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Unit **G641:** Remote Sensing and the Natural Environment

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Q	uestion	Answer	Mark	Guidance
1	а	Correct waveform ✓ Uses 12 boxes for one wavelength ✓	2	If several waves should be similar in wavelength and amplitude
	b	Selects and rearranging (λ =c/f) OR 4.4 x 10 ⁷ / 2.5 x 10 ⁹ ; \checkmark 1.76 x 10 ⁻² \checkmark m \checkmark	3	0.0176 scores 1 mark
	С	Higher frequency / shorter wavelength / higher energy ✓	1	ACCEPT 'more penetrating' / "ionising"
	d	Gamma / X radiation / uv ✓ Damage to cells / DNA / genetic material ✓ Leading to cancer / other specified relevant health effect✓	3	ACCEPT alpha, beta NOT "mutate cells" alone ALLOW mutation of DNA IF cell damage mention needs to give some detail e.g. proteins damaged
		Total	9	

Question		ion	Answer	Mark	Guidance
2	а		Mild/(moderately) warm AND wet (owtte) ✓	1	NOT hot, high temperature NOT constant temperature
	b		any five from: CO₂ from air/taken in through leaves ✓ H₂O from soil/taken in through roots ✓ Chloroplasts / chlorophyll ✓ Photosynthesis ✓ Gives details of light dependent OR light independent reactions ✓ This makes glucose / maltose ✓ Glucose is converted to starch ✓	5	If used the following words should be spelled correctly: Photosynthesis, chloroplast, chlorophyll, dependent Credit any correctly named enzyme for 1 mark Mention of respiration is CON for photosynthesis mark (except in context of biosynthesis of starch) Glucose mark can be scored from correct word or symbol equation
	С	i	Rising / increasing ✓	1	IGNORE extra comments e.g. peaking
		ii	Increased use of fertilisers / higher yielding varieties / increased use of technology / education of farmers / greater demand ✓	1	NOT just "increasing population" unless qualified n.b. could have ecf from c (i) if fluctuations mentioned
		iii	Peaks in <u>1980s</u> / (only) rises until <u>1980s</u> ✓ Then falls ✓ Increasing world population ✓	3	ALLOW (late) 1970s
	d	i	Soil / plants / animals / rock / water ✓	1	ACCEPT sea, rivers
		ii	Leaching ✓	1	ALLOW run-off
		iii	Remains constant ✓ Because input equals output ✓	2	ALLOW "input and output are balanced" NOT "balanced" alone
		iv	Add, (powdered) rock/(powdered) bone ✓	1	ALLOW rock phosphate owtte
	е		Nitrogen / potassium / calcium / magnesium ✓	1	ACCEPT anything reasonable, but not CARBON
			Total	17	

Q	Question		Answer	Mark	Guidance
3	а		The number of, different/separate, species ✓ (Living) in an ecosystem/area ✓	2	ALLOW amount of, range of, variety of. Must imply a number of some kind Second mark depends on some mention of organisms living in ecosystem
	b		any four from: Geographical isolation owtte ✓ Large number of different ecosystems/niches ✓ Description of different niches ✓ Adaptation to different / new conditions ✓ Example of adaptation e.g. different beaks ✓ Reproductive isolation (of adapted organisms) owtte ✓	4	
	С	i	any three from: Goats eat plants ✓ Plants aren't adapted to cope/some plant species eaten to the point of extinction/ no other large herbivores on island ✓ Competition for food with other animals (herbivores) ✓ Describe any knock on effect on carnivores / whole food chain is affected ✓ So other organisms become endangered/ die out / become extinct ✓	3	Last point depends on valid explanation for organisms dying
		ii	Ecosystems become unsustainable + reasoned argument (owtte) ✓ Extinction of species unique to Scotra AW may mean loss of resources to make medicines etc ✓	2	ACCEPT any reasonable scientific explanation linking food chains to whole ecosystem for first point
			Total	11	

Q	Question		Answer	Mark	Guidance
4	а	i	London white/pink ✓ North Sea dark blue ✓ River Thames (pale) blue ✓ Thetford forest (dark) red ✓	2	All correct 2 marks 3 correct, 1 mark North Sea and River Thames need to be different shades of blue
		ii	Show up areas of, poor growth of <u>trees</u> /dead <u>trees</u> / in the forest ✓	1	ACCEPT density of (trees in) forest / deforestation / health of (trees in) forest NOT just reference to vegetation Need to imply that information is about the trees in the forest
		iii	Nitrates cause, algae/vegetation, to grow ✓ plus any two from: Vegetation will show up as red on image ✓ Water appears as blue ✓ Mixture of Red + blue (= purple) ✓	3	
	b		Thermal ir waves longer (wavelength) / lower frequency(ora) ✓	1	NOT shorter frequency
	С	i	Sunny / clear sky OR hot / warm√	1	ACCEPT mild
		ii	So that it looks more realistic ✓	1	ALLOW "to make the clouds look white" (must imply that this is the usual appearance of clouds)
		iii	They are cold ✓ plus any two from: Cold features emit less infrared ✓ So would appear black on the original image ✓ This is a negative, so look white ✓	3	
			Total	12	

Question		ion	Answer		Guidance
5	а	i	(Green) plants / algae / autotrophs ✓	1	ACCEPT any reasonable suggestion but NOT leaf / nectar
		ii	160 x 12/100 ✓ 19.2 ✓	2	
		iii	Lost as heat / movement / excretion ✓	1	Respiration, reproduction, biosynthesis etc is CON
	b		ANY 3 from: Less food for blackbirds / fewer blackbirds Shrews/foxes/ sparrowhawks must find alternative sources of food ✓ Hence more snails/thrushes/wrens /shrews etc , eaten ✓ Fewer dead leaves removed/broken down / energy doesn't enter food web✓	3	Must include names No marks for simply saying that populations fall (except in case of blackbirds) NOT just "more dead leaves" unless justified
	С		Oxygen Respiration / correct word equation or description These reactions occur in mitochondria (and cytoplasm) The energy from reaction (converts ADP to) ATP / energy transferred to ATP OR ATP breaks down to release / transfer energy	4	Credit any correct detail of Krebs Cycle as additional marking point QWC If used the following words should be spelled correctly: oxygen, glucose, respiration, mitochondria.
			Total	11	

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