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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.

General Information

The following symbols are used in the mark schemes for all questions:

Symbol	Meaning of symbol
; semi colon	Indicates the end of a marking point
Eq	Indicates that credit should be given for other correct alternatives to a word or statement, as discussed in the Standardisation meeting
/ oblique	Words or phrases separated by an oblique are alternatives to each other
{} curly brackets	Indicate the beginning and end of a list of alternatives (separated by obliques) where necessary to avoid confusion
() round brackets	Words inside round brackets are to aid understanding of the marking point but are not required to award the point
[] square brackets	Words inside square brackets are instructions or guidance for examiners
[CE] or [TE]	Consecutive error / transferred error

Crossed out work

If a candidate has crossed out an answer and written new text, the crossed out work can be ignored. If the candidate has crossed out work but written no new text, the crossed out work for that question or part question should be marked, as far as it is possible to do so.

Spelling and clarity

In general, an error made in an early part of a question is penalised when it occurs but not subsequently. The candidate is penalised once only and can gain credit in later parts of the question by correct reasoning from the earlier incorrect answer.

No marks are awarded specifically for quality of language in the written papers, except for the essays in the synoptic paper. Use of English is however taken into account as follows:

- the spelling of technical terms must be sufficiently correct for the answer to be unambiguous
 - e.g. for amylase, 'ammalase' is acceptable whereas 'amylose' is not
 - e.g. for glycogen, 'glicojen' is acceptable whereas 'glucagen' is not
 - e.g. for ileum, 'illeum' is acceptable whereas 'ilium' is not
 - e.g. for mitosis, 'mytosis' is acceptable whereas 'meitosis' is not
- candidates must make their meaning clear to the examiner to gain the mark.
- a correct statement that is contradicted by an incorrect statement in the same part of an answer gains no mark – irrelevant material should be ignored

Question Number	Answer	Comment	Mark
1(a)(i)	 reference to {death / killing / destroying / eq } (of bacteria cells); 	1. I gnore ref to stopping growth	
	2. idea that {bacteria / cells} burst;	2. Accept lysis, loss of osmotic control	(2)

Question Number	Answer	Comment	Mark
1(a)(ii)	 reference to cells cannot {reproduce / increase in number / produce new cells / multiply / replicate / eq}; 	1. Not {killed / destroyed /eq} Not the idea that a cell cannot grow	
	2. idea of no (cell) division;	2. Accept no binary fission	(2)

Question	Answer	Comment	Mark
Number			
1(b)(i)			
	1. (A and C resistant as) no {clear zone / zone of inhibition / eq} around A and C;	1. Accept a clear description of this area around the disc	
	2. idea that {clear zone / eq} indicates where antibiotic {inhibits growth / kills bacteria / eq};	2. Accept converse	
	3. {clear zone / eq} around B {smaller/ eq} than clear zone around D;	3. Accept converse	
	4. idea of {size / diameter / width /eq} of clear zone indicates {effectiveness / eq};	4. Not idea that more bacteria are killed unless supported with a ref to concentration	
	[check diagram for appropriate labels]		(3)

Question	Answer	Mark
Number		
1(b)(ii)	C reliability;	(1)

Question	Answer	Mark
Number		
1(b)(iii)	D validity;	(1)

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Question	Answer	Comment	Mark
Number			
1(c)	 reference to hospitals {having / changing / eq } a {code of practice / protocol / policy / standards / eq} (for dealing with hospital acquired infections); idea of clothing rules for 	Allow references to pillows for pillow cases throughout	
	hospital workers; 3. reference to improved laundry of bed linen e.g. {increased frequency / higher washing temperature / eq}; 4. reference to use of special {pillow cases / treatment of pillow cases} e.g. microfilters, treated with antibacterials, sterilisation, disposable pillow cases;	3. Allow pillow cases should be washed daily	
	 5. reference to use of special procedures when carrying {pillow cases / bed linen} to laundry e.g. sealed plastic bags; 6. screening of patients / isolation of infected patients / eq; 		
	7. idea of hand washing regimes / eq ;	7. Allow hands should always be washed	(3)

Question	Answer	Mark
Number		
2(a)(i)	C T helper cells ;	(1)

Question	Answer	Mark
Number		
2(a)(ii)	D reverse transcriptase ;	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Comment	Mark
2(b)(i)	 reference to glycoprotein; credit detail of structure e.g. specific (3D) shape, L and H regions, Y-shape, 4 (peptide) chains, disulphide bridges between peptides, hinge region; 	 Accept protein, chains of amino acids Ignore active site Accept a Y-shaped drawing 	
	3. reference to {antigen-binding site / variable region / Fab (region) / eq };4. idea of antibodies have a	3. Accept ref to {binding to specific antigen / antigen-specific / antigen receptors}	
	{similar / constant / Fc / eq } region;		
	5. produced by plasma cells / present on B cells ;	5. Accept present on B effector cells	
	fole of antibody described e.g. opsonisation, immobilisation, agglutination, lysis;		(2)

Question Number	Answer	Comment	Mark
2*(b)(ii)	(QWC – answer must be organised in a clear, logical sequence) 1. reference to artificial (active) immunity;	Mps are awarded if the statements are clearly expressed	
	2. reference to {vaccine / vaccination };		
	 containing { synthetic molecule / (synthetic) antigen / (synthetic) glycoprotein }; 		
	 ref to stimulation of the {specific / humoral} immune response (to the synthetic antigen); 		
	5. credit detail of process of producing effector B cells e.g. clonal expansion of B cells, involvement of cytokines, T helper cells activate B cells;	5. I gnore references to production of activated T killer cells	
	6. reference to (production of B) memory cells ;	6. I gnore references to production of T memory cells	
	 idea that (2G12) antibodies are produced {faster / in greater concentration} on {reinfection / eq}; 	7. Accept ref to secondary immune response	(5)

Question Number	Answer	Comment	Mark
2(c)	idea that HIV infection does not always produce symptoms;		
	2. reference to {provirus / latency };	2. Accept virus is dormant	
	 reference to test needed to detect (symptomless) HIV; 		
	 idea that only people who suspect they may have contracted HIV would have a test; 		
	5. idea that {some people would not want to be tested / impossible to test everyone};		
	6. idea that symptoms are common to other diseases;		
	7. {new cases arising/ patients dying} all the time / eq;		
	8. idea of new strains of virus arising;		(2)

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Question Number	Answer	Comment	Mark
3(a)(i)	 reference to {polymerase chain reaction / PCR}; 	1. Accept as a ref to PCR machine	
	 polymerase (enzyme) {added / eq}; 		
	 idea of need for primers and nucleotides; 	3. Piece together	
	4. {90-98} (°C) → {50-65} (°C) → {70-75} (°C);	4. Piece together	
	5. idea that cycle needs to be repeated {several times / to make several copies of DNA / eq};	5. Not 'repeated' without qualification	(4)

Question Number	Answer	Comment	Mark
3(a)(ii)	(DNA) {profiling / fingerprinting / (gel) electrophoresis};	Not electrolysis I gnore Southern blotting, PCR Accept DNA profile / DNA fingerprint	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Comment	Mark
3(b)	 idea of work appearing in a (Scientific) journal or being presented at a conference; idea that validity or reliability is considered; 	1. Accept publishing a paper, scientific meeting	
	by other scientists / ref to peer review;		(2)

Question Number	Answer	Comment	Mark
3(c)(i)	 reference to different {conditions / environments /eq} (in each region); 	1. Accept appropriate named factor e.g. temperature	
	idea of different selection pressures ;		
	idea of {restricted gene flow / separate gene pools};	3. I gnore different allele frequency	
	4. reference to reproductive isolation;	4. Not if reference made to fertile offspring	(2)

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Question Number	Answer	Comment	Mark
3(c)(ii)	 idea of different {alleles/ gene pool}; 	1. I gnore allele frequency	
	idea that this leads to { new / different} phenotypes;	2. Accept traits / characteristics / features	
	idea of new {allele / gene} can be {advantage / disadvantage};		
	 reference to (advantageous) {(mutated) gene / (new) allele} passed onto offspring; 		(2)

Question Number	Answe	er -	Comment	Mark
4(a)	1.	reference to increase in {metabolic rate / enzyme activity / eq} as temperature rises;	1. Accept converse argument for mp 1 – 3	
	2.	reference to increase in {kinetic / eq} energy of molecules (as temperature rises) / eq;	2. Accept movement	
	3.	reference to increase in {enzyme- substrate complexes / energy of collisions / eq} (as temperature rises);		
	4.	idea of {inactivation at lower temperatures/ denaturation at higher temperatures} of enzymes ;	4.Accept the idea that enzyme-substrate complexes cannot be made if denaturing	
	5.	<pre>idea that temperature affects {differentiation / growth /division / eq};</pre>	5. Do not accept a ref to development on its own (as in stem of question)	(3)

Question Number	Answer	Comment	Mark
4(b)	 idea that temperature affects {survival / development / growth / metabolism / cell division / eq}; 		
	 idea that enzymes affect {development / growth / metabolism / cell division/ eq}; 		
	idea that temperature affects enzymes;		
	4. idea that different frogs have different enzymes;		(2)

Question	Answer	Comment	Mark
Number			
4(c)	sylvatica, pipiens, palustris, clamitans;;	if order correct but reversed = 1 mark	
			(2)

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Question	Answer	Comment	Mark
Number			
4(d)	idea that different species are reproductively isolated;	1. Not with a ref to infertile offspring	
	idea of different breeding {times / seasons / eq};		
	 idea of different {breeding / courtship / eq} {behaviour / rituals / displays / colour / songs / croaks / eq}; 	3. Accept idea of incompatible {genitalia / gametes}	
	4. idea that population at {northerly / southerly} limit of range may not develop (to adulthood);		
	5. idea that breeding between different species results in infertile offspring;		(3)

Question	Answer	Comment	Mark
Number			
4(e)	idea that global warming will increase the temperature (at the latitudes);		
	 idea that temperatures (at these latitudes) may become too high for any of the species; 	2.Accept become extinct	
	 idea that new temperature may be above the maximum to complete development or above the upper lethal limit; 		
	 idea that species move { north / to cooler regions / eq}; 		
	ref to change in {food source / predators / competition / eq};		(3)

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Question Number	Answer	Comment	Mark
5(a)	 idea that products of light- dependent stage are {needed for / used in / eq} {light-independent stage / Calvin cycle}; 		
	 reference to (products of light- dependent stage) are {reduced NADP / eq} and ATP; 	2. Piece together	
	3. reference to use of {reduced NADP / eq} for {reduction / eq} of {carbon dioxide / GP / eq};	3. Accept source of hydrogen ions for GALP Ignore ref to ATP	
	4. reference to use of ATP as source of energy;		(3)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
5(b)(i)	D volume of oxygen produced ;	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Comment	Mark
5(b)(ii)	 (minimum temperature) is {between 0 °C and 10 °C / above 0 °C but less than 10 / 10 °C}; idea of no photosynthesis at 0°C but photosynthesis is taking place at 10 °C; 		
	 3. reference to no {data / readings / measurements / evidence / eq} between 0 °C and 10 °C; 4. idea that at 0 °C water is frozen; 	3 Accept if correct temp range has been given already	(2)

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Question Number	Answer	Comment	Mark
5(b)(iii)	 reference to abiotic factors { are non-living / non-biological / do not involve organisms / eq}; 	1. Not if a wrong example is given	
	idea that other factors need to be kept constant;	2. I gnore controlled	(2)

Question Number	Answer	Comment	Mark
5(b)(iv)	Supporting conclusion:		
	idea that shape of graph is typical of an enzyme-temperature graph ; 2 rate increases (up to 20.90)	1. idea that rate of photosynthesis is affected by temperature in a similar way to enzymes	
	 rate increases (up to 30 °C) because more {enzyme-substrate complexes / collisions between enzymes and substrates} / eq; 		
	3. rate decreases (after 30°C) due to enzyme denaturation / eq ;	3. Not enzyme dies, starts to denature	
	Not supporting conclusion:		
	idea that other factors could be affecting photosynthesis;		
	 idea of {gas / oxygen / carbon dioxide} solubility changing with temperature; 		
	6. idea of {correlation / not causation}:		(4)

Question	Answer	Comment	Mark
Number			
6(a)(i)	 idea of (a sequence of) changes in {a community / organisms / species / plants}; 	1. Accept the idea of species replacing or succeeding each other	
	over a period of time / eq ;	2. Accept gradually	(2)

Question Number	Answer	Comment	Mark
6(a)(ii)	 idea of final {stage / sere / community}; feature of community described 	 Accept at the end of succession Ignore named example 	
	e.g. self-sustaining, stable, one dominant species, a few codominant species;		(2)

Question Number	Answer	Comment	Mark
6(b)(i)	 idea of conservation of {genetic diversity / genetic variation / biodiversity}; 	1. Accept gene pool	
	2. idea of extinction;		
	3. idea of aesthetic reasons;		
	 idea that these plants may be useful e.g. as medicines; 	5. Accept part of a food chain	
	5. idea that other animals depend on these plants as a {source of food / habitat};	Ignore survival	(2)

Question Number	Answer	Comment	Mark
6(b)(ii)	grazing / remove saplings / mowing / eq;	Accept burning	(1)

Question	Answer	Mark
Number		
6(c)(i)	C systematic;	(1)

Question	Answer	Comment	Mark
Number 6(c)(ii)	1. comparison (of the value) to the critical value indicates no significance / stronger correlation the nearer the value is to 1.0 /	1. I gnore plus and minus numbers	
	0.565 is too low / eq;2. idea that sample size too small;	2. Accept not enough data	
	 idea that {there is no correlation between height and width / other factors affect height / other factors affect width / eq}; 		
	·		(2)

Question Number	Answer	Comment	Mark
7(a)	 idea of less {stress / trauma / discomfort / depressed /eq} (for the animals); 	Accept converse argument throughout	
	idea that animals are more likely to breed in natural environment;		
	 idea that animals may require large areas ; 		
	 idea that problems of releasing animals back into the wild is avoided eg habituation; 		
	5. idea that {disease is less likely / disease will not wipe out population};		
	6. idea of allowing (natural) {interspecific relationships / communities} to exist;	6. Accept ref to maintaining their niche	
	7. idea of allowing (natural) {intraspecific relationships / family / social / eq} {structure/ behaviour};		
	8. (because) large numbers of animals needed / wider gene pool / eq;		
	 idea that (natural) {diet / food / eq} available; 		(3)

Question Number	Answer	Comment	Mark
7*(b)	(QWC- Spelling of technical terms (in italics) must be correct) 1. reference to succession; 2. reference to (forensic) entomology;	Penalise spelling once 1. Accept in context of either insects or decomposition	
	 3. example of {insect / eq} e.g. fly, beetle, wasp; 4. idea that the {types / species / life cycle stages} (of insects) are used; 	3. Named insect must be spelt correctly	
	5. reference to { decomposition / decay / eq};		
	6. idea that there are different stages of { decomposition / decay / eq};	6. Accept if 2 or more stages listed	
	7. detail of { decomposition / decay / eq} e.g. production of gases, liquefaction of tissue, bloating, discolouration;		
	8. reference to rate of { succession / insect development / decomposition} influenced by { external factor / appropriate named factor};	8. Named factor must be spelt correctly	
	 idea that insect and decomposition information is used to determine time of death; 		
			(5)

Question Number	Answer	Comment	Mark
8(a)(ii)	reference to (lysozyme) is an enzyme;	Accept lysosome in this context	
	idea that {proteins / active sites / enzymes} have a specific shape;		
	3. idea that lysozyme acts on cell wall		
	4. of bacteria ;		(4)

Question Number	Answer	Comment	Mark
8(b)(i)	 reference to histamine released as a result of damaged { tissue / cells}; 		
	2. (histamine released from) {basophils / mast cells / platelets}	2. Accept white blood cells, macrophages and neutrophils	
	 detail of effect of histamine e.g arterioles dilate, vasodilation, increased blood flow, capillaries more permeable; 		
	 named effect of inflammation e.g. {oedema / swelling /redness / heat / pain / eq}; 	4. Accept raises temperature	(3)

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Question	Answer	Comment	Mark	
Number				
8(b)(ii)	 idea of (only) {a local reaction produced / histamines produced around bite area}; 	2-6 Accept converse		
	idea that cream { has been applied to actual site of production of histamine };	2 o noocht converse		
	 idea of {effect / treatment / relief / eq} {more rapid / immediate / eq}; 			
	 idea of higher concentration of antihistamine at site; 			
	5. idea that the antihistamines will not be {digested (by enzymes) / destroyed (by acid / enzymes) / eq};			
	 idea that tablets may lower immune response generally / lead to side-effects; 		(3)	

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