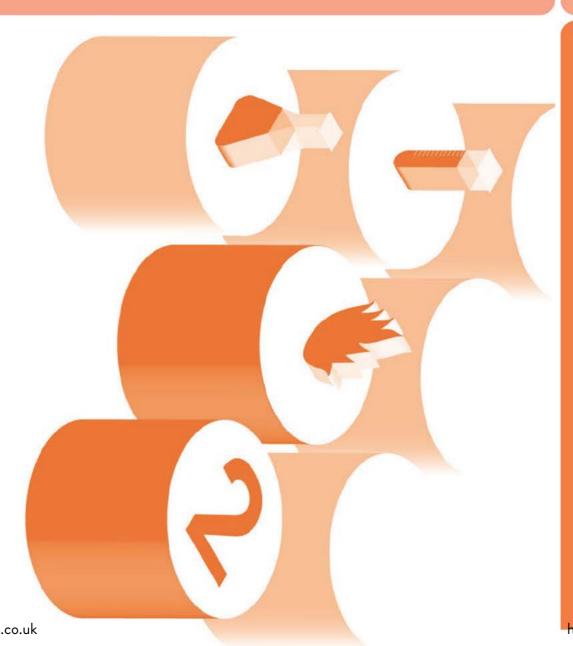
# Science tests

Mark schemes
Tests A and B, levels 3–5

National curriculum assessments



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# Marking the science tests

teachers for information. mark the test papers. The markers will follow the mark schemes in this booklet, which is supplied As in 2007, external markers, employed by the external marking agencies under contract to QCA, will

posted on the NAA website (www.naa.org.uk/tests) on 23 June 2008. This booklet contains the mark schemes for the levels 3-5 tests A and B. Level threshold tables will be

### General guidance

# The structure of the mark schemes

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

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.

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

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
- science, and would therefore not lose credit if used with a correct response answers which are insufficient in themselves to gain credit, but are not incorrect

continuous variables to be described, the following will apply: Where two marks are available for a question which requires the relationship between two

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

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- one mark will be awarded for a pair of creditworthy specific comparisons, eg big grains dissolve slowly and small grains dissolve fast.

### Applying the mark schemes

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

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

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

to indicate the correct The pupil has not used ticks response in a multiple-choice

required number of boxes. The pupil ticks more than the

is given in the drafting box. answer is given in the expected place but the correct answer In a planning question, no

The pupil misspells a word.

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

Any unambiguous positive indication of the correct answer will be accepted. Ticks the pupil's response. If the correct boxes are left blank, no marks will be awarded. other sort of response are given together, the boxes with ticks will be assumed to be take precedence over any other form of response. Therefore, when ticks and any

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

Where a pupil has shown understanding of the question, the mark(s) will be given.

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

## Recording marks awarded

In the margin, alongside each question part, there is a mark box for each

pupil, the external marker will put one of the following into each box: Depending on the type of response made to each part of each question by the

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

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

Each paper has the following number of marks available

- Test B has 40.

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### Test A question 1: Solids, liquids and gases

Question	Mark	Requirements	Allowable answers	Additional guidance
1a	1m	Award <b>ONE</b> mark for correctly matching <b>all three</b> descriptions:		
3/1e		liquid  I cannot see anything inside the cup.  I cannot pour the material out of the cup.  When I move the cup, the material changes shape.		
3 <b>/</b> 14€	- 1m	Award ONE mark for both rows of the table correctly completed:  Do they spread out to completely fill up any container?  Gases yes [given]  Liquids no  Solids no		

### Test A question 2: Teeth

Question	Mark	Requirements	Allowable answers	Additional guidance
<b>2a</b> 1/2d	1m	Award <b>ONE</b> mark for a clear indication that the amount of liquid in <b>all three</b> beakers should be 100 cm <sup>3</sup> :  Cm <sup>3</sup> 150 150 150 160 150 Beaker B  Beaker C  Beaker D	ONE mark may be awarded if the level has not been drawn on (as given in beaker A), but a definite mark (such as a cross) indicates the correct amount of 100 cm <sup>3</sup> in each beaker.	<b>Do not</b> give credit for an insufficient response where the level has only been indicated on <b>one</b> or <b>two</b> of the beakers.
<b>2b</b> 2/2a	1m	Award <b>ONE</b> mark for:		
2c	2m	Award <b>TWO</b> marks for giving <b>any two</b>	Marks may be awarded for:	<b>Do not</b> give credit for a second response that
2/2a	or 1m	<ul> <li>methods of preventing tooth decay:</li> <li>do not eat/drink so much sugar/sugary food</li> <li>drink milk/eat calcium-rich foods</li> <li>brush teeth (regularly/every day/after meals)</li> <li>floss (teeth)</li> <li>visit the dentist (regularly)</li> <li>(chew) sugar-free gum</li> <li>(use a) mouthwash (regularly).</li> <li>Give credit for a correct response that goes beyond the key stage 2 programme of study suggesting that not drinking/eating acidic drinks/food would decrease tooth decay:</li> <li>not drinking/eating acidic food.</li> <li>If you are unable to award two marks,</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>toothpaste</li> <li>drink (lots of) water (containing fluoride)</li> <li>eat a balanced diet</li> <li>by not smoking.</li> </ul>	is a repetition or restatement of the first:  eat a balanced diet do not eat too much sugar.  Do not give credit for an insufficient response: eat fruit and vegetables eat healthy foods drink less fizzy drinks/coke/lemonade [given].  Do not give credit for an insufficient response which does not help to prevent tooth decay: wear a gumshield.
Sourced	from SATs-P	award <b>ONE</b> mark for <b>one</b> method of apersycolting tooth decay.		https://www.SATs-Papers.co.uk

### Test A question 2: Teeth (continued)

Question	Mark	Requirements	Allowable answers	Additional guidance
<b>2d i</b> 2/2a	1m	Award ONE mark for:  ■ rip/tear/hold/grip/grab/stab/pierce (its prey/meat/food)  ■ kill its prey.		Do not give credit for a response that includes incorrect science describing the function of other types of teeth than canines:  ■ crush/grind/chew ■ chop/slice/shred.  Do not give credit for an insufficient response giving a general function of all teeth: ■ cut/bite.  Do not give credit for an insufficient response: ■ digging into the meat ■ catching the prey [not specific to the role of teeth].  Do not give credit for an insufficient response which only describes the teeth:
<b>2d ii</b> 2/2a	1m	Award <b>ONE</b> mark for: ■ grind/chomp/crush/crunch/chew (grass/its food).		<ul> <li>■ they are sharp.</li> <li>Do not give credit for a response that includes incorrect science describing the function of other types of teeth than molars:         <ul> <li>□ rip/tear/hold/grip</li> <li>■ chop/slice/shred.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Do not give credit for an insufficient response giving a general function of all teeth:         <ul> <li>□ cut/bite.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Do not give credit for an insufficient response which only describes the teeth:         <ul> <li>■ they are flat.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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### Test A question 3: String instruments

Question	Mark	Requirements	Allowable answers	Additional guidance
<b>3a</b> 4/3g	<b>1</b> m	Award <b>ONE</b> mark for an understanding that the sound travels through the air:  ■ sound/vibrations travel(s) through the air  ■ (it travels through) air.	<ul> <li>ONE mark may be awarded for a response indicating the sound travels through a gas or the atmosphere.</li> <li>ONE mark may be awarded for an indication of other materials the sound may travel through:</li> <li>the floor</li> <li>the stick</li> <li>the tub.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Do not give credit for a response that includes incorrect science:         <ul> <li>airwaves.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Do not give credit for an insufficient response:         <ul> <li>vibrations</li> <li>waves</li> <li>[the sound travels in the form of vibrations or waves, not through vibrations or waves]</li> <li>the string.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>3b</b> 4/3f	1m	Award <b>ONE</b> mark for an indication that more force is applied:  he plucked the string harder he used more force he pulled it back further.	ONE mark may be awarded for an absolute response:  ■ he plucked it hard.	<ul> <li>Do not give credit for a response that includes incorrect science confusing volume with pitch:         <ul> <li>he pulled it/stretched it tighter</li> <li>he made the string shorter.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Do not give credit for an insufficient response:         <ul> <li>he plucked it more [ambiguous, could refer to the number of times the string was plucked]</li> <li>he plucked it with force.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>3c</b> 4/3e	1m	Award <b>ONE</b> mark for an indication that the string is vibrating:  it vibrates.	<ul> <li>ONE mark may be awarded for a description of the vibration where the rapid speed of movement is indicated:</li> <li>she can see it moving back and forth quickly.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Do not give credit for an insufficient response:</li> <li>■ the string moves</li> <li>■ it twangs/wobbles</li> <li>■ the string shakes.</li> </ul>
<b>3d</b> 4/3f	1m	Award <b>ONE</b> mark for:  the note is higher.		

### Test A question 4: Fish tank

Question	Mark	Requirements	Allowable answers	Additional guidance
<b>4a</b> 2/3a	1m	Award <b>ONE</b> mark for:  ☐ ☐ ☐  ☐ grow more quickly. ✓ ☐		
<b>4b</b> 2/5d	1m	Award <b>ONE</b> mark for <b>all three</b> organisms in the correct order:  ■ algae→(water) snails→(Clown Loach) fish.	ONE mark may be awarded if (green) plant is used in place of algae in an otherwise correct food chain:  ■ (green) plant→snail(s)→fish.	<b>Do not</b> give credit for an alternative food chain for the Clown Loach fish.
<b>4</b> c 4/2a	1m	Award <b>ONE</b> mark for an indication that there are forces of attraction between the magnets <b>or</b> that the magnets have opposite poles facing each other:  the magnets are attracted to each other because opposite poles attract  the North pole of one magnet is facing the South pole of the other magnet.	<ul> <li>ONE mark may be awarded for:</li> <li>■ the magnets stick/stay together</li> <li>■ magnet B pulls magnet A with it.</li> <li>ONE mark may be awarded for a response indicating the magnetic force extends through the glass/tank:</li> <li>■ the force works through the tank.</li> </ul>	Do not give credit for an insufficient response that does not make explicit that the magnets attract:  ■ there is a force between the magnets ■ it moves because they are magnetic ■ they connect together.  Do not give credit for an insufficient response implying each magnet is a different pole: ■ they are opposite poles ■ magnet B is South and magnet A is North.

### Test A question 4: Fish tank (continued)

Question	Mark	Requirements	Allowable answers	Additional guidance
4d 1/2e 3/2c	1m	AND a response that indicates the temperature is higher than it should be: the water is too hot the water needs to be cooler the water is 10°C higher than it should be it is meant to be 25°C but it is at 35°C.	ONE mark may be awarded for:  ■	Do not give credit for a response where the 'yes' box has been ticked.  Do not give credit for a response that includes incorrect science implying that the water temperature needs to be hotter or that the current temperature is too low:  ■ the water temperature should be higher.  Do not give credit for an insufficient response where the 'no' box has been ticked but the explanation does not give a clear indication that the water temperature is incorrect:  ■ because it will not keep the fish healthy  ■ the higher the temperature, the more unhealthy the fish.  Do not give credit for an insufficient response where the 'no' box has been ticked but is followed by information given in the question:  ■ 25°C keeps the fish healthy  ■ it needs to be at 25°C for the fish to be healthy.  Do not give credit for an insufficient response where neither box has been ticked and the explanation does not make it clear that the fish will not be healthy at this temperature:  ■ the water is at 35°C.

### Test A question 5: Sieves

Question	Mark	Requirements	Allowable answers	Additional guidance
<b>5a</b> 3/3a	1m	Award ONE mark for correctly matching all three mixtures to the sieves that will separate them:		
<b>5b</b> 3/3a	1m	Award ONE mark for a response explaining the grains of salt and sugar are similar in size:  ■ the bits of sugar and salt are the same size  ■ for a sieve to work, the solids must be different sizes.	<ul> <li>ONE mark may be awarded for:</li> <li>■ they are (both) small (and fit through the sieves)</li> <li>■ they are (both) fine</li> <li>■ the holes (of the sieve) are too big.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Do not give credit for an insufficient response:         <ul> <li>they would need an extremely small-holed sieve.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Do not give credit for an insufficient response that does not fully identify the property needed to separate the sugar and salt:         <ul> <li>size</li> <li>the sugar and salt will both go through [given]</li> <li>they are the same [does not necessarily refer to size]</li> <li>it is too small [ambiguous as to what 'it' refers to].</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

### Test A question 5: Sieves (continued)

Question	Mark	Requirements	Allowable answers	Additional guidance
<b>5c i</b> 3/3b	1m	Award <b>ONE</b> mark for a response explaining the salt dissolves in the water:  the salt will form a solution the salt will dissolve.		<b>Do not</b> give credit for an insufficient response:  ■ the salt disappears.
<b>5c ii</b> 3/3d	1m	Award <b>ONE</b> mark for an indication that the mixture can be separated by evaporating (the water leaving the salt behind):  by evaporation  evaporate the water (leaving the salt).	<ul> <li>ONE mark may be awarded for a response explaining the mixture should be moved to a warmer place and/or left to dry:</li> <li>move the mixture onto a (sunny/warm) window sill</li> <li>put it on a radiator</li> <li>leave the salt to dry</li> <li>heat it</li> <li>put it on a shelf and wait.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Do not give credit for a response that includes incorrect science implying the salt will evaporate:</li> <li>■ evaporate the mixture/it.</li> <li>Do not give credit for an insufficient response:</li> <li>■ leave it (out).</li> </ul>
<b>5d</b> 3/3c	1m	Award <b>ONE</b> mark for identifying filtration as a better method for separating soil and water:  • he should filter it • use filter paper.	ONE mark may be awarded for:  ■ filter paper  ■ use a finer sieve  ■ put paper in the sieve.  ONE mark may be awarded for a response which implies action to evaporate the water quickly:  ■ boil/heat the mixture  ■ evaporate the water.	<ul> <li>Do not give credit for an insufficient response:</li> <li>use a funnel [both could go through a funnel]</li> <li>decant it [soil is floating on top]</li> <li>use a small(er) sieve.</li> <li>Do not give credit for an insufficient response implying the water should be evaporated slowly:</li> <li>leave it (to dry in sunlight)</li> <li>put it on a shelf and wait.</li> </ul>

### Test A question 6: Bananas

Question	Mark	Requirements	Allowable answers	Additional guidance
<b>6a</b> 1/2d	2m	Award <b>TWO</b> marks for <b>all three</b> statements correctly classified:  To make the test fair		
	or	both bananas must be unripe.  an apple must be put in both bags.  the bags must be left in the same place.  True		
	1m	If you are unable to award two marks, award <b>ONE</b> mark for <b>any two</b> statements correctly classified.		
<b>6b</b> BoS 2a 1/2c	1m	Award ONE mark for:  Observations  Observations		
<b>6c</b> 1/2j	1m	Award ONE mark for:  yes  AND a response comparing the bananas in bags A and B: the banana by itself was not as ripe the banana in bag B went yellow in bag A the banana is still green.	<b>ONE</b> mark may be awarded if neither box is ticked but the creditworthy explanation, referring to the results of the investigation, unambiguously indicates that the pupil believes the apple helped the banana ripen more quickly.	Do not give credit if the 'no' box is ticked.  Do not give credit for an insufficient response that does not clarify which banana they are referring to:  ■ the banana went yellow ■ after 7 days the banana is green.  Do not give credit for an insufficient response that repeats/restates information already given without referring to the results: ■ apples make bananas ripen more quickly.

### Test A question 6: Bananas (continued)

Question	Mark	Requirements	Allowable answers	Additional guidance
<b>6d</b> 1/2a	1m	Award <b>ONE</b> mark for identifying both the independent variable (IV: different fruit) and the dependent variable (DV: effect on/speed of ripening):  ■ do other fruits help the banana ripen faster (than leaving it by itself)?  ■ do different fruits have a different effect on ripening bananas?  ■ do different fruits make it ripen faster like apples do?	<ul> <li>ONE mark may be awarded for a response in which the DV is not fully defined:</li> <li>what effect do different fruit have on bananas?</li> <li>will different fruits make them/bananas yellow?</li> <li>ONE mark may be awarded for a conclusion which includes both the IV and the DV:</li> <li>other fruits help bananas to ripen.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Do not give credit for an insufficient response opening the investigation from bananas to other fruits ripening in general:         <ul> <li>■ what fruits make other fruits ripen?</li> </ul> </li> <li>Do not give credit for an insufficient response:         <ul> <li>■ does it work with different fruit?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>6e</b> 1/2m	1m	Award ONE mark for a response that recognises the banana by itself was green in Test 1 (compared with yellow in Test 2):  In Test 1  the banana by itself did not ripen (but it did in Test 2)  the banana by itself stayed green  the banana in bag A is not ripe.		<ul> <li>Do not give credit for an insufficient response indicating that the results for all the fruit in Test 2 were the same [this does not identify which bananas/bags have conflicting results]: In Test 1</li> <li>they were different but in Test 2 they all went yellow.</li> <li>Do not give credit for an insufficient response which does not select the appropriate evidence from Test 1:</li> <li>In Test 1</li> <li>the banana in bag A is green and the banana in bag B is yellow (the apple has not changed).</li> <li>Do not give credit for an insufficient response: In Test 1</li> <li>the results were different (and need checking)</li> <li>the banana in bag B is yellow.</li> </ul>

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### Test A question 7: Floating on salty water

Question	Mark	Requirements	Allowable answers	Additional guidance
<b>7a i</b> 4/2b	1m	Award <b>ONE</b> mark for:  weight gravitational pull/attraction.	ONE mark may be awarded for:  ■ gravity.	<b>Do not</b> give credit for an insufficient response:  ■ downward pull [given].
<b>7a ii</b> 4/2d	1m	Award ONE mark for an indication of the upward push of the water:  upthrust  upward push of the water/solution/ liquid  a force up from the water.  Give credit for a correct response that goes beyond the key stage 2 programme of study:  buoyancy.	ONE mark may be awarded for:  ■ a force up ■ an upward push/force.	<ul> <li>Do not give credit for an insufficient response:</li> <li>a force [given]</li> <li>(amount of) salt</li> <li>a force from the water [no direction indicated]</li> <li>water resistance.</li> </ul>
<b>7b</b> 1/2i	1m	Award <b>ONE</b> mark for an estimation greater than 34 cm³ but less than 39 cm³.		
<b>7c</b> 1/1a	1m	Award ONE mark for:  salt		
<b>7d</b> 4/2d 1/2j	1m	Award <b>ONE</b> mark for <b>both</b> correct words circled:  The greater the upwards force on downwards  the clay ball, the higher lower it floats.		<ul> <li>Do not give credit for a response that includes incorrect science:</li> <li>■ The greater the downwards force on the clay ball, the lower it floats [the downward force of weight does not change because the amount of clay is constant].</li> </ul>

### Test A question 8: Sleeping babies

Question	Mark	Requirements	Allowable answers	Additional guidance
. <b>8a</b> 1/2c	1m	Award ONE mark for an appropriate measure of quality/quantity of sleep:  how long the babies sleep for how often the babies wake up how often the babies cry (at night)  if the babies sleep longer at night than in the day  how long it takes for them to go to sleep.	<ul> <li>ONE mark may be awarded for an observation:</li> <li>see if they wake up/start to cry</li> <li>observe how deeply they are breathing</li> <li>their heart rate</li> <li>how much they move.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Do not give credit for an insufficient response:</li> <li>■ time</li> <li>■ watch the baby sleep</li> <li>■ ask the parents.</li> </ul>
<b>8b</b> 1/2c	2m	Award <b>TWO</b> marks for <b>all three</b> statements correctly classified:  Would the baby spend more time in daylight?		
	or	play with the baby more often in the garden.  keep the curtains closed in the baby's room.  No		
	1m	a walk in the pram.  Yes  If you are unable to award two marks, award ONE mark for any two statements correctly classified.		

### Test A question 8: Sleeping babies (continued)

Question	Mark	Requirements	Allowable answers	Additional guidance
8c BoS 2b	1m	Award ONE mark for a precaution against sunburn:  put sunblock/suncream on the babies make the baby wear a (sun)hat do not put babies in the sun at midday put the baby in clothes which cover up its arms and legs put the babies in the shade.	<ul> <li>ONE mark may be awarded for:</li> <li>put clothes on them</li> <li>cover them with a blanket.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Do not give credit for an insufficient response which implies the babies are not in any sunlight:</li> <li>■ close the curtains</li> <li>■ keep them in the dark.</li> <li>Do not give credit for an insufficient response:</li> <li>■ put cream on them.</li> </ul>
<b>8d</b> 1/2g	1m	Award ONE mark for an indication that carrying out the test with several babies would improve the reliability of the results/ test OR they needed to have similar results from more than one baby:  so their results are more reliable  some babies may sleep better than others naturally  to check that it would have the same effect on most  to check their idea worked on a number of babies  so you can compare the results from different babies.	<ul> <li>ONE mark may be awarded for a response that recognises babies are not all the same:         <ul> <li>some babies are different</li> <li>different/some babies react differently</li> <li>to see if the babies are the same/different.</li> </ul> </li> <li>ONE mark may be awarded for:         <ul> <li>to make their results (more) accurate</li> <li>to check their results [implies replication of results]</li> <li>to make sure of their idea/results</li> <li>to get an average (of how long they sleep)</li> <li>so there is more evidence</li> <li>it may not work on all babies.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Do not give credit for an insufficient response implying there is a correct answer:  ■ to make it right ['it' refers to test or method]  ■ to see if they are (getting it) right.  Do not give credit for an insufficient response indicating that people should be tested but not indicating that there could be a variation in how babies/people sleep or react to the test:  ■ to see what effect it could have  ■ to make sure  ■ to get more results  ■ to see what a couple of babies do.

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### Test A question 9: Candle

Question	Mark	Requirements	Allowable answers	Additional guidance
<b>9a</b> 3/2g 3/2d	1m	Award ONE mark for both of the changes correctly classified:  Change Is the change reversible?  The wax melts. yes  The wax burns. no		
<b>9b</b> 3/2b,c	1m	Award ONE mark for correctly classifying all three statements:  The wax must be heated to melt.  When a solid melts it changes into a gas.  Temperature shows how hot or cold something is.  True.		
<b>9c</b> 1/2l,h	1m	Award ONE mark for a graph line showing the decrease of mass from 100 g over time:  Mass of candle 100 Time (minutes)  Mass of candle 100 Time (minutes)	ONE mark may be awarded for a response where the mass decreases but does not start at 100 g:  Mass of candle 100 Time (minutes)  ONE mark may be awarded for a decrease in mass after it has initially stayed constant:  Mass of candle 100 Time (minutes)	Do not give credit for a response that includes incorrect science where the graph shows:  an intentional increase in mass over time  a decrease in mass, followed by the mass staying constant over time.  Do not give credit for an insufficient response where a bar graph is drawn:

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### Test B question 1: The Earth, Moon and Sun

Question	Mark	Requirements	Allowable answers	Additional guidance
<b>1a</b> 4/4a	1m	Award <b>ONE</b> mark for:  sphere		
<b>1b</b> 4/3a 4/4d	2m or 1m	Award <b>TWO</b> marks for <b>all three</b> sentences correctly completed:  The <b>Sun</b> is a source of light.  The <b>Earth</b> orbits the Sun.  The <b>Moon</b> has an orbit of 28 days.  If you are unable to award two marks, award <b>ONE</b> mark for correctly completing <b>any two</b> sentences.		<b>Do not</b> give credit for the insufficient response: ■ The <b>Earth and Moon</b> orbits the Sun.
<b>1c</b> 4/4c	1m	Award ONE mark for correct shading on the diagram to show where it is night:	ONE mark may be awarded for a response within 2mm either side of the central vertical line:	Do not give credit for a response that includes incorrect science showing a shadow aligned with the Earth's axis:  Do not give credit for a response that includes incorrect science showing shading on the Sun.  Do not give credit for an insufficient response showing shading on the Moon.

### Test B question 1: The Earth, Moon and Sun (continued)

Question	Mark	Requirements	Allowable answers	Additional guidance
<b>1d</b> 4/4c	1m	Award ONE mark for indicating that day and night are caused by the spin of the Earth:  the Earth/it is rotating (on its axis)  the Earth spinning (on its axis)  it spins (on its axis)  it turns/moves on its axis.	<ul> <li>ONE mark may be awarded for:         <ul> <li>it revolves.</li> </ul> </li> <li>ONE mark may be awarded for a response correctly indicating night and day are caused by the spin of the Earth, as well as describing the Earth's orbit around the Sun:         <ul> <li>the Earth spins as it orbits the Sun</li> <li>the Earth turns on its axis and moves around the Sun.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Do not give credit for an insufficient response implying night and day are caused by the Earth orbiting the Sun:         <ul> <li>it orbits</li> <li>it turns/spins around the Sun.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Do not give credit for an insufficient response:         <ul> <li>it turns (around)</li> <li>the rotation [does not indicate what is rotating]</li> <li>it moves (round)</li> <li>during the day, the Earth is facing the Sun, at night the Earth is facing away from the Sun/facing the Moon.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

### Test B question 2: Penguins

Question	Mark	Requirements	Allowable answers	Additional guidance
<b>2a</b> 2/4a	1m	Award <b>ONE</b> mark for identifying the penguin correctly:  Galapagos penguin.		
<b>2b</b> 2/4c	1m	Award <b>ONE</b> mark for:  so you can find out what scientific group they are in □  □		
<b>2c i</b> 2/1a	1m	Award ONE mark for:  nutrition		
<b>2c ii</b> 2/5d 2/5e	1m	Award ONE mark for an explanation that fish cannot make their own food:  a fish eats other things (to live)  a fish cannot make its own food  a producer is a plant  a fish is not a plant  a fish is an animal  it is a consumer/predator.  Give credit for a correct response that goes beyond the key stage 2 programme of study:  the fish/it cannot photosynthesise.		Do not give credit for an insufficient response that describes the position of the fish in the food chain:  ■ it is not the first thing in the food chain.  Do not give credit for an insufficient response:  ■ the fish cannot be a producer [given]  ■ it is not green.

### Test B question 2: Penguins (continued)

Question	Mark	Requirements	Allowable answers	Additional guidance
<b>2d</b> 2/1c	1m	Award ONE mark for a feature of a penguin and a description of how it helps a penguin to live in its environment:  (thick) feathers it keeps them warm webbed feet to allow them to swim/to walk on snow streamlined shape for swimming layer of fat/blubber it insulates them a rounded body reduces heat loss/allows it to slide on ice white tummies/a black back animals swimming underneath/above them cannot see them easily flippers they can pull themselves through the water beak to eat/catch fish.	<ul> <li>ONE mark may be awarded for a feature of a penguin's behaviour rather than its body which accurately describes how it may help the penguin to live:         <ul> <li>huddling together keeps them warm.</li> </ul> </li> <li>ONE mark may be awarded for a response confusing the penguins' feathers with fur [specific knowledge of penguins' anatomy is not required]:         <ul> <li>fur/hair/thick coat to help keep them warm.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Do not give credit for an insufficient response that identifies a feature of a penguin but omits or gives an insufficent explanation of how that feature helps the penguin live in its environment:         <ul> <li>flippers</li> <li>in the water [does not describe how flippers help in water].</li> </ul> </li> <li>Do not give credit for an insufficient response giving a generalised feature of many animals even when an appropriate explanation is given:         <ul> <li>feet</li> <li>it helps them walk/balance</li> </ul> </li> <li>coat</li> <li>helps to keep it warm</li> <li>arms</li> <li>to help swim.</li> </ul>

### Test B question 3: *Electricity*

Question	Mark	Requirements	Allowable answers	Additional guidance
<b>3a</b> 3/1c	1m	Award <b>ONE</b> mark for a response indicating conductivity:  • (electrical) conductor.		Do not give credit for a response that includes incorrect seence: ■ thermal conductor.
<b>3b</b> 4/1a 1/2c	1m	Award <b>ONE</b> mark for naming a cell: battery (in a holder).	<ul><li>ONE mark may be awarded for:</li><li>■ power pack</li><li>■ power source.</li></ul>	<b>Do not</b> give credit for an insufficient response: ■ switch.
<b>3c</b> 4/1a 1/2c	1m	Award <b>ONE</b> mark for a response indicating the bulb will light up:  the bulb will light the bulb will turn on.	<ul> <li>ONE mark may be awarded for:</li> <li>■ the bulb will work/switch on</li> <li>■ if the bulb lights up</li> <li>■ the bulb heats up.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Do not give credit for an insufficient response:</li> <li>electricity will flow</li> <li>the circuit will work</li> <li>it conducts</li> <li>it heats up.</li> </ul>
<b>3d</b> 3/1c	2m or 1m	Award <b>TWO</b> marks for a correct response for <b>all four</b> objects:    Name of object		

### Test B question 3: *Electricity (continued)*

Question	Mark	Requirements	Allowable answers	Additional guidance
3e	1m	Award <b>ONE</b> mark for a response recognising the table is better because it	ONE mark may be awarded for:  ■ which objects/things	<b>Do not</b> give credit for an insufficient response which refers only to 'the objects' (as this could
1/2h		<ul> <li>shows which objects conduct electricity:</li> <li>the table tells you which objects conduct</li> <li>the bar chart tells you the number of objects but the table shows the number and the objects which allow electricity to pass through.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>types of objects</li> <li>the names (of the objects)</li> <li>it tells you what the materials are</li> <li>that the electricity does not go through the ruler.</li> </ul>	refer to the number or type of object) rather than to the name of the objects:  it tells you the objects that Peter is testing the objects (that Peter tested on).  Do not give credit for an insufficient response: the bar chart just gives the number of objects.

### Test B question 4: Hot drinks

Question	Mark	Requirements	Allowable answers	Additional guidance
<b>4a</b> 3/1a	1m	Award ONE mark for:  insulating  insulating		
<b>4b</b> 1/2j 3/1b	1m	Award ONE mark for correctly placing all three cups in the table:    Cup		
<b>4c</b> 1/2l 3/1b	1m	Award <b>ONE</b> mark for an indication that cup B is thinner:  cup B is not as thick as the other cups it is the thinnest.  Award <b>ONE</b> mark for a response identifying that cup B is less well insulated:  there is less insulation.	<ul> <li>ONE mark may be awarded for an indication that cup B is thin, but which does not include a comparison: <ul> <li>the material is (very) thin</li> <li>it is not insulated well.</li> </ul> </li> <li>ONE mark may be awarded for a response stating that cup B is made of less material: <ul> <li>it has less/least material/insulator</li> <li>it does not have much material.</li> </ul> </li> <li>ONE mark may be awarded for a response recognising that cup B is not a good insulator: <ul> <li>it is a weak insulator.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Do not give credit for an insufficient response:</li> <li>it does not have a lid [cups A and C also do not have lids]</li> <li>it only has one layer [cup C also has one layer]</li> <li>it is not a thermal insulator</li> <li>it is not insulated.</li> </ul>

### Test B question 4: Hot drinks (continued)

Question	Mark	Requirements	Allowable answers	Additional guidance
4d i	1m	Award <b>ONE</b> mark for:  150 minutes.	<b>ONE</b> mark may be awarded for a response in the range of 121–150 minutes	
1/2i		= 150 minutes.	inclusive.	
4d ii	1m	Award <b>ONE</b> mark for an indication that the temperature of the drink has reached	ONE mark may be awarded for:  the drink was as cold as it could go in	<b>Do not</b> give credit for an insufficient response indicating that the drink could not get any
1/2/		the temperature of the surroundings:  the drink has cooled to room	that room.	colder:  the drink was as cold as it could go.
		temperature		
		the temperature of the air around the drink is the same as the drink's		<b>Do not</b> give credit for an insufficient response: <ul><li>it was at the normal temperature.</li></ul>
		temperature  it was at the temperature around it.		

### Test B question 5: Flowering plants

Question	Mark	Requirements	Allowable answers	Additional guidance
<b>5a</b> 2/3b,c	1m	Award ONE mark for all three labels correct:  flower  stem/stalk  leaf/leaves  root(s)		
<b>5b</b> 1/2h,i	1m	Award <b>ONE</b> mark for: ■ June.		
<b>5c</b> 2/3d 2/1b	1m	Award <b>ONE</b> mark for a response which names reproduction:  ■ for reproducing.	<ul> <li>ONE mark may be awarded for a response which describes or implies reproduction:</li> <li>so that it can make new plants</li> <li>(so that it can) make seeds</li> <li>for fertilisation</li> <li>to carry on the life cycle</li> <li>so the species survives</li> <li>for pollination</li> <li>to make a new generation</li> <li>to give new life</li> <li>to grow more plants.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Do not give credit for an insufficient response:</li> <li>■ to attract bees/insects/animals [has not explained why insects need to be attracted]</li> <li>■ to produce flowers/pollen/fruit</li> <li>■ dropping seeds/seed dispersal.</li> </ul>
<b>5d</b> 2/3d	1m	Award <b>ONE</b> mark for:  stamen  stamen		

### Test B question 5: Flowering plants (continued)

Question	Mark	Requirements	Allowable answers	Additional guidance
<b>5e</b> 2/3d	1m	Award ONE mark for:  plant B  AND a response which identifies a feature shown	ONE mark may be awarded for:  ■ □ plant B ✓  AND  a feature not shown in the picture which	<b>Do not</b> give credit if the 'plant A' box is ticked. <b>Do not</b> give credit for an insufficient response:
		in the picture which makes plant B suited to insect pollination:  the flower is big enough for the insect (to get inside)  insects can easily see the flowers  insects can land on the petals  the flower has opened up.	makes plant B suited to insect pollination:  the flowers are colourful/bright  the flowers have a strong scent  insects can see the pollen  it has nectar.  ONE mark may be awarded if neither box is ticked, but the creditworthy explanation indicates unambiguously that the pupil is referring to plant B:  the flowers on B are large (to attract insects).	<ul> <li>it is yellow</li> <li>it is more attractive/beautiful/pretty [a reason why the flower is attractive must be given].</li> <li>Do not give credit for an insufficient response referring to plant B having a flower [both plants have flowers]:</li> <li>the flowers/petals attract the insects [reason why flowers on plants attract must be given]</li> <li>it has more pollen</li> <li>it has more flowers.</li> </ul>

### Test B question 6: School pond

Question	Mark	Requirements	Allowable answers	Additional guidance
<b>6a i</b> 1/1a 3/2e	1m	Award <b>ONE</b> mark for naming rain:  it rained.	<ul> <li>ONE mark may be awarded for:</li> <li>hail</li> <li>snow</li> <li>wet weather.</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Do not give credit for an insufficient response:</li><li>■ stormy</li><li>■ winter.</li></ul>
<b>6a ii</b> 1/2i	1m	Award <b>ONE</b> mark for naming week 4:  • week 4.		
<b>6b</b> 3/2e	1m	Award <b>ONE</b> mark for naming evaporation:  it evaporated.		<ul> <li>Do not give credit for an insufficient response:</li> <li>■ the pond was leaking</li> <li>■ the sun(light).</li> </ul>
<b>6</b> c 1/2h	1m	Award <b>ONE</b> mark for correctly plotting the results for <b>both</b> weeks 6 and 7:	<ul> <li>ONE mark may be awarded for a response in which the graph line is drawn correctly without crosses or for correct crosses which are not joined by a graph line.</li> <li>ONE mark may be awarded for a response in which the midpoint of the cross is less than half a week and half a cm out from the requirement.</li> </ul>	
<b>6d</b> 1/2j	1m	Award <b>ONE</b> mark for:  weeks 4 and 5		

### Test B question 6: School pond (continued)

Question	Mark	Requirements	Allowable answers	Additional guidance
6e	1m	Award <b>ONE</b> mark for naming condensation:		<b>Do not</b> give credit for a response that includes incorrect science:
3/2e		condensing.		evaporation.
				<b>Do not</b> give credit for an insufficient response: <ul><li>■ cooling.</li></ul>

### Test B question 7: Shoes

### Draft box

Markers should read the answers to all parts before marking this question.

The draft box can be consulted when marking parts 7a–7d, 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 7a–7d must form a coherent investigation which may study an alternate but appropriate property.

Question	Mark	Requirements	Allowable answers	Additional guidance
<b>7a</b> 1/2a,d	1m	Award <b>ONE</b> mark for giving the material as the independent variable (IV):  the (type of) material  the (type of) shoes  the grip.	ONE mark may be awarded for a feature/ property of the shoes/materials:  ■ the thickness of the materials.	<b>Do not</b> give credit for a response that includes incorrect science giving the dependent variable or a control variable:  ■ the amount of water I put the shoes in.
7b 1/2c,d 3/1a	1m	Award ONE mark for any acceptable dependent variable (DV) identified which could be observed or measured:  Waterproof  how quickly water drips through how much water is soaked up walk through a puddle and see if water gets in.  Gripping  pull all the materials and find out how much force is needed to make them move put the materials on a ramp and lift the ramp until they start to slide I would walk on ice and see if I slip over.  Other appropriate property the temperature/warmth inside the shoes how long/far do I walk until my feet ache?	ONE mark may be awarded for: Waterproof ■ are Emma's feet wet? ■ how wet are my feet?  Gripping ■ does Emma slip over in the shoes?  Other appropriate property ■ are Emma's feet warm? ■ are my feet insulated? ■ how warm your feet are.	A DV without an IV can gain credit. If there is an IV, the DV must agree with it.  Do not give credit for an insufficient response: Waterproof  the wetness of the shoes [ambiguous, could refer to the outside of the shoe] how waterproof the shoes are [given]. Gripping the grippiness of the shoes [given] how well the shoes grip [given]. Other appropriate property how warm the shoes are [implies measuring the temperature of the shoe itself rather than inside the shoe] how comfortable the shoes are [not clear how this will be measured].  Do not give credit for an insufficient response describing a method without stating the DV: Waterproof Walk through a puddle. Gripping go outside and run in the shoes. Other appropriate property go outside and stand in the snow. https://www.SATs-Papers.co.uk

### Test B question 7: Shoes (continued)

Question	Mark	Requirements	Allowable answers	Additional guidance
<b>7c</b> 1/2d	1m	Award ONE mark for any acceptable control variable (CV) that is not already used as an IV or DV in the investigation:  Waterproof  the amount of water put on the shoe the time the materials are in the water wear the same type of socks.  Gripping  the surface I do the test on how quickly I lift the ramp.  Other appropriate property  the type of sock I am wearing  the surface I walk on.	one mark may be awarded for an inherent feature of the materials which is different but would not necessarily have to be controlled:  ■ the thickness of the materials.  One mark may be awarded for:  ■ do it in the same weather/place  ■ have the same shoe size.	Do not give credit for a CV that is inconsistent with, or repeats, the IV or DV offered in parts 7a and 7b respectively.  If neither an IV nor a DV is offered, the CV may gain credit, provided it is consistent with the context of the investigation presented in the introduction. An appropriate CV can gain credit where both the IV and DV are insufficient or incorrect.  Do not give credit for an insufficient response:  the water/liquid.
<b>7d</b> 1/2b 3/1a	1m	Award ONE mark for a response explaining why it is important for the shoes to have the chosen property:  Waterproof  if the material is not waterproof her feet will get wet  it is best to stop her feet getting wet.  Gripping  a good grip will help her not to slip  if the material grips well she will not fall over  you will know which shoes you will fall over in.  Other appropriate property  you do not want blisters on your feet when you are walking.	ONE mark may be awarded for:  ■ in case you get wet feet  ■ you could slip (and hurt yourself).	<ul> <li>Do not give credit for an insufficient response describing a characteristic of winter without relating it to the shoes:         <ul> <li>in winter it rains a lot</li> <li>it is icy in winter.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Do not give credit for an insufficient response:         <ul> <li>so they do not get wet [implies the shoes, not her feet]</li> <li>if it was icy you would need grip [no implication why grip is needed].</li> </ul> </li> <li>Do not give credit for a response that is not consistent with the investigation planned in parts 7a–7c.</li> <li>If an IV, DV and CV are not offered, the response may gain credit, provided it is consistent with the context of the investigation presented in the introduction.</li> </ul>

### Test B question 8: Parachutes

Question	Mark	Requirements	Allowable answers	Additional guidance			
<b>8a</b> 4/2c	1m	Award <b>ONE</b> mark for: ■ air resistance.	<ul><li>ONE mark may be awarded for:</li><li>■ friction</li><li>■ wind resistance</li><li>■ drag.</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Do not give credit for a response that includes incorrect science:</li> <li>■ gravity.</li> <li>Do not give credit for an insufficient response:</li> <li>■ upthrust</li> <li>■ resistance.</li> </ul>			
<b>8b</b> 1/2j	1m	Award ONE mark for a general comparison describing the relationship between the area of the parachute and the time taken for the parachute to fall to the ground:  the larger the parachute, the longer the time taken to fall  the bigger the parachute, the greater the time.	<ul> <li>ONE mark may be awarded for a general comparison describing the relationship between the area of the parachute and the rate of fall:         <ul> <li>the smaller the area, the faster it fell.</li> </ul> </li> <li>ONE mark may be awarded for two specific comparisons describing the relationship:         <ul> <li>the largest area took longer, the smallest area took the shortest time</li> <li>the parachute with the largest area fell slowest and the smallest fell quickest.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Do not give credit for an insufficient response giving a single comparison of the variables:</li> <li>the biggest parachute takes the longest to fall</li> <li>the smallest area is the fastest.</li> <li>Do not give credit for a response that changes one or both variables:</li> <li>the heavier the parachute, the longer it takes</li> <li>the smaller the parachute, the better/easier it falls</li> <li>the higher, the more time it takes.</li> <li>Do not give credit for an insufficient response repeating/restating one line of the table:</li> <li>the parachute took 5.3 seconds to fall and the area is 36.</li> <li>Do not give credit for an insufficient response with a causal explanation.</li> </ul>			
<b>8c</b> 1/2l 4/2c	1m	Award <b>ONE</b> mark for:  The mass with no parachute  has less upwards force on it.					
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### Test B question 8: Parachutes (continued)

Question	Mark	Requirements	Allowable answers	Additional guidance
8d	1m	Award <b>ONE</b> mark for an indication that dandelion seeds are dispersed by the wind:	ONE mark may be awarded for:  by (blowing) air	<b>Do not</b> give credit for a response that includes incorrect science describing other methods of
2/3d		<ul> <li>the wind (spreads these seeds)</li> <li>the dandelion seed acts like a parachute and is spread by the wind.</li> </ul>	it is blown.	seed dispersal:  it sticks to animal fur.
				<ul><li>Do not give credit for an insufficient response:</li><li>it flies away</li><li>it falls off</li></ul>
				■ it lands on the ground.

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