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Marking the science tests

As in 2005, external markers, employed by the external marking agencies under contract to QCA, will mark the test papers. The markers will follow the mark schemes in this booklet, which is supplied to teachers for information.

This booklet contains the mark schemes for the levels 3–5 tests A and B. Level threshold tables will be posted on the QCA website (www.qca.org.uk) on 19 June 2006.

General guidance

The structure of the mark schemes

The marking information for each question is set out in the form of tables. The 'question' column on the left-hand side of each table provides a quick reference to the question number and question part. The 'mark' column gives the number of marks available for each question part.

The 'requirements' column may include three types of information:

- a general statement describing what is required for the award of the mark;
- examples of specific creditworthy responses showing correct science;
- examples of creditworthy responses beyond the key stage 2 programme of study.

The 'allowable answers' column gives examples of 'allowable' creditworthy responses, showing correct science which may not be as clearly expressed.

The 'additional guidance' column may include different types of information:

- specific responses which are not creditworthy either because information from the question has been rephrased, or because the responses imply incorrect scientific knowledge;
- answers which are insufficient in themselves to gain credit, but are not incorrect science, and would therefore not lose credit if used with a correct response.

Where two marks are available for a question which describes the relationship between two continuous variables, the following will apply:

- *two* marks will be awarded for a creditworthy general comparison of the variables in question, eg the *bigger* the grains, the *longer* the sugar takes to dissolve;
- *one* mark will be awarded for a pair of creditworthy specific comparisons, eg big grains dissolve *slowly* and small grains dissolve *fast*;
- one mark will be awarded for a single creditworthy comparison, eg the biggest grains dissolve most slowly.

Applying the mark schemes

The mark schemes give scientifically correct answers to each question as well as providing guidance on, and examples of, other answers which are allowable. In cases of alternative wording or where an answer is drawn rather than written, external markers will exercise their professional judgement.

In order to ensure consistency of marking, the most frequent queries are listed below, with the action the marker will take.

What if ...?

The child gives two or more responses to a particular question part.

Marking procedure

- a) If a child qualifies a scientifically correct answer with a scientifically incorrect statement, no mark will be awarded for that question part.
- b) If a child qualifies a scientifically correct answer with an incorrect statement which is not relevant to the context of the question, the latter response is regarded as 'neutral' and the mark will be awarded.

The child has not used ticks to indicate the correct response in a multiple-choice question.

take precedence over any other form of response. Therefore, when ticks and any other sort of response are given together, the boxes with ticks will be assumed to be the child's response. If the correct boxes are left blank, no marks will be awarded.

Any unambiguous positive indication of the correct answer will be accepted. Ticks

The child ticks more than the required number of boxes.

One mark will be deducted for each incorrect answer. Negative marks will not be awarded.

In a planning question, no answer is given in the expected place but the correct answer is given in the drafting box. Where a child has shown understanding of the question, the mark(s) will be given.

The child misspells a word.

- a) If it is clear that the child has made a simple error, eg 'tow' for 'two' or 'son' for 'sun', then the incorrect spelling will be accepted and the mark awarded.
- b) If a child misspells a word copied from the text of the question or from a selection given, and the new word does not have any inappropriate meaning, the incorrect spelling will be accepted and the mark awarded.
- c) If specific scientific vocabulary is required in the answer, a creditworthy misspelling must be a phonetic equivalent of the required word, with the major syllables of the correct word represented in the answer.

Recording marks awarded

In the margin, alongside each question part, there is a mark box for each question part. Depending on the type of response made to each part of each question by the child, the external marker will put one of the following into each box:

- '1' for an acceptable/allowable response;
- '0' for an incorrect response;
- '-' if no response is made.

The number of marks gained on each double page will be written in the box at the bottom of the right-hand page. The total number of marks gained on each paper will be recorded on the front of the test paper, and on the marksheet.

Each paper has the following number of marks available:

- Test A has 40;
- Test B has 40.

The 2006 key stage 2 science tests and mark schemes were developed by the National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER) and the Centre for Research into Primary Science and Technology (CRIPSAT) on behalf of QCA.

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Test A question 1: Popcorn

Additional guidance					
Allowable answers					
Requirements	Award TWO marks for all four statements correctly classified: The pictures show that as the com pops, it True False	gets bigger. Changes to a darker colour. Changes shape. Changes shape.	gets smoother. If you are unable to award two marks, award ONE mark for any two or three statements correctly classified.	Award ONE mark for: Sasha should measure the Temperature.	Award ONE mark for:
Mark	2m	or	1m	1m	1m
Question	1a 1/2i,j 3/2b			1b 3/2c	1c 3/2b

Test A question 1: Popcorn (continued)

	Additional guidance	o 8	 boiling. Do not give credit for an insufficient response explicitly relating to popcom: 	the popcom cannot change back to seeds again.	Do not give credit for an insufficient response naming a non-reversible physical process in which the material is not	changed: ■ breaking a cup/glass; ■ dropping an egg;	ripping paper;popping a balloon.	Do not give credit for an insufficient response identifying a new material without identifying the change: ■ a cake is non-reversible;	candle [the wax burns and melts];chips;toast.
	Allowable answers	ONE mark may be awarded for identifying a biological non-reversible change: ■ an apple decaying/going rotten;	 a seed growing into a plant. ONE mark may be awarded for a response identifying a material and what 	it changes into: ■ changing bread into toast; ■ paper to ashes;	a grape turning into a raisin;milk turning into cheese;changing sand to glass.				
	Requirements	Award ONE mark for identifying/describing a non-reversible change where a new material is produced, eg: (wood/paper/candle) burning;	 egg being boiled; mixing vinegar and bicarbonate of soda; cooking a cake/biscuits; 	making a cake;boiling rice/spaghetti;making paper from wood/trees.	 Give credit for a correct response that goes beyond the key stage 2 	programme of study which names a chemical change: combustion;	corrosion/rusting;respiration/photosynthesis.		
	Mark	1111							
	Question	1d 3/2f							
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Test A question 2: Boats

Additional guidance		 Do not give credit for an insufficient response: ■ the clay is weighing down the boat; ■ boat 2 floats lower because of the modelling clay; ■ there is a force. 	Do not give credit for an insufficient response where a line is drawn from the straw to the sail with no arrowhead.
Allowable answers		oNE mark may be awarded for an absolute response implying that boat 2 has more modelling clay than boat 1: ■ boat 2 has a lot of clay; ■ boat 2 is heavy.	one mark may be awarded for an arrow pointing left that is within 45° of the horizontal:
Requirements	Award ONE mark for: ■ The force from the water □ pushing the boat up. □ □	Award ONE mark for recognising that the larger lump of modelling clay makes boat 2 sit lower in the water or that boat 2 is heavier: • boat 2 has more clay; • the lump of clay in boat 2 is bigger/heavier; • the clay makes it heavier; • the heavier the boat, the lower it sinks; • it is heavier/weighs more; • it is heavier/weighs more; • there is more force (pulling/pushing)	Award ONE mark for a horizontal arrow pointing left drawn anywhere on the picture:
Mark	1m	1m	1m
Question	2a 4/2d,e	2b 1/1a	2c 4/2e

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Test A question 2: Boats (continued)

Question	Mark	Requirements	Allowable answers	Additional guidance
2d 4/2c	1m	Award ONE mark for: friction.	ONE mark may be awarded for: ■ air resistance; ■ water resistance; ■ drag.	 Do not give credit for a response that includes incorrect science: ■ gravity/weight. Do not give credit for an insufficient response describing friction: ■ (the force from the) air/water/wind.
2e 1/2/ 4/2c	110	Award ONE mark for a response indicating that the big sail will have a greater pushing/blowing force on it: the force on the big sail is larger; there is more sail for the blowing force to act on; there is a bigger force because it has more sail to push; the small sail will not get as much pushing force so it will be slower.	 ONE mark may be awarded for a response indicating that the big sail catches or traps more air/wind, pushing it along (faster/further): the bigger sail catches more wind and is pushed faster; more air will collect in the big sail to push it along. 	 Do not give credit for a response that includes incorrect science: air resistance makes the boat go faster. Do not give credit for an insufficient response where the forces on the sail have not been described: the bigger the sail, the faster the boat [this is a consequence of a bigger force]. the big sail will catch the wind better; a bigger sail will catch more wind; the small sail does not get as much wind; the wind will blow the bigger sail faster [given].

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Test A question 3: Mini-beasts

Additional guidance	Do not give credit for an insufficient response that replaces 'butterfly' or 'hoverfly' with 'fly'.		Do not give credit for an insufficient response for naming either insect as 'fly'.	
Allowable answers				
Requirements	Award ONE mark for all four animals correctly placed: Name Legs Wings Antennae butterfly 6 2 2 ant noverfly 6 0 2 spider 8 0 0	Award ONE mark for:	Award ONE mark for correctly naming both animals: ■ (i) dragonfly; and (ii) housefly; [in that order].	Award ONE mark for both boxes ticked: has a long thin tail has 4 wings 7
Mark	mt .	1m	1m	1m
Question	3a 2/4a, b	3b 2/5a	3c 2/4a, b	3d 1/2b 2/4a, b

When applying this mark scheme, please also refer to the General guidance given on pages 1 and 2.

Test A question 4: Isaac Newton

Question	Mark	Requirements	Allowable answers	Additional guidance
4a 1/1a 4/2b	1m	Award ONE mark for: a a pulling force towards the Earth		
4b 1/1 <i>b</i>	1m	Award ONE mark for an indication that Newton needed evidence to support his ideas or so that he could be more certain of his ideas: • to gather evidence to support (or reject) his ideas, • to see if his ideas were supported by his results/investigations; • to see if his predictions were correct; • to find out if other things fall from the same force; • if he said anything without investigating it, other people may find something different.	 ONE mark may be awarded for a response that implies he would know if his ideas were true: to see whether his ideas were right/wrong; to see if it/his idea works/is true; to check his ideas; to check his ideas; to know (for sure) which force causes the apple to fall; if he just guessed he may be wrong; so he could know why the apple fell on his head; if he did not test, he would not know what happened. 	 Do not give credit for an insufficient response. to test his ideas [given]; to make sure; to see if his results are true; to check his results; [these responses imply an investigation has already been carried out]; to see if he had the right/correct answer [implies results for his ideas have been determined previously]; to make it a fair test; to make it a ccurate; to see if the investigation worked.
4c 4/2b 1/2/	1m	Award ONE mark for recognising that gravitational force is responsible for keeping the Earth in orbit: gravity.	ONE mark may be awarded for: ■ weight.	Do not give credit for an insufficient response describing gravitational force: ■ a pulling force towards the Earth.
4d 4/4 <i>d</i>	1m	Award ONE mark for a response giving a time period equivalent to a year: 1 year; 22 weeks; 365–366 days [inclusive].		Do not give credit for an insufficient response that gives no units or uses inappropriate units: ■ 365; ■ 52 days.

Test A question 4: Isaac Newton (continued)

Additional guidance	Do not give credit for an insufficient response implying night and day are	caused by the Earth orbiting the Sun: it turns around the Sun:	■ it orbits.	Do not give credit for an insufficient	response: It turns;	it goes (a)round;during the day, the Earth is facing the	sun, at nignt the Earth is facing away from the Sunffacing the Moon.
Allowable answers	ONE mark may be awarded for: ■ it revolves;	(it moves) on its axis.					
Requirements	Award ONE mark for a response that clearly describes the Earth spinning on its	axis to cause day and night: it rotates:	it spins (on its axis);it turns on its axis.				
Mark Requirements	1m Award ONE mark for a response that clearly describes the Earth spinning on its	axis to cause day and night:	it spins (on its axis); it turns on its axis.				

Test A question 5: Trees

Additional guidance	 Do not give credit for a response that includes incorrect science: ■ it absorbs/takes in/sucks up water/ nutrients from the soil; ■ to anchor the tree; [these responses refer to functions of the roots]; ■ it feeds the tree. 	 Do not give credit for a response that includes incorrect science: ■ roots; ■ flowers. Do not give credit for an insufficient response: ■ the stem/stalk/trunk [the stem can only photosynthesise if it is green].
Allowable answers	one mark may be awarded for a response indicating a supporting function of the trunk/stem which works in conjunction with the roots: ■ to keep/hold it up; ■ to stand up (straight); ■ to stop the tree blowing over. • to stop the tree blowing over.	ONE mark may be awarded for a response indicating a green part: ■ green twig/branch/stalk.
Requirements	Award ONE mark for an indication either that the trunk transports water/nutrients or that the trunk supports the tree: the trunk carries/moves water and nutrients (from the roots to the leaves); the trunk supports the tree/leaves/ branches; the trunk holds the tree upright. Give credit for a correct response that goes beyond the key stage 2 programme of study: it carries food to the roots/parts of the plant that are growing; the trunk/it stores water.	Award ONE mark for naming leaves: (the) leaf.
Mark	1m	1m
Question	5a 2/3c	5b 2/3b

Test A question 5: Trees (continued)

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	Additional guidance	 Do not give credit for a response that includes incorrect science: trees die in winter; trees get less food from the Sun. Do not give credit for an insufficient response implying there is complete darkness during winter: there is no sunlight/Sun; trees need light to grow. Do not give credit for an insufficient response: there is less heat; it is cold; [given]; there is less water/nutrients; there get) less food. 		
	Allowable answers	oNE mark may be awarded for a response referring to the Sun rather than to light: ■ the Sun does not get so high in the sky; ■ there is less Sun (in winter).	ONE mark may be awarded for an unambiguous indication of the correct tree: ■ Norway/maple.	ONE mark may be awarded for an unambiguous indication of the correct tree: ■ Alder/buckthorn.
	Requirements	Award ONE mark for a response indicating that less light is available or that the tree may not have leaves (for the production of new materials for growth) or that water and/or nutrients may be less accessible to the tree (as the ground is more likely to be frozen): a (the hours of daylight are shorter so) there is less light/sunshine; a the (sun)light is not as intense/strong; a the tree has lost its leaves (so it cannot make new material for growth); a trees cannot get the nutrients (out of the ground); b there is less water because it is frozen; c the tree cannot make enough food (to grow). c the tree shoot the key stage 2 programme of study: d there is less photosynthesis; d there is less light/water taken in (by the tree) for photosynthesis.	Award ONE mark for: Norway maple.	Award ONE mark for: Alder buckthorn.
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	Question	5c 2/3a,b	5d i 2/4a	5d ii 2/4a
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Test A question 6: Magnets (continued)

Additional guidance		 Do not give credit for a response that includes incorrect science which is not supported by the results of the investigation: the materials all move the same distance; all the materials attract so it will not work; some metals repel magnets. Do not give credit for an insufficient response: measuring would not help; it is easier to see.
Allowable answers		 ONE mark may be awarded for a response suggesting measurement is not needed for their investigation: how far it moves does not matter; it would not make any difference; it has nothing to do with the test. ONE mark may be awarded for a response recognising that only some of the materials are magnetic: if it is not attracted to the magnet it will not move; only steel/iron will attract the magnet; chocolate would never move; some materials were not magnetic.
Requirements	Award TWO marks for all five observations correctly classified: Supports Supports Supports Support Support Ali's and the magnet. The steel cip is attracted for the magnet. The medaling clay is not attracted to the magnet. The modeling clay is not attracted to the magnet. The chocolate is not attracted to the magnet.	Award ONE mark for an indication that the suggested change would give a different investigation: they only want to know if the material is attracted or not; they were not testing the strength of the magnets; it was not what they were testing.
Mark	or 1m	1m
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Test A question 7: Ice experiments

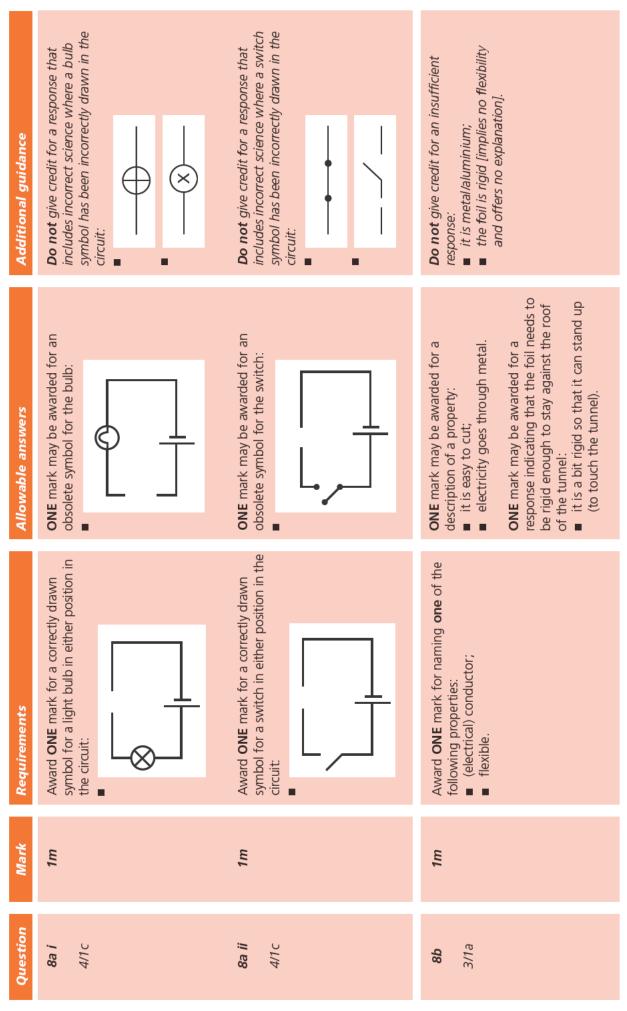
	Additional guidance	Do not give credit in both 7ai and 7aii for a response that includes incorrect science indicating that the water comes from the	melting ice: ■ water from the melting ice cubes drips +houghlindenasth the plate	Do not give credit in either 7ai or 7aii for	a response that includes incorrect science despite using the words evaporation and/or	condensation:the gas evaporates and then condenses so that liquid forms under the plate	[mark for 7ai only cannot be awarded]; the water condenses because of the	heat and turns into water vapour [mark for 7aii cannot be awarded];	 the heat touches the cold plate and condenses [mark for 7aii cannot be 	awardedj.	Do not give credit in either 7ai or 7aii for a response that includes incorrect science	where steam is referred to as a liquid: the steam evaporates /mark for 7ai	cannot be awarded].	on the bottom of the plate [mark for	/aii cannot be awarded].	Do not give credit for an insufficient response:	 hot air condenses on the plate [there is likely to be water vapour in the air but 	this needs to be explicit].	
	Allowable answers	ONE mark may be awarded for: ■ it evaporates/changes into steam.	ONE mark may be awarded if evaporation is the only process named or described.	ONE mark may be awarded for: ■ the steam condenses/changes into	water.	ONE mark may be awarded if condensation is the only process named or described.													
	Requirements	Award ONE mark for a response that names or describes evaporation : the (hot) water evaporates;	it changes into water vapour;it evaporates.	Award ONE mark for a response that names or describes condensation :	the water vapour condenses into liquid;the (cold) plate causes the evaporated	water to condense;the water vapour turns back into liquid;it condenses.													
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	Question	7a i 3/2d,b		7а ії	3/2d,b														
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Test A question 7: Ice experiments (continued)

Additional guidance	 Do not give credit for a response that includes incorrect science giving the units of time as anything other than minutes: time (seconds); seconds; time (m) ['m' is the unit of measurement for metres]. Do not give credit for an insufficient response: time [does not give units]; how long [does not give units and could refer to length]. 	 Do not give credit for an insufficient response: ■ water melts quicker with salt; ■ the salt melts the ice quickly [the ice melts without salt as well]; ■ ice melts without salt; ■ salt affects the rate at which ice melts; [these responses do not describe the effect of adding salt]. 	
Allowable answers	ONE mark may be awarded for: ■ minutes; ■ how long it takes in minutes.	 ONE mark may be awarded for: the water comes through the funnel faster when he adds salt; salt melts the ice better; ice melts easier with salt. 	
Requirements	Award ONE mark for labelling the horizontal axis with time and giving minutes as the unit of measurement: I time (in) mins.	Award ONE mark for an explanation that salt increases the rate of melting: salt makes ice melt quicker; ice melts more quickly when salt is added.	Award ONE mark for:
Mark	1m	1m	1m
Question	7b 1/2h	7c 112j	7d 1/2m

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Test A question 8: Train in the tunnel



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Test A question 8: Train in the tunnel (continued)

Additional guidance	 Do not give credit for an insufficient response: The circuit does not have enough electricity/energy; The circuit needs both foil strips to touch; The circuit has only one foil strip touching; [given]. 	
Allowable answers	 ONE mark may be awarded for: The circuit is not completely joined up; The circuit is not connected (properly); The circuit is switched off. 	
Requirements	Award ONE mark for an understanding that the bulb does not light up because there is a break in the circuit: The circuit is not complete; The circuit has a gap in it. Give credit for a correct response that goes beyond the key stage 2 programme of study: The circuit is open; The circuit has no current flowing.	Award ONE mark for: Award ONE mark for:
Mark	1m	1m
Question	8c 4/1a	8d 1/2m 4/1a

Test B question 1: Bones

Allowable answers Additional guidance		 Do not give credit for an insufficient response that gives information from the question/stem: it makes it easier for the birds to fly; it has a lot of air inside. Do not give credit for an insufficient response where no comparison is implied: because they are light; they are not weighing them down. 	
Requirements	Award ONE mark for.	Award ONE mark for an indication that the bones are lighter: the bones are not as heavy; they do not need as much effort to lift them.	Award ONE mark for:
Mark	1m	1m	1m
Question	1a 2/2e	1b 1/1a 2/5c	1c 2/2b

Test B question 1: Bones (continued)

Additional guidance	 Do not give credit for an insufficient response: eat different types of food; eat five portions of fruit and vegetables a day; eat healthy food; eat a balanced diet [given]; do not drink alcohol [moderate amounts can improve bone strength]; drink lots of water [too much fluoride can decrease bone strength]; eat protein [can have a negative or positive effect on bone strength].
Allowable answers	one mark may be awarded for a response which elaborates on the types of food which improve/reduce bone strength: ■ they should drink/eat milk/cheese.
Requirements	 Award ONE mark for an indication that humans should exercise or not smoke: they should play football/go running (regularly); they should keep fit; they should not smoke/start smoking. Give credit for a correct response that goes beyond the key stage 2 programme of study: they should not drink too much caffeine/coffee/tea; they should take mineral(s) (supplements of calcium/phosphorus/sodium/potassium); they should have vitamin (D/C/K) tablets.
Mark	##
Question	1d 2/2h, g

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Test B question 2: In the kitchen

Additional guidance		 Do not give credit for an insufficient property that gives a use unrelated to being flexible: ■ it does not burn in the oven. 	
Allowable answers		one mark may be awarded for describing a use of foil where the need for it to be flexible is implied: ■ to cook a chicken in it; ■ to put your sandwiches in; ■ to seal take-away cartons; ■ covering oven dishes.	
Requirements	Award ONE mark for both rows of the table completed correctly: Material/Object Rexible Hard Transparent aluminium foil ' x x x x x x x x x x x x x x x x x x	Award ONE mark for describing a use of foil that requires it to be flexible: wrapping up food; to bend it around food.	Award TWO marks for all three correct boxes ticked: cooling water
Mark	1m	1m	2m or
Question	2 a 3/1a	2b 3/1a	2c 3/2d,g

Test B question 2: In the kitchen (continued)

Additional guidance		 Do not give credit for a response that includes incorrect science indicating the gas will disappear: the water will turn to water vapour which disappears. Do not give credit for an insufficient response: the water disappears; the water boils; the pan goes/boils dry; steam; it will turn into condensation; water vapour.
Allowable answers		oNE mark may be awarded for an observation implying the water evaporates: ■ the water turns to steam.
Requirements	Award ONE mark for: condensation .	Award ONE mark for a response indicating that the water inside the pan evaporates: • the water evaporates; • the water inside the pan turns to water vapour (when the water boils); • it changes to a gas.
Mark	1m	1m
Question	2d <i>i</i> 3/2d	2d ii 1/1a 3/2d

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Test B question 3: At the dentist

Allowable answers Additional guidance	one mark may be awarded for any arrow pointing up that is within 45° of the includes incorrect science showing an arrow pointing down: Do not give credit for an insufficient response that in a response that in a response that in a response that it is within an insufficient response where a line rather than an insufficient response where a line rather response where a line rather response where response wh	arrow is drawn.	nark may be awarded for: drink lots of water (containing fluoride); eat a balanced diet; eat a balanced diet; ■ visit the dentist regularly [given]; eat healthy food [not specific to food that affects teeth]; ■ chew gum.	
	pointing up that is within vertical:		onE mark may be awarded for: ■ drink lots of water (containing ■ eat a balanced diet; ■ do not smoke. ■ do not smoke.	
All	_	ooth	ds;	
Requirements	Award ONE mark for an arrow pointing upwards anywhere on the picture:	Award ONE mark for labelling the tooth as an incisor.	Award ONE mark for a response that identifies one way of preventing tooth decay: • brush/clean teeth (regularly); • use dental floss; • use a mouth wash; • chew sugar free gum; • avoid fizzy drinks; • do not eat lots of sugary/acidic foods; • get a new toothbrush every couple of months; • drink milk/eat calcium-rich foods.	Award ONE mark for: a glass
Mark	mt .	1m	1m	1111
Question	3a i 4/2e	3a ii 2/2a	3b 2/2a	3c 4/3b

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Test B question 3: At the dentist (continued)

Additional guidance	Do not give credit for an insufficient response where only one line is drawn:	Do not give credit for an insufficient response where the direction of travel is shown only by one non-reflected arrow:
Allowable answers	one mark may be awarded for one continuous reflected line even where the arrowhead is incorrect or missing:	one mark may be awarded for a correct arrowhead on a continuous reflected line:
Requirements	Award ONE mark for two lines (with or without correct arrowheads) showing the correct path of light. The lines must go from the lamp to Jon (between his nose and chin) and from Jon to the dentist (between his hairline and nose):	Award ONE mark for two arrowheads showing the direction of light travel from the lamp to Jon (between his nose and chin) and from Jon to the dentist (between his hairline and nose):
Mark	mt .	1m
Question	3d i 4/3c	3d ii 4/3a,d

Test B question 4: Adding water

Additional guidance							Do not give credit for an insufficient response that does not explain what happened to the solid: ■ it disappeared.	Do not give credit for an insufficient response: ■ it mixed with the water.			
Allowable answers							ONE mark may be awarded for a response stating that the vitamin tablet dissolved if the pupil has identified that the vitamin tablet is in beaker C in part 4a.		ONE mark may be awarded for: witamin tablet.		
Requirements	Award ONE mark for correctly completing all four rows of the table:	Solid Beaker	Soil	vitamin tablet D	plastic beads A	salt C	Award ONE mark for a response indicating the solid dissolved: salt/it dissolved; it formed a solution.		Award ONE mark for: Beaker D.	Award ONE mark for:	
Mark	1m						1m		1m	1111	
Question	49	3/2a,1 3/3b					4b 3/3b		4c 3/2f	49	1/2c

Test B question 4: Adding water (continued)

Question	Mark	Requirements	Allowable answers	Additional guidance
46	1m	Award ONE mark for an indication that	ONE mark may be awarded for a	Do not give credit for an insufficient
3/3d		salala si lould evapol ate tille water.evaporate the water;	nesponse explaining the bearer should be moved to a warmer place and/or left to	response Where it is ambiguous What is evaporating:
		by evaporation.	dry:	evaporate the mixture;
			■ move the beaker on to a (sunny/warm)	evaporate it [it refers to the salt].
			window siii, put the beaker on a radiator;	Do not give credit for an insufficient
			by heating it.	response:
				Tilter the solution.

Test B question 5: Bean seeds

Additional guidance	Do not give credit if the 'no' box is ticked. Do not give credit for an insufficient response: ■ yes ☑ □ AND ■ keep everything the same; ■ if you had different soils it would be unfair, it may be a different type of soil.	Do not give credit for an insufficient response: ■ □ no ☑ AND ■ the size/shape of the watering can affects the plants [size/shape does not affect the amount of water you give it]; ■ it would not be fair if she uses the same coloured watering can [restates information given via the tick box]. Do not give credit for an insufficient response: ■ yes ☑ □ AND ■ you should only change one variable/ factor in a fair test.
Allowable answers	Award ONE mark for: ■ yes ☑ AND a description of a difference between two soils: ■ chalk may be dry and clay wet; ■ one soil may have more nutrients or moisture than others; ■ one soil might be better than another; ■ one might be richer/finer/rougher. ONE mark may be awarded if neither box is ticked but the creditworthy explanation indicates that using the same type of soil helps to make the test fair.	Award ONE mark for: ■ □ no ☑ AND ■ the colour makes no difference; ■ it has no effect; ■ the (amount/type of) water is the same; ■ the colour will not change the test; ■ the water makes a difference. ONE mark may be awarded if neither box is ticked but the creditworthy explanation indicates that using the same colour watering can does not affect the fairness of the test. ONE mark may be awarded if 'yes' is ticked AND there is an explicit explanation of how the watering can's colour may affect the temperature of any water stored.
Requirements	Award ONE mark for: ■ yes	 Award ONE mark for: ■ □ no □ AND an indication that the results will not be affected if the colour of the can is changed or that there are other control variables which have a greater effect: ■ you only need to control factors that affect the test, (the colour does not); ■ you will be able to compare the results for the different seeds even if you change the colour of the can; as long as she uses the same amount of water, the test will be fair; it does not matter about colour so long as the material is the same; the amount of water has a greater effect.
Mark	1m	1m
Question	5a 112d	5b 112d

Test B question 5: Bean seeds (continued)

Additional guidance			 Do not give credit for an insufficient response: to get the correct/right results/answer [implies that there is a predetermined correct answer]; so she can see which is best; to see which (type of seed) germinates quickest [focuses on comparing different types of beans rather than beans of the same type]; so you have lots of plants to check; so the test was fairfright/correct.
Allowable answers			 ONE mark may be awarded for a response which suggests that the same type of bean should grow similarly: to see if the same type of seed always germinates more quickly; to see if they germinate at the same rate; she can compare her results/them. ONE mark may be awarded for a response which refers to accuracy: to be more accurate.
Requirements	Award TWO marks for all four factors correctly dassified: Factor Factor Factor to be Factor to be Result to be read to garminate The place where the seed to garminate The place of pot the seed to grown in	If you are unable to award two marks, award ONE mark for any three factors correctly dassified.	Award ONE mark for an indication that reliability is increased: • to make results more reliable; • some seeds may not germinate/grow; • to help ensure she gets a result; • there is more chance of germination; • she will have more evidence/results; • to check/confirm results; • to get an average.
Mark	2m or	1m	mt .
Question	5c 1/2d		5d 112g

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Test B question 6: Tuning fork

Question	Mark	Requirements	Allowable answers	Additional guidance
6a 4/3e	1m	Award ONE mark for identifying vibrations: they vibrate; vibrations.	ONE mark may be awarded for an appropriate description of vibrations: ■ it moves up and down quickly.	 Do not give credit for an insufficient response: ■ they move up and down; ■ they wobble/shake; ■ they are hit [given].
6b 4/3f	1m	Award ONE mark for identifying that the sound made by the tuning fork will become louder/last longer: it will produce a louder sound; it will go on for longer.	ONE mark may be awarded for: ■ the volume is higher; ■ it made a loud/long sound.	 Do not give credit for a response that includes incorrect science referring to pitch: it the pitch is higher; it produces a higher sound. Do not give credit for an insufficient response for which the meaning is ambiguous: the sound gets harder; it will vibrate more.
6c 4/3g	1m	Award ONE mark for ticking the two correct boxes as shown: What does the sound travel through when desk air boththe tuning fork is not touching the desk?	ONE mark may be awarded if both 'desk' and 'air' boxes (with or without the 'both' box) are ticked in the bottom row of the table.	

When applying this mark scheme, please also refer to the General guidance given on pages 1 and 2.

Test B question 7: Brine shrimps and flamingoes

Additional guidance	 Do not give credit for an insufficient response which does not describe a property of the neck: ■ they do not have to bend over; ■ it is easier to feed; ■ they can put their head in the water. 	Do not give credit for an insufficient response naming 'bird' in place of 'flamingo'. Do not give credit for an insufficient response naming an organism from a different habitat.
Allowable answers	 ONE mark may be awarded for: the length (of the neck); (it bends) to allow the beak to get in the correct position to feed; it can stretch; it is curly/bent. ONE mark may be awarded for a response that indicates that food passes from the mouth to the stomach, via the neck. 	ONE mark may be awarded for a food chain in which 'green plants' replace 'algae'.
Requirements	Award ONE mark for an indication that the neck is long and/or flexible: it is (long and) bendy; it is flexible; it is long; it can reach out (to find food).	Award ONE mark for all three organisms in the correct order: algae brine shrimp flamingo
Mark	TIM.	1m
Question	7a 2/5c	7b 2/5d,e

Test B question 7: Brine shrimps and flamingoes (continued)

Additional guidance	 Do not give credit for an insufficient response implying the adult brine shrimp, rather than the population, continues to live or reproduce: it helps the brine shrimps to live longer; it can stay alive and live for a long time. Do not give credit for an insufficient response which describes, without qualification, what happens if the eggs do die: the brine shrimp will become extinct. Do not give credit for an insufficient response that repeats given information without further explanation: the adult dies but the eggs do not; because the shrimp eggs can live in dried up water/on land; because the lake will fill up again; brine shrimp eggs do not dry up.
Allowable answers	 oNE mark may be awarded for: it will not die out ['die out' implies extinction of the population]; to carry on the life cycle; more brine shrimps will grow (if the water dries up); more brine shrimps will be produced/can be born; they can reproduce.
Requirements	Award ONE mark for an understanding of the role of the eggs in the life cycle of the brine shrimp or a response relating to the survival of the population, rather than of the individual: (if the eggs do not die), they can still hatch (when the lake fills with water); (new) brine shrimps can still develop from the eggs (when the lake fills up); it might prevent the species dying out/becoming extinct; the brine shrimp population/species will survive; if the eggs die, there will not be any brine shrimps (to reproduce).
Mark	mt .
Question	7c 1/1a 2/1a 2/5c

Test B question 8: Keeping drinks hot

nbiguity in the marked response, n in the draft box.	Additional guidance	Do not give credit for a control variable that is inconsistent with, or repeats, the IV or DV offered in parts 8a and 8c respectively. If neither an IV nor a DV are offered, the control variable may gain credit, provided it is consistent with the context of the investigation presented in the introduction. If both the IV and DV are insufficient or incorrect, the control variable cannot gain credit.
marking this question. 3a, 8b and 8c, for clarification of any an ignore contradictory statements written	Allowable answers ONE mark may be awarded for: ■ type of cup.	 ONE mark may be awarded for: the cups; drink; how hot or cold the room is.
Markers should read the answers to all parts before marking this question. The draft box can be consulted when marking parts 8a, 8b and 8c, for clarification of any ambiguity in the marked response, or when no answer is given. If an answer is correct, ignore contradictory statements written in the draft box. Parts 8a-8c must form a coherent investigation.	Requirements Award ONE mark for any acceptable factor that describes the independent variable (IV): ■ the type of material; ■ number of layers of material; ■ the insulators.	Award ONE mark for any acceptable control variable: • volume/amount of liquid; • shape of container; • the place where the cups are put; • starting temperature; • same type of drink; • the time the drinks are left.
Markers sho The draft bo or when no Parts 8a-8c r	Mark 1m	1m
Draft box	Question 8a 1/2d	8b 112d

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Test B question 8: Keeping drinks hot (continued)

Additional guidance		Do not give credit for an insufficient response naming the IV given in part 8a: ■ insulators; ■ material.
Allowable answers	one mark may be awarded for: ■ heat (of the drink). ONE mark may be awarded for naming the appropriate equipment needed to measure the DV: ■ thermometer; ■ timer.	 ONE mark may be awarded for: number of layers of materials; with and without a thermos flask; the temperature of liquid; heat (of the drink).
Requirements	Award ONE mark for any acceptable dependent variable (DV) identified, eg: • time to reach a particular temperature; • time taken for this drink to cool; • time the drink stays warm; • which drink stayed hotter for longest; • rate of cooling/temperature change over time; • temperature decrease in a given time; • temperature (of the drink); • how hot or cold it is.	Award ONE mark for any acceptable new IV: • the material the cup is made of; • cups with and without lids; • the amount/type of drink or liquid; • the number of cups into which a drink is placed; • the place where the drink is left; • the thickness of the material/cup.
Mark	1m	<i>1m</i>
Question	8c 1/2d	8d 1/2c

Test B question 9: Making bread

Additional guidance	 Do not give credit for a response that includes incorrect science: It makes air/oxygen; the bread becomes harder. Do not give credit for a response that includes incorrect science describing an increase in the mass/weight of the bread: It makes the bread heavier. Do not give credit for an insufficient response: It affects the taste of the bread; It changes the height of the bread [does not necessarily imply an increase]. 	
Allowable answers	one mark may be awarded for indication that the bread increases in volume or that gas is produced: ■ it makes the bread grow/bigger; ■ the bread has more/bigger holes; ■ it rises; ■ it makes gas.	
Requirements	Award ONE mark for an indication that the yeast makes the dough/bread rise: it causes the dough/bread to rise; without the yeast, the bread stays flat. Give credit for a correct response that goes beyond the key stage 2 programme of study: it produces carbon dioxide.	Award ONE mark for all ticks in the right place according to either set of answers: Mixture 1 Mixture 2 flour
Mark	1m	1m
Question	9a 1/2f	9b 112d

Test B question 9: Making bread (continued)

Additional guidance							
Allowable answers							
Requirements	Award TWO marks for all four statements correctly classified:	Micro-organisms	are very small. True	cannot reproduce. False.	need nutrients True .	can grow. True	If you are unable to award two marks, award ONE mark for any two or three statements correctly classified.
Mark	2m			or			1m
Question	96	2/57					

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