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General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.
- Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

Question number	Answer	Mark
1(a)(i)	B	
	A is incorrect because the phosphate should be joined to C4	(4)
	C is incorrect because the base should be attached to C1	(1)
	D is incorrect because the phosphate should be joined to C4 and the base should be attached to C1	

Question number	Answer	Mark
1(a)(ii)	В	
	A is incorrect because a phosphate is attached to the sugar not the base	
	C is incorrect because a phosphodiester joins a sugar with a phosphate, not two phosphates	(1)
	DC is incorrect because the phosphate is joined to the sugar not the base	

Question number	Answer	Mark
1(a)(iii)	A is incorrect because complementary bases are joined by hydrogen bonds B is incorrect because one large base and one small base are joined together by hydrogen bonds D is incorrect because one large base and one small base are joined together	(1)

Question number	Answer						Mark
1(b)(i)		1				İ	
	Correct statement about						
	Statement	both strands	only the complementary DNA strand	only the mRNA strand	neither strand		
	The number of guanines will be the same as in the template strand				Х		
	The number of thymines will be the same as the number of adenines in the template strand		Х				
	There will be no adenine present				Χ		
ı							(3)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1(b)(ii)			
	transcription (1)	IGNORE {post-transcription modification /protein synthesis} DO NOT ACCEPT {translation / reverse	(1)
		transcription}	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
2(a)	An answer that includes the following points:		
	number of minutes in one day calculated (1)	1 × 60 × 24 = 1440	
	 volume in 24 hours given in standard form (1) 	7.2×10^3 (litres)	
	OR		
	volume in one hour calculated (1)	5 x 60 = 300	
	 volume in 24 hours given in standard form (1) 	7.2 × 103 (litres)	
		Correct answer with no working (2) Correct answer not in standard form = 1 mark	(2)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
2(b)	An answer that includes one similarity and one difference:		
	Similarities:		
	 both have walls containing {muscle cells / elastic fibres / an endothelial cell lining / an (outer) collagen layer} (1) 		
	both have a valve (at the point they leave the heart) (1)		
	Differences:		
	 aorta has a {lumen with a wider diameter / thicker wall / more elastic tissue / more muscle tissue / more collagen} (1) 		
	aorta has branches to more organs (1)		(2)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
=	An answer that includes three of the following points: • addition to diagram {additional one or two layers of wall / valves}. If valves, must be correct orientation (1) Any two from: • {endothelial cell / tunica intima} lining labelled (1) • valve labelled (1)	lumen lumen	Mark
	 {(smooth) muscle / elastic fibres / tunica media} labelled (1) lumen labelled (1) 	valve	(3)

Question number	Answer	Mark
3(a)(i)	A α glucose molecules join together by a condensation reaction	
	B is incorrect because bonds form by condensation reactions C is incorrect because α glucose molecules join together D is incorrect because α glucose molecules join together by condensation reactions	(1)

Quest	ion Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
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3(a)(ii)			
	glycosidic (bond / link)	Accept covalent (bond)	(1)
		Ignore any numbers eg 1,4 glycosidic	

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
number			
3(a)(iii)	An explanation that includes the following points:		
	{polymer of glucose / polysaccharide} therefore has a high energy content (1)		
	{large molecule / polymer / polysaccharide} therefore {insoluble / has no osmotic effect} (1)	Accept {large molecule / polymer} so does not diffuse	
	branched structure therefore {broken down / energy released / hydrolysis is} faster (1)	Accept branched so can be broken down from several points at the same time Ignore easier to break down	
	compact therefore has a high energy density (1)	Accept compact so {high energy stored in a small space / many glucose molecules stored in a small space}	(3)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
number 3(b)(i)	Answer that includes the following points:		
	estimate of number of babies with GSD (1)	Accept any value between 150 and 200	
	estimate of mean number of babies with Von Gierke disease (1)	Accept any value between 38 and 50 Accept non-whole numbers eg 38.5	
		Correct answer with no working (2)	(2)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
number			
3(b)(ii)	An answer that includes the following points:		
	 because allele for Von Gierke disease may be recessive (1) 	Accept disease caused by two	
		recessive alleles	
		Do not accept {gene / disease} is	
		recessive	
	 therefore (both) parents may be heterozygous (1) 	Accept parents may be carriers (of the	
	therefore (both) parents may be neterozygous (1)	allele)	
	because individuals with Von Gierke disease are less likely to		
	have babies (1)		(2)
		Ignore mutation	

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
number			
4(a)(i)			
	 bind to an {oxygen (molecule) / O₂} (1) 	Do not accept O	
		Ignore binding to carbon dioxide	(1)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
number			
4(a)(ii)	An explanation that includes the following points:		
	 must have R groups that are {polar / hydrophilic} (1) so that the {haemoglobin / protein} {can dissolve in (red blood cell) cytoplasm / is soluble in water} (1) 	Accept they are {polar / hydrophilic} Ignore dissolve in blood / plasma	(2)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
number			
4(b)(i)	An explanation that includes two of the following points:		
	oxygen dissociation curve for {maternal / adult} Hb is shifted to the right of curve for fetal Hb (1)	Accept shifted down for shifted to the right Accept converse	
	 because oxygen needs to diffuse from {maternal / adult} blood into fetal blood (1) 		
	therefore fetal haemoglobin needs to have a higher affinity for oxygen (1)	Accept converse Accept because oxygen needs to dissociate from maternal haemoglobin and bind to fetal haemoglobin	(2)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4(b)(ii)	An answer that includes the following points:		
	total number of amino acids in haemoglobin calculated (1)	574 / 287	
	percentage of amino acids that are different calculated (1)	14 / 13.6 / 13.59	
		Correct answer with no working (2)	(2)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(a)	An explanation that includes the following points:		
	 because it shows that it is {made of two layers of phospholipid / a bilayer} (1) 	Accept it shows two layers of phosphate heads separated by a band of lipids	
	• the size of a phospholipid is in the range 2.05 nm to 2.65 nm (1)	•	
	• therefore the width of the membrane (5 nm) is within a bilayer range (of 4.1 nm to 5.3 nm) (1)		(3)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(b)	An explanation that includes three of the following points:	Accept hydrophobic for non-polar in all points	
	cholesterol is a non-polar molecule (1)	Accept {hydrocarbon tail / hydrocarbon rings} are non-polar	
	fatty acid tails are non-polar (1)		
	 cholesterol will be located within the {fatty acid tails / non-polar part} of membrane (1) 		(2)
	OH group will be located near the phosphate heads (1)		(3)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(c)(i)	A description that includes the following points:		
	 {small / weak / delta / partial} positive charge on hydrogen (1) 	Accept both points from a diagram	
	• {small / weak / delta / partial} negative charge on oxygen (1)	Η δ+	
		δ- Ο	
		Η δ+	(2)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(c)(ii)	An explanation that includes the following points:		
	 water is small enough to move by {osmosis / diffusion} (between the phospholipids) (1) 	Accept description of water moving through {protein channels / aquaporins}	
	 steroid (is non-polar so) can diffuse through the {membrane / phospholipids} (1) 	Accept steroid is not repelled by fatty acid tails	
	 glucose (is polar so) passes through {protein channels / carrier proteins / by facilitated diffusion} (1) 	Accept movement by active transport	
	 ions (are polar so) pass through {protein channels / carrier proteins / by facilitated diffusion / active transport} (1) 	Accept ions are repelled by fatty acid tails so cannot get through membrane	(4)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
number			
6(a)(i)	An explanation that includes the following points:		
	because both lines rise and fall (in parallel) (1)		
	 but the line for deaths from lung cancer is a period of time after the line for cigarettes smoked (1) 	Accept {delay / timelag} for deaths	
			(2)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
number			
6(a)(ii)	An explanation that includes the following points:		
	alveoli will have a smaller surface area (to volume ratio) (1)	Accept gas exchange area will be smaller	
	 therefore the (rate of) diffusion of oxygen into the bloodstream will be slower (1) 	Accept gas exchange for diffusion Ignore less gas exchange / diffusion	(2)

Question	Answer	
number		
*6(b)		
	Indicative content:	
	Egg points (E)	1. {number / density of pores}
		2. {width / size} of pores
		3. area of pores
		4. thickness of shell and membranes
		5. rate of respiration of developing embryo
		6. rate of blood flow of embryo
		7. temperature
		8. shell is impermeable / pores are permeable
		9. shell supports membrane so there is a large SA for gas exchange
	Theory points (T)	10. Ficks Law of diffusion can be used to calculate diffusion rate
		11. State Fick's Law (3)
		12. because rate of diffusion depends on surface area / mp11
		13. because rate of diffusion depends on diffusion distance / mp11
		14. because rate of diffusion depends on concentration gradient / mp11
		15. speed of molecules depends on temperature
		16. because rate of diffusion depends on what substances oxygen is passing through eg water / air
		17. diffusion coefficient through air
		18. diffusion coefficient through membranes
	Explanation points (X)	19. increasing SA (or any named factor increasing this) causes increase in rate of diffusion
	Accept converse for all	20. increasing distance (or any named factor increasing this) causes decrease in rate of
		diffusion
		21. increasing conc gradient (or any named factor increasing this) causes increase in rate
		of
		diffusion
		22. increasing temperature increases rate of diffusion

Level 1 Level 2	Up to 4 points from anywhere; 2 points for one mark and 4 points for 2 marks 5 points or more, from two best categories; 5 points for 3 marks, 6 points for 4 marks.
Level 3	Must achieve 6 marks to progress to level 3 As level 2 plus up to 2 points from third category; 7 points for 5 marks and 8 points for 6 marks

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
number			
7(a)	 One from high BMI / smoking / alcohol intake / high salt intake / high cholesterol intake And one from 	Accept: obesity / overweight / high waist to hip ratio high level of {fat / sugar} in diet type 2 diabetes high stress levels air pollution	
	• age / sex / gender		(1)

Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
A description that includes two of the following points:	Accept converse throughout	
 increase in intensity of exercise decreases the risk of death from heart disease (1) 		
• increase in the energy needed for exercise decreases the risk of death from heart disease (1)		
for the same energy expenditure, {vigorous exercise / moderate exercise} decreases risk of death from CVD more than light exercise (1)	Accept if you expend 4000kJ per week, intensity of exercise makes no difference to risk of death from CVD	(2)
	 A description that includes two of the following points: increase in intensity of exercise decreases the risk of death from heart disease (1) increase in the energy needed for exercise decreases the risk of death from heart disease (1) for the same energy expenditure, {vigorous exercise / moderate exercise} decreases risk of 	A description that includes two of the following points: • increase in intensity of exercise decreases the risk of death from heart disease (1) • increase in the energy needed for exercise decreases the risk of death from heart disease (1) • for the same energy expenditure, {vigorous exercise / moderate exercise} decreases risk of

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7(c)(i)	An explanation that includes the following points:		
	because antioxidants reduce free radicals (1)	Accept neutralise / stabilise / donate electrons	
	free radicals cause {cell damage /tissue damage / oxidative stress / damage to endothelial lining} (1)	Accept antioxidants {prevent cell damage / tissue damage / reduce oxidative stress / prevent damage to endothelial lining}	
	(antioxidants) reduce {plaque / atheroma} formation (1)	Accept reduces {cholesterol build up / blood clot formation / atherosclerosis}	(3)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
number			
7(c)(ii)	An answer that includes three of the following points:		
	 use (a large number of) {healthy individuals / individuals with no known heart condition} (1) 		
	who have similar (lifestyle and non-lifestyle) risk factors (1)	Accept control for named factor	
	compare group given antioxidants to a group using other preventative treatments (1)	Accept give one group antioxidants and the other group {a placebo / no antioxidants}	
	 monitor the incidence of heart disease over a (long) period of time (1) 	Accept at least 6 months if time is given	(3)

Question number	Answer	
*7(d)	Indicative content:	
	Outline of events (O points)	1. less blood reaches the heart muscle cells,
		2. muscle cells are not supplied with enough oxygen
		3. muscle cells are not supplied with enough glucose
		4. aerobic respiration decreases
	Contraction stops (C points)	
		5. anaerobic respiration produces lactic acid
		6. lactic acid lowers pH and denatures enzymes
		7. glycogen used as respiratory substrate
		8. anaerobic respiration produces much less ATP / energy
		9. therefore less / no blood is pumped by the heart
		10. reference to effect on other organs
	Use of graph / stem info	11. energy released from heart cells decreases with time after blockage
	(G points)	12. reference to data from graph (not mp13 or 15)
		13. after 8 minutes the energy released is 52 - 54 a.u.
		14. after 8 minutes there is not enough energy for contraction
		15. after 20 minutes the energy released is 23 - 24 a.u .
		16. which is too low to maintain cell viability / for cells to survive
		17. cells die as not enough ATP for vital processes eg active transport
	Level 2: up to two points f Must achieve 4 ma	om anywhere; one point for 1 mark and two points for 2 marks from each of two categories; 3 points for 3 marks, 4 points for 4 marks rks to progress to level 3 oints from the third category; five points for 5 marks and six points for 6 marks

Question number	Answer	Mark
8(a)(i)		
	C galactose and glucose	
	A is incorrect because lactose consists of glucose and galactose monomers B is incorrect because lactose consists of glucose and galactose monomers	
	Dis incorrect because lactose consists of glucose and galactose monomers	(1)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8(a)(ii)	An explanation that includes three of the following points: • lactase is soluble because of its {globular shape / external polar	Accept hydrophilic for polar	
	R groups} (1) • (and therefore) lactase collides with lactose (1)		
	active site of lactase is complementary to the lactose (1)	Accept active site of lactase binds to lactose / active site allows enzymesubstrate complex to form	
	 Formation of enzyme-substrate complex lowers the activation energy (1) 	Accept R group interactions break the glycosidic bonds	(3)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
number			
8(b)(i)			
	 {lactase / enzyme} is reusable / milk is not contaminated with {lactase / enzyme} (1) 	Accept higher enzyme activity	(1)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8(b)(ii)	An explanation that includes four of the following points:		
	pH {below 5 / above 5} reduces lactase activity (1)	Accept pH 5 is the optimum for both enzymes / pH 4-6 is the optimum for both enzymes	
	because pH affects the shape of the active site (1)	Accept active site denatured by pH	
	due to ionisation of the R groups (1)	Accept bonds between R groups are broken	
	• immobilised lactase is active at wider range of pH values (1)		
	 immobilisation holds the R groups in place so active site does not change shape (1) 		(4)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8(b)(iii)	 An answer that includes the following points: measure the decrease in concentration of lactose over time see table for units OR	Accept measure rate of loss of lactose Ignore: measure how long it takes for lactose to be full broken down	у
	 measure the increase in concentration of {glucose / galactose} over time see table for units 	Accept measure rate of production of {glucose / galactose} Units can be expressed as: mass per volume per time mass volume ⁻¹ time ⁻¹ amount per volume per time amount volume ⁻¹ time ⁻¹	
		mass volume time g / mg / μg cm-3 / mm-3 / dm-3 / s-1 / min-1 / hour-1 / kg litre-1 hour-1 amount volume time mmol / cm-3 / mm-3 / dm-3 / mol / litre-1 s-1 / min-1 / hour-1 μmol hour-1	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8(c)	An answer that includes two of the following points: • mutation (that resulted in CLI) occurred in the {gene / DNA} (of		
	people living in one country) (1)	According to all analysis of the models	
	 people from this country (had children that) stayed in this country (1) 	Accept limited emigration from this country / reproduction with others from same country	
	relatively new mutation so has not had the chance to spread (1)	Ignore idea that mutation is caused by drinking milk / not drinking milk	(2)