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**9700 BIOLOGY**

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Paper 4 (A2 Structured Questions), maximum raw mark 100

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Mark scheme abbreviations:

<b>;</b>	separates marking points
<b>/</b>	alternative answers for the same point
<b>R</b>	reject
<b>A</b>	accept (for answers correctly cued by the question, or by extra guidance)
<b>AW</b>	alternative wording (where responses vary more than usual)
<b><u>underline</u></b>	actual word given must be used by candidate (grammatical variants excepted)
<b>max</b>	indicates the maximum number of marks that can be given
<b>ora</b>	or reverse argument
<b>mp</b>	marking point (with relevant number)
<b>ecf</b>	error carried forward
<b>I</b>	ignore
<b>AVP</b>	Alternative valid point (examples given as guidance)

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- 1 (a) 36 ;;  
allow one mark for number not rounded up i.e. 35.7  
**or**  
allow working of  $\frac{X}{7} \times 100$  [2]
- (b) 1. reduction in extent of ice sheet ;  
2. reduction in number of, seals / prey / food **or** increased competition for food ;  
3. idea of increased distance to travel to find food ;  
4. loss / destruction, of breeding sites ;  
5. result of named human activity ; e.g. mining / drilling / killing / building / pollution  
6. disease ; [3 max]
- (c) *applies to U. maritimus but accept ora*  
1. DNA linear ;  
2. DNA in nucleus **or** has, nuclear membrane / nucleus ;  
3. DNA, associated with protein / in chromosomes ;  
4. ribosome, 22 nm diameter / 80s ;  
5. membrane bound organelles / named organelle ;  
6. no cell wall ;  
7. size up to 40µm ; [3 max]
- [Total: 8]**
- 2 (a) (i) *any one from ;*  
hot springs  
sulphur springs  
geysers  
geothermals  
marine vent  
volcanic area  
hot desert [1]
- (ii) 1. each bacterium grows at a different temperature (range) ;  
2. (the heap) heats up ;  
3. idea of when temperature kills one species of bacterium others are still active  
**or**  
as temperature increases process can continue ;  
4. increased oxidation of heap ;  
5. more productive / enables increased yield of gold ; [3 max]

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- (b) (i) 1. *A. ferrooxidans* increases, oxidation of the ore / production of  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  ;  
2. little difference in effect 0–5 days ;  
3. greatest effect after 15 days ;  
4. comparative figs for with and without *A. ferrooxidans* on a single day ; [3 max]

- (ii) 1. cheaper (than other methods) ;  
2. does not require energy input ;  
3. does not require other chemicals to be purchased ;  
4. does not require specialist equipment ;  
5. can be done *in situ* ;  
6. less labour needed ;  
7. bacteria are self-replicating / AW ;  
8. more environmentally friendly than other methods / no harmful emissions / AW ;  
9. useful for extraction from, low grade ores / waste ; [3 max]

(c) *must have at least one D mark to score 4 marks*

- D1 both strains give similar rate with and without arsenic ions ;  
D2 both strains are arsenic-resistant ;  
D3 strain 2, more active / higher oxidation rate, (than strain 1) ;  
E4 arsenic acts as a selective, agent / pressure ;  
E5 mutation / AW, produces resistant bacteria ;  
E6 resistant bacteria survive / **ora** ;  
E7 resistant allele passed on ;  
E8 frequency of allele increases (in population) ; [4 max]

[Total: 14]

- 3 (a) 1. ref. hormone treatment ;  
2. results in, superovulation / many oocytes / many follicles, maturing at same time ;  
3. oocytes harvested ;  
4. detail of harvesting ;  
5. mixed with sample of sperm ;  
6. in special medium ;  
7. idea of, waiting for three days / wait until 6–8 cell stage ;  
8. embryos placed in uterus ;  
9. ref. maintenance of endometrium ;  
10. sperm / sperm nucleus / sperm DNA, may be injected into oocyte ; [4 max]

(b) *one mark for a ✓ in the correct box  
more than one ✓ in a row = no mark  
ignore crosses*

DNA – colourless ;  
acrosome – colourless ;  
mitochondria – green ; [3]

- (c) 1. (hydrolytic) enzymes may damage oocyte ;  
2. (acrosome contents) affect development of fertilised oocyte ; [1 max]

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4 (a)

1.	$\beta$ cells detect glucose levels	or	no detection of blood glucose conc.	;
2.	$\beta$ cells secrete insulin	or	no insulin released	;
3.	when blood glucose concentration rises	or	when blood glucose concentration rises	;
4.	(insulin causes) muscle cells / adipose tissue / liver cells	or	muscle cells / adipose tissue / liver cells	;
5.	to increase uptake of glucose from blood / increased membrane permeability to glucose	or	do not take up excess glucose	;
6.	(insulin causes liver cells) to convert glucose to glycogen	or	glucose not converted to glycogen (by liver cells)	;
7.	(insulin causes liver cells) to increase respiration of glucose	or	rate of respiration of glucose does not increase	;
8.	(if no $\beta$ cells) no control of blood glucose levels / AW	or	no control of blood glucose levels / AW	;

[4 max]

- (b) (i) 1. (yes) more people with infection have CFRD than those without infection ;  
 2. use of 'with CFRD' comparative figs ;  
**either** using number of people – 44 / 52 / 96 (**no** infection)  
 against 106 / 121 / 227 (with infection)  
**or** using FEV<sub>1</sub> values – 71.1 / 53.6 / 124.7 (**no** infection)  
 against 49.0 / 42.0 / 91.0 (**with** infection)  
**or** 28.5% males against 35.8% females (**no** infection)  
**or** 38.9% males against 50.05% females (**with** infection)  
 3. AVP ; e.g. we do not know how the sample was chosen (so this may not be a valid conclusion) [2 max]

(ii)  $\frac{2.2}{71.4} \times 100$  ; = 3.08 / 3.1 ;  
**or**  
 $\frac{2.2}{73.6} \times 100$  ; = 2.99 / 3.0 ; [2]

- (iii) 1. more lung damage in females (with CFRD) than in males ;  
 2. females (with CFRD) have lower FEV<sub>1</sub> than males ;  
 3. use of figures ; e.g. males FEV<sub>1</sub> 49 whereas female FEV<sub>1</sub> 42  
**or** female FEV<sub>1</sub> 1.16 times lower than male FEV<sub>1</sub> [3]

- (c) 1. CFTR protein acts as chloride channel (in cell membranes) ;  
*with CF*  
 2. faulty (CFTR) gene ;  
 3. faulty / non-functional, (CFTR) protein produced ;  
 4. chloride ions not able to move out (of cell) ;  
 5. by active transport ;  
 6. so less water passes out (of cell) ;  
 7. down water potential gradient ; **A** by osmosis  
 8. mucus secreted contains less water ; [4 max]

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- 5 (a) 1. (either feature) reduces water loss by, transpiration / evaporation ;  
 2. reduction in, number of stomata / surface area, (for, transpiration / evaporation) ;  
 3. rolling leaves traps moist air ;  
 4. idea of reduced, diffusion / water potential, gradient (between leaf and trapped air) ;  
 [3 max]
- (b) (i) cooked protein more digestible than raw protein ;  
 use of figures ; *accept any **named** comparison between cooked and raw* [2]
- (ii) *cooked*  
 1. cooking breaks cross-links (in kaffirin) ; **A** bonds  
 2. ref. to named bond ; e.g. hydrogen / ionic / disulphide / covalent  
 3. tertiary / 3D / quaternary, structure disrupted / AW ;  
 4. protease can now bind, more / easier, with polypeptides ;  
 5. enzyme-substrate complexes can form ;  
 6. so more protein is digested to amino acids ; [3 max]
- [Total: 8]
- 6 (a) enzyme acts on only one substrate ;  
 shape of active site is complementary to substrate ;  
 AVP ; e.g. substrate held by temporary bonds / ES complex [2 max]
- (b) symbols (must be of same letter) ;  
 parental genotypes **and** gametes ;  
 offspring genotypes **and** phenotypes **linked** ; [3]
- (c) 1. insulates axon (membrane) ;  
 2. depolarisation occurs only at nodes (of Ranvier) / AW ;  
 3. local circuits ;  
 4. saltatory conduction / AW ;  
 5. speeds transmission of, action potential / impulse ;  
 6. AVP ; e.g. speed increases up to 50 times / 100ms<sup>-1</sup> [3 max]
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- 7 (a) active transport ;  
ribose ;  
water ;  
hydrolysis ; **A** dephosphorylation  
heat ; [5]

- (b) (i) (converted to) glycogen / lipid ;  
(used in) glycolysis / respiration ; [1 max]

- (ii) *anaerobic*  
1. less ATP / only 2 ATP ;  
2. per mol glucose ;  
3. lactate still contains energy / only glycolysis involved / stages other than glycolysis not involved ;  
4. not sustainable / cannot go on indefinitely / AW ; [2 max]

(iii)

<b>process</b>	<b>precise location</b>
glycolysis	cytoplasm / cytosol ;
link reaction	mitochondrial matrix ;
Krebs cycle	mitochondrial matrix ;
oxidative phosphorylation	inner mitochondrial membrane / cristae ;

[4]

- (iv) 1. cannot pass through phospholipid bilayer ;  
2. too big to fit through (glucose's) protein channel ;  
3. no specific transport protein ;  
4. AVP ; e.g. used up as soon as it is made [2 max]

- (v) oxygen debt ; [1]

**[Total:15]**

- 8 (a) *north island*  
1. fewer / less abundant, hedgehogs allow increase (in both lapwing and redshank) ;  
2. breeding pair figs for either bird for 1983 and 2000 **or**  
% change in population over that time for either bird ;  
*south island*  
3. presence of hedgehogs causes decrease (in both lapwing and redshank) ;  
4. breeding pair figs for either bird for 1983 and 2000 **or**  
% change in population over that time for either bird ; [3 max]

- (b) 1. (oystercatchers have) less competition ;  
2. hedgehogs mostly eat lapwing and redshank eggs / hedgehogs don't eat oystercatcher eggs ;  
3. (oystercatcher) eggs are, too large / camouflaged / inaccessible / distasteful  
**or**  
oystercatchers defend their, nests / eggs ; [2 max]

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- (c)
1. idea of geographical isolation ;
  2. no interbreeding / gene flow, between populations ;
  3. mutations occur ;
  4. different, selection pressures / environmental conditions ;
  5. genetic change / AW ;
  6. genetic drift ;
  7. (eventually) reproductive isolation ;
  8. allopatric speciation ;

[4 max]

**[Total: 9]**

**9 (a) *endocrine***

1. hormones ;
2. chemical messengers ; **A** chemicals that transfer information
3. ductless glands / (released) into blood ;
4. target, organs / cells ;
5. ref. receptors on cell membranes ;
6. example of named hormone and effect ;

*nervous*

7. impulses/ action potentials ; **R** electrical, signals / current
8. along, axon / neurones / nerve fibres ; **R** nerves **R** across
9. synapse (with target) / neuromuscular junction ;
10. ref. receptor / sensory neurones ;
11. ref. effector / motor neurones ;

*differences – endocrine*

12. slow effect / ora ;
13. long lasting effect / ora ;
14. widespread effect / ora ;
15. AVP ; e.g. extra detail of synapse / hormone changes triggered within cells

[8 max]

**(b) 16. IAA / plant growth regulator ; **R** plant hormone**

17. synthesised in, growing tips / apical buds / meristems ; **R** root tip
18. moves by diffusion ;
19. moves by active transport ;
20. from cell to cell ;
21. also, mass flow / in phloem ;
22. stimulates cell elongation ; **R** cell enlargement
23. inhibits, side / lateral, buds / growth ; **A** inhibits branching
24. plant grows, upwards / taller ; **A** stem elongates
25. auxin not solely responsible or interaction between auxin and other plant growth regulators ;
26. AVP ; e.g. role of ABA and lateral bud inhibition
27. AVP ; e.g. cytokinins antagonistic to IAA / gibberellins enhance IAA

[7 max]

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- 10 (a)**
1. photosystem I (PI) **and** photosystem II (PII) involved ;
  2. light harvesting clusters ;
  3. light absorbed by accessory pigments ;
  4. primary pigment is chlorophyll a ;
  5. energy passed to, primary pigment / chlorophyll a ;
  6. electrons, excited / raised to higher energy level ;
  7. (electrons) taken up by electron acceptor ;
  8. (electrons) pass down electron carrier chain (*to produce ATP*) ;
  9. PII has (water splitting) enzyme ;
  10. water split into protons, electrons and oxygen ; **A** equation
  11. photolysis ;
  12. electrons from PII pass to PI / electrons from water pass to PII ;
  13. to replace those lost ; *give either in relation to PI or PII*
  14. protons and electrons combine with NADP (*to produce reduced NADP*) ;
- can award these marking points from a diagram* [9 max]

- (b)**
15. RuBP combines with carbon dioxide ;
  16. rubisco ;
  17. forms unstable 6C compound ;
  18. produces two molecules of, GP / PGA ;
  19. GP / PGA, converted to TP ;
  20. by reduced NADP and ATP ;
  21. from light dependent stage ;
  22. TP used to regenerate RuBP ;
  23. using ATP ;
  24. TP can form, hexose / fatty acids / acetyl CoA
- [6 max]

**[Total: 15]**