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Generic Marking Principles

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptors for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always **whole marks** (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

Mark scheme abbreviations

;	separates marking points
1	alternative answers for the same point
R	reject
Α	accept (for answers correctly cued by the question, or by extra guidance)
AW	alternative wording (where responses vary more than usual)
underline	actual word given must be used by candidate (grammatical variants accepted)
max	indicates the maximum number of marks that can be given
ora	or reverse argument
mp	marking point (with relevant number)
ecf	error carried forward
I	ignore
AVP	alternative valid point

Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)	<pre>A = palisade mesophyll ; B = epidermis ; C = spongy mesophyll ;</pre>	3
1(b)	accept ora throughout	3
	any three from:	
	Erica v Cedrus: curled / rolled, leaf (v not, curled / rolled); hairs / trichomes (v no trichomes); no hypodermis / AW v hypodermis / layer of cells below epidermis / layer of cells between epidermis and palisade mesophyll; A ref. to two layers of outer cells in <i>Cedrus</i>	
	AVP ; ; e.g. <i>Erica</i> has thicker cuticle <i>Erica</i> has larger epidermal cells sunken stoma visible in Cedrus <i>Cedrus</i> has cylindrical / needle-shaped, leaf A circular <u>in (cross-) section</u> <i>Cedrus</i> has lower surface area to volume ratio ;	
1(c)	any three from:	3
	idea that stomata, only open during the day / open during the day and close at night ;	
	<pre>statements about gas exchange: stomata open to obtain (enough) carbon dioxide for photosynthesis ;</pre>	
	<i>statement about transpiration:</i> (most) water vapour lost via open stomata ; very little water (vapour) lost via cuticle ;	
	I ref. to temperature	

Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)	any four from:	4
	1 globular protein ; A spherical / ball-shaped I circular	
	 2 acts as a catalyst ; 3, 4 further detail ; ; e.g. increases the rate of a reaction (cf. to no enzyme) A speeds up a reaction / makes the reaction go faster does not get used up (in the reaction) I does not take part in the reaction A can be re-used A is not changed (by the reaction) does not alter the (chemical) equilibrium (between reactants and products) 	
	 lowers the, activation energy / energy needed for substrate to reach transition state; detail; e.g. holds substrate to place strain on bond (for bond to break) holds substrates, in position / close, for bonds to form facilitates transfer of, electrons / protons 	
	7 effective in tiny quantities / AW;	
	8 shows specificity / active site shape complementary to substrate / forms enzyme–substrate complex / lock and key or induced fit mechanism of action ;	
	9 AVP ; e.g. may need, cofactor / coenzyme / prosthetic group, to function each has an optimum, temperature / pH	

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Question	Answer	Marks
2(b)	carbon dioxide / CO ₂ + water / H ₂ O $\left.\right\}$; body tissues carbonic acid / H ₂ CO ₃ ; lungs	2
	one mark for each side of the equation allow one mark only if, wrong way round / carbonic acid shown as proceeding to dissociate	
2(c)	any four from: primary: sequence of amino acids not shown ; A cannot see primary structure of amino acids secondary: alpha / α, -helices shown ; beta / β, -pleated sheets shown ; (areas of) random arrangement shown ;	4
	<i>tertiary</i> : folding / coiling, (of polypeptide chain) shown / ref. to 3-D configuration ; globular shape shown ; interactions between, R-groups / side-chains, (of amino acids) not shown ; ref. to any two bond types not shown ; e.g. H bonds / disulfide bridges / ionic bonds / hydrophobic interactions folding allows presence of zinc / AW ;	

Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)(i)	accept ora throughout	4
	any four from:	
	 (case) incidence: only Lao PDR increase in (case) incidence / AW; Papua New Guinea has greatest reduction; numerical data extracted from Fig. 3.1 to support; 	
	 mortality (rate): 4 all countries have a reduction ; 5 Cambodia greatest reduction A Cambodia and Lao PDR 	
	 or Solomon Islands least reduction ; numerical data extracted from Fig. 3.1 to support ; 	
3(a)(ii)	any two from:	2
	<pre>nets prevent entry of, mosquito / Anopheles ; A in context of covering containers with water insecticide, kills / reduces number of, mosquitoes / Anopheles ; (female) mosquito / Anopheles, is vector / transmits parasite / AW ; feeds / takes blood meal, (mainly) at night / when people sleeping ; (helps to) break the transmission cycle ;</pre>	
3(b)(i)	any two from:	2
	 testing for the presence of different, antigens / (<i>Plasmodium</i>) proteins ; antibodies are, specific / have specific shape ; A ref. to complementarity different monoclonal antibodies have, different, variable regions / <u>antigen</u> binding sites ; (pLDH / HRP-2 / <i>Plasmodium</i>) protein, binds to / complexes with, (monoclonal) antibody ; 	

Question	Answer	Marks
3(b)(ii)	any two from:	2
	(positive result of test strip 1) pLDH present, (so) the person, has malaria / is infected by <i>Plasmodium</i> ; I species names	
	(negative result of test strip 2) HRP-2 not present, (so) the cause of malaria is not / the person is not infected by, <i>P. falciparum</i> ; (negative result of test strip 2) HRP-2 not present, (so) the person is infected by <i>Plasmodium</i> other than <i>P. falciparum</i> / AW ;	

Question	Answer	Marks
4(a)	any three from:	3
	right ventricle pumps blood to lungs (and back to heart) <u>and</u> left ventricle pumps blood to (rest of) body (and back to heart) / AW ;	
	(so) short(er) / less, distance (for blood to travel) / ora ;	
	less <u>resistance</u> (to, flow / overcome) / ora ;	
	less force / lower pressure, required / ora;	
4(b)	any two from:	2
	ventilation / breathing (movements) / inspiration / inhalation, brings in oxygen ; blood flow (in pulmonary capillaries) removes oxygen ;	
	oxygen binding to haemoglobin / oxyhaemoglobin formation, (removes oxygen) ; deoxygenated blood arriving / blood arriving low in oxygen ;	

Question	Answer	Marks
4(c)(i)	any one from:	1
	<pre>in context of, airways / trachea / bronchi: less air because: diameter of lumen decreases / ref. to smooth muscle contraction ; inflammation ; thicker layer of mucus ; smoke present in inhaled air (so lower proportion of air) ; AVP ;</pre>	
4(c)(ii)	any two from: carbon monoxide (present in smoke) binds to haemoglobin ; ref. to competitive / permanent / irreversible, binding ; presence of carbon monoxide (from smoke) lowers affinity of haemoglobin for oxygen ; ref. to carboxyhaemoglobin formed ; comparatively less haemoglobin per red blood cell to bind oxygen ;	2

Question	Answer	Marks
5(a)	any one from:	1
	provides energy for the, production / secretion, of milk ; a substrate to form, milk sugar / lactose (in milk) ; AVP ;	

Question	Answer	Marks
5(b)(i)	(pale) blue	2
	lilac / mauve / purple / AW ;	
	green / yellow / orange / red	
	green / yellow / orange / red ;	
5(b)(ii)	any two from:	2
	reducing sugar / glucose, diffused, into tubing or reducing sugar / glucose, moved into tubing, down a concentration gradient / from high to low concentration ; reducing sugar / glucose, small enough to move across tubing (so positive result in tubing and in beaker) ; hPRL / protein, too large to move into tubing (so only positive result in beaker) ; only movement of glucose was tested so no explanation possible for reducing sugars in general ;	
5(c)	any two from: facilitated diffusion ; uses (transport / carrier / integral membrane) proteins ; specific / specific binding site ; conformational change / AW ;	2

Question	Answer	Marks
5(d)	any four from:	4
	 hPRL is cell signalling molecule ; acts on target, cells / tissues or acts on cells with PRLR ; PRLR is (cell surface membrane) receptor ; hPRL binds to PRLR ; complementary binding / ref. to specificity ; leads to / sets off, (specific) responses in mammary gland cell or detail ; e.g. secondary messenger triggered enzymes activated 	

Question	Answer	Marks
6(a)	any two from:	2
	asexual reproduction ; growth by increase in number of cells ; (tissue) repair ; regeneration of body parts ; replacement of, dead / worn out, cells ;	
6(b)	any one from:	1
	spindle / spindle fibre ; kinetochore ;	
6(c)	 A phosphate ; pentose ; B pyrimidine ; C ribose ; D transcription ; 	5

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Question	Answer	Marks
6(d)(i)	non-cellular / acellular / not made of cells ; protein coat / capsid ; nucleic acid core / DNA or RNA ; AVP ; ; ; e.g. only replicate inside host cells ref. to no characteristics of living organisms (sensitivity, growth, etc.) ref. to size, e.g. most are smaller than bacteria ref. to capsomeres	3
6(d)(ii)	500 (nm) ;	1