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Question	Expected Answers	Mks	Additional Guidance
1 a	only the fruit/ seeds/ parts of the plant are picked/ the plant survives owtte , ora	[1]	reject answers based only on examples
b	easy to pick/ harvest; less chance of being damaged by pests; won't get dirty (from the soil)/less contamination; fewer weeds/ easier to remove weeds/less competition watered automatically/ watered regularly/ water controlled/ all get same amount; can put special/ good/ soil or compost in plastic bags; need less water/ no water loss from plastic bags; fertilisers can be given automatically (in water)all get same amount;	[2]	any two treat answers such as better/ bigger crop/ keeps them fresh/organic/ protected/ to get more sunlight/more water/more nutrients/ warmer as neutral
С	growing; (1) processing (1)	[2]	reject examples
d	low/ cool temperature / refrigerated; good ventilation; dry; not squashed together; clean; irradiated;	[2]	any two allow covered/in containers/ pest free ignore references to freezing/ to time/ right temperature/ sealed/plastic bag
e i	don't need clean water for crop/ can use sea water/ fewer bacteria/fewer pests/ cheap source;	[1]	
ii	DNA/ gene; gene for resistance cut out from bacterial DNA; by (ligase) enzymes; put into chromosome/DNA of strawberry plant cell; new gene/gene for resistance produces protein/ enzyme;	[3]	any three points
		[11]	

Question	Expected Answers	Mks	Additional Guidance
2 a	artificial insemination batch culture organic farming tissue culture	[1]	if both a correct and incorrect box is ticked no marks
b	temperature; shelter/ exposure/ available space; food; water; pests; disease/health; stress; genetic factors/ size of parents; different metabolic rates; gender; age;	[2]	three correct = 2 marks two correct =1 marks ignore references to environment/ habitat/ exercise/ weather
c i	vicuna wool (1) only produces 95g per year/same amount as cashmere but takes two years (1)	[2]	reject copied information "gives 190g in 2 years" allow "longer time to make less wool"
ii	few vicunas; small amount produced; only harvested every two years/ takes a long time to grow; high demand;	[2]	any two
		[7]	

Question	Expected Answers		Additional Guidance	
3 a	prevent contamination;(1) prevent spread of disease/infection/ microorganisms;(1)	[2]	ignore clean/ sterile	
b	turbidity; (1) biomass; (1)	[2]	allow descriptions allow use of colorimeter allow weight/mass	
c i	lag; exponential/log; stationary; decline/death	[2]	3 or 4 correct = 2 marks 2 correct =1 marks reject descriptions	
ii	new cells/ individuals produced balanced by death owtte	[1]		
d	sugar level dropped then levelled; alcohol levels rose then levelled; sugar level decreases as alcohol level increases; sugar converted into alcohol; after 8 days sugar all used/ fermentation stops; after 8 days no more alcohol produced; yeast produces alcohol;	[3]	any three points	
е	continuous (culture)	[1]		
		[11]		

Question			Expected Answers		Additional Guidance
4	a i	i	seeds have supply of food/ photosynthesis does not take place/ no chlorophyll/ seeds don't have (green) leaves	[1]	
	i	ii	oxygen AND water	[1]	both answers required allow minerals/ nutrients as part of the answer
	bi	i	carbon dioxide, water (either order) glucose, oxygen (either order)	[1]	all correct for 1 mark allow correct and balanced symbol equation
	i	ii	a condition that, when it is in short supply, stops/ slows down the rate of photosynthesis increasing	[1]	reject limits/ slows down photosynthesis
	i	iii	carbon dioxide	[1]	allow water
	C		advantage can control water/ air/ minerals/ minerals not lost/ don't need soil/ no microorganisms or pests in inert material/ can be automated/ less manual labour/ water recycled/ minerals recycled/ can grow a lot in a small space (1) disadvantage plants need support/ only good for small plants/needs electric supply/ diseases easily spread (1)	[2]	allow can be grown throughout year
				[7]	
			Total	[36]	

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