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Time allowed

52 Minutes

Score /43

Percentage %

Biology

Mark Scheme

AQA
AS & A LEVEL

3.3 Organisms exchange substances with their environment

1 (a) In one country where the percentage of fat (in the diet) is 35%, the death rate (from breast cancer) is 20 per 100 000;

<u>Must</u> have reference to country

Accept … 1 per 5 000 / 0.02%

1

(b) 1. No. of deaths from breast cancer divided by total population × 100 000;

2. No. of deaths from breast cancer divided by all deaths × 100 000;

3. Sample and count deaths from breast cancer in 100 000 people;

If sample not 100 000 then must scale appropriately

1 max

(c) 1. Positive correlation;

2. But correlation does not show causation / some other (named) factor may be involved;

3. Evidence against positive correlation e.g. different death rates at same % fat / similar death rates at different % fat / some countries with higher death rate have lower fat intake;

1. Accept description of positive correlation / directly proportional.

Accept positive relationship.

2. Do not accept casual in place of causal.

3. Answer must be consistent with data.

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2 (a) 1. Add iodine / potassium iodide solution to the food sample; *1.*

Allow 'iodine'

2. Must be in the context of the correct reagent

2. Blue / black / purple indicates starch is present;

2

(b) 1. Starch digested to maltose / by amylase;

Ignore 'hard to digest / easily digested'

2. Maltose digested to glucose / by maltase;

3. Digestion of sucrose is a single step / only one enzyme / sucrase;

3. Accept converse for starch

3. Do not accept digestion of sucrose is faster

3

(c) 1. Smoking increases risk of CHD / introduces another variable;

1

(d) (i) 1. No effect on risk with diet group 1 and 2 / lowest glycaemic load;

Simple statement of correlation is not enough for this mark

2. Above diet group 2 / in higher groups, risk increases as glycaemic load increases;

1 max

(ii) 1. (Higher GL diets lead to) more (harmful) lipids (in blood), so greater risk of atheroma;

Ignore reference to lipids in diet

2. Atheroma leads to blockage of <u>coronary artery</u> / increased risk of blood clot in <u>coronary artery</u>;

Ignore references to myocardial infarction / heart attack

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3 (a) 1. Maltose;
2. Salivary amylase breaks down starch.

2

(b) Maltase.

1

(c) (Mimics / reproduces) effect of stomach.

1

(d) 1. Add boiled saliva;
2. Everything same as experiment but salivary amylase denatured.

2

(e) 1. Some starch already digested when chewing / in mouth;
2. Faster digestion of chewed starch;
3. Same amount of digestion without chewing at end.

Accept use of values from graph

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4 (a) 1. Helicase;
2. Breaks hydrogen bonds;
3. Only one DNA strand acts as template;
4. RNA nucleotides attracted to exposed bases;
5. (Attraction) according to base pairing rule;
6. RNA polymerase joins (RNA) nucleotides together;
7. Pre-mRNA spliced to remove introns.

6 max

(b) 1. Polymer of amino acids;
2. Joined by peptide bonds;
3. Formed by condensation;
4. Primary structure is order of amino acids;

5. Secondary structure is folding of polypeptide chain due to hydrogen bonding;

Accept alpha helix / pleated sheet

6. Tertiary structure is 3-D folding due to hydrogen bonding and ionic / disulfide bonds;
7. Quaternary structure is two or more polypeptide chains.

5 max

(c) 1. Hydrolysis of peptide bonds;
2. Endopeptidases break polypeptides into smaller peptide chains;
3. Exopeptidases remove terminal amino acids;
4. Dipeptidases hydrolyse / break down dipeptides into amino acids.

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5 (a) C.

Ignore name of organ

1

(b) E.

Ignore name of organ

1

(c) 1. Active site (of enzyme) has (specific) shape / tertiary structure / active site complementary to substrate / maltose;

Reject active site on substrate.
Must have idea of shape
Assume "it" = maltase
Accept (specific) 3D active site
Reject has same shape

2. (Only) maltose can bind / fit;

Accept "substrate" for "maltose"

3. To form enzyme substrate complex.

Accept E−S complex

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