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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)	The only correct answer is B (protein synthesis)	
	A is incorrect as chloroplasts perform photosynthesis	1
	C is incorrect as mitochondria perform respiration	
	D is incorrect as vacuoles store cell sap	

Question Number	Answer	Mark
1(a)(ii)	The only correct answer is B	1
	A is incorrect as animal cells do not have cell walls	-
	<i>C is incorrect as eukaryotic cells have cytoplasm</i>	
	D is incorrect as animal cells do not have cell walls	

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
1(a)(iii)	An explanation that makes reference to three of the following.		3
	 Lactobacillus / they, have cell walls / red blood cells do not have a cell wall 	Ignore refs to water not entering <i>Lactobacillus</i>	
	/ eq (1)	Lactobacinus	
	• water enters (cells) / eq (1)		
	 by osmosis (1) 		
	(because) water potential inside the	Allow from a high concentration (of	
	cells is low(er) / eq (1)	water) to a low concentration (of water) / from a dilute to a concentrated solution / eq	

Question Number	Answer		Mark
1(b)	A description that makes reference to three of the following.		3
	 respiration / fermentation / ferment (1) 	Ignore aerobic / anaerobic	
	• lactose (1)		
	 lactic acid / lactate, produced (1) 	Allow milk becomes acid(ic) / low pH occurs	
	 (protein) clots / milk thickens / milk coagulates / goes solid / eq (1) 	Allow protein denatures	

(Total for Question 1 = 8 marks)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
2 (a)	 A description that makes reference to two of the following. <u>peristalsis</u> (1) muscle <u>contraction</u> (1) along oesophagus (1) 	2

Question Number	Answer		Mark
2 (b)(i)	An answer that makes reference to one of the following.		1
	• fibre (1)		
	• water (1)		
	 other <u>named</u> vitamin / mineral (1) 	e.g. vitamin A / iron Ignore vitamin C and calcium	

Question Number	Answer	Mark
2(b)(ii)	An answer that makes reference to the following.	2
	heal / blood vessels are weak / for h cartilage is weak / wounds do not carti	w vitamin C needed healthy skin / lage / connective he / eq
		w calcium needed trong teeth / bones

Question Number	Answer		Mark
2(b)(iii)	• RDA = 230 (g) (2)	One mark for 227.2727 OR 227 OR 2.3 OR other answer to correct decimal places with correct rounding	2

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
2(b)(iv)	A description that makes reference to three of the following.		3
	 protease / peptidase (1) 		
	• pepsin (in stomach) (1)	Allow trypsin (in duodenum / from pancreas)	
	 (digestion) in small intestine / duodenum / stomach / (protease) released by pancreas / stomach (1) 	Ignore <u>absorbed</u> in small intestine	
	• (produces) amino acids / (di)peptides (1)		

Question Number	Answer	Mark
3(a)(i)	The only correct answer is C (3)	
	A is incorrect as there are more than 1 secondary consumers	1
	<i>B</i> is incorrect as there are more than 2 secondary consumers	
	<i>D</i> is incorrect as there are fewer than 4 secondary consumers	

Question Number	Answer	Mark
3 (a)(ii)	The only correct answer is B (ecosystem)	1
	<i>A is incorrect as the community does not include the environment</i>	
	<i>C</i> is incorrect as the habitat does not include the organisms	
	<i>D</i> is incorrect as population is the number of one species	

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3 (a)(iii)	 An explanation that makes reference to three of the following. shorter food chain to oak tree / one species between fox and oak tree / eq (1) 	Allow converse for grass Allow fox is a secondary consumer from oak tree / tertiary consumer from grass / eq Allow fewer / 3, levels in oak tree food chain / eq Allow only rabbit / squirrel between tree and fox / eq	3
	AND two from		
	(energy lost from)		
	• excretion / urine / eq (1)	Do not award two marks for excrete faeces	
	 inedible parts / parts not eaten / eq (1) 		
	 indigestible parts / faeces / egestion / eq (1) 		
	 death / decomposition / decay / some organisms not eaten / eq (1) 		
	respiration / heat loss / eq (1)		
	 movement /eq (1) 		

Question Number	Answer		Mark
3 (b)(i)	An answer that makes reference to the following.		1
	 avoid bias / make sample representative / more accurate (result) / makes (survey) fair / eq (1) 	Allow fair test / valid Ignore reliable	

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3 (b)(ii)	An explanation that makes reference to two of the following.		2
	 grid area / eq (1) 		
	 repeats / more quadrats / eq (1) 	Ignore larger quadrat	
	 identify anomalies / calculate 		
	mean / average / to see if they are		
	similar / eq (1)		

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3 (b)(iii)	• 2925 (3)	Correct answer gains all three marks	3
		two marks for 4500	
		If answer incorrect then up to max 2 of:	
		one mark for 4000 or 50 x 80	
		one mark for 500 or (20 × 50) / 2	
		one mark for 0.65 x OR 65/100 x	

(Total for Question 3 = 11 marks)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
4 (a)(i)	The only correct answer is B (chitin)	
	A is incorrect as fungal cell walls do not contain cellulose	1
	C is incorrect as fungal cell walls do not contain glycogen	
	D is incorrect as fungal cell walls do not contain starch	

Question Number	Answer	Mark
4 (a)(ii)	The only correct answer is A (ethanol and carbon dioxide) <i>B is incorrect as yeast anaerobic respiration also produces</i> <i>carbon dioxide</i>	1
	<i>C</i> is incorrect as yeast anaerobic respiration does not produce lactic acid	
	<i>D is incorrect as yeast anaerobic respiration does not produce</i> <i>lactic acid</i>	

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4 (b)(i)	 An answer that makes reference to the following. stops oxygen getting in / prevents <u>aerobic</u> respiration / eq (1) 	Ignore ensures anaerobic respiration	1

Question Number	Answer	Mark
4 (b)(ii)	A description that makes reference to the following.water bath (1)	2
	 (monitor with) thermometer / (use of) thermostat / eq (1) 	

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4 (b)(iii)	• 4 (2)	one mark for 32 OR ÷ 8 Correct answer gains both marks	2

Question Number	Answer		Mark
4 (b)(iv)	An explanation that makes reference to two of the following.		2
	 increases up to 16 (min) / 17 (min) / 18 (min) and then levels off / slows / (bubble production) stops / eq 	Allow times between 16 and 18 for turning point Allow constant rate (or respiration) until 16 /18 then (respiration) stops / levels off / slows	
	 (when bubbles increase / initially) glucose is not limiting / eq (1) (levels off because) glucose runs out / is limiting / yeast is poisoned by ethanol / eq (1) 	Allow glucose is not limiting when bubbles are increasingAllow substrate for glucose throughout	

Question Number	Answer		Mark
4 (b)(v)	An explanation that makes reference to three of the following.		3
	 faster / more, respiration (1) 	Allow 37ºC / it, is (closer to) optimum	
	 (at 37 °C) more (kinetic) energy / 		
	faster (particle) movement /eq (1)		
	• more / faster, collisions / more E/S		
	complexes / eq (1)		
	 at 37°C glucose runs out (sooner) / 		
	glucose starts to limit / eq (1)		

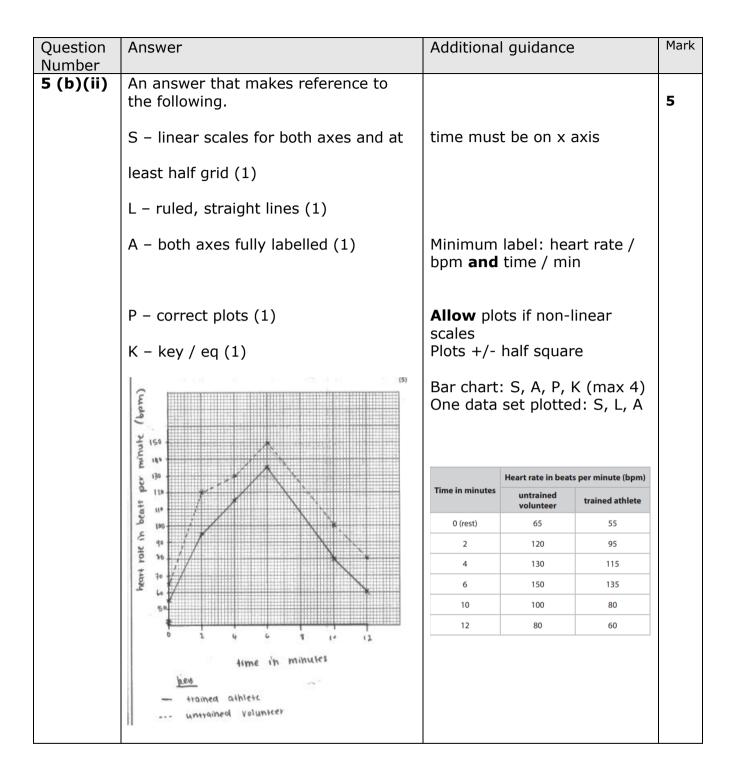
Question Number	Answer	Mark
4 (b)(vi)	 A description that makes reference to the following. collect <u>volume</u> (of gas) (1) 	2
	 using a measuring cylinder / syringe / burette / eq (1) 	

(Total for Question 4 = 14 marks)

Answer	Mark
The only correct answer is C	1
<i>A is incorrect as W is not the left atrium B is incorrect as W is not a ventricle D is incorrect as W is not a ventricle</i>	
	The only correct answer is C A is incorrect as W is not the left atrium B is incorrect as W is not a ventricle

Question Number	Answer		Mark
5 (a)(ii)	A description that makes reference to the following.		2
	 X / pulmonary artery, has lower oxygen / is deoxygenated / eq (1) 	Allow Y / aorta, has higher oxygen / is oxygenated	
	 X / pulmonary artery has higher carbon dioxide / eq (1) 	Allow Y / aorta, has lower carbon dioxide	

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(b)(i)	• 89 (2)	Allow any number of correct decimal places e.g. 89.0909, 89.1 Allow 90	2
		One mark for 55 OR One mark for 75, 75.4, 75.38 etc. Correct answer gains both marks	



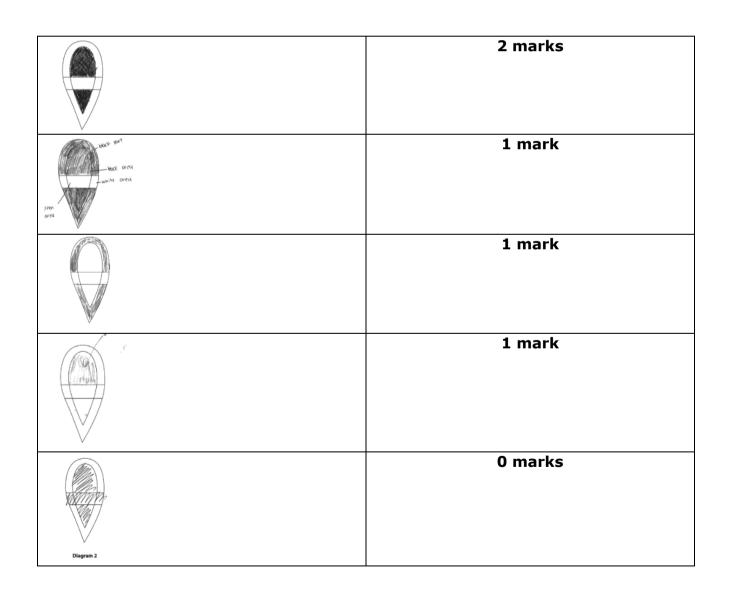
Question Number	Answer		Mark
5 (b)(iii)	An explanation that makes reference to four of the following.	Allow converse for untrained	4
	• (trained athlete) has lower heart rate /		
	heart rate returns to normal quicker /		
	eq (1)		
	(trained athlete) has larger heart /	Allow stronger heart	
	larger stroke volume / pumps more	Allow untrained has	
	blood / eq (1)	to pump faster to move same amount of blood / eq	
	• more / faster transport of, oxygen /	Allow untrained has to pump faster to	
	glucose pumped / more removal of	move same amount	
	carbon dioxide / heat / eq (1)	of oxygen / eq	
	• (more) (aerobic) respiration / ATP		
	production / energy / eq (1)		
	• (more) muscle <u>contraction</u> (1)		
	less anaerobic respiration / lactic acid		
	/ less <u>oxygen debt</u> / eq (1)	Fotal for Outstion E - 14	

⁽Total for Question 5 = 14 marks)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
6 (a)	An answer that makes reference to the following.	2
	$6CO_2 + 6H_2O \rightarrow C_6H_{12}O_6 + 6O_2(2)$ one mark if correct equation but incorrectly balanced	

Question Number	Answer		Mark
6(b)(i)	An answer that makes reference to the following.		1
	 destarch the leaves / remove starch eq (1) 	Allow so no starch present (in leaves) / so starch is used up / starch respired	

Question Number	Answer		Mark
6 (b)(ii)	An answer that makes reference to the following.		2
	 both green areas shaded and area with no green with no shading / eq (1) no shading in strip under paper / eq (1) 	Allow labelled areas if not shaded (black / orange / starch / no starch)	
		No mp2 if rest of leaf is blank	



Question Number	Answer		Mark
6 (c)	An answer that makes reference to six of the following.		6
	 C – (plant ivy in) shaded and unshaded area / different exposure to light / eq (1) 	Allow different light intensities / distances of	
	 O – same species / type / age / starting 	lamp	
	size of leaf / same plant / eq (1)		
	• R – repeat with multiple leaves / repeat /	Allow groups	
	eq (1)		
	 M1 – measure length / width / height / surface area / eq (of leaves) (1) 	Ignore size of leaves Allow measure size with a ruler / in mm / eq Allow volume	
	• M2 – grow ivy for same <u>stated</u> time (1)	Minimum time	
	• S1 - temperature / pests / humidity / plant	of one day	
	density / carbon dioxide / weather / time of		
	year / wind / eq (1)		
	• S2 – same water / minerals / soil /		
	nutrients / fertiliser / pH / eq (1)	for Oursting (11	

(Total for Question 6 = 11 marks)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
7 (a) (i)	The only correct answer is A	
	<i>B is incorrect as fertilisation does not occur in the ovary</i>	1
	<i>C</i> is incorrect as fertilisation does not occur in the uterus	
	<i>D</i> is incorrect as fertilisation does not occur in the vagina	

Question Number	Answer		Mark
7(a)(ii)	A description that makes reference to the following.		2
	 (oestrogen) repairs / thickens lining / thickens wall / eq (1) 	Allow builds up lining	
	 (progesterone) retains / maintains lining / vascularises endometrium / prevents menstruation / eq (1) 	Allow fall in progesterone causes lining to shed / causes menstruation Allow increase blood flow in lining	

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
7(b)(i)	A description that makes reference to the following.		2
	 fusion of nuclei / fusion of egg and sperm / zygote (forms) / eq (1) 		
	 mitosis / <u>cell division</u> / (to form an embryo) / eq (1) 	Reject meiosis	

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
Number			
7 (b) (ii)	An answer that makes reference to five of the following.	Allow age references for any	5
	number of (multiple births) has decreased / eq (1)	ages of >=37 for older women	
	constant / steady /eq, decrease, (in multiple births)		
	until 2007 / 2008 / 2009 / before		
	recommendations / eq (1)		
	• (steep) decrease / since 2007 / 2008 / 2009 / since	MP3 also gets MP1	
	recommendations / eq (1)		
	(so) less risk to health / multiple births increase	Allow recommendations	
	health risks / eq (1)	have made it safer / multiple births are	
	• (repeated IVF) is expensive / stressful / eq (1)	dangerous	
	 IVF success rate / fertility decreases with age / eq (1) 	Allow older women have low(er) success rate / young(er) women have high success rate	
	• (older women have lower success rate) so better to	Allow restricting number of embryos	
	use more than one embryo / eq (1)	for younger women has less effect on success / eq	
	no information on sample sizes / only one country /	Allow cannot be generalised / needs	
	only UK data / eq (1)	to be researched in other countries / eq	
	• reliable as data is for a long period of time / eq (1)		
	(could be affected by) other health issues / diet /	Allow no information about	
	genetics / sperm / eq (1)	health issues / eq	
	(Total	for Question 7 = 10 n	narks)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
8(a)(i)	The only correct answer is C (Y)	
	A is incorrect as T is combustion	1
	<i>B is incorrect as X is consumption</i>	
	<i>D is incorrect as Z is death</i>	

Question Number	Answer	Mark
8 (a)(ii)	 photosynthesis (1) 	1

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8 (b) (i)	• CFCs / water (vapour) / eq (1)	Allow fluorinated gases e.g. hydrofluorocarbons (HFC), perfluorocarbons (PFC), sulphur hexafluoride	1

Question Number	Answer	Additional	Mark
8 (b)(ii)	An answer that makes reference to five of the following.	guidance Allow traps / absorbs heat for GWP	5
	• carbon dioxide (poses the greatest risk) (1)	If just quoting	
	• carbon dioxide is released in high(est) amounts	numbers, they need to be qualified e.g.	
	/ eq (1)	ONLY 1 (GWP)	
	carbon dioxide is produced by many human	Allow cement / vehicles /	
	activities / fossil fuel use / eq (1)	deforestation / eq	
	• carbon dioxide stays for long(est) time / eq (1)		
	carbon dioxide has low(est) global warming		
	potential / GWP / eq (1)		
	• methane has a high(er) GWP than carbon		
	dioxide / has middle GWP <u>BUT</u> low(er) amount /		
	second highest amount, released / more		
	released than nitrous oxide / eq (1)		
	 methane has a high(er) GWP than carbon 		
	dioxide / has middle GWP BUT methane does		
	not last long / stays least time / eq (1)		
	 nitrous oxide has high(est) GWP <u>BUT</u> has 		
	low(est) percentage released / eq (1)		
	• nitrous oxide has high(est) GWP <u>BUT</u> stays less	Allow highest GWP <u>BUT</u> stays	
	time than carbon dioxide / stays for a medium	longer than methane	
	amount of time / eq (1)		

(Total for Question 8 = 8 marks)

Question Number	Answer		Mark
9(a)(i)	An answer that makes reference to the following.		1
	 (transfer of) genes / alleles / DNA between different <u>species</u> (1) 	Allow (organism) with gene / allele / DNA from different <u>species</u>	
		Ignore genetic modification alone	
		Ignore organism	

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
9 (a)(ii)	 An answer that makes reference to two of the following. (herbicides) kills / removes, weeds but not crops / eq (1) less competition / eq (1) so increased yield / more (crop) growth / eq (1) no need to remove weeds by hand / eq (1) 	Allow (herbicide) <u>only</u> affects / kills, weeds / unwanted plants	2

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
9 (b) (i)	• RR, Rr, (rR) (1)	Reject if rr included Allow other letters but not two different letters Allow 'homozygous dominant and heterozygous'	1

Question Number	Answer		Mark
9 (b)(ii)	An answer that makes reference to the following.		3
	• parents as Rr and rr (1)	Allow other letters but not two different	
	•gametes as R or r and r (or r) (1)	letters	
	 genotypes and stated phenotypes of Rr 		
	and rr AND non-resistant and resistant (1)		
		ECF for one mark only for gametes	
		Allow all marks from Punnett square	

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
9 (b)(iii)	• 0.5 / ½ / 50 % (1)	Allow 2/4	1

Question Number	Answer		Mark
9 (b)(iv)	An explanation that makes reference to four of the following.		4
	• mutation (produces resistance) / eq (1)		
	(produces) variation (1)		
	• (weeds with gene) survive / eq (1)	Allow converse Allow correct ref to selection pressure / selective advantage	
	 reproduce / pollinate / eq (1) 		
	 pass on the allele / gene / mutation / eq (1) 	Allow pass on allele to next generation for mp4 and mp5	

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
9 (b)(v)	 An explanation that makes reference to two of the following. dominant alleles always expressed / 	Allow recessive	2
	expressed in heterozygotes OR recessive alleles only expressed when homozygous / not expressed in heterozygotes / eq (1)	alleles are not always shown (in phenotype)	
	 if resistance is recessive, only homozygous (recessive) plants survive / no heterozygous plants survive / eq (1) 	Allow no plants with dominant alleles survive	
	 if resistance is dominant, heterozygous plants survive / eq (1) 	Allow some plants carrying recessive alleles will survive / carriers survive	
	 (when resistance is dominant) if two heterozygotes breed, non-resistant weeds produced / some homozygous recessive plants produced / eq (1) 	Allow carriers for heterozygotes Allow both parents can pass on a recessive allele	

(Total for Question 9 = 14 marks)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
10 (a)(i)	• iris (1)	1

Question Number	Answer		Mark
10 (a)(ii)	A description that makes reference to three of the following.		3
	• X / ciliary muscle, contracts (1)		
	• Y / suspensory ligaments go slack /	Ignore relax Ignore suspensory	
	loosen / eq (1)	muscle	
	lens becomes thicker / more spherical	Allow fatter / more rounded /	
	/ more convex / eq (1)	bulges	
	 so (lens) refracts light more / bends 		
	light more / eq (1)		

Question Number	Answer		Mark
10 (b)(i)	 A description that makes reference to two of the following. less light can pass through / refraction affected / eq (1) 	Allow cannot focus well / bend light Allow stops light getting into eye	2
	 to retina / fovea / rods / cones / photoreceptors (1) so fewer <u>impulses</u> (to brain) (1) 		

Question Number	Answer		Mark
10 (b)(ii)	An answer that makes reference to four of the following.		4
	 numbers increase as exposure to sunlight increases / eq (1) 	Allow more sunlight increases chance of cataracts Allow percentage of cases increases	
	• groups sizes are different / eq (1)	Allow number of people vary / increase	
	 credit calculation of proportions / percentages (1) 	SunlightPercentage72.081.992.0101.6113.2126.5	
	 the <u>proportion / percentage</u> of cases fluctuates / does not change (much) between 7 and 10 (hrs) / eq (1) 	Allow no / little effect between 7 – 10 (hrs) / 10 (hrs) is lower than 7 / 8 / 9 (hrs)	
	 <u>proportion / percentage</u>, rises after 10 (hrs) / 11 (hrs) / 12 (hrs) (1) 	Allow (proportion of) cases only increases after 10 / 11 (hrs)	
	 the large number of people makes it reliable OR (less reliable as) only one country / no information on location / climate / eq (1) 	Allow reliable / valid as it is a long survey / lasts 25 years Allow other countries / regions should be investigated	
	 age / sex / health status / genetics / diet / clothing / sunglasses / could affect the results / eq (1) 	Allow other correct, relevant factors	

⁽Total for Question 10 = 10 marks)

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