

## **GCSE**

# Science B

Unit B712/02: Modules B2, C2, P2 (Higher Tier)

General Certificate of Secondary Education

Mark Scheme for June 2017

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#### Annotations used in scoris

Annotation	Meaning	
<b>✓</b>	correct response	
×	incorrect response	
BOD	benefit of the doubt	
NBOD	benefit of the doubt <u>not</u> given	
ECF	error carried forward	
^	information omitted	
I	ignore	
R	reject	
CON	contradiction	

Abbreviations, annotations and conventions used in the detailed Mark Scheme.

/ = alternative and acceptable answers for the same marking point

(1) = separates marking pointsallow = answers that can be accepted

**ignore** = statements which are irrelevant

() = words which are not essential to gain credit

= underlined words must be present in answer to score a mark (although not correctly spelt unless otherwise stated)

ecf = error carried forward AW = alternative wording ora = or reverse argument

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1 a	no (no credit)	1	If yes then question scores 0
	idea that there is no continuously increasingly rapid growth phase (1)		allow it rises but then falls (in a short amount of time) (1) allow it has some decreases in it (1) allow the number fluctuates (1) allow it only increases by a small amount in 25 years (1) allow it only increases gradually (1)
b	any two from: idea of limited food or water or prey available / disruption to the food chain / more competition for food (1)	2	allow more food needed (1) allow lack of food resources (1)
	idea of lack of or more competition for space or habitat (1)		allow not enough land for them to feed on (2) allow habitat overcrowded (1) ignore just more competition ignore competition for mates
	idea of increased risk of disease (1)		
	idea of shortage of (a named) resources / increased intraspecific competition (1)		e.g. fertilisers (1)
			allow consequences specific to humans e.g. lack of sanitation / health provision / transportation needs / increased demand for energy / increased unemployment / more carbon dioxide produced / build up of waste (1)
С	reproductive (isolation)(1)	2	allow reproduction isolation (1)
	if rare hybrid is formed then hybrids can't produce viable offspring or fertile offspring (1)		allow hybrids are sterile (1) allow hybrids are infertile or cannot reproduce (1)
	Total	5	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
2 a	(Ben) (no credit)	2	If Hollie then 0 for question
	idea that trees are renewable / (can be replanted) so can be sustainably developed / forests are replaced so environment not harmed (1)		allow trees are sustainable (1) allow burning trees is carbon neutral (1) ignore trees are replanted
	idea that coal is non-renewable or finite / coal cannot be sustainably developed (1)		allow coal is not sustainable (1) allow coal takes thousands or millions of years to form (1) allow coal can't be replaced (1) allow burning coal produces sulfur dioxide (1) allow coal will run out (1) ignore coal is limited ignore coal is a fossil fuel  ignore comments about pollution, acid rain and global warming
b	help: reduces acid rain (1)	2	answers must be in correct category  allow stops acid rain (1)
	noip. roddood dold rain (1)		ignore reduces pollution
	and any one from: harm: because microbes might cause disease (1) unsure how microbes will behave in environment / disturb food webs (1)		allow idea that microbes can't be controlled once in the environment (1) ignore microbes harm the environment
c i	50 (%) (1)	1	
c ii	any two from: idea that at the start (of the 5 year period) actual numbers of tuna caught are increasing (1)	2	

catch size is (always) higher than the quota / ora (1)		<b>allow</b> demand or estimate is (always) higher than the quota / ora (1)
idea that (reducing the quota) brings the catch size down at the end or when the quota is small (1)		allow catch size has started to come down (1) ignore from 2005 to 2009 the catch decreases
Total	7	

Qu	esti	on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
3	а	i	genus	1	allow correct answer circled, underlined or ticked but answer line takes precedence
	а	ii	idea that it identifies the species in a common language / idea that otherwise tree will be called different things in different countries / idea that can be identified by scientists all over the world	1	allow universally understood or recognised name (1)
	b	i	competition  genes  habitats  populations	1	more than one tick is zero
	b	ii	the role or position of an organism within the environment / how an organism fits into its habitat (1)  Then any one from:	2	allow ecological habitat they live and breed in (1) allow how it meets its needs for food / shelter (in the environment) (1)
			they will have similar needs such as minerals / light / water / food (1) they will have similar adaptations (to their environment) (1) eaten by the same organisms (1)		allow need similar resources (1)

c i	any two from: (small, isolated populations mean) more inbreeding (1) (inbreeding) reduces <b>genetic</b> variation (1) increased prevalence of harmful recessive alleles or genes (1)		ignore idea of difficult to find a mate allow reduced gene pool (1) allow increases the chance of genetic abnormalities or diseases or faults being seen (1)
	(lack of variation leads to) reduced ability of species to respond to environmental change (1)		e.g. reduces ability to fight a particular disease (1)  ignore mutations ignore references to poaching or hunting
Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
c ii	[Level 3] Describes the way koalas compete well in habitats with gum trees AND suggests a reason why koalas compete worse after bushfires AND suggests a reason why mice compete better after bushfires Quality of written communication does not impede communication of the science at this level.  [Level 2] Describes the way koalas compete well in habitats with gum trees AND suggest a reason why koalas compete worse after bushfires OR	6	<ul> <li>This question is targeted at grades up to A*.</li> <li>Indicative scientific points at level 2 and 3 may include:         <ul> <li>koalas compete well due to feeding on gum trees that other animals cannot eat</li> </ul> </li> <li>koalas have lost their food source and/or habitat and cannot compete in different types of habitat</li> <li>specialist only suited to gum tree habitat which takes time to recover</li> <li>mice still have underground food source / habitat</li> <li>generalists compete in a range of different habitats / for different food sources so will be able to compete for other food sources / habitats</li> </ul>

Describes the way koala competes well in habitats with gum trees AND suggests a reason why mice compete better after bushfires.  OR  Suggests a reason why koalas compete worse after bushfires AND suggests a reason why mice compete better after bushfires.  Quality of written communication partly impedes communication of the science at this level.  (3 – 4 marks)  [Level 1]  Describes the way koala competes well in habitats with gum trees.  OR  makes a valid comment that attempts to show the difference between koala and mice  OR  Suggests why koalas compete worse after bushfires  OR  Suggests why mice compete better after bushfires  Quality of written communication impedes communication of the science at this level.  (1 – 2 marks)		Indicative points at level 1 include:  • koalas compete well due to feeding on gum tree leaves that other animals cannot eat  • mice have a more varied food supply / koala only eat one type of food  • koalas have lost their food source  • mice cannot eat gum tree leaves  Use the L1, L2, L3 annotations in RM Assessor; do not use ticks.
Insufficient or irrelevant science. Answer not worthy of credit.		
Total	13	

Qu	estion	Answer	Marks	Guidance
4	а	H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (1)	1	<b>allow</b> SO <sub>4</sub> H <sub>2</sub> / O <sub>4</sub> SH <sub>2</sub> / SH <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> / H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> S / O <sub>4</sub> H <sub>2</sub> S / S(O <sub>2</sub> H) <sub>2</sub> (1)
	b	(by two atoms) sharing (a pair of) electrons (1)	1	not two molecules sharing (a pair of) electrons
	c i	sodium sulfate / sodium hydrogensulfate (1) water (1)	2	allow Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> / NaHSO <sub>4</sub> (1) allow H <sub>2</sub> O (1)
	ii	H <sup>+</sup> + OH <sup>-</sup> → H <sub>2</sub> O (2)  reactants correct (1)  product correct (1)	2	allow OH₂ for water (1)  allow = instead of →  allow any correct multiples
		Total	6	

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Que	estion	Answer	Marks	Guidance
5	а	yes (no mark)	2	If no then 0 for question
		it is soluble (1)		allow better than E as E is insoluble (1) not it is soluble so washes through the soil (and causes eutrophication)
		contains all (three) of the <b>essential</b> elements (nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium) (1)		if oxygen is included as an essential element, this mark is lost <b>allow</b> nitrate for nitrogen and phosphate for phosphorus <b>allow</b> contains NPK (1)
	b	ammonia used to make fertilisers / ammonia is a fertiliser (1)	2	allow idea that ammonia provides nitrogen or nitrates to the soil / nitrogen is needed to make plant protein (1) allow fertilisers contain ammonia (1)
		(fertilisers) increase <b>crop</b> yield (1)		ignore crops grow better / makes plants grow allow to grow more crops (1) allow to grow bigger crops (1) allow to grow crops faster (1)
		Total	4	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
Question 6	Level 3 Detailed description of the theory of plate tectonics including how the plates move AND explains in detail why the theory is now accepted Quality of written communication does not impede communication of the science at this level.  (5 – 6 marks) Level 2 Detailed description of the theory of plate tectonics including that the plates move OR gives a limited description of the theory of plate tectonics and attempts to explain why the theory is now accepted OR explains in detail why the theory is now accepted Quality of written communication partly impedes communication of the science at this level.  (3 – 4 marks) Level 1 Gives a limited description of the theory of plate tectonics OR attempts to explain why the theory is now accepted Quality of written communication impedes communication of the science at this level.	Marks 6	This question is targeted at grades up to A*.  Indicative scientific points may include:  Theory of plate tectonics  • tectonic plates move because of movement of semi-rigid magma / convection currents (in the mantle) (this is required for access to level 3)  • lithosphere or crust or Earth's surface is made of tectonic plates that move slowly  • tectonic plates fit together (like a jigsaw)  • tectonic plates less dense than magma so float on it  • two types of tectonic plates — oceanic and continental  • oceanic plate more dense than continental plate / ora  • description of subduction or mountain building  • movement of tectonic plates causes earthquakes and volcanic eruptions  Explanation  • lots of evidence fits in with the theory e.g. continental drift, similar fossils found on different continents  • new research carried out which has given new evidence which agrees with the theory  • examples of new evidence e.g. sea floor spreading, use of GPS to track plate movement
	Level 0 Insufficient or irrelevant science. Answer not worthy of credit. (0marks)		<ul> <li>can only use seismic waves to investigate inner layers</li> <li>Marks can be awarded from a labelled diagram</li> <li>Use the L1, L2, L3 annotations in RM Assessor; do not use ticks.</li> </ul>
	Total	6	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
7 a	do experiment with dry air (1)	1	allow just in oxygen (1) allow no moisture (1) but no moisture or acidity scores 0 allow description of sealed tube with a desiccant (to remove water) (1)
b	it is a reaction with oxygen / oxygen is added / an oxide is made (1)	1	allow because iron loses electrons (1) allow it has turned to iron oxide (1) allow O <sub>2</sub> gains electrons to form an oxide (1) allow uses oxygen (1) allow oxygen is a reactant (1) allow reacts with oxygen and water (1) ignore uses water
С	4Al + 3O₂ → 2Al₂O₃  correct formulae (1) balancing (1)	2	balancing mark is conditional on correct formulae <b>allow</b> = or $\Rightarrow$ instead of arrow <b>not</b> and or & instead of + <b>allow</b> any correct multiples including fractions $8Al + 6O_2 \rightarrow 4Al_2O_3(2)$ <b>allow</b> one mark for correct equation with minor errors in case, subscript or superscript e.g. $4AL + 3O2 \rightarrow 2AL2O3$
	Total	4	

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
8 a	calculate the mean or average values (1)	2	
	draw a line graph (1)		allow draw a scatter graph (1) ignore draw a graph / draw a bar chart
b	(reinforced beam) has the hardness of concrete / (reinforced beam) is hard (1)	3	assume that the answer refers to reinforced concrete  allow ora if non-reinforced concrete is specified
	(reinforced beam) has the flexibility of steel / (reinforced concrete) is more flexible (than non-reinforced concrete) (1)		allow reinforced concrete is flexible (1) allow correct description e.g. steel prevents the concrete from cracking (1) not reinforced concrete is more malleable than non-reinforced concrete
	(reinforced beam) has the strength of steel / (reinforced concrete) is stronger (than non-reinforced concrete) (1)		allow reinforced concrete is strong (1) allow steel prevents the concrete from breaking (1) allow reinforced concrete beams can carry more weight (1) allow idea that concrete is weak in tension but steel rods make it strong(er) in tension (1)
	Total	5	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
9 a		3	Use ticks on this question ignore references to more or less electricity
			allow output or it for current ignore power
	idea that doubling speed increases current or output / ora (1)		allow any idea that as speed increases the current increases / ora (1)
	idea that halving strength (of the magnet) reduces current or output / ora (1)		allow any idea that as strength (of magnet) decreases the current decreases / ora (1)
	idea of one effect compensates the other / current stays the same / current is (still) 0.5A (1)		e.g. one doubles current but other halves it (1) <b>allow</b> he should have left the strength of the magnet the same  (1)
b i	41.6% recurring or 41.67% or 41.7% or 42% or 0.417 or 0.4167 or 0.42 so meets or exceeds target (2)	2	correct value <b>and</b> judgement needed for both marks <b>allow</b> 41.6% or 41.66 or 0.416 or 0.4166 so meets the efficiency
	but		target (1)
	41.6% recurring or 41.67% or 41.7% or 42% or 0.417 or 0.4167 or 0.42 with no statement about meeting the target (1)		
	if incorrect or incomplete then:		
	<u>5</u> x 100(%) (1) 12		

or		
58.3% or 58% (wasted) so meets / exceeds target (1)		
Alternatively 40% of 12 = 4.8 so 5 is greater than 4.8 so power station meets the efficiency target (2)		
ii any two from:	2	
water is heated / boiled / turned into steam (1)		ignore fuel burned or heated
steam turning turbine / steam spins or turns or drives the turbine (1)		ignore just steam enters the turbine
turbine spins or turns or drives the generator (1)		allow turbine spins dynamo (1)
		ignore electricity generated
ii voltage increases (1)	3	use ticks on this question
current reduces (1)		
temperature reduces / less energy wasted / AW (1)		allow wires heat up less (1) not no energy loss
Total	10	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
10 a	any two from:	2	
	easier and quicker (1)		e.g. more work could be done at once / more evidence can be found / speeds up investigations / more cost effective / quicker results (1)
	geographical reasons (1)		e.g. may be several sites need inspecting / different countries have different types of nuclear power stations / in a nuclear emergency teams from other countries could help (1)
	sharing ideas, knowledge and expertise (1)		e.g. so they can rely on each other's strengths / some countries have more use or experience of nuclear power so have more experience or data from research / if one scientist dies, his work can be carried on / different specialisms available / many different perspectives can be used to develop an investigation (1)
	less chance of bias / findings more trustworthy (1)		e.g. more believable outcomes / because one scientist could fake the results otherwise / evidence is more easily checked / (1)
	benefit the whole of humanity/mankind (1)		e.g. share the cost (1)
b	[Level 3] Reference to two correct ways of disposing of nuclear waste AND	6	This question is targeted up to grade A* Indicative scientific points may include: Level 3: Both:  • low level – in land fill or buried • AND high level – encased in glass and buried (very deeply) underground or reprocessed or stored under water

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	two problems of dealing with radioactive waste explained in detail.  Quality of written communication does not impede communication of the science at this level. (5 – 6 marks)  [Level 2]  Reference to two correct ways of disposing of nuclear waste  AND  one problem of dealing with radioactive waste mentioned  Quality of written communication partly impedes communication of the science at this level.  (3 – 4 marks)		<ul> <li>allow idea that high level waste is encased in lead or concrete or steel and buried (deep) underground</li> <li>AND two from:         <ul> <li>radioactive for a long time explained – e.g.so levels stay (too) high / above safe limits / long half life / causes ionisation</li> <li>terrorist risk from plutonium explained – e.g. use for (dirty) bombs</li> <li>groundwater risk explained - where contamination may get into drinking water / ecosystem / food chain</li> <li>acceptable levels may change over time</li> </ul> </li> <li>Level 2:         <ul> <li>Both:                  <ul> <li>low level – in land fill or buried</li> <li>high level – encased in glass and buried (very deeply) underground or reprocessed or stored under water</li> <li>allow idea that high level waste is encased in lead or concrete or steel and buried (deep) underground</li> </ul> </li> <li>AND one from</li></ul></li></ul>
	[Level 1] Reference to one correct way of disposing of nuclear waste. OR one problem of dealing with radioactive waste mentioned Quality of written communication impedes communication of the science at this level.  (1 – 2 marks) Level 0: (0 marks) Insufficient or irrelevant science. Answer not worthy of credit.		Level 1:  Iow level – in land fill or buried  high level – encased in glass and buried (very deeply) underground or reprocessed or stored under water  allow idea that high level waste is encased in lead or concrete or steel and buried (deep) underground  radioactive (for a long time)  terrorist risk  groundwater risk  ignore references to alpha, beta and gamma radiation  Use the L1, L2, L3 annotations in RM Assessor; do not use ticks.
	Total	8	

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Ques	ation Answer	Marks	Guidance
11 a highest speed in 1986 or 1910		1	dates required for both highest and lowest speed
			if one correct and one incorrect for highest speed scores 0.
	and		
	lowest speed in 1952 (1)		allow any year in the range 1948 → 1956
b	(idea that) gravitational/centripetal force ( is needed	3	use ticks in this question
	for circular motion) (1)		If Earth rather than Sun then max 2 i.e. first answer referring to Earth rather than Sun loses the mark – after that two further
	stronger force when near to Sun / ora (1)		marks can be awarded.
	acceleration / speed / kinetic energy of comet		allow acceleration / speed / kinetic energy of comet greatest
	greatest near Sun / ora (1)		when gravity is strongest (2)
	Total	4	

Question	Answer	Marks		Guidance	
12 a	current in kettle calculated as 10A and 13A fuse and 15A cable chosen (3)	3			
	if answer is incorrect or incomplete				
	current in kettle calculated as 10A and wrong fuse or cable chosen scores (2)				
	or				
	current = $\frac{2300}{230}$ (1)				
	or				
	power of kettle calculated as 2300W or 2.3KW (1)				
	or				
	power = <u>276 000</u> (1) 120				
	120		allow correct choice of e.g. current =1.2A so u		
			Range of current	Recommended fuse	Recommended cable
			0 to 2.9A	3A plug fuse	5A
			3 to 4.9A	5A plug fuse	7A
			5 to 9.9A	13A plug fuse	13A
			10 to 12.9A	13A plug fuse	15A

		13A to 19.9A 20 to 49.9A	20A circuit fuse 50A circuit fuse	30A static cable 60A static cable	
Total	3				

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
13 a i	470 ± 20 (thousand tonnes) (1)	1	
ii	any two from: less electricity generation (1)	2	allow more efficient electricity generation (1) allow people are using less electricity / more energy saving technology (1)
	idea that more renewable fuels or renewable sources or nuclear fuels used to generate electricity / less fossil fuels burned (1)		allow less coal or gas or oil is used (1) allow named renewable used (1) ignore fuel used to make sulfur dioxide could have run out
	less energy used for heating / idea of better home insulation (1)		
	reduced manufacturing industry (1)		allow less factories (1)
	idea of more efficient car engines (1)		allow removal of sulfur from petrol (1) allow idea of more use of catalytic converters (1)
	more electric or hybrid cars (1)		ignore fewer cars on the road
	better control of emissions (1)		e.g. (climate change) legislation / filters or scrubbers in factories to reduce sulfur dioxide emissions (1) ignore cleaner car engines ignore people have become more eco-friendly
b i	any three from:	3	use ticks on this question
	overall amount of NO <sub>x</sub> decreasing (1)		allow difference between 1990 and 2010 is 600 (thousand tonnes) (1)
	main contributor to NO <sub>x</sub> is road transport (1) less made by road transport (between 1990 and		

	2010) (1)					
	manufacturing industry stays broadly the same (1)		allow manufacturing industry fa	falls by a small amount or by 10		
	household heating is broadly the same (1)		(mousand tonnes) (1)			
	household heating is the least (between 1990 and 2010) (1)					
	idea that electricity generation shows no pattern (1)		<b>allow</b> idea that electricity gene of how it fluctuates (1)	ration fluct	uates or a description	
ii	manufacturing industry = 21.8% ± 0.2% (1)	2				
	generating electricity = 10.9% ± 0.2% (1)					
С	any two from: lower (percentage of) NOx made by generating electricity in France / greater (percentage of) NOx made by generating electricity in the UK (1)	2		entages calculated in part (b)(ii) oted even if rounded to the neares		
	greater (percentage of) NOx made by household heating in UK / lower (percentage of) NOx made by				oxides of en produced	
	household heating in France (1)			UK	France	
	lower (percentage of) NOv made by read transport in		Road transport	40	58.2	
	lower (percentage of) NOx made by road transport in the UK / greater (percentage of) NOx made by road		Generating electricity	20	10.9	
	transport in France (1)		Manufacturing	22	21.8	
	road transport accounts for most oxides of nitrogen pollution in both countries (1)		Household heat	16	9.1	
	similar percentages made by manufacturing industry (1)					
	household heating creates least NO <sub>x</sub> in both countries (1)					
	Total	10				

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