbon dioxide (in the atmosphere) will reduce {global warming / climate change};</li></ol>		
	<ol> <li>therefore less {infra red radiation / eq} will be trapped (by the carbon dioxide) / eq;</li> </ol>		(3)

Question Number	Answe	r	Additional Guidance	Mark
8(b)	1.	reference to hebavioural adaptation :		
	1.	reference to <b>behavioural adaptation</b> ;		
	2.	laying more than one egg means tadpoles would starve when they hatch / eq ;	<b>2 ACCEPT</b> only lay one (fertilised) egg as food is low	
	3.	laying unfertilised eggs provides food for the tadpole / eq;		
	4.	laying more unfertilised eggs reduces the chance of the fertilised one being eaten / eq;		
	5.	avoiding laying egg in pool already containing egg reduces competition for limited food / eq ;		
	6.	avoiding laying egg in pool already containing egg means that the new egg will not be eaten by the tadpole that will hatch first / eq;		
	7.	{egg / tadpole} will be hidden from predators / eq;		
	8.	idea that pool of water in bamboo is less likely to dry up so {egg / tadpole} will be less likely to dehydrate;		(4)