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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.

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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.

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Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)	continuous outline ; detail e.g. vein ; length of leaf drawn 70 mm or more ;	3
1(b)(i)	value entered to nearest mm;	1
1(b)(ii)	measurement from drawing correct;	1
1(b)(iii)	correct calculation of magnification;	1
1(c)(i)	hot (water / alcohol); alcohol; iodine (solution);	3
1(c)(ii)	blue-black;	1

Question	Answer				Marks		
2(a)(i)	temperature for $t = 0$ to nearest 0.5 °C;					1	
2(a)(ii)	all readings entered; maximum by 2.0 min / SV time plus 0.5 min AND only one maximum;						
		observations	solid H	solution J			
		(after the reaction)	brown / darker grey / black;	colourless / paler blue / grey;			

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Question	Answer	Marks
2(b)(i)	correct rise in temperature ;	1
2(b)(ii)	temperature could have been higher between readings;	1
2(b)(iii)	take readings more frequently (than every 0.5 min) / plot a graph and draw best-fit line;	1
2(c)	use 25 × 4.2 × (b)(i); correct answer to 2 sf;	2

Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)	l_{0} recorded to the nearest millimetre AND at least 10 mm ;	1
3(b)	l_1 recorded for m = 200g AND l_1 greater than l_0 AND e correctly calculated;	1
3(c)(i)	t value recorded in the table for $m = 200$;	1
3(c)(ii)	all t values present AND increasing;	1
3(c)(iii)	all T values correct for t values present;	1
3(c)(iv)	all T^2 values correct for T values present;	1
3(d)(i)	3 plots correct to half a small square ;	1
3(d)(ii)	good best-fit straight line judgement ;	1
3(d)(iii)	correct calculation;	1
3(d)(iv)	correct calculation of g ;	1

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