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PUBLISHED**Generic Marking Principles**

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptors for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always **whole marks** (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently, e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

Science-Specific Marking Principles

1 Examiners should consider the context and scientific use of any keywords when awarding marks. Although keywords may be present, marks should not be awarded if the keywords are used incorrectly.

2 The examiner should not choose between contradictory statements given in the same question part, and credit should not be awarded for any correct statement that is contradicted within the same question part. Wrong science that is irrelevant to the question should be ignored.

3 Although spellings do not have to be correct, spellings of syllabus terms must allow for clear and unambiguous separation from other syllabus terms with which they may be confused (e.g. ethane / ethene, glucagon / glycogen, refraction / reflection).

4 The error carried forward (ecf) principle should be applied, where appropriate. If an incorrect answer is subsequently used in a scientifically correct way, the candidate should be awarded these subsequent marking points. Further guidance will be included in the mark scheme where necessary and any exceptions to this general principle will be noted.

5 'List rule' guidance

For questions that require ***n*** responses (e.g. State **two** reasons ...):

- The response should be read as continuous prose, even when numbered answer spaces are provided.
- Any response marked *ignore* in the mark scheme should not count towards ***n***.
- Incorrect responses should not be awarded credit but will still count towards ***n***.
- Read the entire response to check for any responses that contradict those that would otherwise be credited. Credit should **not** be awarded for any responses that are contradicted within the rest of the response. Where two responses contradict one another, this should be treated as a single incorrect response.
- Non-contradictory responses after the first ***n*** responses may be ignored even if they include incorrect science.

6 Calculation specific guidance

Correct answers to calculations should be given full credit even if there is no working or incorrect working, **unless** the question states 'show your working'.

For questions in which the number of significant figures required is not stated, credit should be awarded for correct answers when rounded by the examiner to the number of significant figures given in the mark scheme. This may not apply to measured values.

For answers given in standard form (e.g. $a \times 10^n$) in which the convention of restricting the value of the coefficient (a) to a value between 1 and 10 is not followed, credit may still be awarded if the answer can be converted to the answer given in the mark scheme.

Unless a separate mark is given for a unit, a missing or incorrect unit will normally mean that the final calculation mark is not awarded. Exceptions to this general principle will be noted in the mark scheme.

7 Guidance for chemical equations

Multiples / fractions of coefficients used in chemical equations are acceptable unless stated otherwise in the mark scheme.

State symbols given in an equation should be ignored unless asked for in the question or stated otherwise in the mark scheme.

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2	<i>plant food that is good source of HBV protein</i> chia / soya or soya product or named example e.g. tofu, tempeh / quinoa / Quorn / teff / spelt / hempseed / buckwheat / amaranth;	1

Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)	<i>effects on the body of eating too little carbohydrate</i> lack of energy / lethargic / tiredness / fatigue; weight loss / underweight; anorexia in extreme cases; too little fibre can cause constipation / haemorrhoids; diverticular disease / bowel cancer;	3
3(b)	<i>why B-group vitamins should be eaten with carbohydrate food</i> vitamin B-group <u>releases</u> energy to the body from carbohydrates;	1

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Question	Answer	Marks
3(c)	<i>plant foods that provide vitamin B₁</i> acorn squash / pumpkin; asparagus; beans / peas / lentils; dried fruit or named example e.g. figs, prunes, sultanas; fennel; Jerusalem artichoke; kumquat; mushrooms; named <u>fortified</u> food e.g. breakfast cereal such as bran flakes, coco pops, cornflakes, frosties, oatibix, rice krispies, weetabix; <u>named</u> green vegetables e.g. Brussels sprouts, cabbage, chard, kale, spinach; nuts or named example e.g. almonds, pistachio, macadamia, pecan, Brazil; seeds or named example e.g. flax, sesame, sunflower, linseed; sweet potato; cereals or named example e.g. barley, oats, rye, maize, millet, wheat, <u>brown</u> rice; <u>wholegrain/wholemeal</u> products or named example e.g. bread, pasta, wheat germ, wheat bran; yeast and yeast extracts / Marmite;	3

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4	<i>ways in which DRV are useful when planning meals</i> useful to people (men and women) of different ages (who have no health problems); used as guidance for people (men and women), to enable continuing good health; provide estimates of the average amount of energy needed by different groups of people; provide estimates of the average amount of different nutrients (protein, fat, carbohydrates, minerals, vitamins) needed by different groups of people; help with planning nutritionally balanced meals / healthy meals; help prevent malnutrition / deficiencies / diseases e.g. any one named disease that can be caused by insufficient or excess nutrients; used for information on food labels so help consumers make wise choices to maintain good health e.g. amounts of sugar, salt, fat, NSP;	4

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5(a)	<i>minerals found in cheese</i> calcium; iodide; phosphorus; sodium;	2
5(b)	<i>vitamin that is found in cheese</i> vitamin A (retinol) / vitamin B / vitamin D;	1
5(c)	<i>nutrient that is not found in cheese</i> iron / starch / vitamin C / vitamin E / vitamin K / NSP;	1
5(d)	<i>enzyme used to set cheese</i> rennet / rennin / chymosin;	1

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6	<i>ways consuming too much salt can affect health</i> may cause high blood pressure / hypertension; (hypertension) can result in strokes / heart disease / heart attack / CHD; too much salt can cause water retention / excess fluid in tissues / oedema; fluid retention leads to kidney damage;	3

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7	<i>enzymes in the ileum involved in the digestion of starch</i> maltase; invertase; <u>pancreatic</u> amylase;	2

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8(a)	<i>why active teenage boys are often recommended to eat a diet high in protein</i> building muscle mass / maintain body muscles; repair damaged muscles / tissue; replace worn out cells; needed for <u>rapid growth</u> / <u>growth spurt</u> in adolescence; production of hormones;	3
8(b)	<i>why active teenage boys are often recommended to drink lots of water</i> replace that lost through sweating when being active; they are thirsty due to being active / maintain water balance / prevent dehydration / hydrates the body; prevents tiredness / decrease fatigue / lethargy / helps with energy levels; regulates body temperature / cools body through perspiration; improved absorption of <u>water-soluble vitamins</u> / B vitamins / vitamin C; lubricates muscles / joints / prevents ends of bones damaging each other eg knees, elbows;	3
8(c)	<i>why active teenage boys are often recommended to eat a diet high in calcium</i> health of bones / bone development / growth / maintenance; muscle function; function of nerves; calcium increases bone density which increases bone mass and strength / prevents osteoporosis / prevents osteomalacia; enable the contraction of heart muscle which in turn pumps blood around the body; essential for normal blood clotting when injury occurs; helps to produce energy (from fat stores);	3

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9(a)	<i>types of sugar that can be used when making a cake by the melting method</i> cane / rapadura / jaggery; (golden) caster; coconut; crystal / hail / nib / pearl; dark brown; Demerara; granulated; (light or dark) Muscovado / Barbados; (soft light) brown; Turbinado;	4
9(b)	<i>functions of sugar in a cake recipe</i> adds colour due to caramelisation during baking; adds colour due to Maillard browning; adds colour if referenced use of non-white sugar; adds flavour / tastes sweeter / sweetens; adds moisture, sugar liquefies on heating; preserves / helps to retain moisture / improves the keeping qualities / increases shelf life / reduces staling; provides a light/fluffy airy texture / aeration / helps to hold air in the mixture / increases volume; softens crumb or gluten in flour / gives tender / soft texture;	5
9(c)	<i>function of sugar in the body</i> provides energy;	1
9(d)	<i>health problems that may be caused by too high an intake of sugar</i> dental caries / tooth decay; <u>type 2</u> diabetes; weight gain / obesity;	2

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Question	Answer	Marks
9(e)	<i>mechanical method of lightening cake</i> sieving flour / beating egg; <i>chemical method of lightening cake</i> S R flour / baking powder / bicarbonate of soda / baking soda;	2

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10(a)	<i>ingredient list for making a coating sauce using the roux method</i> <u>25 g</u> butter; 250 ml <u>milk / stock / liquid</u> ;	2
10(b)	<i>ingredient in the sauce that is unsuitable for a coeliac</i> flour;	1
10(c)	<i>qualities of a successful white roux sauce</i> good flavour/taste / no starchy flavour; correctly seasoned; glossy / shiny appearance; smooth / lump free; correct colour / not brown / not burnt; correct consistency (for a coating sauce);	4
10(d)	<i>how the sauce thickens during cooking</i> starch grains in flour soften during heating of milk (60°C); starch grains absorb milk; starch grains swell as milk is absorbed; (80°C) some starch grains rupture / burst open; (100°C) <u>gelatinisation</u> takes place (as the sauce thickens);	4

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10(e)(i)	<i>reasons why flavours are used in ready-made sauces</i> replaces / restores flavours lost during processing; enhances / improves natural flavour; make it taste better / adds a flavour to a product that would otherwise have no taste; to increase a product range;	2
10(e)(ii)	<i>reasons why colours are used in ready-made sauces</i> enhance / replace colour lost (during the production process); improve the appearance / making product more appealing / attractive / appetising; to ensure colour is maintained during storage of products; to make sauce look more colourful / give food more colour;	2

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11	<i>examples of how cross-contamination could occur</i> food to food / raw or infected food to cooked food; food handler to food via poor personal hygiene; equipment to food such as dirty knives, chopping boards, surfaces; from pest, vermin or pet to food;	3

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12(a)	<i>methods of cooking that minimise loss of nutrients</i> air-frying; microwave cooking; slow cooking / casseroling / stewing; steaming; stir-frying;	2

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12(b)	<i>principles involved in pressure cooking</i> food and liquid are put in the pressure cooker; the lid is locked on; the pan fills with steam when the liquid inside boils; most of the steam cannot escape so the pressure builds up inside; weights may be added to increase pressure or a pressure gauge indicates the internal pressure; the water inside boils at a higher temperature (120–130°C) than conventional pan (100°C); very hot steam is forced through the food; quick method of cooking / pressure cooking takes significantly less time than conventional boiling;	5

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13(a)	<i>benefits to the consumer of product name or description on a food label</i> consumer knows what is in the product/what is being purchased so are not misled/confused e.g. chocolate biscuits, ginger biscuits; consumer can make comparisons between similar products; consumer can take account of preferences/likes/dislikes when purchasing products e.g. cod in batter vs coley in batter; consumer can identify a particular brand and have knowledge / expectations with the contents;	2
13(b)	<i>benefits to the consumer of cooking instructions on a food label</i> allows the consumer to cook the product so it is safe to eat / minimise the risk of food poisoning; so the consumer can decide if they have the skills to make the product successfully / useful for inexperienced cooks without knowledge of timings or temperatures; so the consumer can determine if they have the equipment to make the product successfully; so the consumer can determine if they have the time to make the product successfully; allow the consumer to cook the product successfully and so gain maximum enjoyment / avoid wastage;	2

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13(c)	<i>benefits to the consumer of country of origin on a food label</i> consumer may choose to avoid certain countries to avoid excessive air miles; consumers may believe that food products from some origins are of better quality, safer, more environmentally friendly and in other ways superior to food products from other origins; consumers may not wish to purchase products from a particular origin because of health scares; consumers may prefer to support local/domestic origin products to imported products; consumers may/may not wish to purchase products because of moral or political reasons; knowing origin of food makes it easier for consumers to choose whether or not to purchase an item from a certain country;	2

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14	<i>Fats and oils are an important commodity. Discuss the chemical composition of different types of fats and oils. Discuss the functions of fats and oils in the body.</i> <i>composition, types [max 8 marks]</i> made of the elements of carbon, hydrogen and oxygen; elements make fat molecules called triglycerides; fat molecule / triglyceride has one unit of glycerol; fat molecule / triglyceride has three units of fatty acids; fatty acids can be saturated fats that cannot accept any more hydrogen / contain only carbon-to-carbon single bonds; fatty acids can be unsaturated fats that can accept more hydrogen / that contain (at least one) double bond; saturated fats/fats are usually solid at room temperature; unsaturated fats are monounsaturated and polyunsaturated; monounsaturated fats contain only one double bond; polyunsaturated fats contain two or more double bonds; unsaturated fats / oils are usually liquid at room temperature; <i>functions of fats and oils in the body [max 8 marks]</i> essential fatty acids (linoleic and linolenic / omega 6) are needed for brain development in babies; fat helps promote a feeling of satiety / fullness which may prevent overeating / help weight control; fat is a concentrated source of energy; fat provides a source of essential fatty acids (omega 3) which are required for the structure and maintenance of cell membranes / body cells / reduces inflammatory diseases/rheumatoid arthritis; fat provides a source of vitamin A which aids vision in dim light / keeps the mucous membranes in the eyes/lungs/throat/digestive tract moist and free from infection / normal growth of children/maintain healthy skin; fat provides a source of vitamin D which helps calcium absorption / work with calcium & phosphorous to form strong teeth and bones / promote quicker healing of bone fractures; fat provides a source of vitamin E which is an antioxidant / destroys free radicals / protects against heart disease / reduces risk of developing certain cancers; fat provides a source of vitamin K which ensure blood clots correctly in the body; fat stored as adipose tissue under the skin acts as a reserve of energy; fats play a vital role in maintaining healthy skin and hair; stored fat cushions, insulates and protects delicate vital internal organs from damage; stored fat provides insulation to keep the body warm / maintain body temperature / prevent heat loss;	15

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15	<i>Discuss methods of reducing or conserving fuel energy when cooking family meals.</i> use quick methods of cooking e.g. stir-frying, shallow frying, air-frying, grilling, microwave, pressure cooking – less time to cook so less fuel used; use steamer – several layers share one burner / heat source; use only the oven or hob for a whole meal – cooking several dishes at once rather than heating oven for one dish; reduce flame / heat to simmer when boiling starts – prevent wastage; use pressure cooker – several items can be cooked at once; keep lid on pan / don't tilt pan lid – this prevents loss of heat so food cooks faster; cut food into smaller pieces – less cooking time needed; do not preheat oven too long – as fuel is wasted; use divided pans / boil two things together – this uses only one heat source; choose materials such as copper / iron for pans – these are good conductors of heat; cook when a meal is needed – no need to reheat food; do not cook separate meals for individuals in the family – wastes fuel; do not open oven door more than necessary to check on cooking food – heat will be lost; use only enough water to cover eggs / vegetables in pan when boiling – so fuel not wasted heating unnecessary amount of water; ensure food is defrosted before cooking – to speed up cooking process; ensure heat source is turned off immediately food is cooked – prevent wastage; turn off electric cookers before end of cooking time – to use residual heat; have a small amount of water in kettle – so only heat what is needed; if water is left over after boiling the kettle pour it into a flask / vacuum sealed bottle – can be used later as boiling a kettle uses a lot of fuel; batch bake / cook extra portions / plan meals ahead by having rice / pasta / cold meat for dinner the next day or freeze – prevents unnecessary use of fuel; cook only the amount of food required – this avoids reheating; use flat-based pans – this provides good contact between hotplate and pan; match size of pan base to burner size – so as not to waste energy; make one pot meals in slow cookers – so only use one heat source; use convenience foods/tender cuts of meat – they generally require less cooking time; use a toaster – heating the grill for toast uses lots of energy; use an air fryer – they are smaller than an oven so use less fuel to heat;	15