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Biology Specification A

BYA6 Physiology and the Environment

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BYA6**Question 1**

- (a) (i) Liver / muscle / named example of muscle; 1
- (ii) Glucose uptake / glucose → glycogen / glucose → fatty acids / fat; 1
- (b) Enzyme has specifically shaped active site;
Only glucose / binds to / forms E-S complex / is complementary;
Accept "Only glucose fits A.S" for 2 marks 2

Total 4 marks

Question 2

- (a) $\frac{10}{20}$ x measurement / $\frac{1}{2}$ x measurement;
 = 1.25 to 1.5;
allow 1 mark if correct working shown max 2
- (b) Maintains concentration gradient (over whole length of gill) / diffusion can occur over whole gill;
More oxygen enters blood (/ more CO₂ leaves);
More (aerobic) respiration / more energy release in muscle / for swimming;
'more' needed ONCE only 3

Total 5 marks

Question 3

- (a) Reduced rate of respiration / metabolism / chemical reactions;
 Energy conservation / less energy lost / less heat lost / conservation of stored fat / glycogen / food; 2
- (b) Optimum / fast / increased / temperature for enzymes / metabolism / chemical reactions / respiration;
 Optimum energy release for movement / faster movement / independent of environmental temperature; 2
Reject 'for faster activity'

Total 4 marks

Question 4

- (a) Lower volume AND higher concentration;
ADH increases water re-absorption (in 2nd convoluted tubule / collecting duct) / increases water permeability / adds aqua porous;

Evidence: observe increasing concentration (of dissolved substances)
(in 2nd convoluted tubule / collecting duct) / concentration increased c.f. ADH absent
Once only for full marks 3
- (b) Protein molecule too large (to cross filter in healthy person);
Protein can cross if filter is damaged / protein from damaged glomerulus enters filtrate; 2

Total 5 marks

Question 5

- (a) (i) 1 and 2 share neurone but 2 and 3 have separate neurones (to brain); 1
Ignore wrong names of neurones
- (ii) 1 unit is sub-threshold / 3 units are above threshold / give sufficient depolarisation;
(1 unit) No impulses / no action potential / in (sensory) neurone / does not stimulate (sensory) neurone / 3 units → impulses;
(Spatial) summation / sufficient neurotransmitter released / from 3 receptors / insufficient N-T from one;
Reject 'temporal' 3
- (b) (i) (Three) different types of (cone) cells / types 6 and 7 sensitive to different wavelengths / different frequencies / different colours;
- (ii) Impulses along separate neurone from each receptor cell / each receptor cell connects to separate neurone; 2

Total 6 marks

Question 6

- (a) (Increased) respiration produces (more) CO₂;
Increased H⁺ ion concentration (in RBC);
(H⁺ ions) cause more O₂ to be released from Hb / HbO₂ dissociates more readily / Hb affinity for O₂ is reduced;
Use of O₂ by muscle lowers O₂ concentration so more rapid diffusion of O₂ from RBC / more dissociation of HbO₂;
[Need 'increased' / 'more' ONCE only – if not, max 2] max 3
- (b) (i) CO₂ enters blood / more CO₂ in blood / lactic acid (formed);
allow lactate
Forms carbonic acid / H⁺ ions;
Not just 'CO₂ is acidic' 2
- (ii) Hb combines with H⁺ ions / releases H⁺ ions; 1

Total 6 marks

Question 7

- (a) B – It is the 2nd contraction / occurs (immediately) after A / occurs after atrium;
Larger / more force / more pressure; 2
- (b) $\frac{60}{\text{time for 1 cycle}}$
= 37 to 38
allow 1 mark if correct working shown max 2
- (c) (i) (Heart rate) reduced;
(Stroke volume) no effect; 2
- (ii) Reduced because $C.O. = H.R. \times S.V.$ / connection argument based on reduced H.R.; 1
- (iii) Parasympathetic; 1
- (d) (i) 1. Coordination via medulla (of brain) / cardiac centre;
2. (Increased) impulses along sympathetic (/ cardiac accelerator) nerve;
3. To S.A. node / pacemaker;
4. Release of noradrenalin;
5. More impulses sent from / increased rate of discharge of S.A. node / pacemaker;
Not “beats”; not “speeds up”
6. Increased heart rate / increased stroke volume; max 4
- (ii) In exercise – More energy release / more respiration / actively respiring muscles / for aerobic respiration;

Higher cardiac output – Increases O₂ supply (to muscles);
Increases glucose supply (to muscles);
Increases CO₂ removal (from muscles) / lactate removal;
Increases heat removal (from muscles) / for cooling;
If no “increase” – max 2 marks 3

Total 15 marks

Question 8

- (a) (i) Conditioned reflex; 1
- (ii) Quick response / Short-lived response / requires use of nerve(s) / does not work if (vagus) nerve cut;
Ignore "learning"
Indirect stimulus / ref. response to sight; 2
- (ii) Normally a long-lasting response / secretion occurs over several hours;
Response occurs even if nerve cut; 2
- (b) (i) Cuts in middle of protein / peptide / not at end / not terminal amino acid / produces polypeptides / smaller chains; 1
- (ii) Produces many 'ends' for exopeptidase action;
Faster digestion (of protein);
- (iii) Stomach wall / gland / cells contain protein;
Prevents digestion of / damage to cells; 2
- (c) (i) Lack of ATP;
Pump = active transport / requires energy / ATP provides energy / transport is up concentration gradient; 2
- (ii) Concentration of Na⁺ inside cell no longer less than concentration in gut lumen / no longer a concentration gradient;
No (facilitated) diffusion of Na⁺ ions possible / amino acid absorption requires diffusion of Na⁺ ions into cell; 2
- (iii) Diffusion / facilitated diffusion; 1

Total 15 marks

Question 9

- (a) Apoplastic – Via cell walls / spaces external to cell membrane / external to cytoplasm / between cells;
As far as endodermis / Casparian strip / layer of wax;
Caused by transpiration pull;
Cohesion / hydrogen-bonding between water molecules;
Symplastic – Through cell surface membrane (of epidermis / root hair cell) / ref. vacuoles membrane;
High to low Ψ / Ψ s;
Diffusion / osmosis;
Cell-to-cell via plasmodesmata / via strands of cytoplasm;
Secretion / active transport of ions into xylem by endodermis;
OR
Active uptake of ions from soil at epidermis;
Lowers Ψ / Ψ s in xylem / increases osmosis into xylem;
[If symplast & apoplast are confused – max 5 marks] max 6

- (b) 1. Diameter of trunk minimal at warmest / brightest time of day / midday = warmest / brightest;
2. Stomata open in light → more water loss;
3. Water evaporates more when warm / more heat energy for water evaporation;
4. Hydrogen-bonding between water molecules;
5. Cohesion (/ described) between water molecules;
6. Adhesion (described) between water molecules and walls of xylem vessels;
7. (Xylem) pulled inwards by faster flow of water / pulled in by tension;
8. Reduced pressure at leaves / top of plant / pull from top / from leaves / tension from leaves / from top of plant due to transpiration / evaporation;
9. Water pulled up plant; max 6

(c)

Feature	Explanation
Thick cuticle / wax layer	waterproof / impermeable;
Sunken stomata	saturated layer of still air outside;
Hairy	saturated layer of still air outside;
Leaves small / reduced to spines / needles	reduced S.A. for water loss;
Leaves roll up in dry weather	less S.A. for water loss / stomata covered / saturated region of still air;
Reduced number of stomata	reduced S.A. for water loss;
CAM (/ Crassulacean Acid Metabolism)	stomata closed in light / in warm / only open in dark / when cool;

3 features but no explanations – max 1 mark

max 3

Total 15 marks