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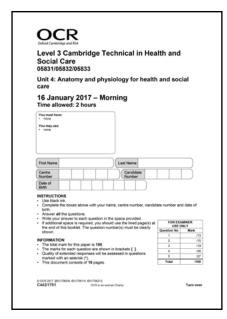
INTRODUCTION

This resource brings together the questions from the January 2017 examined unit (Unit 4), the marking guidance, the examiners comments and the exemplar answers into one place for easy reference.

We've also included candidate exemplar answers with commentaries for Question 5d ii

The marking guidance and the examiner's comments are taken from the Report to Centre for this question paper.

The Question Paper, Mark Scheme and the Report to Centre are available from: https://interchange.ocr.org.uk/







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GENERAL EXAMINER COMMENTS ON THE PAPER

This is the first examination session for the new OCR Cambridge Technicals suite and therefore there are no previous years for comparative purposes. Only six centres entered candidates and thus only 77 scripts were marked which again makes it hard to draw conclusions on performance.

The question paper covered a wide range of topics from the specification with a mixture of short and extended questions.

Many candidates did not read the questions accurately and thus provided information that was not required. Very few candidates took notice of the command verb 'evaluate' in the last question and, therefore, even the strongest responses only gained half marks as a 'sub-max' award.

Some candidates confused conditions, for example osteoarthritis with osteoporosis and AMD and cataracts.

When discussing the impact of the relevant conditions on the lives of individuals, a significant number of candidates do not appear to realise that most people, with for example, cystic fibrosis, do in fact lead fulfilling and busy lives despite their condition. Many answers throughout the paper dwelt on negative aspects of PIES. Whilst it is appreciated that time for delivery may be short, it is recommended that centres make maximum use of visiting speakers and that candidates are encouraged to research support groups and personal blogs of relevant individuals.

Many candidates had made use of the additional pages provided, but had not indicated that they had done so at the end of their initial answer.

For this paper errors in the spelling of scientific terminology were accepted unless unrecognisable.

A lot of candidates are starting their responses with 'empty' introductions that only serve to waste time and do not gain them any credit, as the statements given either repeat the question or give irrelevant information, for example, describing the causes and genetics of cystic fibrosis rather than concentrating on its effect on the respiratory system. A thorough understanding of command verbs and practice of reading questions is essential.

Resources which might help address the examiner comments:

From the link below, you'll find 'The OCR guide to examinations' (along with many other skills guides) http://www.ocr.org.uk/i-want-to/skills-guides/

Command verbs definitions

http://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/273311-command-verbs-definitions.pdf

Question 1

The Human Heart (a) Identify one key function for each of the structures labelled 1-5 in the diagram above. 1. pumps blood to lungs 2. carries blood from lower body to heart 3. carries blood to body 4. prevents backflow of blood from pulmonary arteries into heart 5. prevents backflow of blood from left ventricle into left atrium [5]

	ribe the function of the coronary arteries.			
	Supplies oxygen and nutrients to heart muscle]		
•••••	[2]			
(ii)* Expl how	ain the possible causes of the malfunctioning of Paul's coronary arterie it could affect his health.	es and		
	How atheroma appears (cause):			
	Build-up of fats/cholesterol/plaque in coronary artery walls			
	Wall bulges and obstructs lumen of artery			
	Effects:			
	Reduces blood flow and supply of oxygen to heart muscle			
<u></u>	Pain on exertion – angina			
	Can either block artery or bursts to form clot – blood supply to heart muscle stopped – heart attack/myocardial			
	infarction			
	Could result in hospitalisation, long recovery or death.			

Mark scheme guidance

1 (a)

Annotation:

The number of ticks must match the number of marks awarded. For an incorrect answer use the cross.

1 (b) (i)

1 mark oxygen/nutrients/glucose.

1 mark to heart **muscle**.

Annotation:

The number of ticks must match the number of marks awarded.

For an **incorrect** answer use the **cross**.

1 (b) (ii)

Content	Levels of response
This is a levels of response question – marks are awarded on	Level 2 [4-6 marks]
the quality of the response given. The focus of the question is explanation.	Candidates will provide a developed explanation that includes accurate terminology and follows a logical sequence. Sentences
Annotation: The number of ticks will not necessarily correspond to the marks awarded.	and paragraphs are relevant with accurate use of appropriate terminology. There may be occasional errors of grammar, punctuation and spelling.
Level 2 – checklist	Sub-max 3 marks if only how appears/cause or effects done well.
detailed explanationhow appears/cause and effects	Well.
 now appears/cause and effects logically structured	Level 1 [1–3 marks]
factually accurate	Candidates' will provide an explanation in a limited manner.
correct use of terminology	Likely to be a description/identification only. Their use of
• QWC – high	appropriate terminology will be limited. Sentences and
Level 1 – checklist	paragraphs are not always relevant, with the material presented
limited / basic explanation	in a way that does not always address the question. There may
• how appears/cause + effect or one done well	be noticeable errors of grammar, punctuation and spelling and answers may be list like.
limited relevant information	answers may be list like.
limited use of terminology list like (ground land)	Omarke response not worthy of credit
list like / muddled	0 marks – response not worthy of credit.

Examiners comments

QWC - mid - low

1 (a)

A large proportion of candidates named the structures either instead of, or as well as, providing a function. The heart appears to confuse some candidates.

1 (b) (i)

Despite their role in heart disease, most candidates think these are merely arteries that distribute blood around the body. Very few connected them to their function of supplying heart muscle directly with oxygen and nutrients.

1 (b) (ii)

Causes were identified but not necessarily explained. Consequences were also merely identified, with very few candidates linking the two aspects of the question. Most responses were thus only in Level 1.

Question 2

	Identify one other chemical that is required for cellular respiration.	
	Glucose ADP	[1]
(ii)	Identify two products of cellular respiration.	
	Carbon dioxide	[2]
	Water	
	ATP	
	lactic acid	
	energy	
	avina has cystic fibrosis. * Explain how this condition affects Davina's physical respiratory health.	
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Possible impacts:	
Restricts sporting opportunities	
Restricts travelling opportunities	
Complicated daily regimes involving medication	
and physiotherapy	
Frequent infections usually resulting in	
hospitalisation – disruption of education/work	
Accept appropriate intellectual, social, emotional response	
Accept references to other aspects of CF, for	
example: dietary restrictions, supplements, increased	
calorie intake, enzyme pills.	
Opportunities for synoptic assessment e.g.	
– unit 1 – how far it affects Davina may be partially	
influenced by the quality of relationships she has with	
practitioners – unit 2 – she is potentially vulnerable and at risk of	
discrimination in her daily life	
– unit 3 – her health and safety needs will be different	
from that of others who do not have her condition and	
these needs are likely to have a restrictive effect on he	er
daily life	

Mark scheme guidance

2 (a) (i)

1 mark for a correct answer.

Annotation:

The number of ticks must match the number of marks awarded.

For an **incorrect** answer use the **cross**.

2 (a) (ii)

1 mark for each product identified X 2.

Annotation:

The number of ticks must match the number of marks awarded.

For an ${\bf incorrect}$ answer use the ${\bf cross}.$

2 (b) (i)

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2 (b) (ii)

Content

limited use of terminology

list like / muddled OWC – mid – low

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Level 2 – checklist	
detailed analysis	Level 1 [1–3 marks]
 two or more impacts of CF relevant to Davina's daily life well-developed, clear and logically structured factually accurate QWC – high 	Candidates' will provide an analysis in a limited manner. Likely to be a description/identification only. Their use of appropriate terminology will be limited. Sentences and paragraphs are not always relevant, with the material presented in a way that does not always address the question. There may be noticeable errors of grammar, punctuation and spelling and answers may be list like.
Level 1 – checklist	
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 • ikely to identify several impacts of CF with little or no analysis 	0 marks – response not worthy of credit.
• information may not be relevant to Davina's daily life or CF	
• limited structure may be list like / muddled	
• QWC – mid – low	

Levels of response

Examiners comments

2 (a) (i) and (ii)

Most candidates gave reasonable answers though some, despite the question lead in, mentioned oxygen again for either part. Candidates must understand the importance of reading questions carefully and slowly.

2 (b) (i)

Again candidates did not read the question and gave descriptions of causes including genetic details. Some referred to sticky mucus, but did not make the required link to its effect in the lungs and consequently to the effect on Davina's breathing. A minority did correctly make links to increased risks of respiratory infections. Some candidates did try to incorrectly turn this section into a PIES response despite part bii following.

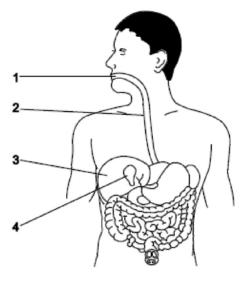
2 (b) (ii)

This section was generally very badly done as the majority of candidates fail to realise that despite its severity the vast majority of CF individuals lead fulfilling and 'normal' lives with successful education, careers, family life and recreational activities. Even some sports are possible. Some candidates did refer to the impact of physiotherapy, medications, hospitalisation and repeated infections, but lacked the specificity or accuracy to attain high marks. Most responses fell into Level 1.

Question 3

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(a) Identify one digestive function of each part of the digestive system labelled 1-4 in the diagram above.

1	
Chewing using teeth, tongue and jaws, mechanical digestion of food, tasting food, chemical digestion,	
2salivary amylase changing starch to maltose	
Moving food by muscle action/peristalsis to stomach	
Produces bile/bile salts/stores and assimilates absorbed products of digestion	
4 Stores or releases bile	
	[4]

(b) The stomach carries out both mechanical and chemical digestion.

(i) Explain how the stomach carries out each of these functions.

 Mechanical digestion:	
 Muscles of stomach churn food	
 Breaks food into smaller pieces/chime	
 Chemical digestion:	
 Produces enzyme pepsin	
 Action triggered by hydrochloric acid	
 Pepsin changes proteins to polypeptides/peptides	[4]

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(ii)	Describe how the small intestine is adapted to absorb the products of digestion	n.
	Large surface area	
	Surface area increased by microvilli	
	Villi sway to mix digested food around	
	Contains blood capillaries to absorb sugars, amino acids and water soluble vitamins	
	Contains lymph vessel/lacteal to absorb fats/fatty acids	[3]
she	y has been diagnosed with irritable bowel syndrome (IBS). It has been suggest keeps a food diary, avoids fizzy drinks and coffee and takes up some form of e	
	a reason for each of these three suggestions. o a food diary:	
	Food diary – allows a record of food eaten to be recorded and matched against bouts of pain/irritability – identifies foods that should be avoided	
Avo	d fizzy drinks and coffee:	_
	Avoiding fizzy drinks/coffee – both irritate the gut and cause symptoms of IBS so can increase symptoms and inconvenience	
Tak	e up some form of exercise:	
·	Exercise helps reduce stress which appears to be a trigger for IBS so regular gentle exercise will lead to well-being and reduction of symptoms	
	being and reduction of symptoms	」 [3]

(d)	Bernard has cirrhosis of the liver.
	Describe what is meant by the term 'cirrhosis of the liver'.
	Death of liver cells
	Replaced by scar tissue
(e)	Excessive consumption of alcohol is normally the cause of liver cirrhosis.
(0)	Identify what a healthy liver does to alcohol.
	Breaks alcohol down/ removes alcohol from blood/detoxifies alcohol [1]
(f)	Alcohol also affects the cerebellum of the brain.
	(i) Identify the function of the cerebellum.
	Fine tunes muscle action/responses
	Stores 'memory' of learnt muscle actions/sequences [1]
	Controls muscles to maintain balance
	(ii) Describe the effect of alcohol on the cerebellum.
	Affects control of fine muscle actions resulting in loss of co-ordination and/or balance [1]

Mark scheme guidance

3 (a)

1 mark for each separate point described.

Annotation:

The number of ticks must match the number of marks awarded.

For an **incorrect** answer use the **cross**.

3 (b) (i)

1 mark for each point but two must relate to mechanical and two to chemical for full marks.

Annotation:

The number of ticks must match the number of marks awarded.

For an **incorrect** answer use the **cross**.

3 (b) (ii)

1 mark for each of any three points made.

Annotation:

The number of ticks must match the number of marks awarded.

For an **incorrect** answer use the **cross**.

3 (c)

1 mark for each correct point made.

1 mark only available for each suggestion, with reason given.

Annotation:

The number of ticks must match the number of marks awarded.

For an **incorrect** answer use the **cross**.

3 (d)

1 mark each correct point made.

Annotation:

The number of ticks must match the number of marks awarded.

For an incorrect answer use the cross.

3 (e)

1 mark for suitable response.

Annotation:

The number of ticks must match the number of marks awarded.

For an incorrect answer use the cross.

3 (f) (i)

1 mark for suitable response.

Annotation:

The number of ticks must match the number of marks awarded.

For an incorrect answer use the cross.

3 (f) (ii)

1 mark for a suitable response.

Annotation:

The number of ticks must match the number of marks awarded.

For an incorrect answer use the cross.

Examiners comments

3 (a)

Most candidates correctly identified functions of the buccal cavity and oesophagus, although a significant number confused the latter with the trachea, in name at least. Most candidates realised that structure 3 was the liver, but again chose to ignore the question rubric and gave a non-digestive function. Many candidates thought that structure 4 was the pancreas instead of the gall bladder.

3 (b) (i)

Most candidates scored marks in this part with mechanical digestion being better understood than chemical. Most responses concerning the latter lacked detail and accuracy, with many candidates incorrectly thinking that it is the hydrochloric acid that breaks down any protein in the chyme.

3 (b) (ii)

Most candidates scored well here and could correlate the presence of villi and microvilli to blood vessels, increased surface area and faster absorption.

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3 (c)

Most candidates answered the first two parts of this question correctly, but only a few made the link between stress as a possible trigger factor for IBS and the benefits of exercise in relaxing and de-stressing individuals.

3 (d)

Most candidates got at least one mark for mentioning scarring but a lot failed to mention how excess alcohol kills liver cells. Some gained a second mark for at least stating that liver repair and/or regeneration was prevented.

3 (e)

Most mentioned detoxification, although some thought the liver killed alcohol.

3 (f)

These parts were reasonably well-answered with most candidates aware of the cerebellum's role in muscle co-ordination/control and hence balance.

Question 4

	What happens in a joint to cause arthritis:	
	Synovial fluid dries up	
	Erosion of cartilage	
	Stiffness of joint	
	Bone ends rub or make contact with each other	
	Extra bone growths can develop resulting in further friction points	
	Inflammation of the joint occurs	
Analy	se the likely impact of the arthritis on Donald's health and well-being.	[6]
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Analy	Possible impacts:]
	Possible impacts: • Pain – makes activity difficult – results in weight	
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(c) Do	nald's wife, Mary aged 58, has developed AMD (age related macular dege	eneration)
(i)	Name the layer of the eye affected by this condition.	morationy.
.,	Retina – do not accept macula	[1]
(ii)	Identify one effect this condition will have on Mary's vision.	
	Macula destroyed resulting in loss of central vision, inability to read etc., peripheral vision only.	[1]
	Accept blurred vision	
(iii)*	Explain the likely impact of AMD on Mary's daily life.	
	Likely impacts:	
	Depending on speed of progression:	
	may not be able to work	
	 not recognising faces unable to drive 	
	difficulty in reading or any other activity involving close vision	
	difficulty in dressing,	
	difficulty with cooking	
	Accept:	
	Other suitable daily activities that may be hindered by loss of central vision.	
	Accept well-reasoned social, emotional effects on daily life.	[6]
	Note: • Mary will not be totally blind.	
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In extreme cases use of a Guide Dog	
Appropriate medical interventions, for example, medication, stem cell, laser treatment.	
Use of support groups.	
Synoptic element e.g.	
unit 1 – support given should aim to meet needs while also allowing service users to retain a sense of control of their own care and independence; those supporting her should build a positive relationship with her – this is a factor influencing the likely success of support given, because there will be lack of misunderstandings and understanding of personal needs – personalized care	
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4 (a)

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4 (b)

Content

limited use of terminology

list like / muddled OWC – mid – low

QWC - mid - low

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 Level 1 – checklist limited / basic analysis likely to identify several impacts with little or no analysis information may not be relevant to Donald's health & Wb limited structure may be list like / muddled 	0 marks – response not worthy of credit.

Levels of response

4 (c) (i)

1 mark for a correct answer.

Annotation:

The number of ticks must match the number of marks awarded.

For an **incorrect** answer use the **cross**.

4 (c) (ii)

1 mark for a correct answer.

QWC - mid - low

Annotation:

The number of ticks must match the number of marks awarded.

For an **incorrect** answer use the **cross**.

4 (c) (iii)

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4 (c) (iv)

Content

This is a levels of response question – marks are awarded on the quality of the response given. The focus of the question is analysis.

Annotation:

The number of ticks will not necessarily correspond to the marks awarded

Level 2 - checklist

- detailed analysis
- two or more strategies/support
- relevant to Mary's independence
- well-developed, clear and logically structured
- factually accurate
- QWC high

Level 1 - checklist

- limited / basic analysis
- likely to identify several strategies or support with little or no analysis
- information may not be relevant to supporting independence
- limited structure may be list like / muddled
- QWC mid low

Levels of response

Level 2 [4-6 marks]

Candidates will provide a developed analysis that includes accurate terminology and follows a logical sequence. Sentences and paragraphs are relevant with accurate use of appropriate terminology. There may be occasional errors of grammar, punctuation and spelling.

Level 1 [1-3 marks]

Candidates' will provide an analysis in a limited manner. Likely to be a description/identification only. Their use of appropriate terminology will be limited. Sentences and paragraphs are not always relevant, with the material presented in a way that does not always address the question. There may be noticeable errors of grammar, punctuation and spelling and answers may be list like.

0 marks – response not worthy of credit.

Examiner comments

4 (a)

A number of candidates got muddled between osteoarthritis and osteoporosis and gave answers that merged information relating to both conditions. Some others discussed rheumatoid arthritis despite the question clearly stating that Donald had severe osteoarthritis.

Most candidates did give simplistic explanations of what happens in a joint to cause arthritis but tended to remain in Level 1 lacking the expansion and depth required for higher marks.

4 (b)

This section also suffered from candidates providing negative PIES with much made of social isolation and resulting depression. Those candidates who described practical consequences in relation to named daily activities revolving around cooking, personal hygiene, dressing, mobility, shopping and recreational activities scored the better marks.

4 (c) (i)

Many candidates simply identified the macula region which, as that is hinted at in the name of the condition, was not awarded a mark. Surprisingly few named the retina.

4 (c) (ii)

Most candidates referred to blurred vision whilst some stated an inability to recognise faces or read which was allowed although strictly speaking this is covered in the next part of the question. Many candidates do not appreciate that AMD does not lead to total blindness but to a loss of central vision only.

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4 (c) (iii)

Most candidates provided correct responses, but were limited to Level 1 due to a lack of detail or expansion, for example, stating that Mary might not be able to drive without then explaining the impact this could have on work, independence, shopping, socialising etc.

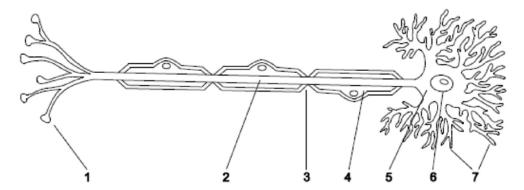
4 (c) (iv)

Most candidates appear to think that simple eye drops or glasses will cure AMD. This is obviously not the case. References to medical strategies were therefore either very vague or totally inaccurate. Some candidates did refer to laser treatment and injections to slow down the development of the condition. No candidate referred to the current trials in stem cell therapy. Most 'strategies' were simple references to sticks, brighter lights, reorganised rooms, guide dogs and support groups. Unfortunately, these tended to be identified only and not analysed.

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Question 5

5 Diagram of a nerve cell (neuron).



1	la	(i)	Identify	the struc	ctures lab	elled 1-7	on the	diagram	above
	(CI	\ \!	I G C I I I I I	r uie suuv	Juli 63 lab	ciica i-i	OII UIC	ulaqiaili	above.

2	1.	synaptic knob/terminal process/synaptic bulb	
	2.	axon	
3	3.	node of Ranvier	
Δ	4.	Myelin sheath/Schwann cell	
	5.	cell body, accept cytoplasm	
5	6.	nucleus	
	7.	dendrites	
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			[7]

(ii) Explain the function of the structure shown by number 1 on the diagram above.

 Produces chemicals/neurotransmitters.	
Pass/diffuse across synapse to stimulate next nerve cell.	
 Accept passage/transmission of impulse/message from one cell to another –worth one mark	[2

(1)	Explain how a stroke may damage the cerebral cortex and what the likely effects on body function may be.
	Ischaemic stroke – blood clot blocks artery in cortex and prevents blood with oxygen and nutrients reaching cortex cells – cells die
	Haemorrhagic stroke – weakened blood vessel in cortex bursts – blood does not reach cells of cortex
	as above Also pressure of leaking blood which has nowhere to go as confined by skull presses down on tissue of cortex and damages/kills cells.
	Cerebral cortex consists of areas given over to precise sensory input and motor responses. If cells
	in these areas die effects may be loss of vision, speech, hearing, paralysis, difficulty swallowing

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(ii)*	Evaluat	e the care options and help that is available to assist John in his	recovery.
		Care options/help available:	
		Emotional support/counselling –	
		Charities/Support groups	
		Aphasia software programmes	
		Medical intervention –medication, regular check-	
		ups	
		Bathing/dressing aids	
		Furniture adaptations	
		Kitchen aids	
		Mobility aids	
		Personal alarms	
		Adapted telephones	
		Speech therapy	
		Physiotherapy	
		Occupational therapy	
		Home help/residential care/family	l
		support/sheltered accommodation	
		Positives	
		+ Aid recovery	
		+ Promote independence	
		+ Support can show that service user not alone	
		Capport carrons and control along	
		Specific examples linked to options / aids listed above	
		Negatives	
		- Not all support/aids available free – means	
		tested	
		- Some support not offered by some authorities	
		- Care expensive and very limited time for home	
		visits - Some users may not have families for	
		support/care/help	
		- Isolated location	
		- No local charity support and not proficient in IT	
		or does not have internet access	
		- Service users too embarrassed, for example	
		over incontinence or sexual issues	
		- Recovery is time consuming and frustrating	
		- Carers need patience and have to put up with	
		user's changed behaviour and frustration – not	
		all families can do this.	[10]

Markscheme guidance

5 (a) (i)

Annotation:

The number of ticks must match the number of marks awarded.

For an **incorrect** answer use the **cross**.

5 (a) (ii)

2 marks for appropriately developed explanation

1 mark for basic statement that lacks clarity

Annotation:

The number of ticks must match the number of marks awarded.

For an **incorrect** answer use the **cross**.

5 (b) (i)

Content

This is a levels of response question – marks are awarded on the quality of the response given. The focus of the question is explanation.

Annotation:

The number of ticks will not necessarily correspond to the marks awarded.

Level 3 – checklist

- detailed explanation
- both damage caused and effects
- well-developed, clear and logically structured
- factually accurate
- correct use of terminology
- QWC high

Level 2 – checklist

- sound explanation
- damage caused & effect or one done well
- mostly factually accurate
- · mostly relevant information
- some correct terminology
- QWC mid

Level 1 - checklist

- limited / basic explanation
- likely to identify several causes/effects with little or no explanation
- information may not be relevant
- limited structure may be list like / muddled
- minimal or no terminology
- QWC low

Levels of response

Level 3 [7–8 marks]

Candidates will provide a fully developed explanation that includes accurate terminology and follows a logical sequence and covers both types of stroke. For top marks the correct nomenclature should be used. Both damage caused and effects must be covered. Sentences and paragraphs are relevant with accurate use of appropriate terminology. There may be occasional errors of grammar, punctuation and spelling.

Level 2 (4-6 marks]

Candidates will provide an explanation that includes accurate terminology.

Sentences and paragraphs are generally relevant but may have minor inaccuracies or lack clarity and depth of understanding. There may be some errors of grammar, punctuation and spelling.

Sub-max of 3 if only damage/cause or effects explained.

Level 1 [1–3 marks]

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Candidates will provide a limited explanation. Their use of appropriate terminology will be limited. Sentences and paragraphs are not always relevant, with the material presented in a way that does not always address the question. There may be noticeable errors of grammar, punctuation and spelling and answers may be list like.

0 marks - response not worthy of credit.

5 (b) (ii)

Content

This is a levels of response question – marks are awarded on the quality of the response given. The focus of the question is explanation.

Annotation: The number of ticks will not necessarily correspond to the marks awarded.

Level 3 - checklist

- care options and help
- fully detailed evaluation
- both positives and negatives
- well-developed, clear and logically structured
- factually accurate & relevant
- correct use of terminology
- QWC high

Level 2 - checklist

- just care options or help
- sound evaluation
- at least one positive & negative
- may lack clarity
- · mostly factually accurate
- some relevant information
- QWC mid

Level 1 – checklist

- basic evaluation
- likely to identify care options or help with little or no evaluation
- information may not be relevant
- limited structure list like or muddled
- QWC low

Levels of response

Level 3 [9-10 marks]

Candidates will provide a fully developed evaluation that includes accurate terminology and follows a logical sequence. Both positives and negatives will be given. Sentences and paragraphs are relevant with accurate use of appropriate terminology. There may be occasional errors of grammar, punctuation and spelling.

Level 2 [5-8 marks]

Candidates will provide an evaluation that includes accurate terminology. Some positives and negatives will be given. Sentences and paragraphs are generally relevant but may have minor inaccuracies or lack clarity and depth of understanding. There may be some errors of grammar, punctuation and spelling.

Sub-max of 5 – if only positives or negatives given

Level 1 [1-4 marks]

Candidates' will evaluate treatments in a limited manner. Their use of appropriate terminology will be limited. Sentences and paragraphs are not always relevant, with the material presented in a way that does not always address the question. There may be noticeable errors of grammar, punctuation and spelling and answers may be list like.

0 marks – response not worthy of credit.

Examiners comments

5 (a) (i)

Either candidates knew these structures or they didn't. Those that didn't failed to identify much beyond the myelin sheath and the nucleus.

5 (a) (ii)

Generally this produced confused answers with only a minority managing to refer to the action and purpose of a synapse.

5 (b) (i)

The majority of candidates referred to blood clots or blood leaks, but only a few used the terms ischaemic and haemorrhagic. Whilst most made a reference to the brain cells dying, few explained exactly why cell death and / or damage occurs. There also appeared much confusion over what the cerebral cortex is and many confused this precise outer layer of the brain with the cerebrum itself. Thus, there were references to memory loss and personality change. The question stem clearly identified the cortex as being the damaged region, but instead of explaining the resulting loss in muscle movements/sensations from precise, identified regions of the body, references were made to what were essentially the FAST symptoms identified in health campaigns. Marks were awarded for this, but the mere identification restricted such candidates to Level 1.

5 (b) (ii)

Unfortunately, nearly all candidates chose to ignore the command verb of the question which was 'Evaluate'. A very small number did give pros and cons of various strategies or treatments but most simply described or just identified various options, such as speech therapy, physiotherapy, dietary changes, care -either domiciliary or residential and support groups. There was very little expansion with little or no specificity. The mark scheme provides several of the expected options.

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Exemplar Candidate Work

Question 5 (b) (ii) – Medium level answer

i)* Evaluate the care options and help that is available to assist John in his recovery.
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and spend time with people.
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if he lives alone the
occupational therapist
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Commentary

The candidate has provided a number of valid care options and methods of help suitable for John. However, the candidate has only identified the positive benefits of these choices. This question clearly asks candidates to evaluate available help for John and this requires both positive and negative points to gain high marks. The mark scheme informed examiners that if a candidate's response consisted of just positive statements then only a sub-max of five marks could be awarded -as it was in this case.

To gain additional marks the candidate should have included some negative aspects to the care options and support suggested for John. The candidate could have stated that not all support or aids are available free with some being means tested and the client having to pay themselves. They could also have added that not all local authorities supply the same level of support.

The candidate refers to there being a carer for John although no details are given. It would be worth stating that care is very expensive and that there is often limited time for home visits -often no more than thirty minutes. Many clients either do not have families or any local family members that can provide care.

When the candidate refers to the provision of a commode they could have mentioned that many clients would feel embarrassed about its use or any aspect of possible incontinence.

The candidate concludes by citing the services of a physiotherapist and the use of speech therapy. This could have been followed by stating that recovery is likely to be very slow and that such programmes of support will be time consuming and very frustrating at times possibly resulting in John becoming despondent and depressed.

Question 5 (b) (ii) – High level answer

(ii)* Evaluate the care options and help that is available to assist John in his recovery.

This is a candidate style answer

John will require emotional and physical support during his recovery. Much of this could be provided by his family. However, they may not live locally and they may have existing work and family commitments that could prevent their assistance. People recovering from strokes often display mood swings, frustration and bursts of anger which untrained family members may find hard to cope with.

Home care using domiciliary help maybe an option to help John with cooking, cleaning, dressing and washing. However, this form of care is expensive and is not always offered free by all local authorities to all individuals. Home visits can also be very brief especially in rural areas where much time is spent travelling between clients. It is often means tested as are various 'meals on wheels' schemes which, whilst ensuring that John receives proper nutrition to maintain his health and recovery without the problems of cooking, are expensive.

Residential care is a further option but this too is not always readily available and is again means tested and is dependent on the level of John's savings and if he owns his house he might have to sell it to finance his care. Whilst a home will aid his recovery and provide company and emotional support John may well view it negatively if he likes being independent especially if his choice of home is limited.

Emotional support could also be provided by charities and support groups that would allow him to meet with other similar individuals but there may be none in the area. Whilst support is available on-line John may not possess a computer or IT skills or may live in a poor broadband area.

His local GP and health centre can aid his recovery by providing regular check-ups and medication but if John lives in a rural area access may be an issue and in urban areas it is often hard for patients to obtain appointments with the doctor of their choice, Lifestyle choices may be suggested to decrease the likelihood of a further stroke but some individuals find it hard to give up lifetime habits such as smoking and alcohol.

An occupational therapist may help John increase his independence by suggesting tools and aids for dressing, washing, cooking and mobility. However, these too may have to be purchased privately by John. Whilst he would find the mobility aids useful in promoting independence he may also find their use embarrassing and stigmatising.

Finally, physiotherapy and speech therapy may help to regain his muscle action and speech but this will be a long drawn out process and is likely to result in John being both frustrated and embarrassed.

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Commentary

For this question, there are three levels of response -Levels 1-3. This answer is a high Level 3 response for which 9 or 10 marks are available. This candidate would be awarded the full ten marks.

They have identified a number of care options and available help. They have provided a fully detailed evaluation providing a balance of positives and negatives.

The response is well-developed, clear and logically structured and organised with good use of paragraphs. The information is factually accurate and relevant.

The quality of written communication is high with no obvious errors of grammar, spelling or punctuation.

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