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Information to Examiners

1. General

The mark scheme for each question shows:

• the marks available for each part of the question
• the total marks available for the question
• the typical answer or answers which are expected
• extra information to help the Examiner make his or her judgement and help to delineate what is acceptable or not worthy of credit or, in discursive answers, to give an overview of the area in which a mark or marks may be awarded
• the Assessment Objectives and specification content that each question is intended to cover.

The extra information is aligned to the appropriate answer in the left-hand part of the mark scheme and should only be applied to that item in the mark scheme.

At the beginning of a part of a question a reminder may be given, for example: where consequential marking needs to be considered in a calculation; or the answer may be on the diagram or at a different place on the script.

In general the right-hand side of the mark scheme is there to provide those extra details which confuse the main part of the mark scheme yet may be helpful in ensuring that marking is straightforward and consistent.

2. Emboldening and underlining

2.1 In a list of acceptable answers where more than one mark is available ‘any two from’ is used, with the number of marks emboldened. Each of the following bullet points is a potential mark.

2.2 A bold and is used to indicate that both parts of the answer are required to award the mark.

2.3 Alternative answers acceptable for a mark are indicated by the use of or. Different terms in the mark scheme are shown by a / ; eg allow smooth / free movement.

2.4 Any wording that is underlined is essential for the marking point to be awarded.

3. Marking points

3.1 Marking of lists

This applies to questions requiring a set number of responses, but for which students have provided extra responses. The general principle to be followed in such a situation is that ‘right + wrong = wrong’.

Each error / contradiction negates each correct response. So, if the number of error / contradictions equals or exceeds the number of marks available for the question, no marks can be awarded.

However, responses considered to be neutral (indicated as * in example 1) are not penalised.

Example 1: What is the pH of an acidic solution? [1 mark]

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<td>green, 5</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>red*, 5</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>red*, 8</td>
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Example 2: Name two planets in the solar system.  

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<td>Pluto, Mars, Moon</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Pluto, Sun, Mars, Moon</td>
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[2 marks]

3.2 Use of chemical symbols / formulae
If a student writes a chemical symbol / formula instead of a required chemical name, full credit can be given if the symbol / formula is correct and if, in the context of the question, such action is appropriate.

3.3 Marking procedure for calculations
Full marks can be given for a correct numerical answer, without any working shown. However, if the answer is incorrect, mark(s) can be gained by correct substitution / working and this is shown in the ‘extra information’ column or by each stage of a longer calculation.

3.4 Interpretation of ‘it’
Answers using the word ‘it’ should be given credit only if it is clear that the ‘it’ refers to the correct subject.

3.5 Errors carried forward
Any error in the answers to a structured question should be penalised once only. Papers should be constructed in such a way that the number of times errors can be carried forward is kept to a minimum. Allowances for errors carried forward are most likely to be restricted to calculation questions and should be shown by the abbreviation ‘ecf’ in the marking scheme.

3.6 Phonetic spelling
The phonetic spelling of correct scientific terminology should be credited unless there is a possible confusion with another technical term.

3.7 Brackets
(…..) are used to indicate information which is not essential for the mark to be awarded but is included to help the examiner identify the sense of the answer required.

3.8 Accept / allow
Accept is used to indicate an equivalent answer to that given on the left-hand side of the mark scheme. Allow is used to denote lower-level responses that just gain credit.

3.9 Ignore / Insufficient / Do not allow
Ignore or insufficient are used when the information given is irrelevant to the question or not enough to gain the marking point. Any further correct amplification could gain the marking point.
Do not allow means that this is a wrong answer which, even if the correct answer is given, will still mean that the mark is not awarded.
4. Quality of Written Communication and levels marking

In Question 3 students are required to produce extended written material in English, and will be assessed on the quality of their written communication as well as the standard of the scientific response.

Students will be required to:
- use good English
- organise information clearly
- use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

The following general criteria should be used to assign marks to a level:

**Level 1: Basic**
- Knowledge of basic information
- Simple understanding
- The answer is poorly organised, with almost no specialist terms and their use demonstrating a general lack of understanding of their meaning, little or no detail
- The spelling, punctuation and grammar are very weak.

**Level 2: Clear**
- Knowledge of accurate information
- Clear understanding
- The answer has some structure and organisation, use of specialist terms has been attempted but not always accurately, some detail is given
- There is reasonable accuracy in spelling, punctuation and grammar, although there may still be some errors.

**Level 3: Detailed**
- Knowledge of accurate information appropriately contextualised
- Detailed understanding, supported by relevant evidence and examples
- Answer is coherent and in an organised, logical sequence, containing a wide range of appropriate or relevant specialist terms used accurately.
- The answer shows almost faultless spelling, punctuation and grammar.
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| 1(a)     | diffusion  
active transport | this order only | 1 | AO2  
3.1.1a/g |
| 1(b)(i)  | concentration (of sugar) in the bag was higher (than in the drink)  
or  
higher concentration of water outside the bag or in the drink / boiling tube  
(so) water moved in (to the tubing)  
by osmosis | allow concentration (of sugar) in the drink was lower (than in the bag)  
allow higher water potential outside the bag or lower water potential inside the bag  
allow water moves down its concentration gradient  
do not allow sugar moving  
allow diffusion (of water)  
do not allow sugar moving by osmosis or water moving by active transport | 1 | AO2  
3.1.1.a/b/c |
| 1(b)(ii) | B | 1 | AO3  
3.1.1a/b/c |
| 1(b)(iii) | close(st) to the concentration in the bag or to 5%  
(so rate of) diffusion / osmosis is slow | allow small(est) diffusion gradient or close(st) to an equilibrium  
allow (so) less water moves in (to the bag)  
ignore ref. to sugar | 1 | AO2/3  
3.1.1a/b/c |
<p>| <strong>Total</strong> | <strong>8</strong> | | | |</p>
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<td>2(a)</td>
<td>guard (cells)</td>
<td>allow phonetic spelling</td>
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<td>AO1 3.1.3e</td>
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<td>2(b)(i)</td>
<td>as carbon dioxide (concentration) increases, the (mean) number of stomata decreases</td>
<td>allow there is a negative correlation</td>
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<td>AO2 3.1.3</td>
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<td>(there is a) rapid drop initially</td>
<td>allow use of any number between 1.5 and 3.0 to indicate “initially”</td>
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<td>2(b)(ii)</td>
<td>(there is) more carbon dioxide so plant doesn’t need as many stomata (to obtain the amount needed) or (there is) less carbon dioxide so the plant needs more stomata (to obtain enough)</td>
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<td>1</td>
<td>AO3 3.1.3c</td>
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<td>2(c)(i)</td>
<td>may lose too much water</td>
<td>allow plant may wilt ignore references to oxygen / carbon dioxide plants lose a lot of water is insufficient ignore flaccid</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>AO3 3.1.3d</td>
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<td>2(c)(ii)</td>
<td>any one from: • hot • dry • windy</td>
<td>ignore environments unqualified eg desert</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>AO3 3.1.3d</td>
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Total 6
Marks awarded for this answer will be determined by the Quality of Written Communication (QWC) as well as the standard of the scientific response. Examiners should also refer to the information on page 5 and apply a 'best-fit' approach to the marking.

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<td>At least one process (P) for obtaining a material is given or at least one vessel (V) and the material it carries is given or there is a description of the direction of movement (M) for at least one material</td>
<td>At least one process for obtaining a specified material is given and is correctly linked to the vessel that the material is transported in or correctly linked to a description of the direction of movement of the material</td>
<td>Processes used for obtaining specified materials are given. and correctly linked to the vessels that the materials are transported in or correctly linked to a description of the direction of movement of the materials. For full credit, in addition to the above descriptors at least one of the processes must be linked to the vessel that the material is transported in and the direction of the movement of the material.</td>
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**examples of points made in the response**

- (P) taken up by diffusion or active transport
  - from an area of high to low concentration (diffusion) or an area of low to high concentration (active transport)
- (V) travels in the xylem
- (M) to the leaves or from the roots / soil

**Water:**

- (P) taken up by osmosis
  - from an area of low to high concentration
- (V) travels in the xylem
- (M) to the leaves or from the roots / soil
- (P) transpiration stream
  - movement replaces water as it evaporates from leaves
- (V) in the xylem

**Sugar:**

- (P) made during photosynthesis
- (V) travels in the phloem
- (M) to other parts of the plant or to storage organs or travels up and down

**extra information**

- allow high concentration of water to low concentration of water
- allow from high water potential to low water potential
- ignore along a concentration gradient

**Total** 6
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<td>4(a)(i)</td>
<td>forest at the edges (of the island) has been removed an appropriate area on the island is identified eg south east or bottom right</td>
<td>allow centrally the forest remains</td>
<td>1 AO3 3.4.2</td>
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| 4(a)(ii) | any two from:  
- (to provide land) for farming / agriculture  
- (to provide land) for quarrying  
- (to provide land / wood) for building  
- to provide fuel  
- to produce paper | allow to provide timber allow forest fires | 2 AO2 3.4.1c 3.4.2c | |
| 4(b)     | any two from:  
- decreased biodiversity  
- loss of habitats  
- increased carbon dioxide (concentration)  
- global warming | allow effects of global warming eg flooding / rise in sea level allow soil erosion | 2 AO3 3.4.1c 3.4.2a/b/c | |
<p>| <strong>Total</strong> |        |                   | 6    |                |</p>
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<td>5(a)</td>
<td>(diaphragm) down or (becomes) flattened (volume) increases</td>
<td>do not allow up / in / expands ignore out ignore reference to contraction</td>
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<td>AO1 3.1.2c</td>
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<td>5(b)(i)</td>
<td>(healthy alveolus has a) larger surface area</td>
<td>allow larger SA:Volume ratio accept converse for alveoli from person with emhesema allow walls between alveoli disintegrate or fluid accumulation in alveoli</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>AO2 3.1.1h/k</td>
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<td>5(b)(ii)</td>
<td>less oxygen into the blood / muscles (so) less respiration (and therefore) less energy is released (for exercise)</td>
<td>less only needed once ignore ref. to anaerobic respiration do not allow energy is produced / made do not allow energy for respiration</td>
<td>1</td>
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| 6(a)(i)  | doesn’t have valves  
has a thicker wall or thicker layer of muscle | allow veins have valves  
allow has a smaller lumen  
ignore references to elastic (in walls) | 1 | AO1 3.2.1e |
| 6(a)(ii) | any two from:  
• (artery has) more oxygen  
• (artery has) more glucose  
• (artery has) less carbon dioxide  
• (artery has) less lactic acid | ignore reference to pressure  
accept converse for veins if veins is clearly stated  
allow (artery has) more amino acids / fatty acids  
ignore urea | 2 | AO1 3.2.1g |
| 6(b)     | any two from:  
• no rejection  
• abundant supply  
• low risk of infection  
• longer shelf life | ignore side effects  
allow no tissue matching required  
allow named example ie HIV, CJD  
allow less space needed for storage | 2 | AO2/3 3.2 |
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<td>blood vessels supplying skin constrict</td>
<td>ignore hair erection allow vasoconstriction do not allow capillaries / veins constricting do not allow moving blood vessel allow blood flows further away from skin surface allow less heat is lost</td>
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<td>AO1 3.3.2e</td>
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<td>less blood flow (to / through capillaries / to skin) so less energy is lost (to the surroundings) ‘shivering’ by muscle (contraction) releasing energy or respiring (more)</td>
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<td>allow muscles contract (and relax) rapidly allow ‘heat produced’ do not allow energy produced / made do not allow energy for respiration allow sweating stops / reduces</td>
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<td>immune system produces antibodies (which) attack the antigens on the transplanted organ / pancreas</td>
<td>allow white blood cells / lymphocytes ignore phagocytes</td>
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<td>allow transplanted organs have foreign antigens at start of explanation and linked to attacking the organ</td>
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<td><strong>8(b)(i)</strong></td>
<td>change / rise detected by the sensor information used to calculate how much insulin she is going to need (bring her blood glucose back to normal) (pump delivers) insulin into the blood (causing) glucose to move into cells</td>
<td>max 2 if no ref. to artificial pancreas</td>
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<td>AO1/2 3.3.3/a</td>
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<td>allow (liver) converts glucose to glycogen</td>
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<td><strong>8(b)(ii)</strong></td>
<td>any one from: • it is more accurate or less chance of human error • (glucose) level will remain more stable or no big rises and falls in blood sugar levels • you don’t forget to test and / or inject insulin • if ill or in coma insulin is still injected</td>
<td>ignore continuous and automatic unqualified</td>
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any one from:  
• less methane  
• less CO₂ in the atmosphere because of less deforestation or less plants consumed.  
do not allow CH₄  
allow less CO₂ released into the atmosphere because less fuel used e.g. to heat cowsheds or to transport meat  
do not allow CO² | 1 | AO2/3  
1 | 3.4.2c  
3.4.3a |
| 9(a)(ii) | any two from:  
• could be mass produced to feed an increasing population  
• disease free meat  
• no / low fat  
• no harm to animals or less intensive farming  
• antibiotic free meat  
• more land available for farming crops  
allow (may be) suitable for vegetarians  
allow no energy loss along a food chain | 2 | AO3  
3.4.4a/b |
| 9(b)     | fungus / *Fusarium*  
with glucose (syrup)  
in aerobic conditions or in presence of oxygen  
mycoprotein is harvested / purified  
ignore stirring / mixing and temperature  
ignore air  
allow ammonia added (as source of nitrogen) | 1 | AO1  
3.4.4d |
| Total    |         |                  | 8    |                |