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Question	Marking guidance	Mark	Comments
01.1	Light (rays) have longer wavelengths OR electron (beams) have shorter wavelengths;	1	Must be comparative

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01.2	Any two from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cannot look at living material OR must be in a vacuum OR specimen must be dehydrated; • Specimen must be thin; • Artefacts may be present; • Complex staining method OR long preparation time; • Image not in 3D OR only 2D images produced; • Image only in black and white OR image not in colour; 	Max 2	

Question	Marking guidance	Mark	Comments
01.3	Any two from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produces mRNA/tRNA; • Contains the DNA/genetic material of the cell OR contains chromosomes OR contains the code for proteins/enzymes; • Makes ribosomal RNA/rRNA/ribosomes; 	Max 2	

Question	Marking guidance	Mark	Comments
01.4	13;;	2	<p>Award 1 mark for correct answer not given to 2 sf in the range 12.27 – 12.72 μm</p> <p>Award 1 mark for correct digits given to 2 sf with incorrect order of magnitude</p> <p>Accept 12 for 2 marks (for measurement of e.g. 54.5mm)</p>

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Question	Marking guidance	Mark	Comments
01.5	(Organelle A/mitochondrion) makes ATP; (ATP) provides <u>energy</u> for peptide bond formation OR provides <u>energy</u> for joining amino acids ;	2	Allow one mark for A contains ribosomes/DNA (for protein synthesis)

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01.6	Condensation;	1	

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01.7	Peptide bond between C-N correctly drawn; Rest of dipeptide correctly drawn;	2	<p> $\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & & \text{CH}_3 & \text{CH}_3 & \\ & & & & & / \quad \backslash & \\ & & & & \text{CH} & & \\ & & & & & & \\ \text{H} & & \text{CH}_3 & \text{O} & & & \\ \diagdown & & & & & & \\ \text{N} & - & \text{C} & - & \text{C} & - & \text{N} & - & \text{C} & - & \text{C} \\ / & & & & & & & & & & // \\ \text{H} & & \text{H} & & & & \text{H} & & \text{H} & & \text{O} \\ & & & & & & & & & & \backslash \\ & & & & & & & & & & \text{OH} \end{array}$ </p>

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01.8	1. Spin at increasing speed; 2. Separates organelles depending on mass/density;	2	Allow for 2 marks: Use of sucrose density gradient; Organelles settle in layer of same density (then pierce bottom of plastic tube & collect fractions);

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01.9	29.5 (%);;	2	1 mark for %C = %G and %A = %T OR A + T = 59%

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02.1	1. Count a large number of cells; 2. Suitable sampling method, eg regular intervals / random sampling;	2	1. If number of cells stated, must be more than 20 cells

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02.2	1. (In 6% of cells) the <u>water potential</u> of the solution is lower than inside the cell; OR (In 94% of cells) the <u>water potential</u> of the solution is higher/similar than inside the cell; 2. Water is moving by <u>osmosis</u> ; 3. Correct direction of (net) movement;	3	2. Accept <u>diffusion</u> of water 3. Out for 6%, in for 94%

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02.3	1. Line graph with concentration on x-axis and percentage of plasmolysed cells on y-axis <u>and</u> linear scales <u>and</u> correct units on both axes; 2. All five points correctly plotted; 3. Smooth curve of best fit OR points connected with straight ruled lines <u>and</u> no extrapolation;	3	

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02.4	0.42 – 0.43 (mol dm ⁻³);	1	Credit correct answer from candidate's graph in 02.3

Question	Marking guidance	Mark	Comments
02.5	1. Use smaller intervals; 2. Between 0.4 and 0.5;	2	

Question	Marking guidance	Mark	Comments
02.6	<i>Idea that</i> methylene blue might alter water potential of solution/cells so changes percentage of cells plasmolysed;	1	Allow correct reference to concentration of solution/cells

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02.7	1. Lines should be continuous OR lines should not be sketched; 2. No shading; 3. Label the cell membrane;	2	

Question	Marking guidance	Mark	Comments
03.1	Chromosomes are in (homologous) pairs OR synapsis is occurring OR bivalents have formed; Chromatids are wrapped around each other OR crossing over is occurring;	2	

Question	Marking guidance	Mark	Comments
03.2	1. Crossing over (between homologous chromosomes); 2. Causes new combinations of <u>alleles</u> ; OR 3. Independent segregation (of homologous chromosomes); 4. Different combinations of (maternal and paternal) chromosomes/alleles;	2	Mark as pairs 2. Reject: produces new alleles 3. Allow description of independent segregation

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03.3	Histones; Exons; Introns;	3	

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04.1	6 / 6.1 / 6.07 / 6.068;;	2	Award 2 marks for correct answer to any number of decimal places If answer is incorrect allow 1 mark for $4830 \div 796$

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04.2	1. (Index of diversity takes into account) number of species present; 2. (And) number of individuals of each species;	2	

Question	Marking guidance	Mark	Comments
04.3	Difficult to catch all the fish OR fish can migrate up/down river;	1	Accept examples e.g. fish under rocks OR in weeds

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04.4	(Dace and chub) have the same genus name OR both are <i>Leuciscus</i> ;	1	

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05.1	Any two from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plasmids; • Capsule; • Circular DNA; • 70S/small ribosomes; • Pili/fimbriae; 	Max 2	Allow flagellum/flagella

Question	Marking guidance	Mark	Comments
05.2	Made of many repeating (sub)units OR made of many monomers;	1	

Question	Marking guidance	Mark	Comments
05.3	Nitrogen;	1	Accept sulfur

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05.4	8.6×10^6 ;;;	3	Accept for 1 mark: 42×200 cells in $1 \text{ mm}^3 = 8400$ OR $42 \div 0.005 = 8400$ Accept for 1 mark: 42×2^{10} after 4 hours = 43008 Accept for 2 marks: $8\ 601\ 600$ OR 8.4×10^3 OR 4.3×10^4

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05.5	1. Prevents synthesis of (new) cell walls; 2. So bacteria cannot reproduce; OR 3. Weakens cell wall; 4. So cell contents leak out OR lysis/bursting of cells;	Max 2	Mark as pairs

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06.4	Dry OR arid;	1	Accept any condition linked to lack of water e.g. desert, low humidity, frozen, salt/saline

Question	Marking guidance	Mark	Comments
06.5	5600;	1	Accept 5.6×10^3

Question	Marking guidance	Mark	Comments
06.6	<p>1. (Small so) reduces surface area for gas exchange OR fewer stomata for gas exchange OR reduces surface area for photosynthesis/light absorption;</p> <p>2. (Thick, waxy cuticle so) increases diffusion distance for gases OR diffusion of gases cannot occur;</p>	2	1. Accept gas entry or CO ₂ entry for gas exchange

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06.7	<p>1. (Method of applying pigment) Draw pencil line across bottom of chromatography/filter paper and apply pigment to origin;</p> <p>2. (Method of concentrating pigment) Repeated application of pigment;</p> <p>3. (Method of putting paper in solvent) Stand the paper in a solvent with solvent below the origin;</p> <p>4. (Precaution) Make sure paper is not touching the sides OR don't move the tube;</p> <p>5. Remove when solvent near top of paper and mark solvent front;</p> <p>6. (Method of standardising technique) Same solvent OR same method of measuring distance travelled by pigments;</p> <p>7. (Method of finding Rf values) distance travelled by pigment divided by distance travelled by solvent;</p> <p>8. (Method of comparison) Compare Rf values of pigments OR compare positions of spots on chromatogram OR identify pigments from known Rf values;</p>	5 Max	

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07.1	<p>1. Diaphragm (muscles) contract and the diaphragm flattens/moves down;</p> <p>2. Volume of the lungs/thoracic cavity increases and the pressure decreases (below atmospheric pressure);</p>	2	<p>Allow for 1 mark:</p> <p>Diaphragm (muscles) contract <u>and</u> volume of lungs/thoracic cavity increases;</p>

Question	Marking guidance	Mark	Comments
07.2	<p>1. More than one polypeptide (chain) OR quaternary structure OR four polypeptide (chains);</p> <p>2. (Each polypeptide) associated with iron-containing/haem group;</p>	2	

Question	Marking guidance	Mark	Comments
07.3	<p>1. (Curve to left so) Hb has higher affinity for oxygen;</p> <p>2. (so) oxygen only released to tissues when partial pressure of oxygen/pO₂ is very low OR (so) less oxygen released to tissues;</p>	2	<p>1. Accept description of higher affinity, eg dissociates less readily OR remains highly saturated at low pO₂</p> <p>2. Accept use of figures</p>

Question	Marking guidance	Mark	Comments
07.4	1. (CO) competes with oxygen for binding site(s) OR CO similar shape to O ₂ so fits/combines with binding site on Hb OR Prevents oxygen from binding OR Blocks (oxygen) binding sites; 2. Increasing oxygen concentration decreases effect (of inhibitor/carbon monoxide);	2	1. Reject active site(s)/enzyme