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Biology

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Mark Scheme

3.1 Biological molecules

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One mark for each correct column Mark ticks only and ignore crosses

(b) 1. Two marks for box round two hydrogens and one of the oxygens from OH groups on carbons 1 and 4;;

2. One mark from incorrect answer involving any two hydrogens and an oxygen from carbons 1 and 4;

> Do not award marks if all atoms concerned are on same carbon atom or are on carbon atoms other than 1 and 4 or where the answer does not have two hydrogen and one oxygen

> > 2

- (c) (i) 1. Holds chains / cellulose molecules together / forms cross links between chains / cellulose molecules / forms microfibrils, providing strength / rigidity (to cellulose / cell wall);
 - 2. Hydrogen bonds strong in large numbers;x Principles here are first mark for where hydrogen bonds are formed and second for a consequence of this. Accept microfibres

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(ii) Compact / occupies small space / tightly packed;

> Answer indicates depth required. Answers such as "good for storage", "easily stored" or "small" are insufficient.

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2	(a)	Double bond(s);				
		(Bonds) between carbon; \(\overline{C=C} \) bond(s) = 2 marks 'No' C=C bond(s) disqualifies 1 mark only Accept: does not contain maximum number of H for 1 mark Neutral: contains C=O bonds	2			
	(b)	Graph shows negative correlation / description given;				
		Correlation does not mean causation / prevention / shows lower risk not prevention;				
		May be due to another factor / example given; Neutral: refs. to methodology e.g. sample size / line of best fit Q: Do not allow 'casual' relationship	3			
	(c)	(i) Glycosidic; Accept: if phonetically correct Reject: ester bond	1			
		(ii) Contains glycerol / three fatty acids / forms three ester bonds; Neutral: contains less fatty acids Answers must refer to a triglyceride Ignore refs. to incorrect bond names Neutral: olestra has eight fatty acids / R groups				

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Reject: contains three glycerols

(iii) 9;



3	(a)	1.	Crush / grind;				
			2.	With	ethanol / alcohol;		
			3.	Ther	a add water / then add to water; 2. Water must be added <u>after</u> ethanol for third mark.		
			4.	Form	ns emulsion / goes white / cloudy; 4. Do not accept carry out emulsion test.	3	
		(b)	(i)	4 / fo	our;	1	
			(ii)	1.	Phosphate / PO ₄ ; "It" refers to phospholipid.		
				2.	Instead of one of the fatty acids / and two fatty acids; 1. Accept minor errors in formula. Do not accept phosphorus / phosphorus group.	2	
			(iii)	1.	Double bonds (present) / some / two carbons with only one hydrogen / (double bonds) between carbon atoms / not saturated with hydrogen; Answer refers to unsaturated unless otherwise clearly indicated. May be shown in appropriate diagram.		

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In (fatty acid) C /3;

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(a) **Two** suitable suggestions;

E.g.

- 1. (Are mammals so) likely to have same physiology / reactions as humans;
- 2. Small enough to keep in laboratory / produce enough milk to extract;
- 3. (Can use a) large number.

Ignore references to ethical issues

2 max

- (b) 1. Hydrolysis of lipids produces fatty acids;
 - 2. Which lower pH of mixture.

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- (c) 1. (Bile-activated lipase / it) increases growth rate (of kittens);
 - 2. Results for formula with lipase not (significantly) different from breast milk / are (significantly) different from formula milk alone;
 - 3. Showing addition of (bile-activated) lipase is the likely cause (of increased growth);
 - 4. Lipase increases rate of digestion of lipids / absorption of fatty acids.

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5	(a)	1.	Dissolve in alcohol, then add water; 2. White emulsion shows presence of lipid.	2	
		(b)	Glycerol.	1	
		(c)	Ester.	1	
		(d)	Y (no mark) Contains double bond between (adjacent) carbon atoms in hydrocarbon chain.	1	
		(e)	 Divide mass of each lipid by total mass of all lipids (in that type of cell); Multiply answer by 100. 	2	
		(f)	Red blood cells free in blood / not supported by other cells so cholesterol helps to maintain shape; Allow converse for cell from ileum – cell supported by others in endothelium so cholesterol has less effect on maintaining shape.	1	
		(g)	 Cell unable to change shape; (Because) cell has a cell wall; (Wall is) rigid / made of peptidoglycan / murein. 	2 max	[10]



Fatty acids used to make phospholipids;
Phospholipids in membranes;
More phospholipids more membranes made;

2 max

Fatty acids respired to release energy;
More triglycerides more energy released;
Energy used for cell production / production of named cell component;

Do not allow credit for 'making' energy

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- Fewer children / less likely that children with asthma eat fish;
 Accept converse.
 - 2. Fewer children / less likely that children with asthma eat oily fish; MP1 and 2 Allow use of numbers.
 - 3. Little / only 2% / no difference in (children with or without asthma who eat) non-oily fish.

Do not accept arguments related to amount of fish eaten

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- (b) 1. (Shake with) ethanol / alcohol;
 - 1. Accept named alcohol
 - 2. Then add (to) water;
 - 2. Order must be correct
 - 3. White / milky / cloudy (layer indicates oil).
 - 3. Ignore forms emulsion as in stem
 - 3. Ignore precipitate

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