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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)	D - thylakoid membrane	
	The only correct answer is D	
	A is not correct because the matrix is in the mitochondria	
	B is not correct because electron transport occurs in the thylakoid membrane	
	C is not correct because electron transport occurs in the thylakoid membrane	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1(a)(ii)	 idea of moving protons (through the thylakoid membrane) into thylakoid space ; idea of protons moving through ATP synthase channel (back into stroma) {releases energy to make ATP / produces reduced NADP / eq} ; 	1 ACCEPT results in accumulation of protons in thylakoid space	
	3. (ATP / reduced NADP used) for conversion of GP into GALP / eq ;		(2)

Question	Answer	Mark
Number		
1(a)(III)	C - 30 °C to 40 °C	
	The only correct answer is C	
	A is not correct because the optimum temperature lies between 30 °C to 40 °C	
	B is not correct because the optimum temperature lies between 30 °C to 40 °C	
	D is not correct because the optimum temperature lies between 30 °C to 40 °C	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1(b)(i)	1. to act as a catalyst ;	1 ACCEPT lowers activation energy	
	 Carbon fixation / eq ; (so that) {GP / 6C intermediate} is formed ; 	2 ACCEPT CO_2 binding to RuBP / CO_2 reacting with RuBP	
			(3

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1(b)(ii)	 (µmol) {concentration / mass} of {product made / named product made}; 	1 e.g. 6C intermediate, GP, GALP, glucose, oxygen ACCEPT {substrate used / named substrate used} e.g RuBP, CO ₂ ALLOW volume of CO ₂ /	
	2. (m ⁻²) leaf area ;	oxygen IGNORE amount 2 ACCEPT description of how this could be done e.g. draw round leaf and count squares and convert into m ²	
	3. (s^{-1}) idea of time being measured ;	IGNORE chloroplast	
	 (mean) adding together the data and dividing by the number of results / eq ; 	3 ACCEPT stated period of time of at least 10 seconds	
	5. idea of measuring initial rate (of reaction);		(3)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1(c)	 RUBISCO data are reliable as a mean has been calculated / eq; 	1 ACCEPT investigation has been repeated at each temperature	
	2. (RUBISCO data are) reliable as {error bars / eq} / eq ;	2 ACCEPT reliable at {10°C / 40°C / 50°C} as {no overlap / small error bars}	
	 idea that (RUBISCO data are) not reliable as overlapping error bars ; 	3 ACCEPT not reliable as long error bar at 30°C	
	 electron transport data may not be reliable as a mean has not been calculated / eq ; 		
	(electron transport data) may not be reliable as there are no {error bars / eq} / eq;		(3)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
Number			
*2(a)	QWC – Spelling of technical terms must be correct and the answer must be organised in a logical sequence	QWC emphasis on clarity of expression	
	Inflammation:		
	1. {increased blood flow / eq} to the (infected) area ;	1 ACCEPT vasodilation (of arteries) / eq	
	 carrying {phagocytes / white blood cells / named white blood cell}; 	2 IGNORE macrophage	
	Interferon:		
	3. binds to (uninfected host) cells / eq ;		
	 prevents {infection by / attachment of / replication of / assembly of / multiplication of / eq} virus ; 	4 DO NOT ACCEPT growth, bacteria IGNORE pathogen	
	Phagocytosis:		
	5. to engulf {bacteria / virus / pathogen} / eq ;	5 ACCEPT antigen	
	 so that {bacteria / virus / pathogen / antigen} can be {destroyed / digested / eq }; 	6 ACCEPT kills but DO NOT ACCEPT kills {viruses /antigen}	
	7. by enzymes / eq ;		
	 idea that after phagocytosis the macrophage can present antigen ; 		(6)

Question	Answer	Mark
Number		
2(0)(1)	B - glycosidic	
	The only correct answer is B	
	A is not correct because it is not a bond between a fatty acid and a glycerol	
	C is not correct because it is not a bond between two amino acids	
	D is not correct because it is not a bond between a phosphate group and a pentose sugar	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
2(b)(ii)	water / H_2O		(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
2(b)(iii)	 viruses surrounded by {envelope / protein coat / capsid / eq}; so these bonds are not present ; 	 1 ACCEPT viruses do not have {a cell wall / these molecules} 2 ACCEPT outside of virus does not fit active site of the enzyme IGNORE named bonds 	(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3(a)(i)	1. GPP = 1680 and R = 960 ;	NB Units not required	
	2. NPP = 1680 - 960 = 720 ;	2 CE applies if calculation has used both values for GPP and R and includes either 1680 or 960 given	(2)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
Number			
3(a)(ii)			
	1. 65% of 720 (720 x 65 / 100) = 468 ;	1 CE applies from (a)(i)	
	2. 720 + 468 = 1188 ;	2 CE applies	(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3(b)	1. (overall) GPP is decreasing (with age) / eq ;		
	2. at a faster rate than R / eq ;	2 ACCEPT converse	
	more growth occurs in young trees / less growth in older trees / eq ;		
	idea that rate of photosynthesis decreases with age ;	4 ACCEPT description of photosynthesis	
	5. credit reason for photosynthesis decreasing ;	5 e.g. lower ratio of leaves : rest of tree in older trees, 'trunk is thickening but no more leaves', trees shade each other	
	6. idea that the mineral ions in the soil will be depleted ;		
	 R decreases because some of the trees are {not respiring / dead / eq}; 	7 DO NOT ACCEPT idea that trees are being removed from the area	(4)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3 (c)	 reforestation {increases / eq} photosynthesis ; 	1 ACCEPT more plants to photosynthesise	
	 more {trees / photosynthesis} removes carbon dioxide from the atmosphere ; 	NB 'more trees to photosynthesise so more carbon dioxide taken up' = mp 1+2	
	 idea that cars put more {carbon dioxide / carbon} into the atmosphere than trees can remove ; 	`more plants to photosynthesise and take up carbon dioxide' = mp 1+2	
	 idea that large {areas of forest / numbers of trees} would be needed to compensate for all the carbon dioxide being put into the atmosphere ; 		
	idea that there are more than just cars putting carbon dioxide into the atmosphere ;		
	 idea that land being used to grow trees may be needed for {housing / farming / eq}; 	5 ACCEPT an example e.g. respiration by animals	(4)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
*4	(QWC – Spelling of technical terms must be correct and the answer must be organised in a logical sequence)	QWC emphasis logical account	
	 idea that some would die (straightaway); because of {exhaustion / dehydration / lack of food on island / predation / disease / eq }; idea that (original) iguanas would breed together (population increased); 		
	 idea of mutations in {DNA / genes} occurring ; idea that conditions {on / within} Anguilla were different ; 	5 ACCEPT an appropriate example	
	 6. idea of different selection pressures ; 7. idea that most adapted iguanas {survived / reproduced / eq} passing alleles onto offspring ; 8. idea of reproductive isolation occurring (after time on Anguilla) ; 9. therefore new species of iguana could evolve ; 	 7 DO NOT ACCEPT genes / features / characteristics 8 ACCEPT a description e.g. different breeding seasons 9 ALLOW subspecies / speciation 	
	10.by natural selection ;		(6)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(a)(i)	 to provide protection to the newborn baby against {infection / pathogen / named pathogen / toxin }; 	1 ACCEPT disease provides (natural) passive immunity	
	 until (newborn baby's) own immune system develops / eq ; 	2 ACCEPT idea that a newborn baby's immune system is {not developed / weak}	(2)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
5(a)(ii)	D - natural passive	
	The only correct answer is D	
	A is not correct because antibodies passed on from the mother is natural	
	B is not correct because antibodies passed on from the mother is natural and passive	
	C is not correct because antibodies passed on from the mother is passive	(4)
		(1)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
Number			
5(a)(iii)	 to {bind / present (to themselves)} antigen ; 	1 ACCEPT act as antigen- presenting cells (to themselves)	
	2. B cells become plasma cells ;	NB Accept mp 2 and 3 in context of primary or secondary immune response	
	 (so that) antibody can be {produced / released / eq} (from plasma cells) ; 	3 ACCEPT idea that B cells are involved in the humoral (immune) response	
	 for {opsonisation / agglutination / antitoxin / eq }; 		
	5. B cells generate (B) memory cells ;		
	for long term immunity / rapid response on reinfection / eq;		
			(4)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(b)(i)	 substance / eq ; that stimulates {immune response / antibody production (by plasma cells) / eq} ; 	1 ACCEPT protein / chemical / molecule / appropriate named molecule / particle 2 ACCEPT { recognition / identification / eq} of {non-self / pathogen / eg}	(2)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
Number			
5(b)(ii)	 maternal antibodies will {bind to/ attach to / stick to / agglutinate / opsonise /eq} the {antigen / eq} (in the vaccine); 		
	 phagocytes will {engulf / destroy / eq} the {antigen / eq} ; 	2 ACCEPT antibodies will neutralise the toxin DO NOT ACCEPT antibodies destroy antigen	
	3. (the child's) immune system is not activated / eq;	3 ACCEPT no {(artificial) active immunity / humoral response}	
	4. credit details of what would not happen ;	4 e.g. macrophages cannot present the antigen, B cells cannot bind to antigen, no plasma cells, no memory cells	(3)

Question Number	Ans	wer					Mark
6(a)(i)						_	
	Α	transcription	post- transcription	translation	post- translation	;	
	The	only correct an	iswer is A				
	B is	not correct bec	ause post-transcr	iption comes a	fter transcription		
	C is	not correct bec	ause post-transcr	iption comes at	fter transcription		
	D is	not correct bec	cause translation of	comes after pos	st-transcription		
							(1)

Question Number	Ans	wer					
6(a)(ii)	с	nucleus	nucleus	ribosomes	Golgi	;	
					apparatus		
	The	The only correct answer is C					
	A IS	A is not correct because translation occurs on the ribosomes					
	BIS	not correct	because transcript				
	DIS	not correct	Decause translatio	on occurs on the	e ribosomes		

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(b)(i)	 idea that a correlation is when a change in one {variable / factor} is reflected by a change in another {variable / factor} ; idea that there is no {proof / evidence} that a change in one variable {causes / results in / eq} a change in the other variable ; 	 1 ACCEPT reference to change once DO NOT ACCEPT {causes / affects / responsible for / eq} 2 ACCEPT no evidence for a causal relationship NB for 2 marks to be awarded there must be some context i.e {time / severity of disease / eq} and calcitonin levels, 	
			(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additiona	Mark		
6(b)(ii)	 idea that the doubling time is more than 24 months (at any one time) ; treatment is effective /eq ; credit an appropriate calculation to justify 	1 ACCEP months 3 e.g.			
	either mp 1 or mp 2 ;	Time period 0	Doubling time / months 36	% increase in calcitonin 50	
		2	31.2	67 / 68	
		4	31.2/33.6	79 / 80	
		6	38.4	55	
		8	38.4	57	
		10	43.2	50	
		12	-	51/52	(3)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(b)(iii)	 calcitonin is an antigen ; idea that antibodies bind to {calcitonin /specific molecule / eq} ; 	1 ACCEPT has antigens	
	3. idea that antibodies can be labelled to be visualised ;	3 e.g. fluorescence, radiolabelled, dye, enzyme ACCEPT idea of change in levels of {calcitonin / antibody} when mixed together / idea if antibody to calcitonin is present calcitonin must be too	(3)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(c)	1. post-transcriptional {modification / eq} (of RNA) ;	1 ACCEPT RNA splicing	
	2. reference to spliceosomes ;		
	idea that (mRNA) introns (and exons) can be removed ;		
	idea that {exons are recombined / (different) RNA}	4 ACCEPT (coding for) {either / each} (CGRP and calcitonin)	
	(coding) for either CGRP or calcitonin ;	proteins	(3)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
7(a)	 idea that locusts food store (fat) has a high energy content; idea that their metabolic rate is lower so that energy is not used as quickly; idea that they do not use as much of their {food / 	2 ACCEPT idea of {do not require so much energy / can use stored energy for a longer time}	
	energy} store because hourly consumption is low ;		(3)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
Number			
7(b)(i)	1. idea of using eggs to obtain the locusts ;	1 ACCEPT idea of starting with eggs and locusts at each stage	
	2. idea of timing each stage of development ;		
	 growth measured by {length / (fresh) mass / eq} (of locust); 	3 ACCEPT description of how it is measured	
	 idea of dividing growth measurement by time (to calculate rate); 	growth measurement against time and work out the gradient	
	 idea of using several {locusts / eggs} to calculate a mean ; 	6 e.g. species, gender, type of food, humidity IGNORE light, water, food,	
	 credit a named relevant control variable being kept constant (if more than one {locust / egg} used) : 	temperature	(4)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
7(b)(ii)	 idea that {growth / life cycle / development} is controlled by enzymes ; credit explanation of effect of temperature on enzyme action ; 	 1 IGNORE metabolism, respiration 2 e.g. increase in temperature increases number of enzyme- substrate complexes, increase in temperature may denature enzymes 	(2)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
7(c)(i)	A carbon dioxide, methane and water vapour	
	The only correct answer is A	
	B is not correct because oxygen is not a greenhouse gas	
	C is not correct because oxygen is not a greenhouse gas	
	D is not correct because oxygen is not a greenhouse gas	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
7(c)(ii)	 locusts will reduce global warming / eq ; idea that if less {greenhouse gases / carbon dioxide} produced there will be less accumulation (of gases in the atmosphere) ; 	2 IGNORE other named greenhouse gases	
	 idea that {greenhouse gases / carbon dioxide} trap {infra-red radiation / eq} (in the atmosphere); 	3 ACCEPT absorb, heat energy, long wavelength IGNORE other named greenhouse gases	
	4. therefore the temperature of the earth's {atmosphere / surface} will not increase (as much);		(3)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
Number			
8(a)			
	(mitochondrial) membrane proteins / matrix enzymes	electron transport proteins /	
	/ enzymes involved in (aerobic) respiration /	enzymes involved in	
	ribosome proteins / named protein found in	(mitochondrial) {DNA / RNA /	
	mitochondria e.g. ATP synthase ;	protein} synthesis	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8(b)(i)	 Similarities: 1. idea that both strands in each DNA molecule are acting as templates ; 2. idea that each new DNA molecule consists of one old strand and one newly-synthesised molecule ; 3. {(DNA mono)nucleotides / primers / DNA polymerase} used ; 	DO NOT PIECE TOGETHER 2 ACCEPT producing identical molecules / both involved complementary base pairing 3 IGNORE PCR uses primers semi-conservative replication does not	
	Differences:		
	 4. heat is used in PCR to separate strands whereas the cell uses {enzymes / helicase} / eq; 5. PCR temperatures are higher than cell temperatures; 6. PCR is quicker; 	 4 ACCEPT PCR uses Taq polymerase but cells do not / cells use ligase but PCR does not ; 5 ACCEPT PCR temperatures vary but cell temperatures do not 6 ACCEPT converse for S-CR 	(4)

Question	Answer	Mark
Number	Additional guidance	
8(b)(ii)	C smaller DNA fragments move further because they travel faster than the larger fragments	
	The only correct answer is C	
	A is not correct because larger DNA fragments do not push the smaller fragments	
	B is not correct because larger fragments do not have more negative charges	
	D is not correct because smaller fragments do not have more negative charges	(1)
		(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8(c)	1. idea that mt DNA is unique to the individual ;	NB Accept mitochondria or mtDNA throughout where appropriate	
	 idea that mitochondria {persist longer than nuclei / are still present but nuclei are not in the skeleton }; 		
	3. idea that there are many mitochondria present ;		
	4. so there would be multiple copies of the DNA ;		
		4 ACCEPT any indication that there is more mtDNA	(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8(d)		NB Accept mitochondria or mtDNA throughout where appropriate	
	1. mitochondria only inherited from the mother / eq ;		
	 2. mitochondria are present in the {secondary oocyte / ovum }; 	2 ACCEPT egg cell / female gamete	
	 mitochondria are present in the {mid-piece / neck / eq} (of the sperm) / eq ; 	IGNORE egg	
	 which does not enter the {secondary oocyte / ovum} (on fertilisation); 	4 ACCEPT sperm mitochondria do not enter secondary oocyte	
	 idea that an individual's mitochondria are derived from the zygote ; 	5 ACCEPT idea that the child's mtDNA will be copied from the mother's mtDNA	(3)

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