

## MARK SCHEME for the October/November question paper

### 9700 BIOLOGY

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Paper 4  
maximum raw mark 60

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### Question 1

- (a) matrix of mitochondria ; [1]
- (b)(i) 3 sites labeled ;; *deduct one mark for each additional or missing label*
- (ii) 5 sites labeled ;; [3 max]
- (c) reduced NAD ;  
ref. to ETC ;  
oxidized / give up hydrogen ; [3]
- (d) ref. to substrate level phosphorylation;  
no proton gradient involved ;  
no ATP synthase ;  
no ETC ; [1 max]
- Total [8]**

### Question 2

- (a) correct parental genotypes ;  
correct gametes ;  
correct genotypes of offspring ;  
correct phenotypes linked to genotypes ; [4]
- (b) yellow shrunken homozygous ;  
double recessive ; [2]
- (c)  $(381 \times 3/16) = 71$        $(36/71) = 0.507$ ;  
 $(381 \times 1/16) = 24$        $(9/24) = 0.375$  ;  
1.80 ; [3]
- (d) greater than 0.5 ; allow ecf [1]
- (e) difference from expected not significant ; allow ecf  
because greater than 0.5 ;  
ratio phenotype is 9:3:3:1 ;  
(the small) observed differences are due to chance ; [2 max]
- Total [12]**

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### Question 3

- (a)  $RQ = \frac{\text{volume of carbon dioxide given off}}{\text{volume of oxygen taken up}}$  [1]
- (b)(i) 18 H<sub>2</sub>O ;  
18CO<sub>2</sub> ; [2]
- (ii) 18/26 ;  
= 0.7 ; 2 marks for correct answer [2]
- (iii) fatty acid A lipids / triglycerides / fat / oil ; [1]
- (c) less C-C bonds ;  
less C-H bonds ;  
more oxygen ; A O R O<sub>2</sub> [2 max]

**Total [8]**

### Question 4

- (a) most birds that survive drought years have larger beaks ;  
because they have been able to feed on larger seeds ;  
these characteristics are inherited ;  
after drought years mainly birds with large beaks remain to breed ; [3 max]
- (b) abundance of smaller seeds in drought free years ;  
large beaks and bodies no longer at an advantage ;  
smaller bodies and beaks selected / survive to reproduce ;  
ref. smaller birds produce more offspring / require less food ;  
ref. to competition in normal years ;  
ref. to overproduction of offspring ;  
extreme phenotypes unfit ;  
ref. to very small birds unable to open any seeds ;  
avp ; [3 max]
- (c) ref. isolation of islands ;  
ref. different environmental conditions / selection pressures on different islands ;  
ref. adaptive radiation ;  
ref. stabilizing selection ; [2 max]

**Total [8]**

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**Question 5**

(a) restriction (endonuclease) enzyme ;  
 named example e.g. EcoR1 ;  
 specific sequence of bases ;  
 ref. to sticky ends / exposed bases ; **[3 max]**

(b) ref. to complimentary base pairing ;  
 of sticky ends ;  
 ligase ;  
 formation of phosphodiester bond ; **[3 max]**

(c) identical to human insulin (ref. to bovine / porcine insulin used previously) ;  
 ref. to possible immune response ;  
 easier to extract ;  
 pure / uncontaminated ;  
 regular production not dependent on livestock ; **[2 max]**

**Total [8]**

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### Question 6

(a) *Describe how the structure of a dicotyledonous leaf is related to its functions in photosynthesis.* [8]

(b) *Discuss the effects that variations in carbon dioxide concentration and light intensity have on the rate of photosynthesis.* [7]

(a) thin / flat to give large surface area to volume ratio ;  
held at right angles to sun to allow max. light absorption ;  
ref. to arrangement of cells in palisade mesophyll ;  
ref. to spongy mesophyll large surface area for CO<sub>2</sub> uptake / gaseous exchange ;  
;  
ref. to stomata / guard cells and entry of CO<sub>2</sub> ;  
ref. to moist surfaces ;  
ref. to xylem and supply of water / mineral ions ;  
and support ;  
ref. to phloem and translocation of products of photosynthesis ;  
ref. to cuticle on upper surface ;  
avp ;

**[8 max]**

(b) *carbon dioxide* 0.03% ;  
most likely limits / major limiting / implied low in atmosphere ;  
increase in carbon dioxide concentration and increase in rate ;  
during day when light and warm ;  
ref. to variations in conc. e.g., within canopy / at soil surface ;  
avp ;

*light intensity*

ref. to wavelengths of light ;  
light saturated below full sun ;  
idea of limiting and saturation, with other key factor limiting ;  
light and stomatal aperture ;  
and temperature of leaf ;  
day length and season / morning and evening ;  
high light and damage to pigments ;  
ref. to light exciting electrons in chlorophyll ;  
avp ;

**[7 max]**

**Total [15]**

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### Question 7

(a) *Explain the source and importance of removing nitrogenous waste products from the body.* [6]

(b) *Describe how the kidney removes metabolic wastes from the body.* [9]

(a) deamination;  
 ref. to ornithine cycle ;  
 ref. to not all urea / produced each day / always some present ;  
 ref. to urea ;  
 ref. to creatinine and uric acid ;  
 and ammonium ions ;  
 produced in liver ;  
 continuously / from excess amino acids ;  
 toxic ;  
 if allowed to accumulate ;  
 ref. to potential damage to tissues ;  
 ref. to not all urea / that produced each day ; [6 max]

(b) ultrafiltration ;  
 of blood in glomerulus ;  
 forming filtrate in Bowman’s capsule ;  
 of kidney tubule ;  
 soluble molecules ;  
 including urea ;  
 and ammonium ions pass into filtrate ;  
 concentrated by removal of water (in collecting ducts) ;  
 ref. to formation of ammonium ions in distal convoluted tubule ;  
 from ammonia and protons ;  
 ref. to removal of metabolic water (as a waste product) ;  
 and osmoregulation ;  
 by collecting ducts ;  
 ref. formation of urine ;  
 ref. to distal convoluted tubule excrete excess acid ; [9 max]

**Total [15]**