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Annotations

Annotation	Meaning
	correct response
×	incorrect response
[44]	benefit of the doubt
2.777	benefit of the doubt <u>not</u> given
1484	error carried forward
A	information omitted
-	ignore
R	reject
मिना	contradiction

Subject-specific Marking Instructions

Abbreviations, annotations and conventions used in the detailed Mark Scheme.

/ = alternative and acceptable answers for the same marking point

(1) = separates marking pointsallow = answers that can be accepted

not = answers which are not worthy of credit
reject = answers which are not worthy of credit
ignore = statements which are irrelevant

() = words which are not essential to gain credit

__ = underlined words must be present in answer to score a mark (although not correctly spelt unless otherwise stated)

ecf = error carried forward AW = alternative wording ora = or reverse argument

Q	Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	(a)		alcohol pain killer aspirin hallucinogen LSD stimulant nicotine depressant	2	All 3 correct (2) 1 or 2 correct (1)
	(b)	(i)	3.4/ 0.25 or 3.4/0.50 ² (1) BUT 13.6 (2)	2	allow 14 (2) but not 14.0
		(ii)	addiction (1)	1	more than one answer circled then no marks
		(iii)	check if harmful / see if safe / it may be toxic / check for side effects / get levels of medication or dosage correct / check it works (1)	1	allow they might be dangerous ignore may affect body / organs unless qualified ignore check for faults
		(iv)	animals harmed in testing / ethical idea e.g. cruel to animals (1)	1	answer must refer to negative aspects of animal testing but ignore just 'because it is tested on animals' allow animals may not behave like humans so unreliable ignore unqualified answers e.g. against religious belief
			Total	7	

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Q	Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
2	(a)	(i)	enzymes work best (at 37 °C) / optimum temperature for enzymes (1)	1	answer must refer to enzymes allow not high enough for enzymes to denature ignore 'enzymes can still function'
		(ii)	any two from: vasoconstriction / blood vessels constrict / blood vessels narrow (1) idea that there is less blood near skin surface (1) less heat loss by radiation (1)	2	allow blood vessels get thinner not blood vessels move away from skin surface ignore no blood near skin surface ignore blood flows away from skin ignore blood not flowing as close to skin surface
		(iii)	hypothermia (1)	1	allow phonetic spellings but not hyperthermia
	(b)		2 (hours) (1)	1	
			Total	5	

Q	uestic	n	Answer	Marks	Guidance
3	(a)		(different) age / gender / level of activity / appropriate medical condition like diabetes etc (1)		allow religious / ethical beliefs / allergies / vegetarian / vegan ignore different sizes / masses ignore they need different amounts of energy / protein etc without a reason ignore different lifestyles
	(b)	(i)	motor neurone (1)	1	allow motor nerve
		(ii)	release of (neuro)transmitter (1)	2	allow chemical released allow named transmitter e.g. acetylcholine
			diffusion across (the synapse / gap) (1)		simply 'transmitter diffuses' = 1 only ignore 'it diffuses across synapse' ignore 'impulse travels across' idea 'impulses diffuse across synapse' = 0
	(c)		$C_6H_{12}O_6 + 6O_2 \rightarrow 6CO_2 + 6H_2O$	2	mark for correct formulae (1) mark for correct balancing (1) dependent on 1 st mark
	(d)		reference to (fatigue caused by) lactic acid / lactate (1) BUT break down lactic acid / oxidise lactic acid / move lactic acid to liver (2)	2	ignore description of other changes e.g. pulse rate slowing 'remove lactic acid' = 1 only (for lactic acid)
			Total	8	

Q	uestic	n	Answer	Marks	Guidance
4	(a)	(i)	any one from: climate change (1) pollution (of rainforest) (1) hunting (1) competition for food / space (1) disease (1)	1	ignore habitat destruction allow global warming / acid rain allow increase in predators but ignore just predators allow decrease in prey / food ignore limited resources ignore just 'competition' allow idea of disturbance from felling (1) allow populations become isolated (1) allow not reproducing fast enough / death rate greater than birth rate (1)
		(ii)	any one from: legal protection / stop hunting (1) idea of education of local people (1) captive breeding programs (1) artificial ecosystems / reserves (1)	1	ignore protection of habitat ignore replant rainforest ignore zoos / enclosures / cage ignore 'conservation programs' ignore tourism allow corridors to prevent isolation (1) allow provide food / feeding stations (1)
	(b)		any two from: (provide jobs in / make money from) tourism (1) protects local human food supply (1) (tourist trade may lead to) improvements in water / electricity supplies (1) can use plants for building materials / fuel (1) can use plants for medicines (1) prevents soil erosion (1)	2	ignore simply 'make money' allow for food ignore use plants for resources ignore references to global warming ignore references to attacks by animals
			Total	4	

C	Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance	
5	(a)		142.9 (%) (2)	2	allow 143 or 142.86 (2) but 142 (1)	
			but 1 ÷ 0.7 x 100 (1)		allow 1.7 – 0.7 = 1 (million) OR increase = 1 (million) (1)	
	(b)		acid rain (1)	1	allow description of the effects of acid rain eg acidic lakes / trees die / fish in lakes killed / damage buildings or statues allow idea of more sulfurous / sulfuric acid in atmosphere ignore just 'harmful to animals'	
	(c)	(i)	any three from: can withstand high body temperatures (1) so does not need to sweat / can store heat at night (1)	3	allow any three correct ideas	
			long eye-lashes / bushy (1) stop sand getting into eyes (1) hair lines nostrils / close nostrils (1) to stop sand getting in (1)		allow more sets of eyelids / more eye lashes	
			large feet / wide feet (1) to stop camel sinking into sand / spread out the load (1)		allow flat feet / webbed feet ignore just 'to walk on sand'	
			can drink large amounts of water (1) so they can travel further without water (1) large surface area to volume (1) to allow more heat loss (1)		ignore stores water / fat in hump but allow reference to fat as a food store / source of metabolic water (1) additional marking points: allow (underside) of body less fur / short fur / thin fur (1) so heat is lost more easily (1) or allow longer fur (on upper side) (1) to keep warm at night (1) ignore no fur	

Q	Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance	
		(ii)	mammal (1)	1		
	(d)	(i)	replaced by minerals (1)	1	not replaced by calcium	
		(ii)	any two from: idea of acquired characteristics are not passed on / idea of only genetic characteristics being passed on (1)	2	answer must refer to current theories not Lamarck's, e.g. 'acquired characteristics are passed on' = 0	
			idea of environmental factors not altering the genes / not controlling characteristics (1)		allow neck length not controlled by environment / neck length is controlled by genes / stretching neck will not affect genes	
			Total	10		

Q	uestic	n	Answer	Marks	Guidance
6	(a)	(i)	water + carbon dioxide (1) glucose + oxygen (1)	2	either order allow sugar ignore food ignore light / chlorophyll allow correct symbols / formulae / a mixture of words and formulae (if give formulae then do not need to be balanced)
		(ii)	(starch is) insoluble / (starch) does not dissolve (1)	1	assume unqualified answer refers to starch allow starch does not affect osmosis / water potential ignore simply 'glucose is soluble' ignore starch is a large molecule
	(b)		3 rd box true, all rest false (1)	1	must have 5 ticks in the correct boxes
	(c)		small sample size / only five repeats (1) sample may be unrepresentative (1)	2	ignore references to size of quadrat allow idea that need random placement of quadrats allow sample may be biased ignore simply 'sample size' or 'randomness'
			Total	6	

C	Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
7	(a)	undifferentiated cell / unspecialised cell / cell that can become any (type of) cell (1)	1	not just cell that can divide allow a cell that can differentiate ignore cells with no function
	(b)	meiosis (1)	1	allow spelt phonetically (no 't') allow reduction division
	(c)	(idea that) fertilisation restores the correct number of chromosomes / restores diploid number / to prevent there being too many chromosomes after fertilisation (1)	1	allow reference to specific numbers of chromosomes e.g. so fertilised egg has 46 chromosomes allow so fertilised egg has a full set / amount of DNA ignore simply 'they carry half the number of chromosomes' answer has to have some reference to fertilisation / fertilised egg / zygote / embryo
	(d)	the embryos are killed / believe that they have a right to life / ethically wrong / religious objections (1)	1	allow idea that it's unnatural / immoral / against God / 'playing God' allow embryos are living
	(e)	1737 (1)	1	
		Total	5	

Q	Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
8	(a)		aorta (1)	1	more than one answer circled then no marks
	(b)		has to pump blood further / needs to generate more pressure (1)	1	allow has to work harder / pump blood to (whole) body ignore pump more blood / pumps faster
	(c)		(wire must go through the skin) so possible infection (1)	1	allow reference to battery may be damaged / disconnected allow idea of wire disconnecting or breaking ignore ideas that power may fail
			Total	3	

Q	uestic	n	Answer	Marks	Guidance
9	(a)	(i)	glucose, fats, oxygen (1)	1	need all three for 1 mark any other substance negates mark
		(ii)	they (diffuse from) a high(er) concentration to a low(er) concentration (1)	1	need reference to concentration allow there is a lower concentration in the foetus allow there is a higher concentration in the mother allow the concentration in the foetus is low but high in the mother
		(iii)	large surface area / rich blood supply / permeable / small distance (between the two blood systems) / (large) concentration gradient (1)	1	allow thin wall but ignore thin cell wall allow one cell thick / thin cells ignore just 'thin' allow counter-current flow (1)
	(b)	(i)	34 / 34.3 / 34.29 (1)	1	allow 34.28571429 not 34.2 or 34.28 or 34.0 (incorrect rounding)
		(ii)	foetal blood has higher percentage of red blood cells (1) idea that oxygen passes from maternal	2	allow foetal blood has higher concentration of Hb allow foetal blood has more red blood cells (per 100cm³) allow foetal blood has more Hb (per 100cm³) ignore answer that quotes figures 34 and 50 but makes no comparison not red blood cells pass from maternal blood to foetal blood
			(oxy)haemoglobin to foetal haemoglobin (1)		ignore simply oxygen passes from maternal blood to foetal blood blood allow high level answer: higher affinity of foetal Hb (1)
			Total	6	

Q	uestic	n	Answer	Marks	Guidance
10	(a)		any two from: (cell) wall / vacuole / chloroplast / starch granules (1)	1	need two answers for one mark ignore cellulose / chlorophyll
	(b)		(positive) phototropism (1)	1	
	(c)	(i)	different proteins are made / protein shape is different (1)	2	allow no protein made
			may be enzymes / structural proteins (that do not work properly) (1)		allow idea that growth hormones may be affected
		(ii)	tick in second box (1)	1	more than one tick negates a correct response
	(d)		people will get more vitamin A /	1	ignore rice contains vitamin A ignore just 'vitamin A'
			less people will develop vitamin A deficiency / night blindness / xerophthalmia (1)		allow improves vision at night ignore simply improves vision
			Total	6	

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