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0608 TWENTY FIRST CENTURY SCIENCE

0608/03

Paper 3 (Core Written), maximum raw mark 60

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Question	Expected Answers	Mks	Additional Guidance
1 (a) (i)	10 to 120;	[1]	allow 120 to 10
(ii)	8 16;	[1]	both required
(iii)	more cars driving in town at these times; people going to and from work;	[2]	
(b)	air/atmosphere;	[1]	
(c)	carbon monoxide;	[1]	allow carbon dioxide nitrogen dioxide, nitrogen monoxide, hydrocarbons, benzene,
	Total	[6]	
2 (a)	$(13+11+12+13+14+12)/6$; = 12.5	[2]	allow 75/6
(b) (i)	makes it stretch more;	[1]	do not allow more flexible/more elastic
(ii)	plasticiser gets between polymer molecules; forces are lower; molecules/chains slide over each other more easily;	[3]	
(c)	unplasticised because more durable; OR plasticised because will be more comfortable/easier to move in;	[1]	allow any reasonable answer that clearly links to properties
	Total	[7]	
3 (a)	glucose; amino acids;	[2]	
(b)	any correct food type eg fat; matching health problem eg obesity;	[2]	reject sugar/fast food accept salt/alcohol
(c) (i)	look on label for food type they are trying to avoid / compare labels on different products; eat less of/do not eat if food type is listed / eat product with less;	[2]	allow answers that use examples e.g. sugar/fat
(ii)	do not think it will happen to them / do not care / think risk is small / not aware of the risk / benefit outweighs the risk;	1	allow any reasonable answer
	Total	[7]	

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4 (a) (i)	asteroids are: smaller / not spherical / mostly found between Mars and Jupiter or planets are: bigger / have moons / have atmospheres (mostly);	[1]	any point in either list as long as it is clear to which category it refers, e.g. not 'They are bigger'.
(ii)	asteroids are: mostly found between Mars and Jupiter / rocky or comets: are icy dust / have tails/ have very elliptical orbits	[1]	any point. NOT size difference
(b) (i)	(huge) clouds of dust created; block out Sun / cool Earth / disrupt climate / no food;	[2]	1st mark for dust, 2nd mark for consequence
(ii)	Any two from: gives independent evidence of large asteroid impact; shows that time of asteroid impact fits with time of extinction; this observation increases confidence in the asteroid impact theory;	[2]	
	Total	6	
5 (a) (i)	3 correctly plotted points = (2) 2 correctly plotted points = (1)	[2]	
(ii)	temperature increases with time;	[1]	allow 'temperature fluctuates a lot'
(b) (i)	carbon dioxide;	[1]	
(ii)	burning fossil fuels; burning forests to clear land;	[2]	accept any valid examples
(iii)	severe flooding/rise of sea level would mean people would lose their land; vastly increased rain or drought would prevent growth of food crops;	[2]	
	Total	[8]	

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6 (a)	alpha, beta, gamma / α , β , γ	[2]	3 correct names = (1); correct order for 2nd mark
(b) (i)	10(%)	[1]	
(ii)	24 (thousand years)	[1]	accept 24 000 in space
(c) (i)	benefit: employment / revenue from tax / use of local facilities;	[1]	allow any reasonable suggestion.
(ii)	risk reduction: strict regular inspections / regulations about handling materials / secure containment at all stages;	[1]	allow any reasonable suggestion inc reduction of risk to workers.
	Total	[6]	
7 (a)	white (blood) cell;	[1]	
(b)	to protect baby from microorganisms/diseases;	[1]	accept newborn cannot make antibodies
(c)	different antibodies are needed to recognise each microorganism/fight each disease;	[1]	
(d) (i)	injection; of safe form of disease causing microorganism; causes body to produce antibodies before infection;	[2]	accept oral vaccination any two
(ii)	won't be able to produce antibodies;	[1]	
(iii)	reduces cases of disease / less cost to government or medical profession / healthier population;	[1]	accept any reasonable idea
(iv)	risk of side effects /painful /ethical issues i.e. don't believe in vaccinations;	[1]	accept do not understand/cannot afford vaccination
	Total:	[8]	

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8 (a)	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>nervous</td> <td>hormonal</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B C D</td> <td>A E</td> </tr> </table>	nervous	hormonal	B C D	A E	[2]	all 5 correct = 2 marks 4 or 3 correct = 1 mark
nervous	hormonal						
B C D	A E						
(b)	<p>nervous system: electrical impulses / via neurones / faster responses / shorter lived responses /</p> <p>hormonal: chemical messages / via bloodstream / slower responses / longer lived responses /</p>	[2]	<p>differences must be clearly comparative, i.e. 'faster impulses in nerves' = 1 mark. Equally 'nervous impulses are electrical whereas hormones are chemical' = 1 mark.</p> <p>No mark for 'nervous impulses are fast'. Unless coupled with 'Hormonal are slow'</p>				
(c) (i)	brain; spinal cord;	[2]	either order				
(ii)	faster impulses in vertebrates; some correct data quoted to support conclusion;	[2]	accept ora ignore units				
	Total:	[8]					
9 (a)	stem cells are unspecialised cells; can develop into any type of cell;	[2]					
(b)	Any two from: unnatural/unethical; uses cells from embryos; embryos only produced to create stem cells; unused embryos are discarded; involves risk/may have side effects;	[2]					
	Total:	[4]					