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

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1(a)	<p><b>A</b> chloroplast / mitochondrion ;</p> <p><b>B</b> chromosome(s) / chromatid / chromatin ;</p> <p><b>C</b> Golgi (body / apparatus / complex) ;</p> <p><b>D</b> nucleolus ;</p>	<b>4</b>
1(b)	<p><i>max 1 if only written about prokaryote wall or only about plant wall</i></p> <p><b>1</b> prokaryote cell wall has, <u>peptidoglycan</u> / <u>murein</u> ;</p> <p><b>2</b> plant cell wall has, cellulose / polymer of <math>\beta</math> glucose ; <b>1</b> lignin</p> <p><b>3</b> AVP ; e.g.  prokaryote wall is made of chains crossed linked by, peptides / amino acids  hydrogen bonds between cellulose molecules (within microfibrils) in plant cell wall <b>A</b> cellulose chains  other components such as pectins / hemicelluloses in plant cell walls</p>	<b>max 2</b>

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2(a)	<p>half <math>V_{\max} / AW</math>, = <math>\frac{1}{2}</math> (<math>\mu\text{mol dm}^{-3} \text{min}^{-1}</math>) / take half of <math>V_{\max}</math> of 14 (<math>\mu\text{mol dm}^{-3} \text{min}^{-1}</math>) ;</p> <p><b>A</b> description of using the graph to find <math>\frac{1}{2} V_{\max}</math> without reference to figures</p> <p>read (substrate concentration) from x-axis / AW ;</p> <p><i>alternative</i>  plot <math>1 / [S] = x</math></p>	<b>2</b>

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2(b)	<p><b>allow phosphate group(s) / organic compound for substrate</b>  <b>if affinity not used, accept idea of ability to form ESC</b>  <b>check for ora</b>  <b>I ref. to competitive inhibition</b></p> <p><b>1</b> enzyme <b>B</b> has a lower affinity for its substrate (than enzyme <b>A</b>)  <b>or</b>  the higher the <math>K_m</math> the lower the affinity of the enzyme for its substrate ;  <b>R</b> if substrate has affinity for the enzyme</p> <p><b>2</b> enzyme <b>B</b> needs a higher concentration of substrate to reach, <math>V_{max} / \frac{1}{2}V_{max} / K_m</math> (than enzyme <b>A</b>) ;</p> <p><b>3</b> AVP ; e.g.  enzyme <b>B</b> forms fewer ESC in the same unit of time  enzyme <b>B</b> active site is a less good fit for substrate  <b>idea that</b> in normal cell enzyme <b>A</b> is saturated (with substrate) so works at a constant rate  variations in substrate concentration will have less effect on the rate of formation of product by enzyme <b>A</b>  <b>I ref. to turnover number(s)</b></p>	<b>max 2</b>
2(c)	<p><b>marks can be taken from a sketch graph</b></p> <p><b>1</b> competitive inhibitor, occupies / competes with substrate for / AW, <u>active site</u> (of the enzyme) ;</p> <p><b>2</b> reduces frequency of collisions (with substrate) / fewer ESCs form ;  <b>R</b> no ESCs form</p> <p><b>3</b> reduces reaction rate at low substrate concentrations ;</p> <p><b>4</b> <b>idea that</b> curve with inhibitor is to the right of the curve without inhibitor ;</p> <p><b>5</b> at high substrate concentration / with increasing substrate concentration, the inhibitor has, no / less, effect ;  <b>A</b> <b>idea that</b> substrate outcompetes inhibitor at high substrate concentration</p> <p><b>6</b> therefore <math>V_{max}</math> is the same as it is determined by the enzyme concentration / AW ;  <b>A</b> explanation in terms of active sites, saturated / fully occupied</p> <p><b>7</b> <b>idea of</b> intercept to curve gives a higher value for <math>K_m</math> ;</p>	<b>max 4</b>

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3(a)	(antibody has) more than <u>one polypeptide</u> ; <b>A</b> <u>four polypeptides</u> <b>R</b> two / two or more / two types of / many / AW, polypeptides	<b>1</b>
3(b)(i)	<i>allow epitope for antigen</i> <b>1</b> (two) antigen-binding, site(s) / region(s) ; <b>A</b> binds to / AW, antigens <b>R</b> active site <b>2</b> (shape / structure is) <u>complementary</u> to antigen ; <b>3</b> <i>idea of</i> specificity / AW ; <b>4</b> <i>ref. to</i> , primary structure / sequence of amino acids ; <b>5</b> <i>ref. to</i> R-groups / (amino acid) side chains, and interactions with antigen / giving specific shape ;	<b>max 3</b>
3(b)(ii)	binds to (receptors on), phagocytes / macrophages / neutrophils ; <b>A</b> other correct named cell of the immune system AVP ; e.g. gives class of antibody (e.g. IgM, IgG, IgA, IgE)	<b>max 1</b>
3(c)(i)	<b>1</b> <u>antigen</u> , introduced / AW, into, (small) mammal ; <b>A</b> named small mammal <b>2</b> B-lymphocytes / B cells / plasma cells / splenocytes / antibody-producing lymphocytes, are taken / are isolated (from the spleen / lymph nodes) ; <b>3</b> (these) cells are fused / AW, with, myeloma / cancer, cells ; <b>4</b> <u>hybridoma</u> cells / <u>hybridomas</u> , formed ; <b>R</b> hybridised cells / hybrid cells <b>5</b> hybridoma cell, is cloned / AW ; <b>6</b> screening / testing, for hybridoma that produces desired antibody ; <b>7</b> <i>ref. to</i> scaling up / large-scale production / grow in a fermenter ; <b>8</b> AVP ; e.g. fusion using, fusogen / polyethylene glycol / PEG / electric current (electrofusion) / (Sendai) virus HAT medium, for, hybridoma growth / inhibiting myeloma growth humanisation of monoclonal antibody	<b>max 4</b>

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3(c)(ii)	<p><b>I suggestions for treatment</b></p> <p><b>1</b> monoclonal antibodies used all have the same specificity ;  <b>R</b> 'are specific' unqualified</p> <p><b>2</b> detect only one, antigen / epitope ;</p> <p><b>3</b> can distinguish between different, pathogens / strains of, pathogens ; <b>A</b> types of cancer cells</p> <p><b>4</b> can be, labelled / tagged / marked / AW ; e.g. with fluorescent label</p> <p><b>5</b> monoclonal antibodies can detect location of, tissues expressing antigen / cancer cells / blood clots ; <b>A idea of</b> locating areas of infection</p> <p><b>6</b> fast(er) (diagnosis) ;</p> <p><b>7</b> can detect antibody levels (e.g. HIV) ;</p> <p><b>8</b> AVP ; e.g. some pathogens cannot be cultured</p> <p><b>I ref. to cost</b></p>	<b>max 2</b>

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4(a)	<p><b>mRNA</b></p> <p><b>1</b> single-stranded ;</p> <p><b>2</b> no hydrogen bonding / only DNA has hydrogen bonding ;</p> <p><b>3</b> no base pairs / only DNA has base pairs ;</p> <p><b>4</b> uracil and not thymine / DNA has thymine instead of uracil ;  <i>treat as neutral T and U, look for complete term</i></p> <p><b>5</b> ribose not deoxyribose ;</p> <p><b>6</b> detail, e.g. –H and not –OH on C2 ;</p> <p><b>7</b> short(er) / DNA is longer ; <b>A</b> smaller / bigger</p> <p><b>8</b> not a helix ;</p>	<b>max 4</b>
4(b)(i)	<p><b>third triplet is a stop codon so</b></p> <p>only two amino acids are joined by peptide bonds / chain only 2 amino acids long ;</p> <p><b>A</b> will still have Val-His as the first two amino acids</p> <p>very short molecule is produced / chain stops after His(tidine) ;</p> <p><b>R</b> frameshift / description of frameshift</p>	<b>max 1</b>

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4(b)(ii)	<p><i>a triplet is deleted so</i>            (polypeptide / sequence / <math>\beta</math> chain) has one less amino acid ;            polypeptide does not have Leu (as the third amino acid) ;  <b>I</b> Leu is not, produced / made / synthesised</p>	<b>max 1</b>																		
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4(d)	<p><b>I</b> <i>functions of telomerase</i>            permits continued replication (in stem cells / meristematic cells) ; <b>A</b> ora            prevents loss of, genes / genetic material / DNA ; <b>A</b> ora  <b>A</b> prevents shortening of, chromosomes / DNA            length of telomere determines lifespan of, cells / cell lineage ;            AVP ; e.g. prevents ends of chromosomes attaching to each other prevents apoptosis / cell death / cell destruction</p>	<b>max 2</b>																		

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4(e)	<p><b>1</b> translation / construction of <u>polypeptide(s)</u> ;</p> <p><b>2</b> provide binding site for mRNA / mRNA attaches to ribosome / AW ; <b>A</b> entering ribosome</p> <p><b>3</b> provides binding sites for (two) tRNA molecules ; <b>A</b> entering ribosome</p> <p><b>4</b> two amino acids are held close together ;</p> <p><b>5</b> formation of <u>peptide bond(s)</u> ; <b>R</b> dipeptide / polypeptide, bond</p> <p><b>6</b> (allows) assembly of amino acids into, sequence / primary structure ;</p> <p><b>7</b> AVP ; e.g. P and A site (and E site) bond between amino acids catalysed by peptidyl transferase</p>	<b>max 4</b>

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5(a)	sugar (molecules) / glucose / fructose, is polar / is water soluble / not lipid soluble / hydrophilic ; cannot pass through, (phospho)lipid bilayer / hydrophobic core / fatty acid 'tails' / hydrocarbon 'tails' ; <b>A</b> non-polar regions	<b>2</b>
5(b)	<p><i>accept H<sup>+</sup> for proton throughout</i></p> <p><b>1</b> (at <b>Y</b>) protons, pumped out (of companion cell) / moved out by active transport / move out through proton pump ; <b>A</b> protons are moved out against concentration gradient</p> <p><b>2</b> creates a, proton gradient / electrochemical gradient ;</p> <p><b>3</b> protons go into the, cell wall / apoplast ; <b>R</b> mesophyll cell</p> <p><b>4</b> (at <b>X</b>) protons enter cell by <u>facilitated diffusion</u> ;</p> <p><b>5</b> (<b>X</b> is) cotransporter / cotransport protein ;</p> <p><b>6</b> sucrose transported into (companion) cell together with protons ;</p> <p><b>7</b> (sucrose enters) against concentration gradient ;</p> <p><b>8</b> sucrose concentration, increases / maintained, in companion cell ;</p> <p><b>9</b> sucrose diffuses into sieve tube (element) ;</p> <p><b>10</b> through plasmodesmata ;</p> <p><b>11</b> AVP ; e.g. <i>ref. to</i>, secondary / indirect, active transport</p>	<b>max 5</b>



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5(c)	<p><i>look for names of plant organs other than leaves, ignore names such as potato, iris, onions</i></p> <p><b>R</b> leaves unqualified</p> <p><i>any two for max 1</i></p> <p>root / root tip stem / stem tip / shoot / shoot tip tubers bulbs corms rhizomes buds flowers fruits seeds young / maturing / developing / infected, leaves AVP</p>	<b>max 1</b>

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6(a)(i)	<u>Vibrio cholerae</u> ;	<b>1</b>
6(a)(ii)	faecal-oral route ;;  <i>description of faecal / oral route</i> <i>infected person</i> <u>faeces</u> / <u>sewage</u> / <u>stool</u> , contaminating (drinking) water <b>R</b> (human) waste unqualified <b>or</b> poor hygiene so transferring, faecal material / sewage, onto utensils / food / AW <b>or</b> defaecating / putting sewage, onto vegetable plots ; <b>or</b> flies in contact with contaminated faeces landing on food and contaminating / AW  <i>uninfected person</i> eating contaminated food / using contaminated utensils <b>or</b> drinking contaminated water ;	<b>max 2</b>
6(b)	1 ganglioside is the <u>receptor</u> for cholerae ; 2 cholerae is <u>complementary</u> to ganglioside ; 3 any interaction between molecules ; e.g. (hydrogen / ionic) bonding	<b>max 2</b>
6(c)	<u>endocytosis</u> ; <b>A</b> phagocytosis / pinocytosis	<b>1</b>
6(d)	1 loss of water / dehydration ; 2 by osmosis ; 3 (water moves out) down water potential gradient / from high to low water potential / high $\Psi$ to low $\Psi$ ; 4 Loss of cations / positively-charged ions (as well as chloride ions) ; 5 change in potential (difference) / change in charge across membrane ; 6 AVP ; e.g. disruption of absorption (of products of digestion / vitamins / mineral ions) disruption of digestion	<b>max 2</b>

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6(e)	1 rehydration therapy, is effective / can treat cholera / reduces death rate ; 2 any detail ; e.g. solution of glucose and salts 3 antibiotic is a selection pressure / described ; 4 <i>ref. to</i> , antibiotic / tetracycline, resistance ; 5 <i>ref. to</i> , vertical transmission / horizontal transmission, of resistance ; <b>A</b> described, <b>A</b> transfer for transmission 6 antibiotics will become, ineffective / less effective / AW ; 7 keep antibiotics for use ‘as last resort’ ; AW 8 <i>ref. to</i> cost ; 9 antibiotics kill gut bacteria ; 10 <i>idea that</i> disrupts functions of digestive system ; 11 AVP ; e.g. antibiotics going into the environment / food chain antibiotics can cause mutation decreases need to develop new drugs prevents development of active immunity <i>idea of</i> transmission between bacterial species plasmids with resistance genes	<b>max 3</b>