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Paper 2 (Theory), maximum raw mark 80

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Section A

- 1 (a) (i) photosynthesis; [1]
- (ii) starch stays inside cell / glucose can move R glucose used up;
does not lower water potential inside cell;
prevents water gain by cells;
correct ref. osmosis / diffusion; [2]
- (b) correct ref. active site;
substrate;
perfect fit / complementary shape / specificity;
products / named suitable product / small molecules;
products leave + active site / enzyme re-useable / unchanged; [3]
- (c) respiration;
root (cells / hairs);
increased uptake of ions;
by active transport;
ref. energy requirement of active transport;
(increased) chlorophyll production + magnesium;
(increased) photosynthesis (since more chlorophyll);
(increased) amino acid / protein production + nitrates; [4]
- [Total: 10]**
- 2 (a) ref. presence / absence hyphae / mycelium;
ref. reproduction by spores / sporangia / absence of spores / sporangia;
ref. cell wall composition;
ref prokaryote / eukaryote OR no true nucleus / true nuclei AW;
unicellular / multicellular;
reasonable size ref.;
vacuole / no vacuole; [3]
- (b) decay / decomposition / rot(ting) / putrefaction; [1]
- (c) (i) mitosis / mitotic /; [1]
- (ii) one parent;
same / no new combination of genes / alleles; [2]
- (d) oxygen / $6O_2$ + carbon dioxide / $6CO_2$ + water / $6H_2O$; [1]

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(e) (i) digestion / chemical breakdown qualified (increases);

correct ref. enzymes;

rate of reaction/respiration increases;

more / faster reproduction microorganism(s); [2]

(ii) (*any two from*)

drying, freezing, cooling, pickling, jamming, vacuum packing, chemical (preservatives) or any named, canning, radiation,;; [2]

[Total: 12]

3 (a) nucleus / chromosomes; [1]

(b) (i) Dd + Dd;

correctly shown gametes;

correctly drawn and completed punnett square or gamete linkage; [3]

(ii) phenotype ratio correctly expressed and identified (A. ratio / percentage / words); [1]

(c) duodenum / small intestine; [1]

(d) reduction in enzymes / pancreatic juice entering duodenum;

correct ref. to (reduced) bile action;

less digestion / emulsification AW;

especially of fats;

fewer molecules to absorb / less absorption qualified;

and use for assimilation into larger molecules;

used in growth;

ref. less fat stored /AW;

[4]

[Total: 10]

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- 4 (a) rays continue parallel until hit cornea;
 rays converge at cornea;
 rays converge at lens;
 meet before retina + continue to hit retina; [3]
- (b) (i) narrows / decreases in size or diameter / constricts (R contracts); [1]
- (ii) iris + muscles;
 circular + contract; [2]
- (c) (i) fast / rapid / quick;
 reaction / response + (to) stimulus;
 automatic / involuntary / no involvement of conscious thought AW; / cannot be controlled
 R no involvement of brain [2]
- (ii) too much light allowed to enter AW;
 damage to retina / rods / cones / light-sensitive cells; [2]
- [Total: 10]**

- 5 (a) B incisor;
 cutting / biting / nibbling R holding; [2]
- C molar (R pre-molar / wisdom);
 grinding / crushing / chewing R shearing; [2]
- (b) (i) carbon + hydrogen + oxygen (A C H O); [1]
- (ii) (person) E; [1]
 (more frequent meals) allows more sugar build up on teeth;
 no brushing to remove bacteria / sugar / plaque;
 more acid contact with teeth;
 ref. toothpaste is alkaline;
 ref no / less neutralisation of acid; [2]
- [Total: 8]**

[Total: 50]

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Section B

- 6 (a) transport sucrose / sugar / amino acids (R glucose / food);
in solution;
ref. direction of movement (A around the plant); [2]
- (b) osmosis;
through cell membrane;
of root hair;
ref. movement from cell to cell;
ref. movement through or between cell walls;
enters xylem;
transpiration pull / stream / capillarity / molecular cohesion / root pressure;
evaporation / ref. water vapour;
from mesophyll cells / into air spaces;
ref. water potential gradient;
diffusion;
through stomata; [8]
- [Total: 10]**
- 7 (a) (i) carries urine (R just urea) in male and female;
carries semen / sperms / gametes AW in male; [2]
- (ii) ref. size comparison;
ref. qualified numbers comparison;
ref. mobility comparison; [3]
- (b) (*advantages*)
only needs to be undergone once AW (e.g. less trouble);
high reliability / effectiveness AW; [2]
- (*disadvantages*)
does not protect against sexually transmitted diseases;
ref. risks of surgery / anaesthetic;
not a temporary solution;
difficult / expensive to reverse;
need access to medical services AW; [4 max]
- [Total: 10]**

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Section C

- 8 (a) ref. use of manures / compost;
prevent animal sewage entering water source;
prevention of run-off from fields;
any ref. controlled use of fertilizers / nitrates or other named;
example of control method (e.g. only on growing crops, not when rain forecast, no disposal of waste into water sources, use crop rotation);
use degradable pesticides;
use biological pest control;
grow crops genetically modified to be pest resistant; [5]

- (b) making (scarce) resources last longer;
paper + reduction in deforestation;
glass / metal + requires less energy than new production;
plastics + reduction in fossil fuel use;
reduces need for waste disposal / landfill;
ref. non-biodegradability of plastics / glass;

specific e.g. of reuse (as a method of recycling)
(carrier bags, glass bottles, paper, clothes);

ref. to composting / producing animal feed from food waste
+ a valid reason; [5]

[Total: 10]

- 9 (a) diaphragm + relaxes;
and moves up / assumes domed shape;
intercostal (if named must be external) muscles relax / internal intercostal muscles contract;
ribs move down / inwards;
volume of thorax / lungs / chest cavity decreases;
pressure in thorax increases; [5]

- (b) nitrogen unchanged (A percentage if given 78 – 80%);
(A. 79% in air breathed in + reduced percentage in air breathed out)
not used / produced (in the body / cells / metabolism);
oxygen reduces (A %s from 19 / 20 / 21% to 16% +/-);
carbon dioxide increases (A %s - from 0.03 / 0.04% to 4%);
correct ref. aerobic respiration / O₂ / CO₂ diffuse into / out of blood;

ref. water vapour comparison + explanation;
(R waste product of respiration)

ref. temperature comparison + explanation;

ref. comparison of cleanliness of air; [5]

[Total: 10]