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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 | Additional Guidance | Mark |
|--------------------|---|---|------|
| 1(a) | A description that contains five of the following: | | |
| | pondweed set up with suitable apparatus to collect gas (1) | Accept diagram of apparatus | |
| | use of at least two filters of {different / named} colours or one (coloured) filter and white light (1) | Accept named wavelengths (instead of colours) eg in the range 480 – 750nm | |
| | • sodium hydrogen carbonate added (in excess) (1) | | |
| | • give pondweed time to acclimatise (1) | | |
| | • volume of gas collected in stated time (1) | eg 3-30 minutes | |
| | • identification and control of one variable (1) | eg. temperature – eg use a heat shield pH – buffer length of pondweed – measure | |
| | • repeats and calculate means (to compare) (1) | light intensity – bulb at fixed distance / wattage | (5) |

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| 1(b) | An explanation that includes three of the following: | | |
| | • (grana formed from) stacks of membrane (1) | | |
| | therefore providing large surface area (for photosystems / enzymes) (1) | | |
| | containing {pigments / named pigments} to absorb light (1) | Accept pigments releasing excited electrons | |
| | containing {enzymes / named enzymes} (for light dependent reactions) (1) | Accept containing {electron carriers / electron transport chain} | |
| | | Accept enzymes providing {materials / named materials} | |
| | | for the light independent reactions. | (3) |

(Total for Question 1 = 8 marks)

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| 2(a)(i) | An answer that includes: | | |
| | 22.5 breaths per minute (1) | Accept 21 / 24 breaths per minute | (1) |

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| 2(a)(ii) | An answer including the following: | | |
| | • estimation of tidal volume (1) | Accept a value in the range 0.6 – 0.75 | |
| | • estimation of respiratory minute ventilation (1) | Accept a value in the range 13.2 – 18.0 (Allow ecf) | |
| | | Correct answer with no working gains full marks | (2) |

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| 2(a)(iii) | An e | explanation including two of the following: | | |
| | • | more oxygen is needed for increased (aerobic) respiration (1) | Accept more oxygen needed for {conversion of lactic acid to pyruvate / oxidation of lactate} | |
| | • | because {muscles / muscle cells} need more {ATP / energy} (for contraction) (1) | | |
| | • | because more carbon dioxide ({is being produced by respiration / must be removed}) (1) | | (2) |

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| 2(b)(i) | An answer including one abiotic and one biotic factor: Abiotic (1) (room) temperature humidity altitude | Accept oxygen concentration carbon dioxide concentration | |
| | Biotic (1) {age / sex} of participant {health / fitness level} of participant lung capacity {intensity / duration} of exercise | Accept BMI / smoking | (2) |

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| 2(b)(ii) | An answer that includes the following: variable with suitable control method described (1) | | |
| | results are not valid / description of expected effect on the dependent variable (1) | | (2) |

(Total for Question 2 = 9 marks)

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| 3(a) | An answer that includes the following:Suitable risk identified (1) | Any reasonable risk identified eg slips and trips, animal bites, harm from vegetation, allergies to plants, sunburn, danger from strangers, adverse weather | |
| | • Suitable control identified (1) | Any corresponding control identified eg suitable footwear, insect repellent, suitable clothing, sunscreen, do not work alone etc | (2) |

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| 3(b)(i) | An answer that includes the following: There is no (significant) correlation between the mean length of marram grass and position on the dune (1) | | (1) |

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| 3(b)(ii) | An answer that includes the following: | | |
| | • axes labelled including units, and linear scale (1) | Mean length (of leaves) /cm and position on dune /m | |
| | • data plotted correctly in scatter graph format (1) | Allow one plotting error | (2) |

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| 3(c)(i) | An answer that includes the following: | Example calc | ulation | |
| | • calculation of intermediate step (1) | Accept | $\Sigma d^2 = 8$ and n=7 | |
| | | OR | $\frac{6 \sum d^2}{n(n^2 - 1)} = 0.143 / 0.14$ | |
| | • calculation of r_s (1) | r _s = 0.857 / 0. | 86 | |
| | | Correct answ | er with no working gains full marks | (2) |

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| 3(c)(ii) | An explanation that includes two of the following: | | |
| | • correct critical value stated (1) | ie 0.786 | |
| | stated calculated value is greater than the stated critical value, therefore reject the null hypothesis (1) | Accept 0.857 > 0.786, so reject the null hypothesis for mp1 and 2 Accept stated calculated value is less than the stated critical value, therefore accept the null hypothesis | |
| | there is a (significant) correlation between position on dune and (mean) length of leaves (1) | Accept correct statement based on values given for bp2 Accept as the position on the dune increases the leaves are longer. | |
| | | Ignore any comment on variability of data | (2) |

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| 3(d) | An answer that includes three of the following: | | |
| | measure more plants at each position on dune (1) | Accept repeat investigation at a different place on dune ie another transect Accept repeat on different dunes Accept measure more than 10 plants (at each position on dune) | |
| | • measure plants at more heights on the dune (1) | Accept smaller intervals or to top of dune | |
| | • use of measuring tape instead of ruler (as some plants are more than one metre long) (1) | | |
| | suggestion of how to avoid bias when choosing plants or leaves to measure (1) | Accept eg random sampling / longest leaf on each plant / other relevant suggestion | (3) |

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| 3(e)(i) | An answer that includes:a suitable factor (1) | Accept pH / windspeed / soil moisture / soil humus content / salinity / mineral content / water availability | |
| | | | (1) |

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| 3(e)(ii) | A description that includes the following: | Allow ecf from 3e(i) | |
| | use of correct {equipment / method} (1) | Accept use of probe / meter if appropriate. Accept eg collection of soil sample, weighing, heating and reweighing | |
| | • standardisation (1) | eg sample {at known depth / meter at known height above dune surface} / sample for same time / sample at same time | |
| | • location of samples (1) | eg sample at {every / each} position on the dune / sample every 2 metres along transect | (3) |

(Total for question 3 = 16 marks)

| Question Number | Answer | Additional Guidance | Mark |
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| 4(a) | An answer that includes three of the following: | | |
| | find a suitable {concentration / volume} of pineapple juice (1) | Accept find a suitable range of concentrations Accept find a suitable method of making the pineapple juice Accept find storage time (of pineapple juice) which has an effect | |
| | • find a suitable timescale for growth of bacteria (1) | | |
| | find a suitable {temperature / pH} for {growth of bacteria / incubation / activity of enzyme} (1) | Accept identify suitable growth medium | |
| | • find a suitable way to count bacteria (1) | Accept find a suitable method for comparing growth (rate) | (3) |

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| 4(b) | An answer that includes eight of the following: | | |
| | • clear statement of the dependent variable (1) | Accept {number of bacteria / turbidity / absorbance} with ref to time | |
| | • method of producing pineapple juice (1) | | |
| | (use of nutrient broth) with and without pineapple juice (1) | Accept heated juice / water / sugar solution as a control Accept several concentrations of juice as long one is zero. Accept comparison of fresh and stored | |
| | • use of aseptic technique (1) | eg flaming neck of bottles, work near Bunsen burner etc | |
| | • samples taken at suitable intervals (1) | Accept bacteria counted at start and after suitable time | |
| | • suitable method for counting bacteria (1) | Accept {absorbance / transmission} with {colorimeter / datalogger} Accept serial dilution and plating | |
| | • method of calculation of growth rate (1) | | |
| | identify one variable to be controlled and description of how it is controlled (1) | Accept : temperature, pH, {age / variety / part / tissue} of pineapple, | |
| | • identify second variable to be controlled and description of how it is controlled (1) | {concentration / volume} of juice, {age / volume / concentration} of bacterial culture {composition / concentration / volume} of growth medium | |
| | repeats for each set up or repeat the whole investigation (1) | | (8) |

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| 4(c) | An answer that includes the following: | | |
| | • raw data table with headings and appropriate units, with means calculated from repeats (1) | Accept description of calculating mean | |
| | • graph with both labelled axes (1) | | |
| | • use of an appropriate statistical test (1) | | |
| | | | (3) |

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| 4(d) | An answer that includes three of the following: | | |
| | {clumping / uneven distribution} of bacteria makes it difficult to count (1) | Accept hard to add the same number of bacteria to each culture at the start | |
| | • factors related to colorimeter use (1) | Accept factors related to serial dilution and plating (1) | |
| | relevant named factor may affect growth (rate) of bacteria (1) | Ignore pH and temperature | |
| | second relevant named factor may affect growth (rate) of bacteria (1) | (Total for question 4 – 17 | (3) |

(Total for question 4 = 17 marks)

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