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General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.
- Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

Question Number	Answer	Mark
1(a)(i)	C (absent, present, absent) A is incorrect because red blood cells have cytoplasm B is incorrect because human red blood cells do not have a nucleus D is incorrect because red blood cells do not have a cell wall	1

Question Number	Answer	Mark
1(a)(ii)	D (tissue) <i>A is incorrect because organs have more than one cell type</i> <i>B is incorrect because organisms have more than one cell</i> <i>type</i> <i>C is incorrect systems have more than one cell type</i>	1

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1(b)(i)	A description that makes reference to the following:		2
	 use a syringe / pipette / beaker / (measuring) cylinder / eq (1) 	Accept other correct measuring apparatus	
	 mix 5 (cm³) of (10%) sucrose solution with 5 (cm³) water / eq (1) 	Accept take 5 (cm ³) sucrose and make up to 10 (cm ³) with water / add equal volumes of water and sucrose and use 10 (cm ³) / eq	

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1(b)(ii)	An explanation that makes reference to three of the following:		3
	• water leaves (the cells) / eq (1)	Accept lose water	
	• by <u>osmosis</u> (1)		
	 from a high(er) water potential to a lower water potential / from higher water concentration to lower water concentration / from dilute solution to concentrated solution / eq (1) 	Accept water moves from a high concentration to a low concentration	
	 membrane detaches from cell wall / cell is flaccid / cytoplasm shrinks / cytoplasm volume decreases / cells are plasmolysed / eq (1) 	Ignore cell shrinks	

Total 7 marks

Question Number	Answer	Mark
2(a)(i)	C (Y) <i>A is incorrect because V is the ovary</i> <i>B is incorrect because X is the stigma</i> <i>D is incorrect because Z is the filament</i>	1

Question Number	Answer	Mark
2(a)(ii)	A (V) <i>B is incorrect because W does not become a fruit</i> <i>C is incorrect because X does not become a fruit</i> <i>D is incorrect because Y does not become a fruit</i>	1

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
2(b)(i)	 96 (X) (3) Stages of calculation: conversion of mm to μm (30 000) division of measured length by actual given to whole number 	96 = 3 marks 95.8466 = 2 marks 1 mark for 30 000 or 0.313 or division by 313 or division by 0.313 or division by other combinations of 313 (e.g. 0.000313) Correct answer gains all three marks	3

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
2(b)(ii)	 spikes / hooks / sticky / eq (1) 		1

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
2(c)	An answer that makes reference to two of the following:		2
	 asexual reproduction (1) 		
	 cuttings are <u>genetically</u> identical / have same <u>alleles</u> / same <u>genes</u> / are <u>clones</u> / eq (1) 		
	 faster / can be produced at any time of year / can be done from only one plant / no need to have insects / eq (1) 		

Total 8 marks

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3(a)(i)	 diaphragm (1) 		1

Question Number	Answer	Mark
3(a)(ii)	C (increases decreases) <i>A is incorrect because the volume increases</i> <i>B is incorrect because the volume increases</i> <i>D is incorrect because the pressure decreases</i>	1

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3(a)(iii)	A description that makes reference to two of the following:		2
	 jar cannot expand / cannot change shape / jar is rigid / ribcage can move / thorax can move / eq (1) 	Accept only shows diaphragm action	
	 no intercostal muscles / no ribs / eq (1) no pleural membrane / no pleural fluid / balloons do not touch the sides of jar / eq (1) 	no ribs to move = 2 marks	

Question Number	Answer	Mark
3(b)(i)	D (trachea bronchus bronchiole alveolus)	1
	<i>A is incorrect because bronchiole is not first B is incorrect because bronchus is not first C is incorrect because bronchiole is not second</i>	

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
3(b)(ii)	• 1.9 x 10 ⁶ (2)	1 900 000 = one mark	2
		or	
		1 920 000 = one mark	
		or	
		one mark for correct answer with wrong standard form e.g. 19×10^5	
		Accept 1.92 x 10 ⁶	
		Correct answer gains two marks	

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3(b)(iii)	 An explanation that makes reference to four of the following: (Mark in pairs) one cell thick layer (for alveoli or capillaries) / thin layer / thin membrane / eq (1) short <u>diffusion</u> path / rapid <u>diffusion</u> / easy <u>diffusion</u> / eq (1) 	Do not award function mark without correct structure	4
	 blood supply / capillaries / blood vessels / blood / eq (1) maintains concentration gradient / maintains diffusion gradient / steep gradient / eq (1) 	Accept maintains gradient	
	 moisture / fluid / eq (1) dissolves gases / allows gases to pass through (alveolar) wall / eq (1) 	Ignore surface area	

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3(b)(iv)	A description that makes reference to three of the following:		3
	 use of limewater / hydrogen carbonate indicator (1) 	Accept calcium hydroxide (solution)	
	 measure time taken (for limewater) to go cloudy / measure time taken (for indicator) to change / eq (1) 	Accept measure cloudiness after time / / see how much colour changes after time / eq	
	 measure with and without exercise / measure before and after exercise / have one person exercising and one resting / eq (1) 		
	 same volume of limewater / same volume of indicator / same temperature of room / same age / sex / fitness of person / eq (1) 		
	 repeats / calculate mean / eq (1) 		

Total 14 marks

Question Number	Answer	Mark
4 (a)(i)	C (maltose) A is incorrect because amino acids are not produced B is incorrect because glycerol is not produced D is incorrect because sucrose is not produced	1

Question Number	Answer	Mark
4 (a)(ii)	C (2 and 3 only) A is incorrect because the colon does not produce amylase B is incorrect because the colon does not produce amylase D is incorrect because the pancreas also produces amylase	1

Question Number	Answer		Mark
4 (b)(i)	 to reach temperature / bring to temperature / make sure at 10 °C / equilibrate / warm up / eq (1) 	 Accept to make them same temperature Accept make sure tubes are at the temperature Accept to make correct temperature Accept so solutions adjust to temperature 	1

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4 (b)(ii)	 add iodine (solution) (1) black / (dark) blue (colour) (1) 	Ignore purple	2

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4 (c) (i)	• 23 (2)	one mark for 23.3333	2
		correct answer gains both marks	

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4(c)(ii)	An explanation that makes reference to two of the following:		2
	 increased (kinetic) energy (1) 		
	 faster movement (of enzyme and substrate) / eq (1) 		
	 more collisions / greater rate of collisions / more E/S complexes / eq (1) 		
	 reaches <u>optimum temperature</u> for <u>enzymes</u> (1) 		

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4(c)(iii)	 An explanation that makes reference to two of the following: enzyme denatures / amylase denatures (1) active site changes shape / enzyme is not complementary to substrate / enzyme changes shape / eq (1) substrate / starch no longer binds / fits / eq (1) 		2

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4(c)(iv)	An explanation that makes reference to two of the following:		2
	 use smaller temperature intervals / / use 5 °C intervals / use 1 °C intervals / eq (1) 	Accept more temperature intervals	
	 between 30 and 40 / between 30 and 50 / between 40 and 50 / the rate may be faster at temperatures above or below 40 / optimal may not be at 40 / eq 	Accept more temperatures between 30 and 40 / 30 and 50 / 40 and 50 for two marks	
	3. use smaller time intervals / eq (1)	Accept more temperatures around 40 °C for two marks	
	 as similar recorded times may actually be different / eq (1) 		

Total 13 marks

Question Number	Answer	Mark
5(a)(i)	C (2 and 3 only) <i>A is incorrect because chitin is not present in either</i> <i>B is incorrect because chitin is not present in either</i> <i>D is incorrect because both have chloroplasts</i>	1

Question Number	Answer	Mark
5(a)(ii)	any two of : (polar) bear / seal / (grey) whale / predatory fish (1)	1

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(a)(iii)	phytoplankton → zooplankton → plankton-eating fish → predatory fish → seal → (polar) bear (2)	one mark for correct organisms in order	2
		one mark for correct arrow direction	
		no marks for pyramids	
		no marks for food chain not linked to question	

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(b)(i)	 950% (2) Example of calculation: correct increase (12.6 – 1.2 = 11.4) correct percentage calculation 	one mark for 12.6 – 1.2 or 11.4 or division by 1.2 Correct answer with no working gains both marks	2

Question Number	Answe	er	Additional guidance	Mark
5(b)(ii)		nswer that makes reference to five of llowing points:		5
	1.	phytoplankton / zooplankton (biomass) is low in winter / eq (1)		
	2.	phytoplankton mass increases in (mid) spring / as light increases, phytoplankton (biomass) increases / eq (1)	Accept phytoplankton decreases in (late) autumn	
		<pre>(phytoplankton increase in late spring) due to <u>photosynthesis</u> / eq (1) (photosynthesis) produces glucose /</pre>	Accept less photosynthesis in winter / less photosynthesis in late autumn / less photosynthesis in low light / less photosynthesis in low temperature	
		sugar / carbohydrates / eq (1)		
	5.	zooplankton increase (when phytoplankton is high) as more food / more phytoplankton to eat / eq (1)	Accept zooplankton decrease when there is less food	
	6.	phytoplankton decreases when consumed by (many) zooplankton / increases when few zooplankton eating them / eq (1)		
	7.	(when phytoplankton increase) nitrates decrease as phytoplankton absorb them / use them / eq (1)	Accept phytoplankton population falls if not enough nitrate to take in	
	8.	nitrates used to make amino acids / protein / chlorophyll / eq (1)		
	9.	phytoplankton biomass <u>limited by</u> nitrates / light / zooplankton population / eq (1)		

Total 11 marks

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(a)	A description that makes reference to four of the following points:		4
	 receptor (generates impulse) / eq (1) 		
	 (impulse) passes along sensory neurone (to relay / motor neurone / to CNS / spinal cord) (1) 		
	3. (sensory / relay / CNS / spinal cord) to motor neurone (1)		
	4. to muscle / effector (1)		
	5. crosses synapses (1)		
	6. (using) neurotransmitters (1)		

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(b)(i)	S: linear scales for both axes (1)	must use at least half grid	5
	L: straight line joining points (1)	no extrapolation	
	A: axes correct way round (1)	stimulus number on horizontal axis	
	A: axes both labelled, and with units on y axis (1)	time / seconds <u>and</u> stimulus number	
	P: points plotted correctly (1)	+/- half square bar chart loses L	

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(b)(ii)	 A description that makes reference to the following points: (time) decreases / eq (1) falls (more steeply) after 5 / from 6 touches / small decrease until 5 or 6 / eq (1) 	Accept increase at 4 touches	2

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(b)(iii)	An explanation that makes reference to two of the following points:		2
	 (few stimuli) could represent danger / allow escape / escapes predator / snail not eaten / helps snail survive / eq (1) 		
	 (repeated stimuli) suggests no danger / no longer represents danger / snail recognises there is no threat / has learnt that there is no danger / eq (1) 		
	 (when not staying in shell) snail can eat for longer / can continue moving / does not waste energy / eq (1) 		

Total 13 marks

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
7(a)(i)	An explanation that makes reference to four of the following points: (mark in pairs)		4
	 thick layer of elastic / (more) elastic / eq (1) as blood pressure is higher / for wall to recoil / to expand / wall can stretch / smooths blood flow / eq (1) 	Accept converse for veins	
	 thick layer of muscle / (more) muscle / eq (1) control blood flow / eq (1) 	Accept converse for veins Accept thick wall due to high pressure (two marks) if no mp1 or mp3	
	 no valves (1) as blood pressure is sufficient to prevent backflow / no need to prevent backflow / eq (1) 	Accept converse for veins	

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
7(a)(ii)	 An explanation that makes reference to three of the following points: artery has blockage / less blood can flow / artery is narrow / artery has narrow lumen / eq (1) less oxygen (to heart muscle) / eq (1) less (aerobic) respiration / more anaerobic respiration / eq (1) less energy / less ATP / eq (1) so heart unable to beat faster during exercise / eq (1) 	guianee	3

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
7(b)(i)	An answer that makes reference to one of the following points:		1
	 high cholesterol / high fat diet / eq (1) 	Ignore diet / bad diet unbalanced diet	
	 lack of exercise / eq (1) 		
	• stress / eq (1)		
	 high salt (diet) (1) 		
	• high BMI / obesity / eq (1)		
	• diabetes (1)		
	• age / eq (1)		
	• sex (1)		
	 high blood pressure (1) 		

Question	Answer		Mark
Number 7 (b)(ii)	An answer that makes reference to five of the following points:		5
	 smoking increases risk of CHD (in all groups) / eq (1) 		
	 more alleles (always) increases risk (of CHD) / eq (1) 		
	 highest risk is for smokers with high number of alleles / lowest risk is for non-smokers with few alleles / eq (1) 		
	 biggest increase from smoking is for those with few risk alleles / lower increase from smoking with medium or high allele group / eq (1) 	Accept same increase in risk from smoking in medium and high	
	 smokers with few alleles have same risk of CHD than non-smokers with many alleles / eq (1) 	allele groups / eq	
	 credit manipulated data, e.g. smoking increases risk by 1 for low allele group (1) 		
	 carbon monoxide (in cigarette smoke) (causes CHD) (1) 		
	 smoking causes plaques / cholesterol build up / blocks coronary artery / eq (1) 		
	 no mention of group size in data / may be low sample size / eq (1) 	Accept no repeats	
	10. no mention of age / sex / diet / other health issues / frequency of smoking / eq (1)		

Total 13 marks

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8(a)(i)	 An answer that makes reference to the following points: correct genotypes of parents (Dd, dd) (1) correct gametes (D or d, d (or d)) (1) correct genotypes of offspring (Dd, dd) 	ECF for mp2 and 3 only Accept mp1 – 3 from Punnet square Accept other letters but must be capital and lower case of same letter	4
	 correct probability of 0.5 / 50 % ½ / eq (1) 	only award mp4 from attempt at correct cross	

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8(a)(ii)	An answer that makes reference to two of the following points:less water absorbed (into blood) (1)		2
	 by colon / intestine (1) 	Accept small or	
	• as sugar / lactose is not absorbed (1)	large intestine	
	 (as lactose) affects osmosis / lowers water potential / eq (1) 		
	 (lactose could cause) bacteria to grow / bacteria break down lactose / eq (1) 		

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8(a)(iii)	An explanation that makes reference to four of the following points:		4
	• mutation (occurred) (1)		
	 creating (genetic) variation (1) 		
	• people with lactose tolerance (DD or Dd) can drink milk / did not get diarrhoea / can gain extra nutrients / were able to compete better / survived / had a selective advantage / eq (1)		
	• reproduced (more) / produced offspring / eq (1)	Pass on allele to	
	 pass on allele / gene / mutation / eq (1) 	next generation / offspring = mp4 and mp5	

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8(b)(i)	An explanation that makes reference to the following points:		2
	 mixes the contents / spreads nutrients / maintains even consistency / prevent settling / eq (1) 	Accept moves contents Accept keep bacteria and milk in contact Ignore stir	
	 maintain even temperature / prevent hot spots / maintain an even pH / eq (1) 	Accept distributes heat (energy) Ignore maintain optimal temperature	

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8(b)(ii)	An explanation that makes reference to two of the following points:		2
	 removes heat / cools the fermenter / eq (1) 	Ignore warms up	
	• to maintain <u>optimal temperature</u> (1)		
	 prevent enzymes denaturing / prevent death of bacteria / eq (1) 	Allow microorganisms	

Total 14 marks

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
9(a)	A description that makes reference to the following points:plasmid (used) (1)		3
	 restriction enzyme used to cut out gene / cut plasmid / cut DNA / eq (1) 	Accept alternatives for cut out e.g. remove / extract	
	 ligase used to insert gene into plasmid / stick DNA / glue DNA / stick gene with DNA / eq (1) 		

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
9(b)	An explanation that makes reference to three of the following points:		3
	 increasing temperature increases the rate of photosynthesis / eq (1) because particles have more (kinetic) energy / more frequent collisions / there is more enzyme activity / eq (1) 	Accept temperature is limiting factor at low temperatures	
	 (at low light intensity rate levels off) so light is limiting / eq (1) 	Accept at high light intensity rate increases more as light is not limiting / eq Accept rate levels off because temperature not limiting / eq	
	 (at high light intensity) carbon dioxide limits rate / not enough carbon dioxide / eq (1) 	Accept at high light intensity rate is limited by other factors	

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
9(c)	 An answer that makes reference to five of the following points: 1. light, carbon dioxide and (warm) temperature supplied / eq (1) 	Accept crop for tomatoes	5
	 so no factors for <u>photosynthesis</u> are limiting / all factors present for <u>photosynthesis</u> / there is more <u>photosynthesis</u> / eq (1) 		
	 so high yield / fast production / (to give high profit) / more tomatoes / eq (1) 	Accept higher productivity Ignore better quality	
	 no need to buy carbon dioxide / no need to buy electricity / wood is cheaper than fossil fuel / wood cheaper than buying electricity / eq (1) 		
	5. tomatoes protected from pests / disease / frost / cold / bad weather / eq (1)		
	6. wood is renewable (energy) / eq (1)		
	7. less use of fossil fuel / eq (1)		
	8. carbon dioxide not released into atmosphere / eq (1)		
	9. less greenhouse effect / less climate change / less ice cap melting / eq (1)	Accept other examples of greenhouse effects / fewer food miles / less need to import tomatoes / eq	
	10.less release of sulfur dioxide / less acid rain / eq (1)		

Total 11 marks

Question Number	Answer		Mark
10	An answer that makes reference to six of the following points:		6
	C change colour / eq (1)	Accept different coloured scarecrows / named colours	
	 O type of scarecrow / size of scarecrow / use same scarecrow / type of fabric / size of clothing / eq (1) 		
	• R repeat / eq (1)	Accept ref to averages	
	 M1 count number of birds / mass of crop / amount of birds / number of plants eaten / yield of crop / eq (1) 	Accept time taken to eat crops for M1 and M2 Ignore amount	
	 M2 stated period of time / eq (1) 	of crops	
	 S1 same time of year / season / area of field / position (of scarecrow) in field / weather / time of day / wind speed / light / water / humidity / temperature / eq (1) 	Accept same bird species	
	 S2 same crop / quality of crop / (starting) number of crops / fertiliser / pesticides / soil quality / soil pH / eq (1) 		

Total 6 marks

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