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Biology

Mark Scheme

AQA AS & A LEVEL

3.2 Cells

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1.(a)	Calculations made (from raw data) / raw data would have recorded initial and fina masses.			
	(b)	Add	4.5 cm³ of (1.0 mol dm⁻³) solution to 25.5 cm³ (distilled) water. If incorrect, allow 1 mark for solution to water in a proportion of 0.15:0.85	2
	(c)	1.	Water potential of solution is less than / more negative than that of potato tissue; Allow Ψ as equivalent to water potential	
		2.	Tissue loses water by osmosis.	2
	(d)	1. 2. 3.	Plot a graph with concentration on the <i>x</i> -axis and percentage change in mass on the <i>y</i> -axis; Find concentration where curve crosses the <i>x</i> -axis / where percentage change is zero; Use (another) resource to find water potential of sucrose concentration (where curve crosses <i>x</i> -axis).	3

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2 .(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]



3	.(a)	•	. (Overall) outward pressure of 3.2 kPa; 2. Forces small molecules out of capillary.	
		(b)	Loss of water / loss of fluid / friction (against capillary lining).	
		(c)	High blood pressure = high hydrostatic pressure;	
		2. 3.	Increases outward pressure from (arterial) end of capillary / reduces inward pressure at (venule) end of capillary; (So) more tissue fluid formed / less tissue fluid is reabsorbed. Allow lymph system not able to drain tissues fast enough	3
(1. 2. 3.	Water has left the capillary; Proteins (in blood) too large to leave capillary; Increasing / giving higher concentration of blood proteins (and thus wp).	3

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(a) 1. (No grease)

means stomata are open

OR

allows normal CO2 uptake;

Allow 'gas exchange' for CO2 uptake.

'As a control' is insufficient on its own.

2. (Grease on lower surface)

seals stomata

OR

stops CO₂ uptake through

stomata

OR

to find CO₂ uptake through

stomata

OR

shows CO₂ uptake through cuticle / upper surface;

3. (Grease on both surfaces) shows sealing is effective

OR

stops all CO₂ uptake.

(b) (i) 1. (Mean rate of) carbon dioxide uptake was constant *and* fell after the light turned off;

Ignore absence of arbitrary units in both marking points.

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Both ideas needed for mark.

Accept 'stayed at 4.5' as equivalent to 'was constant'.

2. Uptake fell from 4.5 to 0 / uptake started to fall at 60 minutes and reached lowest at 80 minutes / uptake fell over period of 20 minutes;

One correct use of figures required.

Accept fell to nothing / no uptake for 0.

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- (ii) 1. (Because) water is lost through stomata;
 - 2. (Closure) prevents / reduces water loss;
 - 3. Maintain water content of cells.

This marking point rewards an understanding of reducing water loss e.g. reduce wilting, maintain turgor, and is not related to photosynthesis.

2 max

(c) (Carbon dioxide uptake) through the upper surface of the leaf / through (i) cuticle.

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- (ii) No use of carbon dioxide in photosynthesis (in the dark); 1.
 - 2. No diffusion gradient (maintained) for carbon dioxide into leaf / there is now a diffusion gradient for carbon dioxide out of leaf (due to respiration).

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(a) Regulator protein.

Accept regulator protein antigen Reject regulator protein receptor Ignore regular protein

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- (b) 1. Lipid soluble / hydrophobic
 - 2. Enters through (phospholipid) bilayer

OR

- 3. (Protein part of) LDL attaches to <u>receptor</u>
- 4. Goes through carrier / channel protein.
 - 4. Accept by facilitated diffusion or active transport
 - 4. Reject active transport through channel protein

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- (c) Any **two** from:
 - (Monoclonal antibody) has a specific tertiary structure / variable region / is complementary to regulator protein

Do not award MP1 if reference to active site.

- 2. Binds to / forms complex with (regulator protein)

 "It" refers to monoclonal antibody in MP1 and MP2
- 3. (So regulator protein) would not fit / bind to the receptor / is not complementary to receptor
 - 3. Reject receptor on LDL

2 max

- (d) 1. Injection with salt solution
 - 1. Accept inject placebo in salt solution
 - 2. Otherwise treated the same.

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- (a) 1. (Releases) toxins;
 - 2. Kills cells / tissues.
 - 2. Accept any reference to cell / tissue damage Ignore infecting / invading cells

(b) 1. Water potential in (bacterial) cells high<u>er</u> (than in honey) / water potential in honey low<u>er</u> (than in bacterial cells);

Q candidates must express themselves clearly

- 1. Must be comparative e.g. high WP in cell and low WP in honey
- 2. Water leaves bacteria / cells by osmosis;
- 3. (Loss of water) stops (metabolic) reactions.
 - 3. Needs a reason why lack of water kills the cell

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