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for the guidance of teachers**

**9700 BIOLOGY**

**9700/22**

Paper 2 (AS Structured Questions), maximum raw mark 60

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Mark Scheme abbreviations:

- ;** separates marking points
- /** alternative answers for the same point
- R** reject
- A** accept (for answers correctly cued by the question or guidance on the mark scheme)
- AW** alternative wording (where responses may vary more than usual)
- underline** actual word given must be used by the candidate (grammatical variants excepted)
- max** indicates the maximum number of marks that can be given
- ora** or reverse argument

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- 1 (a) (i) transcription first process and exocytosis final process ;  
correct order for remaining three processes (3, 4, 2) ; [2]  
accept words and mixture of words and letters

(ii)

- F ;  
A / D  
A ;  
C  
D ;

events	order of events	cell location (letter)	
exocytosis	5	F	cell membrane ;
protein modification	3	A / D A+D	Golgi and/or RER ,
secretory vesicle formation	4	A	Golgi ;
transcription	1	C	nucleus ,
translation	2	D	RER ;

[3]

- (b) 1 vesicle / vacuole, moves towards, cell, surface / membrane ;  
A plasma membrane R if lysosome  
2 fusion / described, of vesicle with membrane ; R attach / bind / combine  
3 ref. to (fluid nature of) phospholipids ;  
4 contents / AW, secreted / released / exported / removed / emptied / excreted ;  
A waste material / digested material  
5 active process / energy-requiring / ATP used / AW ;  
R 'active transport' R endocytosis [max 3]

- (c) (i) AUG ; [1]

- (ii) 1 secondary structure /  $\alpha$ -helix /  $\beta$ -(pleated) sheet ;  
2 tertiary structure / description / folding / complex 3D shape ;  
3 formation of named bond(s) ; R if peptide bond in list  
4 quaternary structure / description (e.g. assembly of polypeptides) ;  
5 glycosylation / formation of glycoproteins / addition of carbohydrate(s) or sugar(s) ;  
R hydrocarbon chain  
6 addition of, non-protein portion(s) / prosthetic group(s) / named example ;  
A haem / iron / Fe / copper / Cu / magnesium / Mg / AW  
7 removal of some amino acids ; R one amino acid  
8 polypeptide(s) cut into two or more pieces ;  
9 AVP ; e.g. ref. to exposure to water molecules and folding  
R ref. to amino acids coded for by stop codons [max 2]

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- 2 (a) communicable / transmissible / contagious / transferable / AW ;  
**A** passed from one (infected), host / organism / one person, to another  
**A** 'passed on'
- caused by, a pathogen / microorganism / *at least two* named types of pathogen ;  
**A** virus, bacterium, fungus, protoctist, worm ;  
**R** parasite unqualified by two types [max 2]
- (b) *Plasmodium, falciparum / ovale / vivax / malariae* ;  
**A** phonetic spellings for specific name, **A** plasmodium  
**R** if specific name first, [1]
- (c) (i) (only) female feeds on blood / male does not feed on blood ;  
female requires blood (protein) for (development of) eggs ;  
(only) female carries, pathogen / disease-causing organism / *Plasmodium* / parasite ;  
**A** (only) female transmits the disease  
(only) female is vector ; **ora ignore** female carries, the disease / malaria [max 1]
- (ii) anti-coagulant (in saliva) is passed when mosquito, sucks blood / feeds / bites / takes a blood meal ;  
anti-coagulant prevents blood clotting when mosquito, sucks blood / feeds / bites / takes a blood meal ; [max 1]
- (iii) *in marking accept*  
*Plasmodium* / pathogen / causative organism / malarial organism *where parasite is given below*
- short time (in blood plasma)*  
for exposure to cells of the immune system / AW ;
- next stage(s) of life cycle inside cells ;  
**A** sporozoites into merozoites in liver /  
merozoites into schizonts in red blood cells
- parasite gains, food / energy, from cells ;  
parasite, reproduces / multiplies, inside (liver / red blood) cells ;  
damage to / bursting of / lysis of / impaired function of, cells ;
- (antimalarial) drugs cannot penetrate (liver / red blood) cells ;  
parasite, concealed / 'hides', from host immune system ;  
**A** antigen concealment ;
- no symptoms, until parasite leaves cells / while parasite is in cells ;  
*idea that* people incubating disease are symptomless ;  
**A** symptomless carriers  
*idea that* treatment unlikely to prevent spread from infected person ;
- AVP ; *examples*  
different stages provide problems with drug / vaccine development  
AVP ; mode of action of potential drugs – block attachment sites on cells  
parasite in blood cells allows testing by taking blood samples  
further development of any idea given above [max 2]

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- (d) if virus / bacterium / disease used instead mark to max 3  
in marking accept  
*Plasmodium* / pathogen / causative organism / malarial organism where parasite is given below

distribution described for one mark

either

(mainly in) tropics / between the tropics

or

any **two** named, areas and/or countries, affected ;

e.g. *areas* (sub-Saharan) Africa, Central America, South America, South Asia, Central Asia, Middle East, Caribbean

e.g. *countries* India, Sri Lanka, China, Vietnam, Cambodia, Brazil, Kenya

discussion to max four

- 1 (areas where) both parasite, **and**, vector / mosquito / Anopheles, are present ;
- 2 Anopheles / mosquito / vector, survives / breeds / lives, in, hot and humid areas / moist tropical areas ; **ora** **A** standing / stagnant, water
- 3 parasite, needs to reproduce within the mosquito (at temperatures above 20°C) ;
- 4 eradicated in some countries / any e.g. (USA, Italy) ;
- 5 ref to LEDCs and, poor / non-existent, control programmes ;  
**A** poor health facilities / poor drug supplies / AW
- 6 mosquitoes resistant to, DDT / insecticides / pesticides ;
- 7 parasite resistant to, chloroquine / drugs ;
- 8 link between human population density and *Anopheles* ;  
e.g. human activity provides (lots of) breeding sites for *Anopheles*
- 9 occurs where named high risk group(s) exist ;  
e.g. refugees, HIV-positive pregnant women (more likely to pass HIV to unborn children), (young) children
- 10 (outside tropics) disease spread by, travellers / tourists / migrants / refugees ;
- 11 AVP ;  
most cases / over 90% cases, in (sub-Saharan) Africa  
not, at high altitude / in deserts  
different species of *Plasmodium* differ in geographical distribution / AW  
misdiagnosis (so not reported)  
changing pattern linked to, global warming / changes in land use / deforestation / irrigation / other relevant named  
**R** references to sickle cell

[max 4]

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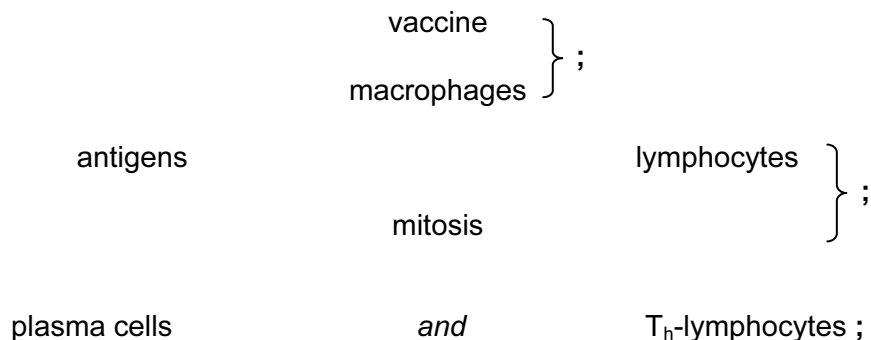
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- 3 (a) spherical / ball-shaped / AW ; **A** round(ed) / circular  
has tertiary structure ; **R** 3D  
hydrophilic / polar, (R) group(s), on outside / face to watery exterior ;  
hydrophobic / non-polar, (R) group(s), in centre ;  
water soluble ; [max 3]
- (b) (i) *idea that plant cell walls and fungal cell walls have different components*  
fungal cell walls made of, glucans / chitins / fungal cellulose / different components to  
plant cell walls ; **A** peptidoglycan / murein  
**A** plant cell walls contain cellulose, but fungi do not  
*idea of specificity in context of question*  
enzymes are specific ;  
**A** specificity explained e.g. both substrates not complementary / shape of active site  
specific to one substrate [2]
- (ii) 1 (at optimum pH) maximum / peak, activity ; **A** most efficient / works best  
2 above / below, optimum, activity declines ;  
**A** description / graph sketched with pH and rate / activity  
3 changing pH changes hydrogen ion concentration ;  
4 hydrogen / ionic, bonds (between amino acids), break / disrupted ;  
5 hydrogen / ionic, bonds, important in maintaining shape of, tertiary structure / active  
site ;  
**R** 4 and 5 if refer to disulfide, hydrophobic interactions, peptide  
*at sub-optimum pH*  
6 active site / tertiary, shape altered ; **A** enzyme denatured  
7 charges at the active site may be affected ;  
8 further detail ; e.g. transfer of electrons may not be possible  
9 the substrate may be altered by pH changes ; **R** cell wall unqualified  
10 (therefore) substrate no longer fits / ES complexes not formed ; [max 3]
- (c) osmosis, defined in terms of water potential / used in correct context ;  
0% and / or 0.4%  
higher / less negative, water potential outside so water enters ;  
  
0%, higher / less negative, water potential than 0.4%, so cells burst ; *ora*  
  
0.9%  
equal / same, water potential inside and outside cells, water in = water out ;  
**A** no net movement of water / ref. to isotonic / no water potential gradient  
**R** 'no osmosis' / no movement of water  
  
1.5% and / or 3.0%  
lower / more negative, water potential outside so water moves out ;  
  
3.0%, lower / more negative, water potential than 1.5% so cells, smaller / AW ; [max 4]
- (d) cells, increase in size / burst ; **A** vacuole increases in size **R** becomes turgid  
no cell wall to, prevent cell bursting / withstand (turgor) pressure ;  
**A** *idea that* cell membrane alone cannot withstand increase in size / bursting [2]

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4 (a)



[3]

no ecf from (a) to (b)

(b) 1 active (artificial) immunity ;

2 memory cells / immunological memory ;

3 *idea that many specific, B-cells / T-cells / lymphocytes, in the body ;*  
**A** large(r) clones of specific, B- / T-cells or lymphocytes

*actual invasion by the pathogen*

4 fast secondary (immune) response ;

5 fast increase in antibodies / immediate production of antibodies ;  
**ignore** incorrect type of cell secreting antibodies

6 high(er) concentration of antibodies are produced ; **A** more antibodies produced

7 pathogen destroyed before person becomes ill / AW ; **R** antigen

**A** pathogen do not, increase in number / infect cells / AW

[max 3]

(c) *two points to look for*

(if) most / sufficient / many / AW, people / children, immunised / vaccinated ;  
**A** herd immunity

reduces the pool of infected, people / children, in the, community / population ;

**A** fewer people can catch disease and be source of infection

**A** protects those unvaccinated as, disease / illness, does not spread

**A** less chance of transmission

**A** pathogen cannot develop in immunised people

**A** reduced exposure to pathogen

[max 2]

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- 5 (a) glycogen ; [1]
- (b) xerophyte / xerophyllic ; **A** phonetic e.g. zerophyte [1]
- (c) haploid (cell) ; **A** monoploid [1]
- (d) (primary) producer ; **R** first **ignore** autotrophic [1]
- (e) (nitrogen) fixation ; **A** nitrogen fixing bacteria [1]

[Total: 5]

- 6 (a) (i) squamous / pavement (epithelial) ; [1]
- (ii) stretch / expand, on inspiration and recoil on expiration ; **R** contraction  
(stretch) to increases, surface area / volume of air, for, diffusion / gas exchange ;  
(recoil) to help, expel air / force air out ; **A** carbon dioxide  
**A** if destroyed then cannot expel air  
prevent alveoli, bursting / breaking / AW ;  
ref. to emphysema if elastic fibres destroyed ; [max 2]

- (b) *award two marks if correct answer (anything in range 336–346)  
allow +/- 1 mm in reading the line (74–76 mm)*

$$75000 \mu\text{m} / 220 \mu\text{m} = 341 ; ;$$

*if answer incorrect, award one mark for correct measurement with unit and division by 220  
award one mark if correct answer given to one or more decimal places* [2]

- (c) *look for two ideas – follow usual rules for marking numbered answer lines*

thin, alveolar wall / epithelial lining / AW ;  
**A** short diffusion distance (between air in alveolus and blood in capillary)  
**A** squamous cells are thin  
**R** thin, membrane / cell membrane **R** large surface area

surrounded by, capillaries / capillary network ;  
**A** close contact with, capillaries / blood (vessels / cells)  
**A** many capillaries  
**A** large area of alveolus in contact with, capillaries / blood [2]



(d) *max 3 if no ref. to diffusion*

(named) gas(es), diffuse down, pressure gradients / concentration gradient / AW ;  
**A** from high(er) partial pressure to low(er) partial pressure  
**A** high(er) concentration to low(er) concentration  
**ignore** 'along a concentration gradient'

*in the answers accept the following A/Ws*  
*capillaries / haemoglobin for blood*  
*lungs for alveoli*  
*body for tissues*

**lungs**

*valid statement linking information in table below – 1 mark for each row*

*comparison in partial pressure may be 'higher / lower' not both or high and low, but if not then figures have to be given*

blood	ref. to gas	blood partial pressure	alveolar air partial pressure	gas exchange
in pulmonary artery / entering alveolar capillaries	$pO_2$	5.33 / lower	13.87 / higher	into blood from alveolus ;
	$pCO_2$	6.00 / higher	5.33 / lower	out of blood into alveolus ;

**respiring tissue**

*valid statement linking information in table below – 1 mark for each row*

blood	ref. to gas	blood partial pressure	tissue partial pressure	gas exchange
in systemic artery / entering tissue capillaries	$pO_2$	13.33 / higher	< 5.33 / lower	into tissue from blood ;
	$pCO_2$	5.33 / lower	> 6.00 / higher	out of tissue into blood ;

[max 4]

**R** differences between  $pO_2$  and  $pCO_2$  in the same place

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