



## General Certificate of Education

# Biology 6411

## *Specification A*

### *BYA6 Physiology and the Environment*

# Mark Scheme

## *2005 examination - June series*

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## BYA 6

### Question 1

- (a) (i) no (photo)receptor cells at **Y**/no rods and cones; 1
- (ii) **X** has many / only cones / more cones than **Z**;  
which each synapse to a single neurone / bipolar cell / no retinal convergence;
- OR
- Z** has mainly rods/more rods than cones;  
which share/converge on neurones / bipolar cells; 2
- (b) three types (of cone cell);  
each cell/pigment sensitive to different wavelength/colour of light; 2
- Total 5
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### Question 2

- (a) (i) (body temperature always equals the air temperature) because it cannot  
regulate its body temperature; 1
- (ii) lizard **A** can gain heat from the sun; 1
- (b) movement is dependent upon enzyme-catalysed reactions;  
molecules have less kinetic energy at lower temperatures;  
less enzyme activity;  
slower metabolism / rate of respiration / less ATP available; 2 max
- Total 4
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### Question 3

- (a) increasing carbon dioxide concentration / partial pressure;  
(decrease in oxygen negates) 1
- (b) (oxygen is used in) respiration;  
therefore diffuses (from tracheae) to tissues;  
oxygen unable to enter organism; 2 max
- (c) spiracles not open all the time;  
therefore there is less water loss (by diffusion through spiracles); 2
- Total 5
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**Question 4**

- (a) closed open closed;  
closed closed open; 2
- (b) active transport / pump of Na<sup>+</sup> out of axon;  
diffusion of K<sup>+</sup> out of axon / little diffusion of Na<sup>+</sup> into the axon; 2
- (c) can not pass through phospholipid bilayer;  
because water soluble / not lipid soluble / charged / hydrophilic / hydrated; 2
- Total 6
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**Question 5**

- (a) medulla; 1
- (b) A increase  
B increase; 1
- (c) it spreads through the atria / right atrium / through cardiac muscle;  
to the atrioventricular node;  
then through conduction fibres / bundle of His / Purkyne fibres); 3
- Total 5
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**Question 6**

- (a) 0.01 / 0.0105;  
(allow 1 mark for 52 500/5 000 000) 2
- (b) (at the tissues at low pp oxygen) the shrew's haemoglobin is less saturated  
with oxygen / has reduced affinity;  
oxyhaemoglobin dissociates more readily / haemoglobin releases oxygen  
more readily / more oxygen released;  
allowing greater demand / respiration rate; 3
- Total 5
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**Question 7**

- (a) Two marks for correct answer of 64.285/64.3/64;  
(allow 1 mark for  $(8100/100 \times 30) / 37.8$ ) 2
- (b) dissolve in / add ethanol then mix with water;  
emulsion / white colour indicates triglycerides present; 2
- (c) (i) hydrolysis; 1
- (ii) (bile) emulsifies (fat droplets);  
increasing surface area;  
for lipase action;  
increases the pH (towards optimum for lipase); 3 max
- (d) (i) increase the surface area for absorption;  
(ignore wrong ref. to name) 1
- (ii) **R** = tissue fluid/interstitial fluid/extracellular fluid/intercellular space;  
**S** = lymph(atic) vessel/lymph capillary/lacteal; 2
- (iii) proteins are synthesised by **U**;  
involvement of ribosomes;  
protein isolation / transport (inside RER);  
vesicle formation; 2 max
- (iv) exocytosis / description of;  
because of size / too large to leave by other methods; 2

Total 15

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**Question 8**

- (a) (i) where a change triggers a response which reduces the effect of a change; 1
- (ii) e.g. sweating, breathing, defaecating, other valid example; 2 max  
*(reject respiration  
evaporation not acceptable as a 2<sup>nd</sup> mark if sweating or breathing given)*
- (iii) hypothalamus; 1
- (b) (i) pituitary; 1  
*(ignore anterior pituitary)*
- (ii) 1. ADH causes vesicles containing aquaporins / aquaporins to be inserted into membrane / collecting duct wall/plasma;  
2. water enters cell through aquaporins;  
3. by osmosis / diffusion / down a water potential gradient;  
4. (from cell) to capillary;  
5. via interstitial fluid; 4 max
- (c) (i) excessive urination / drinking / diluted urine / thirst; 1
- (ii) because males only have one X chromosome/do not have Y chromosome;  
a single copy of the recessive allele will be expressed; 2
- (iii) recessive alleles can be carried by individuals without showing effects/  
dominant allele always expressed;  
organism that are carriers more likely to reproduce/affected organism  
less likely to reproduce;  
therefore recessive alleles are more likely to be passed on/dominant alleles  
less likely to be passed on; 3

Total 15

**Question 9**

- (a) (i) 1. (when light intensity is increased) tension in the xylem becomes greater / more negative / stronger;  
2. (this increase) takes place over  $\approx 100$  second;  
3. then levels out;  
4. stomata open (more);  
5. increased evaporation / transpiration;  
6. therefore the water potential of leaf cells becomes more negative / lower;  
7. therefore more water moves from xylem to surrounding cells;  
8. down a water potential gradient;  
9. correct ref. to hydrogen bonds / cohesion; 5 max
- (b) humidity will affect (the rate of) evaporation / transpiration;  
increased humidity / humid conditions decreases rate of water loss; 2
- (c) 1. continuous / leaf to root column of water;  
2. H-bonds;  
3. cohesion;  
4. column under tension / pull transmitted; 4
- (d) 1. method is C4 photosynthesis / correct ref. to a 4-carbon molecule;  
2. carbon dioxide stored in a molecule;  
(*reject 3-carbon molecule/RuBP*)  
3. stomata close during day / hot conditions;  
4. reducing water loss;  
5. low carbon dioxide concentration inside leaves;  
6. carbon dioxide released from molecules for photosynthesis;  
7. allows efficient use of high light intensity;  
*allow*  
8. effect of inhibition of RUBISCO is overcome; 4 max

Total 15

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