

GCSE (9–1)

Combined Science B (Twenty First Century Science)

J260/04: Combined Science (Foundation Tier)

General Certificate of Secondary Education

Mark Scheme for November 2020

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All examiners are instructed that alternative correct answers and unexpected approaches in candidates' scripts must be given marks that fairly reflect the relevant knowledge and skills demonstrated.

Mark schemes should be read in conjunction with the published question papers and the report on the examination.

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Annotations

Annotation	Meaning
	Correct response
	Incorrect response
	Omission mark
	Benefit of doubt given
	Contradiction
	Rounding error
	Error in number of significant figures
	Error carried forward
	Level 1
	Level 2
	Level 3
	Benefit of doubt not given
	Noted but no credit given
	Ignore

Abbreviations, annotations and conventions used in the detailed Mark Scheme (to include abbreviations and subject-specific conventions).

Annotation	Meaning
/	alternative and acceptable answers for the same marking point
✓	Separates marking points
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**.

Please ask for help or guidance whenever you need it. Your first point of contact is your Team Leader.

The breakdown of Assessment Objectives for GCSE (9-1) in Combined Science B:

	Assessment Objective
AO1	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of scientific ideas and scientific techniques and procedures.
AO1.1	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of scientific ideas.
AO1.2	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of scientific techniques and procedures.
AO2	Apply knowledge and understanding of scientific ideas and scientific enquiry, techniques and procedures.
AO2.1	Apply knowledge and understanding of scientific ideas.
AO2.2	Apply knowledge and understanding of scientific enquiry, techniques and procedures.
AO3	Analyse information and ideas to interpret and evaluate, make judgements and draw conclusions and develop and improve experimental procedures.
AO3.1	Analyse information and ideas to interpret and evaluate.
AO3.1a	Analyse information and ideas to interpret.
AO3.1b	Analyse information and ideas to evaluate.
AO3.2	Analyse information and ideas to make judgements and draw conclusions.
AO3.2a	Analyse information and ideas to make judgements.
AO3.2b	Analyse information and ideas to draw conclusions.
AO3.3	Analyse information and ideas to develop and improve experimental procedures.
AO3.3a	Analyse information and ideas to develop experimental procedures.
AO3.3b	Analyse information and ideas to improve experimental procedures.

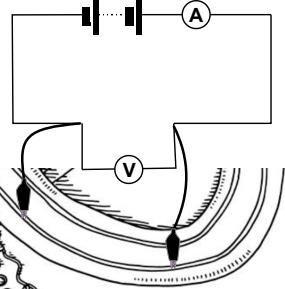
Question			Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
1	(a)	(i)	Plant cell ✓	1	1.2	ALLOW palisade cell / palisade mesophyll cell IGNORE eukaryotic cell alone
		(ii)	Cell membrane ✓	1	2.1	
		(iii)	4.7 ✓	1	2.2	
	(b)		magnify ✓ electron ✓ resolution ✓ light ✓	4	1.1	
	(c)	(i)	(D) A E B C ✓✓✓	3	2.2	A before E (1 mark) E before B (1 mark) B before C (1 mark)
		(ii)	x10 x40 ✓	1	2.2	

Question			Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
2	(a)	(i)	Any one from: (significantly) different from all the other values ✓ outside range of other values ✓	1	3.2a	ALLOW it is not near/close to the others DO NOT ALLOW it is not more than 1
		(ii)	Any one from: Rate of photosynthesis ✓ Some water used up in photosynthesis ✓ Conditions not constant ✓ Water lost from parts of potometer that are not well sealed ✓ Measurement error (time/distance) ✓	1	3.2a	DO NOT ALLOW references to number of leaves/rate of water uptake ALLOW seal has been breached ALLOW not resetting the reservoir ALLOW length/not giving 15 minutes
		(iii)	1.225 ✓	1	1.2	ALLOW 1.12
		(iv)	increase wind/ airflow/use a fan ✓ raise temperature/use a heater ✓ increase light intensity/use a lamp/ move to a sunnier place ✓	3	3.3a	DO NOT ALLOW references to humidity/increasing number of leaves/changing plant size/different plant/changing the time

Question			Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
3	(a)	(i)	LDPE ✓	1	3.2a	
		(ii)	aluminium ✓	1	3.2a	
	(b)		Aluminium is more likely to bend without breaking than LDPE – FALSE LDPE is nine times less dense than STEEL – TRUE Steel is the strongest material – TRUE ✓ ✓	2	3.2a	1 or 2 correct = 1 mark 3 correct = 2 marks
	(c)		IF ALUMINIUM OR STEEL CHOSEN THEN ZERO MARKS LDPE has the lowest melting point ✓ therefore least energy needed to melt it ✓	2	3.2b	Answers must be comparative – lower/lowest/least/less

Question	Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
3 (d)	<p>Please refer to the marking instructions on page 4 of this mark scheme for guidance on how to mark this question.</p> <p>Level 3 (5–6 marks) Gives two advantages for use of carbon fibre AND gives one disadvantage of using carbon fibre AND at least two calculations</p> <p><i>There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured. The information presented is relevant and substantiated.</i></p> <p>Level 2 (3–4 marks) Gives two advantages for use of carbon fibre OR two disadvantages for use of carbon fibre OR gives one advantage and one disadvantage of using carbon fibre. ORA AND at least one calculation</p> <p><i>There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The information presented is relevant and substantiated.</i></p> <p>Level 1 (1–2 marks) Gives two advantages for use of carbon fibre OR two disadvantages for use of carbon fibre OR gives one advantage and one disadvantage of using carbon fibre. ORA</p> <p><i>There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The information presented is relevant and supported by some evidence.</i></p> <p>0 marks <i>No response or no response worthy of credit.</i></p>	6	3.1b	<p>AO3.1b Analyse information and ideas to evaluate</p> <p>Advantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carbon fibre has a lower density/ is lighter (than the other materials) • Carbon fibre has a higher strength (than the other materials) <p>Disadvantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carbon fibre is more brittle (than the other materials) • Carbon fibre is more expensive (than steel and aluminium) <p>Carbon fibre is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4.5 x lighter than steel • 1.5 x lighter than aluminium • 2.5 x lighter than titanium • 3.7 x stronger than titanium • 5.5 x stronger than aluminium • 1.6 x stronger than steel • 0.8 x the cost of titanium • 1.6 x the cost of aluminium • 2.3 x the cost of steel

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4	(a)	(i)	Nina ✓	1	3.2a	
		(ii)	Jack ✓	1	3.2a	
	(b)	(i)	<p>Step 1: pieces same size/length/surface area ✓</p> <p>Step 3: same volumes of solutions/ensure solutions are same temperature ✓</p> <p>Step 4: same length of time/stated length of time ✓</p>	3	3.3b	<p>DO NOT ALLOW reference to volume or mass for step 1</p> <p>ALLOW references to using different salts e.g. NaCl KCl</p> <p>ALLOW references to specifying concentration/masses of salt in solutions/same salt content</p> <p>DO NOT ALLOW 'overnight' or vague times</p>
		(ii)	<p>FIRST CHECK THE ANSWER ON ANSWER LINE</p> <p>If answer = 10.8 (%) award 3 marks</p> <p>$(20.4 - 18.2 =) 2.2$ ✓</p> <p>$(2.2/20.4 =) 10.78(431373)$ ✓</p> <p>$= 10.8$ (%) (3sf) ✓</p>	3	<p>2.2</p> <p>2.2</p> <p>1.2</p>	ALLOW 1 mark for incorrect answer correctly rounded to 3 sig figs.

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5 (a) (i)	 <p>A and V in circles ✓ A in series and V in parallel ✓ Cell/battery symbol ✓</p>	3	2.2	
	<p>(ii) linear (positive) relationship/as length increases resistance increases ✓</p> <p>Uses data from the table to evidence the relationship of doubling. e.g. for 10cm, resistance is 2.5 Ohms, and for 20cm, resistance is 5.0 Ohms ✓</p>	2	3.1a	<p>ALLOW FOR 2 MARKS As the length doubles resistance doubles or length is directly proportional to resistance</p>
	<p>(iii) FIRST CHECK THE ANSWER ON ANSWER LINE If answer = 0.24 award 2 marks $3/12.5$ ✓ $=0.24$ (A) ✓</p>	2	2.1	<p>ALLOW equation correctly rearranged for 1 mark e.g. V/R or $pd/resistance$</p>
(b)	<p>✓✓</p> <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">add switch to circuit</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">greater accuracy of measurement</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">only use straight sections of track</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">increases the precision</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">take several readings at each track length</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">reduces the risk of overheating</div> </div>	2	3.3b	<p>1 or 2 correct = 1 mark 3 correct = 2 marks</p>

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6	(a)	gravitational potential ✓ decreases ✓ speed ✓ kinetic ✓	4	2.1	
	(b)	(i) Mass x gravitational field strength x height ✓	1	1.2	
		(ii) FIRST CHECK THE ANSWER ON ANSWER LINE If answer = 560 000 J award 2 marks 1400 x 10 x 40 = ✓ 560 000 ✓	2	2.1	ALLOW 560 kJ for 2 marks ALLOW ECF for 2 marks for 5600 if the 4 th box is chosen in 6bi) ALLOW ECF for 2 marks for 22,400,000 if the 3 rd box is chosen in 6bi)
	(c)	FIRST CHECK THE ANSWER ON ANSWER LINE If answer = 437 500 (J) award 4 marks Sight of 90 000(m) and 3600(s) ✓ 90km/h = 25m/s ✓ 0.5 x 1400 x 25 ² ✓ = 437 500 J ✓	4	1.2x2 2.1x2	ALLOW 0.5 x 1400 x 90 ² for one mark DO NOT ALLOW ECF from the incorrect substitution i.e. 5,670,000
	(d)	FIRST CHECK THE ANSWER ON ANSWER LINE If answer = 900 (kJ) award 3 marks 360000 ÷ 0.40 ✓ 900000 ✓ = 900 (kJ) ✓	3	2.1x2 1.2	

Question		Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
7	(a)	absorbed ✓ infrared ✓ absorbed ✓ methane ✓	4	1.1	Must be in the correct order
	(b)	(i)	3	1 x 3.1a 2 x 3.2a	ALLOW increases from 1950 Must imply an increase
		(ii)	1	3.2a	
		(iii)	2	2.1	
	(c)	Any two from: Could lead to the continued use of fossil fuels ✓ Uses a large amount of energy ✓ Carbon could leak / escape ✓ Unknown effects on ecosystems / habitats / animals ✓	2	2.1	IGNORE cost arguments

	(d)	(i)	Non-renewable is finite or will run out / renewable is infinite or can be replaced ✓	1	2.1	DO NOT ALLOW renewable can be used again or reused ORA
		(ii)	Plants take in CO ₂ when they photosynthesise ✓ Burning plants releases the same mass of carbon dioxide they absorb. ✓	2	2.1	

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