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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)	An explanation that includes the following points:	Examiners will need to check other roles if seen	
	• (magnesium ions are) components of chlorophyll (1)		
	 which <u>absorbs</u> {light / photons} (1) 		(2)

- component of (leaf) ribosomes
- necessary for translation
- cofactor / allosteric modulator
- enabling {carboxylases / phosphatases / protein kinases / RNA polymerase / ATP synthases} to function

One of these would give 1 mark only:

involved in {phloem loading / sucrose transport in phloem / improved root : shoot ratio / vigorous root growth} supports {transpiration rate / stomatal conductance / carbon dioxide fixation / non-cyclic photophosphorylation} stabilises DNA

involved in ATP synthesis

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1(b)	An explanation that includes four of the following points:		
	uptake of magnesium ions levels off without oxygen but continues to increase with oxygen (1)	ACCEPT more magnesium ions are taken up in presence of oxygen rate of uptake is faster in presence of oxygen NB piece together	
	 uptake of magnesium ions increases as the ions can be taken up against the concentration gradient (1) 		
	{ATP / energy} is needed for {this / active transport} (1)		
	and oxygen is used in aerobic respiration to produce this ATP (1)	PIECE TOGETHER	
	 if {active transport was not involved / uptake was passive} the rate would have been the same in both groups (1) 		(4)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
2(a)(i)	 mass of large and small bears calculated (1) 88 / 88.1 / 88.13 (kg) 	133.5294117647 and 45.4 88.1294117647058 Bald correct answer = 2 marks Bald masses = 1 mark Bald unrounded = 1 mark	(2)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
2(a)(ii)	An explanation that includes the following points:		
	 because the food that Hank was {stealing / eating} was higher in {kilojoules / energy} (than ants and berries) (1) 	ACCEPT calories / fats / carbohydrates eating food throughout the whole year was eating food in the winter when the hibernating bears were not diets of other bears had fewer calories	
	 Hank was storing energy as {biomass / fat} / hibernating bears were {losing biomass / losing weight / living off their reserves} (1) 	DO NOT ACCEPT NPP	(2)

Question	Answer	Mark
number 2(b)(i)		
	The only correct answer is D	
	A is incorrect because DNA could not be analysed using an electron microscope B is incorrect because DNA could not be analysed using an electron microscope C is incorrect because entomology studies insects	
	e is meoried beduse emoniology studies insects	(1)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
2(b)(ii)	A description that includes the following points:		
	 {comparison / differences} of the (pattern /size / number / position) bands} (1) 	ACCEPT use {base sequencing / DNA profiling / genetic fingerprint / gel electrophoresis}	
	 bands specific to females found on two of the tests but not on Hank's (1) 	DO NOT ACCEPT females will have the same bands	
	 all (three) bears will have different {banding patterns / (DNA) fingerprints} (1) 	ACCEPT there will be (some) differences in the bands for all (three) bears DO NOT ACCEPT all the bands will be different IGNORE they don't have similar bands	(3)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3(a)	An answer that includes the following points:		
	Similarity:		
	• both target bacteria (1) Differences:	ACCEPT both affect bacteria both used to treat bacterial infections both bacteria even if qualification is wrong - this would negate mp 2 not mp 1	
	 {bacteriostatic antibiotics / tetracycline) prevent {cell division / growth} and {bactericidal / vancomycin} {kill / destroy} (bacteria) (1) 	IGNORE description of mechanisms named antibiotics	(2)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3(b)(i)	A description that includes three of the following points:		
	• antibiotics dissolved in a solvent (1)	ACCEPT named solvent e.g.water, ethanol	
	• (then) antibiotics loaded onto the {filter paper / origin} (1)	ACCEPT added to the filter paper / chromatogram / TLC plate / other appropriate medium IGNORE onto glass	
	• filter paper (then) dipped into solvent (below the origin) (1)	ACCEPT named solvent	
	 and (then) left to run until the leading edge is near end of filter paper) (1) 		(3)

Question	Answer	Mark
number		
3(b)(ii)		
	The only correct answer is B	
	A is incorrect because the tetracycline spot is about three-quarters of the way up so Rf value is approx. 0.75 C is incorrect because the tetracycline spot is about three-quarters of the way up so Rf value is approx. 0.75 D is incorrect because the tetracycline spot is about three-quarters of the way up so Rf value is approx. 0.75	(1)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3(b)(iii)	An explanation that includes two of the following points:		
	because different solvents were used (1)	ACCEPT two named solvents	
	difference in solubilities (1)	ACCEPT the more soluble the further it will travel antibiotics bind to medium differently different charge / molecular mass IGNORE dissolve differently IGNORE size / mass / structure / properties	
	 tetracycline is more soluble (in both solvents) / vancomycin is less soluble (in both solvents) / both antibiotics are more soluble in the solvent used in method 2 (1) 	ACCEPT converse for method 1	
	different solid phase used (1)		(2)

Question number	Answer	Mark
4(a)	The only correct answer is C A is incorrect because cellulose is made of B glucose B is incorrect because cellulose is made of B glucose D is incorrect because cellulose is a straight chain polymer	(1)

Question number	Answer					Mark
4(b)						
			Microo	rganism 	T	
	Structure	Bacteria only	Fungi only	both bacteria and fungi	neither bacteria nor fungi	
	mitochondria	[x]	[x]	[x]	[x]	
	nuclei	[x]	[X]	[x]	[x]	(3)
	70S (small) ribosomes	[x]	[x]	[x]	[X]	

Question number	Answer	Mark
4(c)(i)	The only correct answer is D	
	A is incorrect because relative abundance of Streptococcus is highest in cubs, Escherichia and Shigella highest in sub-adults and Clostridium highest in adults B is incorrect because relative abundance of Streptococcus is highest in cubs, Escherichia and Shigella highest in sub-adults and Clostridium highest in adults C is incorrect because relative abundance of Streptococcus is highest in cubs, Escherichia and Shigella highest in sub-adults and Clostridium highest in adults	(1)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4(c)(ii)	A description that includes four of the following points:		
	source of sample identified (1)	e.g. faeces, intestinal flush IGNORE other samples	
	name of method of determining numbers (1)	e.g. colony counts, dilution plating, colorimeter, spectrophotometer, turbidity, counting chamber, haemocytometer ACCEPT description of the method e.g. light passed through to measure transmission	
	credit appropriate detail of method (1)	e.g. serial dilutions, shaking sample before counting, safety precautions, culture conditions, aseptic technique	
	 method for {identifying / eliminating} bacteria (1) 	e.g. colour of colonies, use of antibiotics, use of antibodies, use of {selective / indicator} media	
	description of how the relative abundance will be determined (1)	e.g. number of each streptococcus in each sample from each age group of panda comparing light transmission for each age group percentage of streptococcus of total number of bacteria	(4)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(a)(i)	tangent correctly drawn (1)	line touches the outside of the curve at 1 200 seconds	
	• rate calculated (1)	e.g. $65 \div 880 = 0.073863636363$ $50 \div 720 = 0.0694444444$ ECFs: $147 \div 1120 = 0.1386792$ $147.5 \div 1120 = 0.131696428571$ $148 \div 1120 = 0.13962$ $147 \div 1130 = 0.13725490$ $147.5 \div 1130 = 0.13053097$ $148 \div 1130 = 0.1383177$	
	• rate value between 0.060 and 0.090 expressed to 3 dps max (1)	Ecf values from mp 2 correctly rounded to a max of 3 dps Ecf value of 0.1225 / 0.122916 / 0.12333 correctly rounded to max 3 dps but do not accept recurring numbers	(3)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(a)(ii)	An explanation that includes three of the following points: • oxygen is produced by photolysis (1)		
	 presence of PBF (on <i>C. pyrenoidosa</i>) produces {oxygen faster / more oxygen} (than <i>C. pyrenoidosa</i>)} OR PBF (alone) produces {no / very little} oxygen (1) 	ACCEPT presence of PBF means that light (intensity) is not rate limiting ACCEPT converse for algae alone producing less oxygen	
	 ({no / very little} oxygen produced by PBF) as it is {only a molecule / cannot photosynthesise} (1) (more oxygen produced) because {more light absorbed / wider range of wavelengths absorbed / green light absorbed as well} by PBF (1) 		(3)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(b)	An explanation that includes the following points:		
	 because {faster light-dependent reaction / more ATP produced / more reduced NADP produced} (1) 	ACCEPT NADPH DO NOT ACCEPT NAD	
	 more {GALP / glucose} produced {light-independent / Calvin cycle / carbon fixation} (by C. pyrenoidosa) with PBF) (1) 	ACCEPT faster {light-independent / Calvin cycle / carbon fixation} to produce {GALP / glucose} (by C. pyrenoidosa) with PBF)	
	therefore (more) {large organic molecules / NPP / biomass} produced (1)	ACCEPT named polymer e.g. starch, protein, cellulose	(3)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(a)	 {presence / entry / invasion} of a pathogen inside {cells / tissues} 	ACCEPT named pathogen e.g. bacteria / virus / viral genetic material / Plasmodium / sporozoites / merozoites named {cell / tissue} if correct IGNORE body	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
6(b)(i)	The only correct answer is B A is incorrect because the rate = $229 \times 10^6 \div 4.09 \times 10^5 = 559.9 = 600$ C is incorrect because the rate = $229 \times 10^6 \div 4.09 \times 10^5 = 559.9 = 600$ D is incorrect because the rate = $229 \times 10^6 \div 4.09 \times 10^5 = 559.9 = 600$	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
6(b)(ii)	The only correct answer is D A is incorrect because 274 000 : (409 000 - 274 000) = 274 000 : 135 000 = 2 : 1 B is incorrect because 274 000 : (409 000 - 274 000) = 274 000 : 135 000 = 2 : 1 C is incorrect because 274 000 : (409 000 - 274 000) = 274 000 : 135 000 = 2 : 1	(1)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(c)(i)	An explanation that includes three of the following points:	ACCEPT converse idea for merozoites	
	 because memory cells need to be generated (against the sporozoites) (1) so that they will be destroyed by (secondary) immune response (1) 	ACCEPT description of destruction by secondary immune response e.g. phagocytosis by macrophages BUT NOT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE PRIMARY RESPONSE DO NOT ACCEPT antibodies destroy	
	to prevent them {entering liver cells / damaging liver cells } (1)	ACCEPT before they can develop into merozoites	(3)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(c)(ii)	An explanation that includes three of the following points:		
	 because {the immune response takes time to develop / phagocytes may not be able to engulf all the sporozoites} (1) 	ACCEPT the vaccine may be ineffective / the person may have a weakened immune system / the immune system may not destroy all the sporozoites	
	 therefore a chemical needed to kill the sporozoites {in the vaccine / that get into the liver / so that they cannot produce merozoites} (1) 	ACCEPT weaken / reduce the number of	
	 second chemical needed to kill the merozoites in case the first chemical does not kill all the sporozoites (1) 	IGNORE in case one chemical does not work	
	 to avoid the risk of the person developing malaria (from the live sporozoites in the vaccine) (1) 		(3)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(c)(iii)	An explanation that includes three of the following points:		
	 because the two strains of sporozoites had (some) same antigens (1) 	ACCEPT (surface) {molecules / proteins}	
	 and the vaccine stimulated {an immune response / memory cells / production of antibodies} (to these common antigens) (1) 	ACCEPT (surface) {molecules / proteins}	
	because a secondary immune response took place (1)		
	 and both types of sporozoites {were destroyed (by the immune system) / engulfed by macrophages} (1) 		(3)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
7(a)(i)	• 16.82 / 16.83 / 16.87 / 16.8 / 16.9 / 17 (1)		(1)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
7(a)(ii)	A description that includes two of the following points:		
	used to make {amino acids / proteins} needed for growth (1)	ACCEPT used to make amino acids to make {proteins / enzymes} used to make membrane transport proteins	
	used to make enzymes for chemical reactions	ACCEPT named enzyme in named chemical reaction	
	 used to make DNA {which contains the genetic code / when (plant) cells divide} (1) 	ACCEPT used to make {bases / named base} to make {DNA / RNA / nucleic acids}	
	 used to make ATP needed {as a source of energy / named process} (1) 	ACCEPT used to make adenine to make {ADP / ATP}	
	 used to make {chlorophyll / named light absorbing pigment} to <u>absorb</u> light for {light-dependent stage / photolysis} (1) 		(2)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
7 (b)(i)	• 74 (%) (1)	DO NOT ACCEPT any other valuw	(1)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
7 (b)(ii)	• $1.5 \times 10^{12} / 1.54 \times 10^{12}$ (kg) (1)		(1)

Question	Answer	Mark
number		
*7(b)(iii)	Indicative content:	
	Aspect 1: Phytoplankton	
	more phytoplankton results in more photosynthesis	
	absorbing more carbon dioxide from the air	
	therefore less greenhouse gases	
	so less infra red radiation trapped	
	reducing global warming	
	release of nutrients into oceans will increase number of phytoplankton	
	because they use the nitrate for growth and division	
	Aspect 2: Animals other than whales	
	so there will be more carbon dioxide released into the air	
	due to respiration	
	which would increase global warming	
	increase in phytoplankton will increase numbers of whales / other animals	
	Aspect 3: Whales	
	more whales more carbon dioxide from respiration	
	more whales more nitrates released	
	there would be a lot of carbon stored in the whale's body	
	as {carbohydrate / protein / fat}	
	whale acts as a carbon sink	
	 dead {whales / organisms} decompose very slowly 	
	 as conditions unfavourable for {decomposers / decomposition} 	
	 therefore this carbon will not be released back into the atmosphere as carbon dioxide 	
	helping to reduce global warming	
	Aspect 4: Decomposition of phytoplankton and other animals	
	 increase in phytoplankton and other animals means more dead organisms 	
	so more decomposition	
	 releasing {methane / carbon dioxide} into the atmosphere 	
	due to respiration by microorganisms	(6)
	increasing global warming	(6)

		Additional guidance
Level 0	No awardable content	
Level 1	Demonstrates isolated elements of biological knowledge and understanding to the given context with generalised comments made. Vague statements related to consequences are	1 mark = one simple comment 2 marks = simple comments
	made with limited linkage to a range of scientific ideas, processes, techniques and procedures. The discussion will contain basic information with some attempt made to link knowledge	2 marks – simple comments
	and understanding to the given context.	
Level 2	Demonstrates adequate knowledge and understanding by selecting and applying some relevant biological facts / concepts. Consequences are discussed which are occasionally supported through linkage to a range of scientific ideas, processes, techniques and procedures. The discussion shows some linkages and lines of scientific reasoning with some structure.	3 marks = simple discussion of one aspect 4 marks = detailed discussion of one aspect AND simple discussion of one other aspect OR simple discussion of three aspects
Level 3	Demonstrates comprehensive knowledge and understanding by selecting and applying relevant biological facts / concepts. Consequences are discussed which supported throughout by sustained linkage to a range of scientific ideas, processes, techniques and procedures. The discussion shows a well-developed and sustained line of scientific reasoning which is clear and logically structured.	5 marks = detailed discussion of one aspect AND simple discussion of two other aspects OR detailed discussion of two aspects 6 marks = detailed discussion of two aspects AND simple discussion of two other aspects OR detailed discussion of three aspects

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8(a)	An explanation that includes two of the following points:		
	because if existing trees are destroyed {carbon dioxide / carbon} will be released (back into the atmosphere) (1)	ACCEPT existing forests are carbon sinks established trees are already removing (high levels of) carbon dioxide (from the atmosphere) new trees would remove less carbon dioxide (from the atmosphere)	
	 because they are {established / native} and therefore more resistant to {fires / storms / drought / disease / protect from soil erosion} (1) 		
	 because they are {homes / source of food} to other species (animals) (1) 	ACCEPT human dependent on them for {food / medicines}	(2)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8(b)	 An answer that includes two of the following points: because the local people rely on the land (that is planned for referestation). (1) 	ACCEPT named land use organisations need to be	
	reforestation) (1)	aware of the needs of the local people	
	 local people need to {understand the issues / be onside / feel that there livelihoods are safe / protect the trees} (1) 	IGNORE avoid conflicts	
	 local people will understand {the area / climate / their land use / animals} better (1) 		(2)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8(c)	An explanation that includes the following points:	NB max 3 for reasons without explanations (reasons = mp 1, 3, 5 and	
	 to avoid {destroying / disturbing / competition with} other ecosystems when planting trees (1) 	7)	
	 as this would result in the {loss / decrease} of {other species / biodiversity} 		
	 to avoid destroying the {homes / farmland} of the local people by planting trees (1) 		
	as this would cause {resentment / hunger / loss of income} (1)		
	 to join together fragments of remaining forests / reduce isolation (of a particular) species by planting trees (1) 		
	increase genetic diversity / prevent loss of genetic diversity (1)		
	• {conditions / named condition} at the site of original forest must be appropriate (for those trees) (1)	e.g. soil type, rainfall, temperature, nutrient levels	
	therefore reforestation will be {faster / more effective / more likely to be successful} (1)	DO NOT ACCEPT when clearly written in the direct context of succession	(4)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8(d)	An explanation that includes four of the following points:		
	• (overall) to increase biodiversity (1)		
	• native species because they are adapted for the conditions (1)		
	 native species as they will support the indigenous wild life of the area OR native species to avoid the risk of non-native species outcompeting the native species (1) 		
	 endangered species to avoid {extinction / inbreeding / drop in genetic diversity} (1) 	ACCEPT increase gene flow increase biodiversity within that species	
	 genetically-diverse species to expand the gene pool (1) 	ACCEPT increase biodiversity within that species	(4)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
9(a)(i)	A description that includes the following points:use the (liver / rectal / core) temperature (immediately) (1)		
	 use the graph and this temperature to get the {number of hours after death / time (after death)} (1) 	NB be careful not to award time of death	
	subtract this value from the time of finding the corpse (1)	ACCEPT work backwards using the graph	(3)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
9(a)(ii)	An explanation that includes the following points:		
	• {other factors / named factor} affects {heat loss / rate of heat loss / body temperature (after death)} (1)	e.g. several hours since death body may have been moved to a cooler area	
	 credit an explanation for how a named factor affects {heat loss / temperature} (1) 	e.g. {clothing / fat} {acts as an insulator / limits heat loss} cooler ambient temperature cools body faster	(2)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
9(b)(i)	 not ethical / dead person cannot give their permission / relatives may not agree / humans are genetically diverse 	IGNORE more available similar tissues	(1)

number	Answer			
*9(b)(ii)	Chemical Discussion of usefulness tests			
	рН			
	Pigs	Useful because decrease with time Useful as there is an increase with time with {small error bars / very little overlap in error bars} so timings are quite accurate		
	Rats	Useful because decrease with time Useful as there is an increase with time but error bars overlap so would not give accurate timings		
	Ammonia			
	Pigs	Useful as there is an increase with time Useful as there is an increase with time with no overlap in error bars so timings will be accurate		
	Rats	Not very useful as {no clear patterns / no trend / data goes up and down} Not very useful because data goes up and down so one value will give two times Not useful as no ammonia after 48 hours Useful for determining that there was more than 48 hours since time of death as no ammonia present		
	Hypoxanthine	Social for determining that there was more than 10 hours since time or detail as no armitonia present		
	Pigs	Useful as there is an increase with time Useful as there is an increase with time with no overlap in error bars so timings will be accurate Very low levels between 0 and 6 hours with overlapping error bars so may not be useful {then / until after 6 hours} There is an anomaly (at 24 hours) so this would need further investigation to see if this affects accuracy		
	Rats	Not very useful as {no clear patterns / no trend / data goes up and down} Only useful up to {9 hours /32 hours} Only useful up 6 hours otherwise one level could give two different timings		
	Lactate			
	Pigs	Not very useful as {no clear patterns / no trend / data goes up and down} Could be useful up to 9 / 24 hours as there is an increase in levels / not useful after 9 /24 hours as levels fluctuate		
	Rats	Not very useful as {no clear patterns / no trend / data goes up and down} Could be useful up to 9 hours as there is an increase in levels / not useful after 9 hours as levels fluctuate		
	General	small sample size so questionable significance use more than one marker and combine results results indicate that the test are species specific overall pigs are more useful than rats	(6)	

Level 1: Limited comments

1 mark = description of data for one chemical

2 marks = description of data for two chemicals

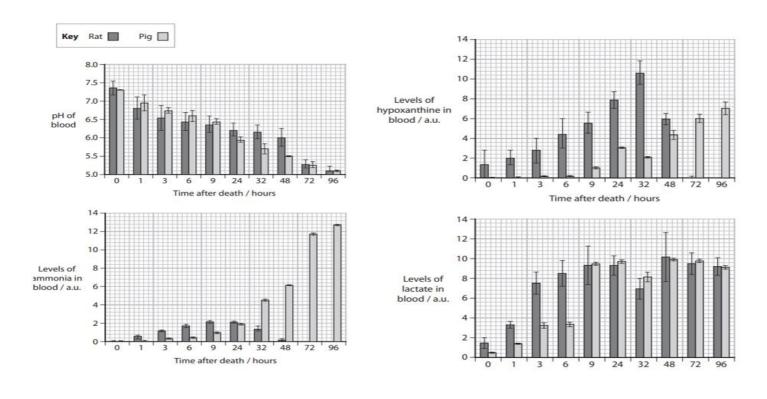
Level 2: Limited comments on usefulness

3 marks = usefulness of one chemical commented on **OR** one general comment

4 marks = usefulness of two chemicals commented on **OR** one chemical and one general comment

Level 3: Extended comments on usefulness

5 marks = usefulness of three chemicals commented on **OR** two chemicals and one general comment, that includes at least one extended comment 6 marks = usefulness four chemicals commented on **OR** three chemicals and one general comment, that includes at least one extended comment



Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
number	An answer that includes three of the following points:		
9(b)(iii)	An answer that includes three of the following points:		
	 {pH / some chemicals} seem to have similar patterns so could be useful (in humans) (1) 	ACCEPT pH decreases in both species so could be useful (in humans)	
	• some patterns seem to be species-specific so may not be useful (1)	ACCEPT are different in pigs and rats humans may be similar to {pigs / rats}	
	 therefore testing will need to be done (on humans) / but will the testing be {allowed / possible} (1) 		
	• credit suitable comment about {sample size / error bars} (1)		
	• chemical tests will need to be used in conjunction with other methods (1)		(3)