## Biology A

## General Certificate of Secondary Education

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| Question |  | Answer | Mark | Guidance |
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| $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{a}$ | Lucy (1) <br> Liz (1) | $\mathbf{2}$ | accept responses in any order <br> accept any other clear response eg. ticks on diagram |
|  | $\mathbf{b}$ | enzymes and molecules/substrates collide / hit each <br> other / owtte (1) <br> enzymes/molecules/substrates have a <br> complimentary/matching/specific shape (1) <br> molecule/substrate fits into the enzyme / active site (1) | accept chemicals = molecules <br> accept enzymes have a specific shape so that the <br> substrate/molecule can fit into it = 2 marks <br> accept correctly labelled diagram <br> accept 'go into' |  |
|  | Total | [5] |  |  |


| $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{a}$ | glucose (1) | $\mathbf{1}$ | accept any other clear response eg ring on table |
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|  | $\mathbf{b}$ | pituitary gland (1) | $\mathbf{1}$ | accept any other clear response eg tick |
|  | $\mathbf{c}$ | any three from: <br> reduces/suppresses ADH (production) / <br> less ADH produced; <br> less water reabsorbed; <br> results in a greater volume/more produced (of urine); <br> urine is more dilute/less concentrated; | $\mathbf{3}$ | no need to identify links between marking points <br> mark first three points and then stop marking |
| Total | accept more water in urine |  |  |  |


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| $\mathbf{3}$ | $\mathbf{a}$ | hypothalamus (1) | $\mathbf{1}$ | accept phonetic spelling |
|  | $\mathbf{b}$ | the blood vessels supplying skin capillaries constrict; <br> the blood flow through the skin capillaries decreases; <br> energy loss at the skin surface decreases; | $\mathbf{2}$ | 3 correct $=2$ marks <br> 1 or 2 correct = 1 mark <br> accept any other clear response eg ticked, underlined |
|  | $\mathbf{c}$ | uncontrolled heat gain / positive feedback (1) <br> increase in (body) temperature / gets hotter / too hot / <br> temperature $40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}(1)$ | $\mathbf{2}$ | accept body not able to lose heat (fast enough) $/$ owtte $=1$ <br> mark <br> ignore reference to external temperature <br> if temperature is quoted - it must be $40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ or over <br> ignore symptoms /body responses / other causes |


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| $\mathbf{4}$ | $\mathbf{a}$ |  | meristem (1) | $\mathbf{1}$ | accept phonetic spellings <br> ignore stem cells |
|  | $\mathbf{b}$ | $\mathbf{i}$ | (plant) hormone (1) | accept growth factor/regulator <br> ignore unqualified responses eg a growth-promoting chemical |  |
|  |  | ii | stimulates/promotes/encourages root growth (1) | $\mathbf{1}$ |  |
|  | c | leaves can get more light / owtte (1) <br> increased photosynthesis <br> (plants/it/they/leaves/chloroplasts can) produce more <br> food/glucose (1) <br> to grow (1) | ignore references to growing towards the light |  |  |



$\left.\begin{array}{|c|c|c|l|c|c|}\hline \mathbf{7} & & \begin{array}{l}\text { new (neuron) pathways form (in the brain)/owtte (1) } \\ \text { certain pathways (in the brain) are more likely to transmit } \\ \text { impulses than others/used more often (1) } \\ \text { repetition reinforces/strengthens (new) pathways (1) }\end{array} & \mathbf{3} & & \text { accept more pathways form/created/accessed/made } \\ \text { accept a suitable example of repetition if linked to } \\ \text { reinforces/strengthens }\end{array}\right]$


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| 9 | a |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C, D, E (1) } \\ & \text { B, (F), A (1) } \end{aligned}$ | 2 | accept $B, A,(F)$ for 1 mark |
|  | b |  | diffusion (1) | 1 |  |
|  | c |  | $\square$ <br> .. binds to the sites where the serotonin ... $\square$ $\square$ | 2 | accept any other clear response eg crosses (if no ticks given), shading |
|  |  |  | Total | [5] |  |

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