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0610 BIOLOGY

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Paper 2 (Core Theory), maximum raw mark 80

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Qι	estion	Mark Scheme	Mark	Guidance
1	(a)	fish;		1 st or 2 nd space
		reptile;	[2]	1 st or 2 nd space
	(b)	mammal;		
		bird;		2 nd space A – scientific names for the classes R – named examples e.g. shark, dog, etc.
			[Total: 4]	

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Question	Mark Scheme	Mark	Guidance
2 (a)	X – iris; Y – retina; Z – optic nerve;	[3]	
(b)	 ciliary muscles contract; tension on (suspensory) ligaments less; lens no longer stretched; becomes more convex / curved; refracts / bends light (rays) more; (brings focus) on to the retina / fovea; any four – 1 mark each 	[4]	 1 R – wrong muscle 1 Ig – muscle unqualified 2 A – ligaments less taut / slackened 3 A – under less tension / no tension 4 A – rounded / fatter / wider 5 A – reduces focal length 6 A – yellow spot
(c)	(i) 1 axes correctly labelled with units; 2 suitable scales used and uses at least half of the grid; 3 five points plotted correctly; 4 points joined;	[4]	Ig – orientation A – ± half a square R – line extrapolated to 0.0
	(ii) distance as shown by candidate's graph \pm 1;	[1]	likely to be 15 (cm)
	(iii) age as shown by candidate's graph \pm 1	[1]	likely to be 47 (years)
		[Total: 13]	

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3	(a)	 blood unable to reach muscle (in shaded region); less / no oxygen / glucose reaches muscle; less / no respiration; less / no energy release; (muscle) cells die; causes a heart attack; 		Ig – nutrients
		any three – 1 mark each	[3]	
	(b)	 exercise (regularly); reduce / stop smoking (tobacco); reduce (animal / saturated) fat / cholesterol in diet; lose weight; reduce salt intake; avoid stressful lifestyles; use of medication qualified; 		A – examples of exercise Ig – refs to balanced diet Ig – refs to visits to doctor
		any three – 1 mark each	[3]	
			[Total: 6]	

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4	(a)	(i) A – ovary; B – ovule;	[2]	R – ovum
		(ii) C – style/stigma; D – sepals;	[2]	A – calyx
	(b)	plumule correctly labelled; radicle correctly labelled; testa correctly labelled;	[3]	
	(c)	by animals / mammals / birds; by wind; by water; by explosive mechanisms;	ro1	A – agents or methods
	(d)	any two – 1 mark each oxygen; water / moisture; suitable temperature / warmth; food store;	[2]	Ig – refs to light Ig – refs to humidity Ig – refs to heat / temperature unqualified A – named example
		any three – 1 mark each	[3]	
			[Total: 12]	

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5	(a)	(i)	respiration;	[1]	
		(ii)	combustion;	[1]	A – burning
	(b)	(i)	fungi/bacteria;	[1]	A – decomposers
		(ii)	moisture / water; warmth / suitable temperature; oxygen;		A – dampness, humidity Ig – refs to light Ig – refs to heat unqualified Ig – air
			any two – 1 mark each	[2]	
	(c)	(i)	C;	[1]	
		(ii)	water and carbon dioxide; glucose / sugar;	[2]	both for the mark Ig – refs to carbohydrates / starch
		(iii)	light / sunlight;	[1]	Ig – sun / radiation / solar energy
	(d)	1 2 3 4 5 6	carbon dioxide trapped in plant / used in photosynthesis; released (as carbon dioxide) during decay / in burning / in respiration; carbon is recycled / reused; light energy trapped (in plant) by Photosynthesis; (light energy) changed to chemical energy; (energy) lost (as heat) to environment / not released as light energy / light cannot be recycled;		A – carbon not lost
			three – 1 mark each	[max. 3]	
				[Total: 12]	

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6	(a)	1 2 3	increased muscle activity; increased / faster release of energy / heat; from increased respiration;		A – muscle movement, contraction only need ref to increase once A – use more energy
			any two – 1 mark each	[2]	
	(b)	(i)	maintenance of a constant internal environment;	[2]	A – ref to keeping within narrow limits A – in context of named examples
		(ii)	 sweat secreted (onto surface of skin / body); water evaporates; this process needs heat / energy; ref to latent heat (of vaporisation); body temperature falls; any three – 1 mark each 	[3]	A – released A – water and salts Ig – refs to sweat A – vapour takes energy / heat with it A – cools the body
				[Total: 7]	

7	(a)	mitosis;		Must be in correct position in sentences
		same;		
		diploid;		
		meiosis;		
		half;		
		haploid;		
		gametes;		
		fertilisation;	[8]	
			[Total: 8]	

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8 (a		label number 1 2 3 4 5 6	present in both animal and plant cells ✓	[2]	Ig – any crosses Four ticks MAX 2 if two are correct Five ticks MAX 1 Six ticks MAX 0
		correct ticks - 1 ma	rk each	[3]	
(b	o)	1 chloroplast / 1; 2 carry out photosynthesis / absorb light 3 cell wall / 4; 4 give shape / provides support / protected cell; 5 vacuole / 2; 6 reserve / store of water / salts / provides support;			correct feature must be stated to award function mark
		any two pairs	– 2 marks each	[4]	
(c	;)	(i) nucleus;		[1]	
			sporting oxygen; noglobin / large surface area;	[2]	A – ref to no nucleus qualified by idea can contain more haemoglobin / carry more oxygen
				[Total: 10]	

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9	(a)	food chain shows energy transfer from one organism to next organism;		A – only one organism at each (trophic) level
		food web shows energy transfer through an ecosystem;	[2]	A – can have more than one organism at (trophic) levels A – food web is a network of linked food chains
	(b)	(i) snake / lizard / bat / badger / eagle / coyote / mountain lion;		
		(ii) producer – sage brush / prickly pear (cactus) / (desert) flowers;		A – bushes, cactus
		(iii) rabbit / insects / deer (and other grazers) / squirrel (and other small rodents);	[3]	
	(c)	(no mountain lions / extinction) leads to increase in numbers of deer (and other grazers);		A – alternative routes that lead from mountain lion to coyotes via deer, producers, insects, lizards, etc.
		more food for coyotes;		A – less competition for food
		leads to increase in numbers of coyotes;	[3]	
			[Total: 8]	