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<b>;</b>	separates marking points
<b>/</b>	alternatives
<b>()</b>	contents of brackets are not required but should be implied
<b>R</b>	reject
<b>A</b>	accept (for answers correctly cued by the question, or guidance for examiners)
<b>Ig</b>	ignore (for incorrect but irrelevant responses)
<b>AW</b>	alternative wording (where responses vary more than usual)
<b>AVP</b>	alternative valid point (where a greater than usual variety of responses is expected)
<b>ORA</b>	or reverse argument
<b><u>underline</u></b>	actual word underlined must be used by candidate
<b>+</b>	statements on both sides of the + are needed for that mark

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1(a)	single-celled ; no nucleus / nucleus not membrane bound ; no organelles ; cell wall ; (cell wall) not cellulose ; cell membrane / cytoplasm ; flagella / flagellum ; DNA circular / loop <b>OR</b> plasmid / single chromosome ; smaller than animal / plant cells <b>OR</b> 1–2 $\mu\text{m}$ ;	<b>3</b>	
1(b)(i)	<u>chlorophyll</u> ;	<b>1</b>	
1(b)(ii)	carbon dioxide / $6\text{CO}_2$ + water / $6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ; glucose / $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6$ + oxygen / $6\text{O}_2$ ;	<b>2</b>	
1(c)	iron + haemoglobin / red blood cells ; prevent anaemia ; protein + growth / repair ; protein + (production of) enzymes / antibodies ; carbohydrates / glucose / starch / vitamins / ions ; reference to a component of balanced diet / dietary supplement <b>OR</b> to alleviate malnutrition / famine ;	<b>4</b>	
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>10</b>	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
2(a)	(A) petal ; (B) sepal ; (C) leaf / lamina / cuticle ; (D) vein / midrib / vascular (tissue) <b>OR</b> xylem + phloem ;	4	
2(b)	xylem ; to leaves / flower(s) ; between leaf cells ; surface of mesophyll cells ; (leaf) air spaces ; (through) stomata / guard cells ;	3	
2(c)(i)	6 ;	1	
2(c)(ii)	reduces / lower(s) <b>AW</b> ; less photosynthesis ; less water needed ; stomata / guard cells + open less / are closed ; less diffusion ; less evaporation / transpiration ;	3	
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>11</b>	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
3(a)	(X) liver ; (P) hepatic vein ; (Q) hepatic portal vein ; (R) hepatic artery ;	4	
3(b)	(P / vein has) wide(r) + lumen <b>AW</b> ; thin(ner) <u>wall</u> ; less <b>AW</b> + muscle / elastic (tissue) ; valves ;	3	<b>ORA</b> for all points
3(c)(i)	<u>hormone</u> ;	1	
3(c)(ii)	ovary ; uterus ; repairs / thickens (uterus) lining ;	3	
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>11</b>	

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4(a)(i)	section of / made of / piece of + DNA / chromosome ; controls production of <u>one</u> protein ; may be copied ; unit of inheritance / passed on to next generation ;	3	
4(a)(ii)	<u>mutation</u> ;	1	
4(b)	Tt + Tt ; t + t ; tt ; tt offspring clearly indicated as white ; 3 × labels on genetic diagram correct ;	5	A parent / offspring / gamete / genotype / phenotype
4(c)	<i>(unaffected by fur colour)</i> (controlled by) different gene(s) ;  <i>(unique to each individual)</i> alleles ; (as a result of) mutation(s) ; meiosis AW ; different combinations (of alleles) ; reference to some may be homozygous / heterozygous ; reference to codominance ;	1          2	
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>12</b>	

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<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>	<b>Marks</b>	<b>Guidance</b>
5	<i>(sexual only)</i> <b>H ;</b> <b>I ;</b> <b>J ;</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>R</b> letters in more than one box <b>lg</b> letters in incorrect box
	<i>(asexual only)</i> <b>(E)</b> <b>G ;</b> <b>K ;</b>	<b>2</b>	
	<i>(both)</i> <b>F ;</b>	<b>1</b>	
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>6</b>	

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
6(a)	move mucus ; (containing) bacteria / pathogens / dust ; (moves) up / away from lungs <b>AW</b> ; prevent infection ;	<b>3</b>	
6(b)	reference to diffusion ;  (for) O <sub>2</sub> / CO <sub>2</sub> + exchange <b>AW</b> ;  alveolus / air sac ; large surface area ; one cell thick + wall ; moist <b>AW</b> / mucus ; (gases) to dissolve ;  capillary ; one cell thick + wall ; connect <b>AW</b> arteries + veins ; blood + moving ;  red blood cells / erythrocytes ; no nucleus ; biconcave ; contain haemoglobin ; live for 90 / 120 days <b>OR</b> 3 / 4 months ; carry oxygen ;  plasma ; carriage of carbon dioxide ;	<b>7</b>	
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>10</b>	



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<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>	<b>Marks</b>	<b>Guidance</b>
7(a)	<p><b>M</b> has clear area + <b>N</b> no clear area ;</p> <p><i>(for disc M)</i>  reference to (bacteria) killed around <b>M</b> / not killed around <b>N</b> ;  gene ;  mutation ;  resistant (to antibiotic) ;  (resistant) survive ;  (resistant) reproduce ;  pass on resistance to next generation / offspring ;</p> <p><i>(for disc N)</i>  antibiotic (solution) not strong / concentrated enough  <b>OR</b> incorrect antibiotic (for the bacteria) ;</p>	<b>6</b>	<b>ORA</b> for disc <b>N</b>
7(b)	<p>named example of (artificially selected) animal / plant ;  reason named example is economically important ;  reference to human / farmer <b>AW</b> ;  reference to breed together / cross breed <b>AW</b> ;  over several generations / repeated ;</p>	<b>4</b>	
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>10</b>	

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
8(a)	reference to shape difference + plant <b>and</b> animal cell <u>named</u> ;  <i>(plant cell)</i> cell wall ; nucleus pushed to outside / not towards centre ; vacuole ; chloroplast ; starch grains ;	4	ORA for animal cell
8(b)	<i>(xylem vessels)</i> (S) hollow / dead ; (S) strengthened / lignification ; (S) extend from root to stem / leaves ; (S) narrow / tubes ; (F) conduction / transport ; (F) capillarity ; (F) of water ; (F) of ions ; (F) support ;	3	each section must refer to at least <b>one</b> structure (S) marking point and <b>one</b> function (F) marking point to score maximum 3 marks
	<i>(red blood cells)</i> (S) haemoglobin ; (S) no nucleus ; (S) biconcave ; (S) able to change shape <b>AW</b> ; (S) increased / large + surface area ; (F) squeeze <b>AW</b> through + capillaries ; (F) absorption / transport of oxygen ;	3	
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>10</b>	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
9(a)	glucose + required for both ;  complete or incomplete breakdown (of glucose) ; ref. oxygen requirement ; amount of energy released ;	3	<b>A</b> each point <b>only</b> if linked to <b>either</b> 'aerobic' <b>or</b> 'anaerobic' respiration
9(b)	glucose + required for both ;  reference to oxygen debt <b>AW</b> ; lactic acid ; carbon dioxide ; alcohol / ethanol ;	3	<b>A</b> each point <b>only</b> if linked to <b>either</b> 'muscles <b>or</b> 'yeast'
9(c)	movement of particles / molecules / named molecule ; concentration gradient ; membrane requirement ; living cell requirement ; energy requirement ; (energy from) respiration ; correct example ;	4	<b>A</b> each point <b>only</b> if linked to <b>either</b> 'diffusion' <b>or</b> 'active transport'
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>10</b>	