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for the guidance of teachers**

0653 COMBINED SCIENCE

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Paper 2 (Core Theory), maximum raw mark 80

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- 1 (a) (i) carbon dioxide ; [1]
- (ii) HCl ; [1]
- (iii) reaction has stopped ;
acid has been used up / owtte ; [2]
- (iv) calcium ; [1]
- (b) (i) carbon dioxide reacts with (sea)water ;
makes water more acidic / less alkaline / pH decreases ;
non-metal oxides are acidic ; [max 2]
- (ii) accept any reasonable science based idea:
e.g. calcium carbonate may react with more acidic water / lower pH makes it
more difficult for coral to extract ions from sea / coral organism does not
survive in more acidic water / enzymes (in coral) denatured / ref. to global
warming ; [max 1]
- [Total: 8]**
- 2 (a) (i) air resistance / friction / drag ; [1]
- (ii) equal and opposite / cancel each other out ; [1]
- (iii) constant speed ;
(allow constant velocity) [1]
- (b) distance = speed \times time ;
= $80 \times 3600 = 288\,000\text{ m}$; [2]
- (c) (i) mutations / damage DNA ;
cause cancer ;
kills cells ;
radiation burns ;
radiation sickness ; [max 2]
- (ii) (granite) rocks ; [1]
- (d) name ;
appropriate use ; [2]
- [Total: 10]**

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- 3 (a) glucose ;
water + carbon dioxide ; [2]
- (b) in the blood / in an artery / in a capillary ;
ref. to haemoglobin ;
in red blood cells ; [max 2]
- (c) (i) 0.4 dm^3 ; [1]
- (ii) (assume answer refers to fast run unless otherwise stated)
more (oxygen used per minute) ;
increases more rapidly ;
 0.9 dm^3 more ; [max 2]
- (iii) more energy used when running faster ;
muscles working harder ;
therefore more respiration ; [max 2]
- (d) breakdown of walls of alveoli / reduction of surface area ; [1]
- [Total: 10]**
- 4 (a) (i) switches 1 and 2 / both ; [1]
- (ii) voltmeter in parallel and ammeter in series ;
everything else unchanged ; [2]
- (b) (i) coal / oil / gas ; [1]
- (ii) to reduce energy losses ; [1]
- (iii) $(5000 / 400\,000 = 10\,000 / N_s, \text{ so } N_s =) 800\,000$ (turns) ; [1]
- (iv) voltage needs to be lower ;
for safety ; [2]
- [Total: 8]**

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- 5 (a) (i) attract insects ;
produce, pollen / male gametes / male sex cells ; [2]
- (ii) ovule ;
ovary ; [2]

(b)

statement	asexual reproduction	sexual reproduction
gametes are involved	x	✓
new individuals are produced	✓	✓
a zygote is produced	x	✓
offspring are genetically identical	✓	x

one mark for each correct row
(do not allow for anything where it is not clear whether it is a tick or a cross) [3]

[Total: 7]

- 6 (a) (i) 89 (%) ; [1]
- (ii) metals are melted together ; [1]
- (iii) iron ; [1]
- (iv) unreactive ;
strong / hard / not easily bent or deformed ;
malleable ; [max 2]
- (b) (i) tin oxide + carbon → tin + carbon monoxide ; [1]
- (ii) carbon ;
gains / bonds with oxygen ; [2]
- (c) (i) negative electrode ;
compound in liquid form / solution / molten ;
which conducts a current / contains free ions ; [3]
- (ii) group number = outer electrons / Al is in Group 3 ; [1]

[Total: 12]

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- 7 (a) work = force × distance ;
= 100 × 2000 = 200 000 J ; [2]
- (b) (i) kinetic / movement ; [1]
(ii) heat / sound ; [1]
(iii) surroundings ; [1]
- (c) (i) 40 kg ; [1]
(ii) volume = mass / density ;
= 40 / 1020 = 0.04 m³ ; [2]
- [Total: 8]**
- 8 (a) (i) digestion ; [1]
(ii) so, nutrients / molecules, can be absorbed ; [1]
(iii) proteins ;
oxygen ;
denatured ; [3]
- (b) (i) the number of different, species / types of organisms ; [1]
(ii) affect, food chains / food webs ;
predators of frogs may reduce in numbers ;
insects / prey of frogs, may increase in numbers ; [max 2]
- [Total: 8]**

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- 9 (a) (i) formed as fossil fuel / decay of organic matter / digestive system of ruminants / vulcanism ; [1]
- (ii) H only other symbol ;
H × 4 bonded to central C with all single bonds ; [2]
- (iii) (carbon dioxide)
global warming / (runaway) greenhouse effect ;
detail of mechanism e.g. reflects heat back to Earth ;
causing climate change / or example of ; [max 2]
- (carbon monoxide)
toxic (to humans) ; [max 1]
- (b) (i) fractional distillation / fractionation ; [1]
- (ii) the greater the molecular mass ;
the higher the boiling point ;
use of the data e.g. C₁₂H₂₆ most massive and has highest boiling point ; [max 2]
- [Total: 9]**