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Paper 2 Higher Tier

Mark scheme

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Information to Examiners

1. General

The mark scheme for each question shows:

- the marks available for each part of the question
- the total marks available for the question
- the typical answer or answers which are expected
- extra information to help the examiner make their judgement
- the Assessment Objectives and specification content that each question is intended to cover.

The extra information is aligned to the appropriate answer in the left-hand part of the mark scheme and should only be applied to that item in the mark scheme.

At the beginning of a part of a question a reminder may be given, for example: where consequential marking needs to be considered in a calculation; or the answer may be on the diagram or at a different place on the script.

In general the right-hand side of the mark scheme is there to provide those extra details which confuse the main part of the mark scheme yet may be helpful in ensuring that marking is straightforward and consistent (for example, a scientifically correct answer that could not reasonably be expected from a student's knowledge of the specification).

2. Emboldening and underlining

- 2.1 In a list of acceptable answers where more than one mark is available 'any **two** from' is used, with the number of marks emboldened. Each of the following bullet points is a potential mark.
- **2.2** A bold **and** is used to indicate that both parts of the answer are required to award the mark.
- **2.3** Alternative answers acceptable for a mark are indicated by the use of **or**. Alternative words in the mark scheme are shown by a solidus eg allow smooth / free movement.
- **2.4** Any wording that is underlined is essential for the marking point to be awarded.

3. Marking points

3.1 Marking of lists

This applies to questions requiring a set number of responses, but for which students have provided extra responses. The general principle to be followed in such a situation is that 'right + wrong = wrong'.

Each error / contradiction negates each correct response. So, if the number of errors / contradictions equals or exceeds the number of marks available for the question, no marks can be awarded.

However, responses considered to be neutral (indicated as * in example 1) are not penalised.

Example 1: What is the pH of an acidic solution?

[1 mark]

Student	Response	Marks awarded
1	green, 5	0
2	red*, 5	1
3	red*, 8	0

Example 2: Name **two** magnetic materials.

[2 marks]

Student	Response	Marks awarded
1	iron, steel, tin	1
2	cobalt, nickel, nail*	2

3.2 Use of symbols / formulae

If a student writes a chemical symbol / formula instead of a required chemical name, or uses symbols to denote quantities in a physics equation, full credit can be given if the symbol / formula is correct and if, in the context of the question, such action is appropriate.

3.3 Marking procedure for calculations

Marks should be awarded for each stage of the calculation completed correctly, as students are instructed to show their working. At any point in a calculation students may omit steps from their working. If a subsequent step is given correctly, the relevant marks may be awarded.

Full marks are **not** awarded for a correct final answer from incorrect working.

3.4 Interpretation of 'it'

Answers using the word 'it' should be given credit only if it is clear that the 'it' refers to the correct subject.

3.5 Errors carried forward

An error can be carried forward from one question part to the next and is shown by the abbreviation 'ecf'.

Within an individual question part, an incorrect value in one step of a calculation does not prevent all of the subsequent marks being awarded.

3.6 Phonetic spelling

Marks should be awarded if spelling is not correct but the intention is clear, **unless** there is a possible confusion with another technical term.

3.7 Brackets

(.....) are used to indicate information which is not essential for the mark to be awarded but is included to help the examiner identify the sense of the answer required.

3.8 Allow

In the mark scheme additional information, 'allow' is used to indicate creditworthy alternative answers.

3.9 Ignore

Ignore is used when the information given is irrelevant to the question or not enough to gain the marking point. Any further correct amplification could gain the marking point.

3.10 Do not accept

Do **not** accept means that this is a wrong answer which, even if the correct answer is given as well, will still mean that the mark is not awarded.

3.11 Numbered answer lines

Numbered lines on the question paper are intended to support the student to give the correct number of responses. The answer should still be marked as a whole.

4. Level of response marking instructions

Extended response questions are marked on level of response mark schemes.

- Level of response mark schemes are broken down into levels, each of which has a descriptor.
- The descriptor for the level shows the average performance for the level.
- There are two marks in each level.

Before you apply the mark scheme to a student's answer, read through the answer and, if necessary, annotate it (as instructed) to show the qualities that are being looked for. You can then apply the mark scheme.

Step 1: Determine a level

Start at the lowest level of the mark scheme and use it as a ladder to see whether the answer meets the descriptor for that level.

The descriptor for the level indicates the different qualities that might be seen in the student's answer for that level. If it meets the lowest level then go to the next one and decide if it meets this level, and so on, until you have a match between the level descriptor and the answer. With practice and familiarity you will find that for better answers you will be able to quickly skip through the lower levels of the mark scheme.

When assigning a level you should look at the overall quality of the answer. Do **not** look to penalise small and specific parts of the answer where the student has not performed quite as well as the rest. If the answer covers different aspects of different levels of the mark scheme you should use a best fit approach for defining the level.

Use the variability of the response to help decide the mark within the level, ie if the response is predominantly level 2 with a small amount of level 3 material it would be placed in level 2 but be awarded a mark near the top of the level because of the level 3 content.

Step 2: Determine a mark

Once you have assigned a level you need to decide on the mark. The descriptors on how to allocate marks can help with this. The exemplar materials used during standardisation will help. There will be an answer in the standardising materials which will correspond with each level of the mark scheme. This answer will have been awarded a mark by the Lead Examiner. You can compare the student's answer with the example to determine if it is the same standard, better or worse than the example. You can then use this to allocate a mark for the answer based on the Lead Examiner's mark on the example.

You may well need to read back through the answer as you apply the mark scheme to clarify points and assure yourself that the level and the mark are appropriate.

Indicative content in the mark scheme is provided as a guide for examiners. It is not intended to be exhaustive and you must credit other valid points. Students do not have to cover all of the points mentioned in the indicative content to reach the highest level of the mark scheme.

You should ignore any irrelevant points made. However, full marks can be awarded only if there are no incorrect statements that contradict a correct response.

An answer which contains nothing of relevance to the question must be awarded no marks.

Question	Answers			Extra inform	ation	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.1		Sex reprodi		Asexual reproduction		2	AO1 4.6.1.1
	Cell division occurs	✓	,	✓			4.0.1.1
	Fertilisation occurs	✓	•				
	Genes are passed on from parent to offspring	√	,	✓			
	Offspring are genetically identical to each other			✓			
	allow 1 ma ignore 'x' i			orrect rows			

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.2	pollen (grain)	allow nucleus in pollen (grain)	1	AO1 4.6.1.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.3	between 3 and 4 hours		1	AO2 4.6.1.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.4	5 hours		1	AO2 4.6.1.2
	6 hours		1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.5	2		1	AO2 4.6.1.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.6	4		1	AO2 4.6.1.2

Total Question 1		8
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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.1	abioticany two from:water	allow moisture / humidity / rain(fall) allow dryness	2	AO1 4.7.1.1 4.7.1.2 4.7.1.3
	 oxygen / air (in soil) pH (of soil) minerals / ions temperature size of soil particles or texture / type of soil 	ignore carbon dioxide allow acidity / alkalinity (of soil) allow salts allow named example of an ion ignore nutrients allow named example of soil type		
	biotic any two from: • food	allow amount of dead / decaying matter (in soil)	2	
	 predators / consumers / carnivores disease / pathogens / bacteria / fungi 	ignore nutrients allow example – such as birds allow microorganisms / microbes / parasites if no other marks awarded allow 2 marks for four factors in reverse categories		

Question	Answers	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.2	Level 3: The method would lead to the production of a valid outcome. The key steps are identified and logically sequenced.	5–6	AO2
	Level 2: The method would not necessarily lead to a valid outcome. Most steps are identified, but the method is not fully logically sequenced.	3–4	AO2
	Level 1: The method would not lead to a valid outcome. Some relevant steps are identified, but links are not made clear.	1–2	AO1
	No relevant content	0	
	Indicative content		4.7.2.1 RPA9
	 same concentration of chemical / X applied to the soil same volume / amount of chemical / X applied to the soil same size of area sampled – eg 1 m² or 0.25 m² use of a quadrat 		
	 same time between application and collecting worms same time allowed for collecting worms after application 		
	 each sample area selected randomly method of achieving randomness – eg random coordinates 		
	(collect and) count worms in each of areas A and B		
	 at least 5 repeats in each of areas A and B calculate mean (per unit area) or total for each of areas A and B compare means / totals for areas A and B 		

Total Question 2		10
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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.1	an answer in the range 1.1 to 2(.0) (hours)		1	AO2 4.5.3.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.2	effect : lowered		1	AO1 4.5.3.2
	explanation: glucose taken in or glucose converted to glycogen		1	
	or glucose used in respiration			
	by cells / liver / muscles		1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.3	underweight		1	AO3 4.5.3.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.4	(from) 67.5 (kg to) 90 (kg)	allow in the range 67 to 68 (kg) for 67.5 (kg) allow in the range 90 to 90.5(kg) for 90 (kg) allow from 90 (kg to) 67.5 (kg)	1	AO2 4.5.3.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.5	(person C has) higher glucose (than mean)	answers must be comparative allow comparison of higher glucose using numbers	1	AO3 4.5.3.2
	(person C has) higher insulin (than mean)	allow (person C 's) glucose is too high allow comparison of higher insulin using numbers	1	
		allow (person C 's) insulin is too high do not accept (person C has) higher cholesterol		
		ignore unprocessed data		

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.6	(more) exercise	allow example of (more) exercise	1	AO1 4.5.3.2
	eat less carbohydrate / sugar or eat a low carbohydrate diet	allow eat less fat allow eat a carbohydrate controlled diet if no other marks awarded allow 1 mark for lose weight or maintain healthy weight or eat less or eat fewer calories ignore references to healthy / balanced diet or diet unqualified	1	

Total Question 3		10
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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.1	carbon dioxide or acidic gas(es)	allow other named example of acidic gas such as sulfur dioxide allow chemical formula e.g. SO ₂ allow carbon monoxide allow particulates / smoke / soot allow methane / CFCs	1	AO1 4.7.3.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.2	 any three from: fertiliser sewage toxic chemicals herbicide 	allow nitrate / phosphate allow organic matter / faeces / urine / urea allow a named toxic chemical such as mercury or sulfur dioxide or acid rain	3	AO1 4.7.3.2
	• fungicide	allow insecticide allow oil allow nuclear waste allow other examples of water pollutants if herbicide / fungicide / insecticide not given allow (named) pesticide for 1 mark		

Question	Answers	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.3	Level 2: Scientifically relevant facts, events or processes are identified and given in detail to form an accurate account.	4–6	AO1 4.4.1.1 4.2.2.6
	Level 1: Facts, events or processes are identified and simply stated but their relevance is not clear.	1–3	4.2.2.0 4.4.2.1 4.7.3.2
	No relevant content	0	4.7.3.5
	Indicative content		
	air pollution: (carbon dioxide or methane or greenhouse gases) • global warming / climate change / traps heat • floods / fire / drought or ice caps melt or rise in sea level or extreme weather • loss of habitat / food • migration (acidic gas / named – eg SO ₂ / NO _x) • damage to leaves so less photosynthesis • damage to roots or alters ions in soil (/ e.g. phosphates / iron) • (so) less protein manufacture • damage to lungs • breathing difficulties / bronchitis / asthma (carbon monoxide) • combines with haemoglobin • less oxygen carried (by haemoglobin / blood) (particulates / 'soot') • cover leaves or block light • less photosynthesis so less glucose made • damage to lungs • breathing difficulties / bronchitis / asthma water pollution: (sewage) • bacteria multiply • use oxygen in respiration • water animals cannot respire • pathogens in water (fertiliser) • algae multiply • (algae) block light so plants cannot photosynthesise • lack of oxygen for respiration — fish die		

(toxic substances)

- damages / harms cells or bioaccumulation
 - interferes with metabolism e.g. respiration / protein synthesis

(plastics)

• entrap animals or causing internal damage if swallowed

(particles)

- block light
 - o plants / algae cannot photosynthesise so less glucose made

(oil)

- damages birds' feathers
 - o cannot fly so cannot find food **or** escape predators

(acid rain / acids)

- lowers pH of water
 - o damages fish gills
 - bleaches coral

Total Question 4		10
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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.1	parents without MSUD have a child with MSUD	allow 1 and 2 (without MSUD) have child 5 (with MSUD) or 7 and 8 (without MSUD) have child 12 (with MSUD) ignore MSUD skips a generation	1	AO3 4.6.1.6 4.6.1.7

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.2	gametes correct: N + n and N + n		1	AO2
	correct derivation of offspring genotypes: NN Nn Nn nn	allow correct for gametes stated	1	AO2
	correct phenotype for each genotype	allow correct for offspring genotypes ignore carrier	1	AO2
	correct probability: 0.25 / ¼ / 25% / 1 in 4	allow correct answer only allow 1:3 do not accept 1 in 3 / 1:4	1	AO3 4.6.1.6 4.6.1.7

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.3	liver		1	AO2 4.5.3.3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.4	(no enzyme 2 made so) cannot break down the toxic substance	allow P for toxic substance throughout allow (no enzyme 2 made so) cannot change toxic substance into harmless products	1	AO2 4.2.2.1 4.1.3.1 4.6.1.5 4.6.1.6
	the toxic substance is still made (from the amino acids)	allow toxic substance builds up over time ignore concentration of toxic substance is high(er)	1	
	toxic substance diffuses / moves (from cells) into the blood	ignore incorrect name of organ	1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.5	the toxic substance passes through filter in kidney or P passes through filter in kidney (some / all) not reabsorbed	allow (some / all) not absorbed back into the blood or (some / all) not taken back into the blood ignore (some / all) not absorbed into the blood or (some / all) not taken into the blood	1	AO1 4.5.3.3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.6	proteins contain amino acids or proteins are made of amino acids	allow proteins are broken down into amino acids	1	AO1
	must keep (certain) amino acids in low amount	allow (so) (certain) amino acids do not build up allow (so) less of (certain) amino	1	AO2
	(so) toxic substance or P does not build up in the body and cause damage to cells / tissues / organs	acids are produced	1	AO2 4.6.1.5 4.6.1.7 4.4.2.3

Total Question 5		14
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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
06.1	evaporation	allow vaporisation	1	AO1 4.7.2.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
06.2	osmosis	allow diffusion ignore absorption	1	AO1 4.7.2.2 4.2.3.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
06.3	any two from:photosynthesissupport	allow turgor allow to fill vacuole allow opening of stomata allow to prevent wilting	2	AO1 4.7 4.7.2.2 4.1.1.2 4.2.3.2 4.4.1.1 4.4.2.3
	(solvent for) transport or translocation or for the transpiration stream	allow (as a) solvent allow (as a) medium for chemical reactions allow hydrolysis / digestion / breakdown of stored food allow cooling allow making cytoplasm		

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
06.4	substitution 21 800 1 700 000 × 100 1.282(3529) comparative efficiency 4.098 1.282	allow 1.28 or 1.3 allow an incorrectly calculated value for efficiency correctly	1 1 1	AO2 4.7.2.1 4.7.4.3
	3.196 significant figures 3.20	do not accept 3.2 do not accept if a unit is given	1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
06.5	less energy lost as heat	allow less heat lost allow less energy lost keeping warm or less energy for maintaining body temperature	1	AO1 4.7.4.3 4.7.5.2
	less energy lost in movement	ignore less movement ignore less energy lost unqualified ignore controlling diet do not accept energy used for respiration do not accept energy produced / made / created	1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
06.6	any two from: • increased spread of disease or increased use of drugs / antibiotics (to reduce disease) • more antibiotics in meat / milk • (extra) cost of heating / lighting / food / drugs	allow diseases spread (more) easily allow (extra) energy used for heating / lighting ignore (extra) cost unqualified	2	AO3 4.7.5.1 4.7.5.2
	aggressive behaviour (causing harm) or 'emotional' stress reduces productivity	ignore cruelty / unethical ignore need to clean out barns / sheds ignore need to maintain / build barns		

Total Question 6		13
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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.1	any one from: a change in DNA base code or nucleotide sequence a base (in DNA) a gene / allele part of a chromosome number of chromosomes genetic code / material	ignore genetic information	1	AO1 4.6 4.6.1.5

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.2	16 / sixteen		1	AO3 4.7.2.1 RPA9

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.3	volume of sample in mm³ 0.004 number of cells in 1 mm³ diluted pond water 14 ÷ 0.004	allow 14 \div (0.2 \times 0.2 \times 0.1) allow use of an incorrectly calculated volume of 0.04	1	AO2 4.7.2.1 RPA9
	3 500	allow ecf from answer to q.07.2 for number of algal cells	1	
	correct dilution factor	allow dilution = ×4 or 4 times	1	
	number of cells in 1 mm ³ undiluted pond water 3500 × 4	allow a calculation based on a dilution factor of 5	1	
	14 000 or 1.4 × 10 ⁴		1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.4	to make it easier to count	ignore easier to see or more spread out ignore quicker to count	1	AO3 4.7.2.1 RPA9

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.5	smaller volume	allow (some) liquid / cells would leak out (from under the cover slip)	1	AO3 4.7.2.1 RPA9
	so fewer cells or lower cell count	allow this mark only if there is an attempt at an explanation	1	

Total Question 7		11
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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.1	echidna: 27 to 35 or by 8 (°C) and human: 36.2 to 37.2 or by 1 (°C)	allow a tolerance of ± 0.5 (°C) allow a tolerance of ± 0.1 (°C)	1	AO3 4.5.1 4.5.2.4
	echidna is more variable or human fluctuates less	allow echidna is 7 (°C) more variable for 2 marks allow echidna is 8 times more variable for 2 marks	1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.2		do not accept energy produced / made / created do not accept energy used for respiration		AO2 4.5.2.4 4.5.3.2
	loses less energy (from its body)	allow loses / wastes less heat	1	4.4.2.1 4.4.2.3
	(so) body energy store lasts longer	allow glycogen / fat lasts longer allow stored food lasts longer	1	
	OR			
	lower temperature gradient (between echidna and air) (1)			
	(so) loses less energy (1)	allow loses less heat		
	OR			
	less energy transferred maintaining (higher) body temperature (1)	allow less energy transferred for keeping warm		
	(so) more energy available for processes vital for life (1)	allow more energy for eg heart / brain function ignore metabolism		

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.3	activity / movement requires energy from respiration (and) respiration / metabolism releases heat (which increases body temperature) OR respiration / metabolism releases heat (which increases body temperature) (1) (which) increases the rate of chemical reactions or	do not accept energy produced / made / created once only	1	AO2 4.5.2.4 4.4.2.1
	increases enzyme activity (1)			

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.4	more blood flow near surface (of skin) or more blood flow to the skin	do not accept blood vessels move nearer to surface of skin	1	AO1 4.5.2.4
	(so) more heat / energy is lost (from the blood)		1	
	cools blood which cools the body	ignore cools blood / body unqualified	1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.5	$\frac{20\ 000 \times 40}{100 \times 2.5} \text{or} \frac{8000}{2.5}$		1	AO2 4.5.2.4
	3 200 (cm³)		1	
	3.2 (dm³)	allow an incorrectly calculated value correctly divided by 1000	1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.6	to replace ions / salt lost (in sweat)	allow named example such as Na ⁺ allow because ions / salt lost in sweat allow to prevent (muscle) cramp	1	AO2 4.5.2.4 4.5.3.3

Total Question 8		13
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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
09.1	any two from: • (same volume of) water • (same) temperature • (same) species / type of plant • (same) age of shoot	allow (same amount of) water allow (amount of) minerals / ions / salts ignore (same) time ignore (same) height of shoot ignore carbon dioxide (concentration) do not accept light	2	AO3 4.5.4.1 RPA8

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
09.2	B shows response (in A) is due to light (as B has no light)	allow B gives a comparison between no light and (one- sided) light ignore B shows the effect of no light	1	AO2 4.5.4.1 RPA8
	C shows response (in A) is due to one-sided light (as C has light from all sides)	allow C gives a comparison between all-round light and one- sided light ignore C shows the effect of light from all sides	1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
09.3		ignore reference to auxin ignore reference to left and right sides		AO3 4.5.4.1 RPA8
	growth / elongation occurs (just) behind / below / at the tip	allow no growth or very little growth at the base ignore shoot is taller	1	
	bending occurs (just) behind / below / at the tip or more growth on the side away from the light		1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
09.4	phototropism / phototropic	allow positive phototropism ignore tropism do not accept negative phototropism do not accept phototrophic / phototrophism	1	AO1 4.5.4.1 RPA8

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
09.5	in F there is more auxin in the	ignore references to D and E ignore references to left and right sides unless at least one is identified as side nearer to or further from the light	1	AO3 4.5.4.1
	side furthest from the light		ı	
	in G there is the same mass of auxin in each side		1	
	in F auxin can move through the shoot but in G the glass prevents this		1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
09.6	all four (blocks) have (approximately) the same mass of <u>auxin</u>	allow examples such as mass of auxin in D / E is (about) the same as in F / G or those in light have same mass of auxin as those in dark	1	AO3 4.5.4.1

Total Question 9		11
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