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General Information

The following symbols are used in the mark schemes for all questions:

Symbol	Meaning of symbol
; semi colon	Indicates the end of a marking point
Eq	Indicates that credit should be given for other correct alternatives to a word or statement, as discussed in the Standardisation meeting
/ oblique	Words or phrases separated by an oblique are alternatives to each other
{} curly brackets	Indicate the beginning and end of a list of alternatives (separated by obliques) where necessary to avoid confusion
() round brackets	Words inside round brackets are to aid understanding of the marking point but are not required to award the point
[] square brackets	Words inside square brackets are instructions or guidance for examiners
[CE] or [TE]	Consecutive error / transferred error

Crossed out work

If a candidate has crossed out an answer and written new text, the crossed out work can be ignored. If the candidate has crossed out work but written no new text, the crossed out work for that question or part question should be marked, as far as it is possible to do so.

Spelling and clarity

In general, an error made in an early part of a question is penalised when it occurs but not subsequently. The candidate is penalised once only and can gain credit in later parts of the question by correct reasoning from the earlier incorrect answer.

No marks are awarded specifically for quality of language in the written papers, except for the essays in the synoptic paper. Use of English is however taken into account as follows:

- the spelling of technical terms must be sufficiently correct for the answer to be unambiguous
 - e.g. for amylase, 'ammalase' is acceptable whereas 'amylose' is not
 - e.g. for glycogen, 'glicojen' is acceptable whereas 'glucagen' is not
 - e.g. for ileum, 'illeum' is acceptable whereas 'ilium' is not
 - e.g. for mitosis, 'mytosis' is acceptable whereas 'meitosis' is not
- candidates must make their meaning clear to the examiner to gain the mark.
- a correct statement that is contradicted by an incorrect statement in the same part of an answer gains no mark – irrelevant material should be ignored

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1(a)(i)	 reference to {death / killing / destroying / eq } (of bacteria cells); 	1. I gnore reference to stopping growth	
	2. idea that {bacteria / cells} burst;	2. Accept lysis, loss of osmotic control	(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1(a)(ii)	 reference to cells cannot {reproduce / increase in number / produce new cells / multiply / replicate / eq}; 		
	2. idea of no (cell) division;	2. Accept no binary fission	(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1(b)(i)	1. (A and C resistant as) no {clear	1. Accept a clear description of	
	zone / zone of inhibition / eq} around A and C;	this area around the disc	
	2. idea that {clear zone / eq} indicates where antibiotic {inhibits growth / kills bacteria / eq};	2. Accept converse	
	3. {clear zone / eq} around B {smaller/ eq} than clear zone around D;	3. Accept converse	
	4. idea of {size / diameter / width /eq} of clear zone indicates {effectiveness / eq};		
	[check diagram for appropriate labels]		(3)

Question	Answer	Mark
Number		
1(b)(ii)	C reliability;	(1)

Question	Answer	Mark
Number		
1(b)(iii)	D validity;	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1(c)	 reference to hospitals { having / changing / eq } a { code of practice / protocol / policy / standards / eq} (for dealing with hospital acquired infections); idea of clothing rules for hospital workers; 	1. Allow references to pillows for pillow cases throughout	
	3. reference to improved laundry of bed linen e.g. { increased frequency / higher washing temperature / eq};	3. Allow pillow cases should be washed daily	
	4. reference to use of special {pillow cases / treatment of pillow cases} e.g. microfilters, treated with antibacterials, sterilisation, disposable pillow cases;		
	5. reference to use of special procedures when carrying {pillow cases / bed linen} to laundry e.g. sealed plastic bags;		
	 screening of patients / isolation of infected patients / eq; 		
	7. idea of hand washing regimes / eq ;	7. Allow hands should always be washed	
			(3)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
2(a)(i)	C T helper cells ;	(1)

Question	Answer	Mark
Number		
2(a)(ii)	D reverse transcriptase ;	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
2(b)(i)	reference to glycoprotein;	Accept protein, chains of amino acids	
	 credit detail of structure e.g. specific (3D) shape, L and H regions, Y-shape, 4 (peptide) chains, disulphide bridges between peptides, hinge region; 	2. Ignore active site Accept a Y-shaped drawing	
	 reference to {antigen-binding site / variable region / Fab (region) / eq }; 	3. Accept references to {binding to specific antigen / antigen-specific / antigen receptors}	
	4. idea of antibodies have a {similar / constant / Fc / eq } region;		
	produced by plasma cells / present on B cells ;	5. Accept present on B effector cells	
	6. role of antibody described e.g. opsonisation, immobilisation, agglutination, lysis;		(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
2*(b)(ii)	 (QWC – answer must be organised in a clear, logical sequence) 1. reference to artificial (active) immunity; 2. reference to {vaccine / vaccination }; 3. containing {synthetic molecule / (synthetic) antigen / (synthetic) glycoprotein }; 4. ref to stimulation of the {specific / humoral} immune response (to the synthetic antigen); 5. credit detail of process of producing effector B cells e.g. clonal expansion of B cells, involvement of cytokines, T 	Mps are awarded if the statements are clearly expressed 5. I gnore references to production of activated T killer cells	
	 helper cells activate B cells; 6. reference to (production of B) memory cells; 7. idea that (2G12) antibodies are produced {faster / in greater concentration} on {reinfection / eq}; 	6. I gnore references to production of T memory cells7. Accept ref to secondary immune response	(5)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
2(c)	idea that HIV infection does not always produce symptoms;		
	2. reference to {provirus / latency };	2. Accept virus is dormant	
	reference to test needed to detect (symptomless) HIV;		
	 idea that only people who suspect they may have contracted HIV would have a test; 		
	idea that {some people would not want to be tested / impossible to test everyone};		
	idea that symptoms are common to other diseases;		
	7. {new cases arising/ patients dying} all the time / eq;		
	8. idea of new strains of virus arising;		(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3(a)(i)	 reference to {polymerase chain reaction / PCR}; polymerase (enzyme) {added / eq}; 	1. Accept as a ref to PCR machine	
	idea of need for primers and nucleotides ;		
	4. {90-98} (°C) → {50-65} (°C) → {70-75} (°C);		
	 idea that cycle needs to be repeated {several times / to make several copies of DNA / eq}; 		(4)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3(a)(ii)	(DNA) {profiling / fingerprinting / (gel) electrophoresis} ;	Ignore Southern blotting, PCR Accept DNA profile / DNA fingerprint	(1)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
Number			
3(b)	 idea of work appearing in a (Scientific) journal or being presented at a conference; 	1. Accept publishing a paper, scientific meeting	
	idea that validity or reliability is considered;		
	by other scientists / ref to peer review;		(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3(c)(i)	 reference to different {conditions / environments /eq} (in each region) 	1. Accept appropriate named factor e.g. temperature	
	idea of different selection pressures		
	idea of {restricted gene flow / separate gene pools};	3. I gnore different allele frequency	
	4. reference to reproductive isolation;		(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3(c)(ii)	 idea of different {alleles/ gene pool}; 	1. I gnore allele frequency	
	idea that this leads to {new / different} phenotypes;	2. Accept traits / characteristics / features	
	 idea of new {allele / gene} can be {advantage / disadvantage}; 		
	 reference to (advantageous) { (mutated) gene / (new) allele} passed onto offspring; 		(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4(a)	 reference to increase in {metabolic rate / enzyme activity / eq} as temperature rises; 	1. Accept converse argument for mp 1 – 3	
	 reference to increase in {kinetic / eq} energy of molecules (as temperature rises) / eq; 	2. Accept movement	
	 reference to increase in {enzyme- substrate complexes / energy of collisions / eq} (as temperature rises); 		
	 idea of {inactivation at lower temperatures/ denaturation at higher temperatures} of enzymes; 	4.Accept the idea that enzyme-substrate complexes cannot be made if denaturing	
	5. idea that temperature affects {differentiation / growth /division / eq};		(3)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4(b)	 idea that temperature affects {survival / development / growth / metabolism / cell division / eq}; 		
	 idea that enzymes affect {development / growth / metabolism / cell division/ eq}; 		
	idea that temperature affects enzymes;		
	4. idea that different frogs have different enzymes;		(2)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
Number			
4(c)	sylvatica, pipiens, palustris, clamitans;;	if order correct but reversed = 1 mark	
			(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4(d)	 idea that different species are reproductively isolated; 		
	idea of different breeding {times / seasons / eq};		
	 idea of different {breeding / courtship / eq} {behaviour / rituals / displays / colour / songs / croaks / eq}; 	3. Accept idea of incompatible { genitalia / gametes}	
	 idea that population at {northerly / southerly} limit of range may not develop (to adulthood); 		
	 idea that breeding between different species results in infertile offspring; 		(3)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4(e)	idea that global warming will increase the temperature (at the latitudes);		
	 idea that temperatures (at these latitudes) may become too high for any of the species; 	2.Accept become extinct	
	 idea that new temperature may be above the maximum to complete development or above the upper lethal limit; 		
	 idea that species move {north / to cooler regions / eq}; 		
	ref to change in {food source / predators / competition / eq};		(3)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(a)	 idea that products of light-dependent stage are {needed for / used in / eq} {light-independent stage / Calvin cycle}; reference to (products of light-dependent stage) are {reduced NADP / eq} and ATP; 		
	 3. reference to use of {reduced NADP / eq} for {reduction / eq} of {carbon dioxide / GP / eq}; 4. reference to use of ATP as source of energy; 	3. Accept source of hydrogen ions for GALP Ignore ref to ATP	(3)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
5(b)(i)	D volume of oxygen produced ;	(1)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
Number			
5(b)(ii)	 (minimum temperature) is {between 0 °C and 10 °C / above 0 °C but less than 10 / 10 °C}; idea of no photosynthesis at 0°C but photosynthesis is taking place at 10 °C; 		
	 3. reference to no {data / readings / measurements / evidence / eq} between 0 °C and 10 °C; 4. idea that at 0 °C water is frozen; 	3. Accept if correct temp range has been given already	(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(b)(iii)	 reference to abiotic factors { are non-living / non-biological / do not involve organisms / eq}; idea that other factors need to be kept constant; 	2. I gnore controlled	(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(b)(iv)	Supporting conclusion:		
	idea that shape of graph is typical of an enzyme-temperature graph ;	1. idea that rate of photosynthesis is affected by temperature in a similar way to enzymes	
	 rate increases (up to 30 °C) because more {enzyme-substrate complexes / collisions between enzymes and substrates} / eq; 	to only mos	
	3. rate decreases (after 30°C) due to enzyme denaturation / eq ;		
	Not supporting conclusion:		
	 idea that other factors could be affecting photosynthesis; 		
	 idea of {gas / oxygen / carbon dioxide} solubility changing with temperature; 		
	6. idea of {correlation / not causation};		(4)

Question Number	Answer Additional guidance		Mark
6(a)(i)	 idea of (a sequence of) changes in {a community / organisms / species / plants}; 	Accept the idea of species replacing or succeeding each other	
	2. over a period of time / eq;	2. Accept gradually	(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(a)(ii)	 idea of final {stage / sere / community}; 	1. Accept at the end of succession	
	 feature of community described e.g. self-sustaining, stable, one dominant species, a few codominant species; 	2. Ignore named example	(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(b)(i)	 idea of conservation of {genetic diversity / genetic variation / biodiversity}; 	1. Accept gene pool	
	2. idea of extinction ;		
	3. idea of aesthetic reasons ;		
	4. idea that these plants may be useful e.g. as medicines;		
	5. idea that other animals depend on these plants as a {source of food / habitat};	5. Accept part of a food chain Ignore survival	(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(b)(ii)	grazing / remove saplings / mowing / eq ;	Accept burning	(1)

Question	Answer	Mark
Number		
6(c)(i)	C systematic;	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(c)(ii)	 comparison (of the value) to the critical value indicates no significance / stronger correlation the nearer the value is to 1.0 / 0.565 is too low / eq; 	1. I gnore plus and minus numbers	
	idea that sample size too small	2. Accept not enough data	
	 idea that {there is no correlation between height and width / other factors affect height / other factors affect width / eq}; 		(2)
			(2)

Question Number	Answ	er	Additional guidance	Mark
7(a)	1.	<pre>idea of less { stress / trauma / discomfort / depressed /eq} (for the animals) ;</pre>	Accept converse argument throughout	
	2.	idea that animals are more likely to breed in natural environment;		
	3.	idea that animals may require large areas ;		
	4.	idea that problems of releasing animals back into the wild is avoided eg habituation;		
	5.	<pre>idea that {disease is less likely / disease will not wipe out population};</pre>		
	6.	idea of allowing (natural) {interspecific relationships / communities} to exist;	6. Accept reference to maintaining their niche	
	7.	<pre>idea of allowing (natural) {intraspecific relationships / family / social / eq} {structure/ behaviour};</pre>		
	8.	(because) large numbers of animals needed / wider gene pool / eq;		
	9.	idea that (natural) {diet / food / eq} available;		(3)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
7*(b)	(QWC- Spelling of technical terms (in italics) must be correct) 1. reference to succession; 2. reference to (forensic) entomology;	Penalise spelling once 1. Accept in context of either insects or decomposition	
	 example of {insect / eq} e.g. fly, beetle, wasp; idea that the {types / species / life cycle stages} (of insects) are used; reference to {decomposition / decay / eq}; 	3. Named insect must be spelt correctly	
	 6. idea that there are different stages of { decomposition / decay / eq}; 7. detail of { decomposition / decay / eq} e.g. production of gases, liquefaction of tissue, bloating, discolouration; 	6. Accept if 2 or more stages listed	
	 8. reference to rate of { succession / insect development / decomposition} influenced by { external factor / appropriate named factor}; 9. idea that insect and decomposition information is used to determine time of death; 	8. Named factor must be spelt correctly	
			(5)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8(a)(i)	idea that interferon involved in viral infections, lysozyme affects bacteria;	Piece together throughout Accept lysosome throughout Ignore pathogen throughout	
	 idea of interferon produced by infected cells, lysozyme present in {secretions / phagocytes / neutrophils / macrophages / eq }; 	2. Accept named secretion {produced / released}	
	 interferon {inhibits / eq} {replication / eq} of viruses, lysozyme {kills / destroys} bacteria; 	3. Accept a reference to lysozyme destroying cell walls	(3)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
Number			
8(a)(ii)	 reference to (lysozyme) is an enzyme; 	Accept lysosome in this context	
	idea that {proteins / active sites / enzymes} have a specific shape ;		
	3. idea that lysozyme acts on cell wall ;		
	4. of bacteria ;		(4)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8(b)(i)	 reference to histamine released as a result of damaged {tissue / cells}; 		
	 (histamine released from) {basophils / mast cells / platelets} 	2. Accept white blood cells, macrophages and neutrophils	
	 detail of effect of histamine e.g arterioles dilate, vasodilation, increased blood flow, capillaries more permeable; 		
	 named effect of inflammation e.g. {oedema / swelling /redness / heat / pain / eq}; 	4. Accept raises temperature	(3)

Question Number	Answer		Additional guidance	Mark
8(b)(ii)		idea of (only) {a local reaction produced / histamines produced around bite area};	2-6 Accept converse	
		idea that cream {has been applied to actual site of production of histamine };	2 6 Addept converse	
		<pre>idea of {effect / treatment / relief / eq} {more rapid / immediate / eq };</pre>		
		idea of higher concentration of antihistamine at site;		
		idea that the antihistamines will not be {digested (by enzymes) / destroyed (by acid / enzymes) / eq};		
		idea that tablets may lower immune response generally / lead to side-effects;		(3)

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