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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)(i)	A description that makes reference to two of the following:		
	 the valves are open { when atria contract / atrial systole / when blood pressure greater in atria (than ventricles) } (1) 	ALLOW valves open to allow blood to flow from atria to ventricles	
	 the valves close { when ventricles contract / during ventricular systole/when pressure greater in ventricles (than atria) } (1) 		
	 valves prevent backflow of blood into the atria during ventricular systole (1) 	ALLOW tendons prevent valves from inverting during ventricular systole	(2)

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1(a)(ii)	An explanation that makes reference to the following:	IGNORE valves	
	• { larger lumen / less muscle (in walls) / thinner walls } (1)	IGNORE valves	
	 explanation { larger lumen as blood pressure lower / less muscle because contraction not needed to push blood back to the heart } (1) 	ALLOW thinner walls linked to lower blood pressure	
			(2)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
1(b)(i)		
	D thromboplastin	
	The answer is not A as fibrin is not released from platelets	
	The answer is not B as prothrombin is not released from platelets	
	The answer is not C as thrombin is not released from platelets	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
1(b)(ii)		
	C thrombin	(1)

The answer is not A as fibrinogen is not the enzyme that converts the soluble plasma protein into an insoluble protein

The answer is not B as prothrombin is not the enzyme that converts the soluble plasma protein into an insoluble protein

The answer is not D as thromboplastin is not the enzyme that converts the soluble plasma protein into an insoluble protein

Question Number	Answer	Mark
2(a)	Diagram C	
	The answer is not diagram A because the labelled regions do not match the descriptions	
	The answer is not diagram B because the labelled regions do not match the descriptions	
	The answer is not diagram D because the labelled regions do not match the descriptions	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
2(b)(i)	A description that makes reference to the following:		
	• due to more activity (1)	ALLOW increased aerobic respiration	
	 an increase in { oxygenated blood / blood flow } to this region (1) 	ALLOW oxyhaemoglobin or oxygen-rich blood for oxygenated blood	
	 fMRI signals { reflected / not absorbed } by oxygenated blood (1) 	ALLOW oxyhaemoglobin or oxygen-rich blood for oxygenated blood	(3)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
2(b)(ii)	A description that makes reference to three of the following		
	 (using both provides information on) function (PET) and structure (1) 	ALLOW reference to 3D images (with PET and CT)	
	 PET scan shows areas that are {more (metabolically) active / dividing more } (1) 		
	CT scan gives {location / size} (1)		
	 each scan uses a different technique / techniques described (1) 	e.g. CT uses X-rays and PET radioactively labelled metabolite such as glucose	(3)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
3(a)(i)	• D validity	
	The answer is not A as controlling the variety of mice does not improve data accuracy	
	The answer is not B as controlling the variety of mice does not improve data precision	
	The answer is not C as controlling the variety of mice does not improve data reliability	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
3(a)(ii)	 An answer that makes reference to the following: there is no difference in { the number of offspring born / fertility } { if genetically modified or not / if supplied drug K or not / 	IGNORE 'significant' ALLOW between the groups	
	between the treatments }		(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
3(a)(iii)	An answer that makes reference to the following:		
	• { the GM mice / group P } had very few offspring (1)	ALLOW GM mice had fewest offspring	
	therefore raised HDL levels lead to reduced fertility (1)	ALLOW converse	
	 {non-GM mice / group R } had fewer offspring than {group Q / GM mice given drug K } (1) 	ALLOW converse	
	 suggesting that HDL levels below a certain concentration reduce fertility (1) 	ALLOW – some HDL required for fertility	(4)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
3(b)	C 2 only	(1)
	The answer is not A as exocytosis occurs in both sperm and egg The answer is not B as 50% of sperm will have less DNA The answer is not D as 50% of sperm will have less DNA	

	Question	Answer	Mark	
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3(c)	◆ D4	(1)
	the answer is not A as 1 is the acrosome and this is not the site of glucose phosphorylation	(1)
	the answer is not B as 2 is the nucleus and this is not the site of glucose phosphorylation	
	the answer is not C as 3 is a mitochondrion and this is not the site of glucose phosphorylation	

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
4(a)(i)		Example of calculation	
	 calculation of heart rate per minute (1) 	60 ÷ 0.5 = 120	
	 percentage above 100 beats per minute (1) 	20%	
		Full marks for correct answer without working	(2)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
4(a)(ii)	C that the atrioventricular node (AVN) delays depolarisation	
	The answer is not A because Z is not the time of atrial contraction	
	The answer is not B because Z is not the time it takes for the A-V valves to open	
	The answer is not D because Z is not the time that the ventricles are contracting	

Question			
Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
4(b)	 An explanation that makes reference to three of the following: acetylcholine was not broken down (as quickly) (1) therefore {maintaining / increasing} the concentration of acetylcholine in the synaptic gap (1) so able to compete with the poison (1) and so able to bind to receptors (on cell surface membrane of cells of the SAN) (1) 	ALLOW acetylcholine remains in the synaptic gap	(3)

Question	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
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4(c)	A description that makes reference to the following:	
	antagonistic (interaction) of muscles (1)	
	• in the iris (1)	
	radial muscles contract and circular muscles relax (1)	(3)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
5(a)	A 1 only	
	The answer is not B as these do not summate to the maximum that can be exhaled (the vital capacity)	
	The answer is not C as these do not summate to the maximum that can be exhaled	
	The answer is not D as these do not summate to the maximum that can be exhaled (the vital capacity)	

Question	Anguar	Additional Guidance	Mark
Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	ivialK

5(b)(i)	An answer that makes reference to four of the following:		
	• select people with different thorax sizes (1)	ALLOW with or without the adaptation, who lived at high altitude and low altitude	
	• select people who are similar in other respects (1)	e.g. same age, same fitness level, same sex	
	one relevant variable controlled (1)	e.g. temperature, same level of previous activity, data collected when subjects were at rest	
	 measurement of tidal volume from spirometer trace (1) 	ALLOW difference in peak to trough volume gives tidal volume	
	 measure breathing rate as number of {peaks / troughs} in a set time (1) 	ALLOW – measure breathing rate by counting number of breaths in a set time	(4)

Question	Апсион	Additional Guidance	Mark
Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	IVIALK

5(b)(ii)	An explanation that makes reference to four of the following:		
	• (by) differentiation (1)		
	• (due to) certain stimuli (1)		
	 (which causes) {some genes/ gene for haemoglobin} to be activated / some genes to be deactivated (1) 	ALLOW some genes switched on / switched off IGNORE genes being turned on / off	
	 {mRNA / haemoglobin} produced from activated genes (1) 		
	 removal of nucleus / produce a biconcave shape (1) 		
	(1)		(4)

Question Number	Answer			
6(a)(i)	C -60 millivolts			
	The answer is not A as – 80 millivolts is the maximum hyperpolarisation			
	The answer is not B as – 70 millivolts in the resting potential			
		(1)		
	The answer is not D as + 40 millivolts is the action potential			

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	
6(a)(ii)	An explanation that makes reference to the following:		
	 voltage gated sodium ion channels open and sodium ions {diffuse into /move in } from outside the cell (1) 	ALLOW sodium gates for voltage gated sodium ion channels	
	(therefore causing an) increase in sodium ion concentration (1)		
	 voltage gated potassium ion channels open and potassium ions {diffuse out / move out} from the inside (1) 		
	 (therefore causing an) decrease in potassium ion concentration at or after { 7 milliseconds / 40 mV } (1) 	ALLOW decrease in potassium ion concentration with repolarisation	(4)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	
6(a)(iii)	An explanation that makes reference to three of the following:		
	 potassium ions (continue) leaving the {axon / cytoplasm} (1) 	ALLOW voltage gated potassium ion channels remain open	
	 (therefore) preventing another depolarisation occurring / it is the refractory period (1) 	ALLOW prevents an action potential from being generated	
	allowing time for the neurone to reset (1)	ALLOW time to return to resting potential	
	 so that nerve impulses travel in one direction only (1) 		(3)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
6(b)	A description that makes reference to		
	 vesicles fuse with {motor endplate / presynaptic membrane} releasing acetylcholine (1) 	ALLOW neurotransmitter is released from the presynaptic neurone by exocytosis	
	 (acetylcholine crosses the synapse) by diffusion (1) 	ALLOW moves down the concentration gradient	(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
7(a)(i)	An explanation that makes reference to:heat is {released / generated} (1)	ALLOW heat energy or thermal energy	
	• (due to) increased respiration (1)		(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
7(a)(ii)	An answer that makes reference to four of the following:		(4)

•	core temperature increases more when humidity is high (during exercise) (1)		
•	therefore body temperature not as well controlled at higher humidity (1)	ALLOW converse	
•	in low humidity there is no body temperature rise { after 35 minutes / above 37.7°C} (indicating thermoregulation) (1)		
•	however no investigation carried out on low temperature with high humidity (1)		
•	comment on quality of the design of investigation (1)		
		Examples: Only nine athletes involved,	
		investigation only done on one occasion per	
		condition, exercise only carried out for 50mins	

Question	Answer	Additional Guidance	
Number			Mark

7(a)(iii)	An answer that makes reference to three of the following:		
	• both decrease (1)		
	 both reach the same temperature {by 70 minutes after running /after 120 minutes} (1) 		
	greater decrease for the warm and humid conditions (1)		
	 greater rate of cooling for those in warm humid conditions (1) 	ALLOW rate of cooling linear for cool and low humidity but non-linear for warm and high humidity	(3)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
7(b)(i)	calculate a difference in the number of neutrophils (1)	Example of calculation: $0.15 \times 10^6 = 150\ 000$ OR $(3.57 \div 70) - (3.42 \div 70) = 0.002142$	
	 calculation of difference in number of neutrophils per athlete either in blood or per kilogram (1) 	In blood - 150 000 x 5000 = 750 000 000 OR per kg - 150 000 ÷ 70 = 2142.86	
	 calculation of number of fewer neutrophils in the blood per kilogram (1) 	750 000 000 ÷ 70 = 10 714 286 OR 2142 x 5000 = 10 710 000	
		ALLOW 11 x 10 ⁶ or 1.1 x 10 ⁷ or 0.11 x 10 ⁸	
		ALLOW ECF - 2 marks for 10.7 or 10.71 Correct answer with no working gains full	
		marks.	(3)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
7(b)(ii)	there are fewer neutrophils and the activity is reduced		(1)

Question Number	Answer			Additional Guidance	Mark
8(a)					
		Plasmid DNA is	Chromosomal DNA is		
	А	double-stranded	double-stranded		(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
8(b)(i)	two correctly identified organelles	e.g. smooth endoplasmic reticulum / SER/ sarcoplasmic reticulum / (secretory) vesicles / lysosomes / acrosome / cortical granules / vacuole	
		IGNORE nucleus, mitochondria, chloroplast, or ribosome, centriole	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
8(b)(ii)	An explanation that makes reference to five of the following:		
	pancreatic cells have more rER (1)	ALLOW converse – liver cells have less rER	
	• (more rER) for the synthesis of protein (1)	ALLOW more folding of protein / package more protein, production of {enzymes / hormones / insulin}	
	pancreatic cells have more Golgi apparatus (1)	ALLOW converse – liver cells have less Golgi apparatus	
	 (more Golgi apparatus) for the modification of protein (1) 	ALLOW description of modification given such as addition of carbohydrate, production of glycoprotein, concentrates protein	
	 (more) {vesicles/lysosomes} produced by {pancreatic cells / Golgi apparatus} (1) 	protein	
	 (vesicles) as the pancreas secretes (more) {protein / glycoprotein} (1) 	ALLOW releases a named protein such as insulin or digestive enzymes	(5)

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8(c)		Example of calculation	
	 height of the six cisternae and distance between 	$(6 \times 15) = 90$	
	the six cisternae found (1)	plus (5 x 25) = 125	
	 correct addition and conversion to micrometres (1) 	0.215 (μm)	
		215 gains one mark	
			(2)
		Correct answer with no working gains full marks.	

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
8(d)	An explanation that makes reference to three of the following:		
	 decreases betalain concentration (in the cells) (1) 		
	 due to betalain {diffusing out / moving down a concentration gradient} (1) 		
	(because) the alcohol increases membrane permeability (1)	IGNORE reference to cell wall	
	 membrane {lipids/ phospholipids} dissolve in alcohol (1) 		(3)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
9(a)(i)	An explanation that makes reference to the following:		
	 the parents were {heterozygous / had a dominant and a recessive allele} as the offspring had both yellow and non-yellow coats (1) 	ALLOW parents were carriers	
	 (because the parents had yellow coats) the recessive allele was for non-yellow coat (1) 		
			(2)

Question Number		Ar	iswer	Additional Guidance	Mark
9(a)(ii)		1			
	offspring with a yellow coat	offspring with a non-yellow coat		ALLOW 1199 for 1199.25	
	1199.25	399.75		ALLOW 400 for 399.75	(2)
	1 mark for each p	redicted number			. ,

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
9(a)(iii)	An explanation that makes reference to the following:		
	• ratio is 2 : 1 rather than 3 : 1 (1)		
	• random fertilisation (1)		
		ALLOW description of random fertilisation	
	due to no homozygous dominant individuals		(3)
Question	surviving / homozygous dominant is lethal (1)		
Number	Ar	swer	Mark
	Answers will be credited according to candidate's deployment of knowledge and understanding of the material in relation to the qualities and skills outlined in the generic mark scheme. The indicative content below is not prescriptive and candidates are not required to include all the material which is indicated as relevant. Additional content included in the response must be scientific and relevant. Indicative content		
	For DNA		
	 Double stranded so more stable 		
	 Allows for a template strand 		
	Larger as includes promotor / site for transcriptio	n factors to bind	
	For mRNA		
	 Ribose rather than deoxyribose and uracil rather t 		
	Smaller as not bound to other genes / fewer base		
	So can {exit the nucleus / move through the nucleus / move /	ear pore}	
	 Single-stranded So {bases / codon} exposed to (tRNA's with) comp Amino acids {brought/joined} in the correct sequence 		(6)

Removal of introns / post-transcriptional modification	

Level 0	Marks	No awardable content	Additional guidance
Level 1	1-2	An explanation may be attempted but with limited interpretation or analysis of the scientific information with a focus on mainly just one piece of scientific information.	Basic description of differences between DNA and mRNA
		The explanation will contain basic information with some attempt made to link knowledge and understanding to the given context.	
Level 2	3-4	An explanation will be given with occasional evidence of analysis, interpretation and/or evaluation of both pieces of scientific information.	Reasons provided for differences in structure of DNA and mRNA.
		The explanation shows some linkages and lines of scientific reasoning with some structure.	
Level 3	5-6	An explanation is made which is supported throughout by sustained application of relevant evidence of analysis, interpretation and/or evaluation of both pieces of scientific information.	Explanation for differences in the gene described and the mRNA – greater number of bases in DNA than in the mRNA.
		The explanation shows a well-developed and sustained line of scientific reasoning which is clear and logically structured.	Reference to removal of introns and post transcriptional changes to RNA before it is translated.

Question	Аментон	Additional Guidance	Mark
Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark

10(a)	An explanation that makes reference to the following: • compressible / cushioning (1)		
	• to absorb shocks (1)	ALLOWS acts as a cushion/ padding	
	or		
	• smooth / slippery (1)		
	 to reduce friction / prevents bones rubbing together (1) 		(2)

Question	American	Additional Guidance	Moule	l
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10(b)(i)	An answer that makes reference to:	Example of calculation:	
	 calculate mass of calcium ions in total soft tissue (1) 	1% of 1000 g = 10 g	
	 calculate the mean mass of soft tissue in a human (1) 	96 % of 80 kg = 76.8 kg or 76 800g	
	 calculate mass of calcium per gram of soft tissue (human) (1) 	130.21 (μg g ⁻¹) ALLOW 130.2 / 130	
		Correct answer with no working gains full marks.	(3)

Question Number	Answer	
*10(b)(ii)	Answers will be credited according to candidate's deployment of knowledge and understanding of the	
	material in relation to the qualities and skills outlined in the generic mark scheme.	

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Indicative content

Relating to the data

- Data compared in humans and one plant species
- Idea that concentration is not same as importance
- No evidence that more than one plant used

Roles of calcium ions in plants and animals

- Used for plant cell walls
- Detail of how used in plant cell walls: calcium pectate
- In humans used at synapse, muscle contraction, blood clotting, bone tissue
- Details of how used in synapse, muscle contraction, blood clotting

Comments on study

- Only one plant species used / this plant species may not be representative of all plant species
- Humans not necessarily representative of all animals

Level 0	Marks	No awardable content	Additional Guidance
Level 1	1-2	Limited scientific judgement made with a focus on mainly just	Basic description of role of calcium ions in
		one method, with a few strengths / weaknesses identified.	plants and in animals.

		A conclusion may be attempted, demonstrating isolated elements of biological knowledge and understanding but with	OR Basic conclusion or a comment on the data.
Level 2	3-4	limited evidence to support the judgement being made. A scientific judgement is made through the application of relevant evidence, with strengths and weaknesses of each method identified.	Details provided for roles of calcium ions in both animals and plants
		A conclusion is made, demonstrating linkages to elements of biological knowledge and understanding, with occasional evidence to support the judgement being made.	Comparison of data e.g. more calcium ions in plant tissue than human tissue. Only one species of plant considered
Level 3	5-6	A scientific judgement is made which is supported throughout by sustained application of relevant evidence from the analysis and interpretation of the scientific information.	Details of roles of calcium ions in animals and plants. Data compared. Higher concentration – but calculated value for humans was for soft tissue
		A conclusion is made, demonstrating sustained linkages to biological knowledge and understanding with evidence to support the judgement being made.	and not bones. Evaluation of data provided – only from humans, not all animals. Data compared. Higher concentration – but calculated value for humans was for soft tissue and did not include bones. Idea that concentration is not the same as importance.

Question	American	Additional Guidance	Marie
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10(c)	(c) An answer that makes reference to two of the following:		
	glucose and galactose (1)	IGNORE alpha and beta	
	joined by glycosidic bond (1)	IGNORE alpha and beta	
	through a condensation reaction (1)	ALLOW with removal of a water molecule	(2)

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