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Annotations

Annotation	Meaning
*	Correct answer
×	Incorrect response
BOD	Benefit of Doubt
NO.	Not Benefit of Doubt
[4]	Error Carried Forward
GM	Given mark
·~~	Underline (for ambiguous/contradictory wording)
A	Omission mark
	Ignore
	Correct response (for a QWC question)
All-E	QWC* mark awarded

Q	Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	(a)	(i)	<u>N</u> ;	1	IGNORE nitrogen
					DO NOT CREDIT n or N ₂
1	(a)	(ii)		1	Mark the first answer. If the answer is correct and an additional answer is given that is incorrect or contradicts the correct answer then = 0 marks
			polypeptide / protein ;		IGNORE peptide
1	(a)	(iii)		3 max	Maximum two marks for description. Name must be given to award 3 marks.
					ACCEPT marking points from diagram where amine and carboxyl groups are clearly labelled.
					Mark writing first then look at diagram.
					If diagram contradicts creditable text award maximum one mark for description.
			name		DO NOT CREDIT dipeptide
			peptide (bond / link);		
			plus any two from		ACCEPT phonetic spellings of amine and carboxyl
			description of formation		ACCEPT 'carboxylic acid' and 'amino'
					DO NOT CREDIT amide / carbonyl
			between, amine group (of one amino acid) and carboxyl group (of another);		
			H (from amine) combines with OH (from carboxyl);		
			condensation (reaction)		
			OR		
			water, lost / eliminated / produced / created / AW;		

Q	uesti	on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	(b)	(i)		8 max	Annotate property (number 1) marks with ✓ 1 symbol to help distinguish marks for QWC
					All marks are stand alone
			V1 high latent heat of vaporisation / large amount of energy		V1 ACCEPT 'large amount of heat needed"
			required to change from liquid to gas / AW;		V1 ACCEPT 'high latent heat of evaporation'
			V2 evaporation is (efficient) cooling mechanism / AW;		V2 ACCEPT 'evaporation removes heat from body'
			V3 example of cooling in living organism;		V3 e.g. sweating, panting, transpiration (as cooling)
					'high latent heat of evaporation means sweat cools you down' = 3 marks
			H1 high specific heat capacity / large amount of energy needed		H1 ACCEPT 'water / it, is thermally stable'
			to, raise / change, temperature ;		H1 ACCEPT 'water is slow to change temperature'
					H1 CREDIT 'the temperature of the sea does not change much'
			H2 (thermally) stable environment for, aquatic / named aquatic, organisms;		H2 'thermally' can be inferred from previous statement
			H3 (aquatic) organisms use less <u>energy</u> on temperature control;		
			H4 (internal) temperature of organisms changes only slowly;		
			H5 (biological) reactions / enzymes / metabolism, function(s) correctly;		H5 IGNORE 'organisms function correctly'
			F1 ice, is less dense than water / floats;		F1 ACCEPT 'maximum density is at 4°C'
			F2 (surface of) ice provides habitat for, organisms / named organism;		F2 e.g. 'polar bears on ice'

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
	I1 water (beneath ice), insulated / remains liquid / doesn't freeze;		
	I2 (aquatic) organisms, do not freeze / can still swim;		I2 IGNORE unqualified references to survival
			I2 ACCEPT gametes / AW, can be dispersed
	S1 (effective) solvent;		
	S2 medium for reactions / (internal) transport medium / able to dilute toxic substances;		
	C1 cohesion / adhesion ;		
	C2 example of cohesion / adhesion, in living organism;		C2 e.g. transpiration stream / apoplast movement
			C2 ACCEPT descriptions
	T1 surface tension;		
	T2 habitat for (named) invertebrates;		T2 ACCEPT insects IGNORE animals
	P1 transparent;		
	P2 allows underwater photosynthesis;		P2 ACCEPT other example of transparency linked to survival, e.g. eyes
	D1 idea of high density;		D1 IGNORE references to viscosity
	D2 allows flotation / support ;		The state of the s
	U organisms can still obtain, oxygen / (named) minerals / food / carbon dioxide, from water;		U not linked to a single property and so cannot contribute to QWC
			U IGNORE nutrients / nutrition

Question		on	Answer		Guidance
			QWC : a property mark (with number 1) and a survival mark with the same letter seen twice.	1	e.g. H1 and H3 and S1 and S2

Q	uesti	on		Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	(b)	(ii)	1	protein $\underline{\text{secondary}}$ structure / α -helix / β -pleated sheet ;	3 max	Mark the first answer on each prompt line.
			2	(protein) <u>tertiary</u> structure; between polypeptide chains in (named) quaternary structure;		3 e.g. between adjacent chains in collagen
						CREDIT 'protein / named protein / enzyme' OR 'between amino acid R-groups' once ONLY if none of mps 1-3 have been awarded
			4 5	(between chains of) cellulose; (between, strands of / bases in) DNA;		4 IGNORE macrofibrils
			6	AVP;;;		6 e.g. between mRNA and tRNA binding between enzyme and substrate (coiling of) amylose between DNA and mRNA during transcription
				Total	17	

Q	uesti	on		Answer	Marks	Guidance
2	(a)				2 max	Mark the first answer on each prompt line. ACCEPT ora throughout
			1	nucleus / nuclei ;		1 ACCEPT 'DNA not free'
			2	other named organelle / membrane bound organelles ;		2 e.g. mitochondria / Golgi / etc 2 ACCEPT compartmentalized organelles 2 ACCEPT don't have a mesosome
			3	linear chromosomes;		Z ACCEPT don't have a mesosome
			4	DNA, associated with / AW, histones / protein;		4 ACCEPT 'DNA not naked'
			5 6 7	80S / 22nm / large, ribosomes ; large cells / AW ; no cell wall ;		
2	(b)				1 max	Mark the first answer
			cap	pital letter on, specific name / Vivax ;		ACCEPT ora for what student should have typed
			not	italicised / not underlined ;		ACCEPT 'the parasite is Plasmodium falciparum / malariae / ovale' if candidate uses capital 'P' and lower case 'f / m / o'
2	(c)	(i)			3 max	IGNORE references to stages of life-cycle
						Max 2 if virus / bacterium appears anywhere
			1	(mosquito), is <u>vector</u> ;		
			2	Plasmodium / parasite, present in (mosquito), saliva / salivary gland;		
			3	idea that infected mosquito, feeds on / bites, human;		3 IGNORE case of initial 'P'
						3 Must be in context of transmission from mosquito to human
			4	Plasmodium / parasite, passes (from saliva) to blood;		4 'blood' can be inferred, e.g. from refs to anticoagulant
						4 IGNORE ref to parasite in blood after liver

Q	Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance	
2	(c)	(ii)	destruction of a species is, morally / ethically, wrong; might cause unintended health problems in humans; might harm, other / unintended, species;	1 max	Mark the first suggestion IGNORE 'might enter human food' unqualified Answers must imply idea of harm	
			idea of bioaccumulation / biomagnification;			

Q	uesti	on	Answer		Marks	Guidance
2	(c)	(iii)			5 max	Award marks for either a field or laboratory investigation – must read whole answer before beginning to mark to decide if field or laboratory.
						If candidates answer in terms of incidence of malaria award no marks as question states population of mosquitoes but read whole question in case mosquito study described in addition.
						If the investigation is in the both field and laboratory mark the investigation which gives candidate most marks.
				Field investigation		
			F1	(sampling) before and after insecticide treatment;		F1 IGNORE refs to treated and untreated areas as stem refers to 'a population'
			F2	idea of , unbiased / random, sampling of population ;		
			F3	example of sampling technique ;		F3 e.g. sweep net, pond net, light trap
						F3 ACCEPT insect net
						F3 IGNORE 'net' or 'trap' unqualified
			F4	(sampling in) different, times / weather;		F4 IGNORE intervals unqualified. Answers must refer to time or weather
			F5	large number of samples taken;		F5 Must imply large number or state five or more
			F6	idea of standardised sampling procedure;		F6 ACCEPT idea of counting by the same method
			F7	idea of preventing counting same individual more than		
			F8	once; idea of capture – recapture;		
			F9	calculate mean / calculate standard deviation / apply		
				statistical test;		Continued

Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
		OR		
		Laboratory investigation		Laboratory investigation could be done outside
		idea of:		, ,
	L1	with and without insecticide exposure;		L1 is for changing the independent variable
	L2	measuring mosquito survival / count surviving		L2 is for measuring the dependent variable
		mosquitoes;		ACCEPT count the number of dead ones
	L3	controlling one named key variable ;		L3 and L4 award up to 2 marks for
	L4	controlling second named key variable ;		exposure time
				species of mosquito
				stage of mosquito life cycle
				sex of mosquito
				number of mosquitos
				insecticide type
				insecticide concentration
				volume of insecticide
				temperature
	L5	idea of using a range of insecticide concentrations;		
	L6	replicates;		L6 Minimum of 3 in total, i.e. original plus two
	L7	calculate <u>mean</u> / calculate standard deviation / apply statistical test ;		L7 IGNORE average
		Total	12	

C	uesti	ion	Answer	Marks	Guidance
3	(a)		regulates fluidity of / stabilises / AW, membranes / phospholipid bilayer; (converted to) steroid / named steroid, hormone(s); waterproofing the skin;	2 max	Mark the first answer on each prompt line. ACCEPT decreases / maintains, fluidity ACCEPT supports structure of membranes DO NOT CREDIT makes membrane rigid DO NOT CREDIT allows / increases fluidity
			making Vitamin D; making bile (salts);		
3	(b)	(i)	contains C and H and O ; has, OH / hydroxyl, groups ;	1 max	Mark the first answer. If the answer is correct and an additional answer is given that is incorrect or contradicts the correct answer then = 0 marks DO NOT CREDIT C, H and O molecules
			hex / 6-membered, ring ;		DO NOT CREDIT hexose ACCEPT pent ring IGNORE 6C ring IGNORE branched
3	(b)	(ii)	(saturated) lipids / fats / triglycerides ;	2	Mark the first two suggestions DO NOT CREDIT unsaturated (fats) IGNORE fatty acids / glycerol
			protein / polypeptide ;		IGNORE amino acids / peptides

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
(iii)		6 max	If it is clear that candidates get LDL and HDL the wrong way round do not award L1 or H1 or QWC and then apply ECF
	LDL		
	L1 (carry cholesterol) from liver to, tissues / cells;		
	L2 receptors on (tissue) cells;		
	L3 raise / AW, blood cholesterol ;		L3 IGNORE deposits cholesterol
	L4 increase / cause, deposition of, fats / lipids / triglycerides / cholesterol, <u>in</u> artery wall / under endothelium;		L4 IGNORE LDL / fatty acids L4 ACCEPT under epithelium
	L5 form, plaques / atheromas ;		
	HDL		
	H1 (carry cholesterol) from, tissues / body / blood, to liver;		H1 ACCEPT back to liver
	H2 receptors on, hepatocytes / liver cells;		
	H3 lower / reduce / decrease, (blood) cholesterol;		H3 ACCEPT remove from blood
	H4 reduce deposition, of fats / lipids / triglycerides / cholesterol;		H4 IGNORE LDL / fatty acids
	H5 decrease, formation / risk, of, plaques / atheromas;		H5 IGNORE removing atheromas
	QWC – Award if you award an L mark and an H mark with the same number twice	1	e.g. L1 and H1, and L3 and H3

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
(c) (2	ACCEPT ora throughout for consequences of non-red meat diet
			No ECF from 3 (b) (iii)
	(red) meat contains (large amounts of) saturated, fat / fatty acids;		ACCEPT animal fat is saturated fat
	(meat / saturated fat) associated with / leads to, increased / large		CREDIT high LDL/HDL ratio
	amounts of, LDLs;		IGNORE makes LDLs unqualified answer must imply increased amount
(1	Mark the first answer. If the answer is correct and an additional answer is given that is incorrect or contradicts the correct answer then = 0 marks
	(type 2) diabetes ;		DO NOT CREDIT type 1 diabetes
	angina / coronary heart disease / CHD / stroke / hypertension / high		IGNORE conary
	blood pressure / obesity;		DO NOT CREDIT chronic
	Total	15	

(Quest	tion	Answer	Marks	Guidance
4	(a)			3	Mark the first answer. If the answer is correct and an additional answer is given that is incorrect or contradicts the correct answer then = 0 marks
			taxonomy / taxonomic;		ACCEPT phonetic spelling throughout
			hierarchy;		ACCEPT hierarchical system
			phylogeny / phylogenetic;		
	(b)	(i)		2 max	Mark the first answer on each prompt line.
			1 (cells have) no cell wall;		1 DO NOT CREDIT absence of a qualified cell wall, e.g. 'no cellulose cell wall'
			2 heterotrophic;		2 ACCEPT phonetic spelling
			3 eukaryotic ;		3 ACCEPT named eukaryotic cell feature
			4 multicellular ;		4 IGNORE references to tissues
			5 (fertilized eggs develop into), blastula / ball of cells;		
			6 high degree of mobility / AW;		6 DO NOT CREDIT unqualified references to movement
					ACCEPT refs to mobility during part of life cycle
L					IGNORE cilia / flagella
		(ii)		1	Mark the first answer. If the answer is correct and an additional answer is given that is incorrect or contradicts the correct answer then = 0 marks
			Eukaryota(e) / Eukarya / eukaryote(s) ;		IGNORE case of initial letter

Quest	tion	Answer	Marks	Guidance
	(iii)		4 max	Candidates may refer to individual species using common or scientific names. ACCEPT use of either or both. IGNORE case of initial letter
		1 <u>all</u> are in same <u>family</u> as all, are closely related;		idea of link between family and close relationship must be made
		2 kea and kaka are both, same genus / Nestor; ora for kakapo		
		3 kea and kaka, are more closely related / share more recent common ancestor, (than with kakapo);		3 ACCEPT ora for less close relationship between kakapo and others
		4 kea and kaka have <u>more</u> genes in common / AW (than with kakapo);		4 ACCEPT ora 4 Answers must refer to genes / genetics / DNA 4 IGNORE cytochrome c
		5 example of genetic similarity (between kaka and kea) evident from Fig 4.1;		5 E.g. kaka and kea both brown / kaka and kea both have similar shaped beaks
				5 IGNORE unqualified references to appearance
		6 differences between, kea and kaka / all three, are great enough for each to be described as a different species;		
(c)	(i)	differences;	2	
		in / within / between, species;		ACCEPT within a population

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Ques	tion	Answer	Marks	Guidance
(c)	(ii)	i)		Mark the first suggestion on each prompt line.
		genetic differences / different alleles / inherited differences ;		ACCEPT different genes
				ACCEPT mutation
				ACCEPT sex
		environment / diet / disease ;		IGNORE 'different habitat'
(c)	(iii)		2	Mark the first two reasons – ignore prompt lines.
		only small number have been sampled / AW;		ACCEPT 'whole population has not been sampled'
		idea that individuals sampled may not be representative of population;		IGNORE rare unqualified ACCEPT larger ones more likely to be caught / measured
		data collected when population was larger / smaller population may mean range has changed;		ACCEPT individuals sampled from one area might be different from average of whole population

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	Ques	tion	Answer	Marks	Guidance
4	(d)		Name	3 max	
			1 speciation;		1 IGNORE 'natural selection' on name line
			Mechanism – max 2 marks		
			2 isolation / separation, (of populations);		2 IGNORE barrier
			3 further detail of isolating mechanism;		3 e.g. river, mountain, reproductive, geographical, temporal, polyploidy, qualified barrier
					3 IGNORE allopatric / sympatric unqualified
			4 mutation / genetic variation;		
			5 natural selection / description of natural selection;		5 description must mention differential survival and genes being passed on
			6 different selection pressure(s) (in different environment);		6 IGNORE selection pressure unqualified
					6 'different' can be described using an example
			7 (enough) time to allow changes in population to		
			prevent interbreeding / AW;		
			Total	19	

Q	uesti	on		Answer	Marks	Guidance
5	(a)				2	Award 2 marks for a correct answer, even if no working shown.
			41 667 ; ;			ALLOW 1 mark for 41 666.666 ⁻ ,41 666.7, 41 666.67, 41 666.667, 41 670, 41 700, 41 666, 41668 or 42 000.
						If the answer is incorrect ALLOW 1 mark for 2500 x 100
						6
	(b)				3	Mark the first three reasons regardless of lines
			1	part of ecosystem / habitat for other organisms;		1 IGNORE maintains biodiversity
			2	part of food, chain / web ;		2 ACCEPT food source
						2 IGNORE home
			3	wood useful for specific purpose;		3 e.g. making , fences / furniture / boundary marker
			4	(potential) source of medicine;		
			5	genetic resource ;		5 ACCEPT description or example but must refer to genes
			6	aesthetic value / give pleasure / beautiful trees ;		6 ACCEPT tourism
			7	ethical reason / moral responsibility;		7 ACCEPT idea that they have a right to existence
			8	resource for (non-medical) scientific research;		7 DO NOT CREDIT 'playing God'

Questi	ion		Answer	Marks	Guidance
(c)	(i)	no	not in, natural / normal, habitat / environment;		
	(ii)	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	most plants produce an excess; (so) can be collected (from wild) without damaging (wild), plants / organisms / population / habitat; take up little space; ora able to store, large numbers / more species; ora easy / cheaper, to transport / AW; ora idea of remaining viable for long periods; ora less susceptible to, disease / pests / environmental change; ora	4 max	5 ACCEPT can easily be sent where wanted 6 Answers must have some reference to survival, not just 'can be stored for a long time' 7 IGNORE recovery / survival, from disease
			change, ora		7 CREDIT answers that describe (greater) disease resistance as a property of the seeds themselves or that the seed bank is a (more) protected environment for the seeds IGNORE cheaper unqualified

Q	uesti	on		Answer	Marks	Guidance
5	(c)	(iii)	1	(maintain / increase) genetic variation / gene pool;	3 max	1 ACCEPT different alleles
						1 DO NOT CREDIT different genes
			2	reduced chance of (future), disease / environmental change, affecting (whole) population;		2 ACCEPT 'so if one dies from a disease some might survive'
						2 ACCEPT 'to get some plants that are resistant to different diseases'
			3	reduces chance of inbreeding;		
			4	maintain, geographical variation / varieties / races / strains / subspecies ;		4 IGNORE variation unqualified
				Total	13	

Q	uestion	Answer			Marks	Guidance
6	(a)				3	DO NOT CREDIT if letter is unclear
		Characteristics are passed on to the next generation	W	;		DO NOT CREDIT if more than one letter is given
		There is a struggle for existence	Y and Z	;		DO NOT CREDIT if an incorrect letter is given
		Individuals with beneficial characteristics are among the few who survive	X and Y and Z	;		DO NOT CREDIT if an incorrect letter is given
	(b)	MRSA / it, is harder to treat / may become	untreatable ;		2 max	ACCEPT MRSA / it, can't be killed (by antibiotics)
						ACCEPT antibiotics will no longer work on, MRSA / it
		potential for, disease outbreak / epidemic /	pandemic / killing many peop	•		•
		developing new / more powerful, antibiotics	s, is expensive / takes tim	e;		IGNORE new antibiotics are hard to discover

Q	Question			Answer		Guidance
6	(c)		1	fossils show that organisms have changed over time;	3	1 CREDIT many fossil organisms dissimilar from modern organisms
			2	idea that fossils or rocks can be dated;		2 ACCEPT idea of fossils in chronological order
			3	idea of fossils showing intermediate forms / sequences;		3 e.g. Archaeopteryx / Tiktaalik / horse
						3 general trend from, small / simple, to, large / complex
				Total	8	

Qı	uesti	ion	Ans	swer	Marks	Guidance
7	(a)		form part of cellular response	both	5	
			mature in thymus	(only) T (lymphocytes);		
			secrete substances which kill infected cells	(only) T (lymphocytes);		
			manufacture antibodies	(only) B (lymphocytes);		
			undergo clonal expansion	both / B and T ;		
			activate other lymphocytes	(only) T (lymphocytes);		
	(b)	(i)	no antibodies detected before 4 da	ys / antibodies appear at 4 days ;	3 max	ACCEPT 'around 4 days'
						ACCEPT upper limit of 4.5 days for first appearance of antibodies
						IGNORE 'before 5 days'
						IGNORE references to increase at 4 days, answers must imply none to begin with
			increase then decrease / peak ;			ACCEPT 13 days \pm 0.5 day, 25 units \pm 0.5 units
						ACCEPT 25 au \pm 0.5 au 9 days \pm 0.5 day after initial appearance
			figures for peak with time and antik	oody concentration ;		
			decrease less steep than increase	/ AW ; ora		
			antibody concentration returns to zero at 27 days;			

Q	uest	ion			Answer	Marks	Guidance
7			the drawn line should show higher peak and steeper initial increase; antibodies appear between days 30 and 34 and concentration at 60 days above peak for primary response;				Peak must be at least 30 au Compare gradient with initial increase up to day 10 NBOD if gradients are similar ACCEPT ruled line close to vertical DO NOT CREDIT vertical ACCEPT a line that starts to rise at 30 or 34 days
7	(c)		region A B	name hinge (region); constant / Fc (region); variable / hypervariable / Fab (region);	function flexibility / binding of more than one antigen; attachment / binding , to phagocytes; binding / attachment , to antigens;	6	Marks for name and function should be awarded independently. DO NOT CREDIT if incorrect answer appears in same box ACCEPT hinges / hinged ACCEPT neutrophils / macrophages / granulocytes ACCEPT monocytes IGNORE recognise antigens
					Total	16	

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