

Marking Scheme

Question 1: Definition and Differences (10 Marks)

- Definition of living things – 1 mark
- Definition of non-living things – 1 mark
- Any 5 correct differences – 1 mark each (5 marks)
- Presentation and organization – 2 marks
(*Neatness, numbering, clarity*)

Total = 10 marks

Sample Answer Key:

- Living things are things that have life and can perform activities like growth and movement.
- Non-living things do not have life and cannot perform activities like growth or breathing.
- Differences:
 - Living things grow; non-living things do not grow.
 - Living things reproduce; non-living things do not.
 - Living things breathe; non-living things do not.
 - Living things move by themselves; non-living things cannot move on their own.
 - Living things can die; non-living things do not die.

Question 2: Characteristics of Living Things (10 Marks)

- Any 5 correct characteristics – 1.5 marks each (7.5 marks)
- One example for each – 0.5 mark each (2.5 marks)

Total = 10 marks

Sample Answer Key:

1. **Movement** – e.g. a dog can walk
2. **Respiration** – e.g. humans breathe in oxygen
3. **Nutrition** – e.g. a goat eats grass

4. **Growth** – e.g. a baby grows into an adult
 5. **Reproduction** – e.g. a hen lays eggs
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Question 3: Differences Between Plants and Animals (10 Marks)

- Any 5 correct differences – 1.5 marks each (7.5 marks)
- Example of a plant – 1 mark
- Example of an animal – 1 mark
- Presentation – 0.5 mark

Total = 10 marks

Sample Answer Key:

- Plants do not move from place to place; animals move.
- Plants make their own food; animals feed on others.
- Plants grow throughout life; animals stop growing.
- Plants do not have sense organs; animals do.
- Plants respond slowly to changes; animals respond quickly.
- Example of a plant: maize
- Example of an animal: dog