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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 their judgement
- 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 do not form the main part of the mark scheme yet may be helpful in ensuring that marking is straightforward and consistent (for example, a scientifically correct answer that could not reasonably be expected from a student's knowledge of the specification).

### 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**.  
Alternative words in the mark scheme are shown by a solidus 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 a correct response. So, if the number of errors / 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]

| Student | Response | Marks awarded |
|---------|----------|---------------|
| 1       | green, 5 | 0             |
| 2       | red*, 5  | 1             |
| 3       | red*, 8  | 0             |

Example 2: Name **two** magnetic materials.

[2 marks]

| Student | Response              | Marks awarded |
|---------|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1       | iron, steel, tin      | 1             |
| 2       | cobalt, nickel, nail* | 2             |

#### 3.2 Use of symbols / formulae

If a student writes a chemical symbol / formula instead of a required chemical name, or uses symbols to denote quantities in a physics equation, 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

Marks should be awarded for each stage of the calculation completed correctly, as students are instructed to show their working. At any point in a calculation, students may omit steps from their working. If a subsequent step is given correctly, the relevant marks may be awarded.

Full marks should be awarded for a correct numerical answer, without any working shown.  
Full marks are not awarded for a correct final answer from incorrect working.

#### 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

An error can be carried forward from one question part to the next and is shown by the abbreviation 'ecf'.

Within an individual question part, an incorrect value in one step of a calculation does not prevent all of the subsequent marks being awarded.

### 3.6 Phonetic spelling

Marks should be awarded if spelling is not correct but the intention is clear, **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 Allow

In the mark scheme additional information, 'allow' is used to indicate creditworthy alternative answers.

### 3.9 Ignore

Ignore is 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.

### 3.10 Do not accept

Do **not** accept means that this is a wrong answer which, even if the correct answer is given as well, will still mean that the mark is not awarded.

### 3.11 Numbered answer lines

Numbered lines on the question paper are intended to support the student to give the correct number of responses. The answer should still be marked as a whole.

## 4. Level of response marking instructions

Extended response questions are marked on level of response mark schemes.

- Level of response mark schemes are broken down into levels, each of which has a descriptor.
- The descriptor for the level shows the average performance for the level.
- There are two or three marks in each level.

Before you apply the mark scheme to a student's answer; read through the answer and, if necessary, annotate it (as instructed) to show the qualities that are being looked for. You can then apply the mark scheme.

**Step 1: Determine a level**

Start at the lowest level of the mark scheme and use it as a ladder to see whether the answer meets the descriptor for that level.

The descriptor for the level indicates the different qualities that might be seen in the student's answer for that level. If it meets the lowest level then go to the next one and decide if it meets this level, and so on, until you have a match between the level descriptor and the answer. With practice and familiarity you will find that for better answers you will be able to quickly skip through the lower levels of the mark scheme.

When assigning a level you should look at the overall quality of the answer. Do **not** look to penalise small and specific parts of the answer where the student has not performed quite as well as the rest. If the answer covers different aspects of different levels of the mark scheme you should use a best fit approach for defining the level.

Use the variability of the response to help decide the mark within the level, ie if the response is predominantly level 2 with a small amount of level 3 material it would be placed in level 2 but be awarded a mark near the top of the level because of the level 3 content.

**Step 2: Determine a mark**

Once you have assigned a level you need to decide on the mark. The descriptors on how to allocate marks can help with this. The exemplar materials used during standardisation will help. There will be an answer in the standardising materials which will correspond with each level of the mark scheme. This answer will have been awarded a mark by the Lead Examiner. You can compare the student's answer with the example to determine if it is the same standard, better or worse than the example. You can then use this to allocate a mark for the answer based on the Lead Examiner's mark on the example.

You may well need to read back through the answer as you apply the mark scheme to clarify points and assure yourself that the level and the mark are appropriate.

Indicative content in the mark scheme is provided as a guide for examiners. It is not intended to be exhaustive and you must credit other valid points. Students do **not** have to cover all of the points mentioned in the indicative content to reach the highest level of the mark scheme.

You should ignore any irrelevant points made. However, full marks can be awarded only if there are no incorrect statements that contradict a correct response.

An answer which contains nothing of relevance to the question must be awarded no marks.

## Question 1

| Question | Answers  | Extra information | Mark | AO / Spec Ref.            |
|----------|----------|-------------------|------|---------------------------|
| 01.1     | arteries |                   | 1    | AO1<br>4.2.2.2<br>4.2.2.4 |

| Question | Answers                              | Extra information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Mark | AO / Spec Ref. |
|----------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|----------------|
| 01.2     | pushes / moves blood                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1    | AO2<br>4.2.2.2 |
|          | to get <u>oxygen</u> around the body | allow description of getting <u>oxygen</u> around the body, such as through blood vessels<br><b>or</b><br>to get <u>oxygen</u> to a named organ<br>do <b>not</b> accept to get oxygen to the lungs<br><br>ignore reference to restarting the heart<br>ignore reference to the pacemaker | 1    | 4.4.2.1        |

| Question | Answers                           | Extra information                                            | Mark | AO / Spec Ref.            |
|----------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|------|---------------------------|
| 01.3     | provides oxygen (for respiration) | allow idea of carbon dioxide triggering breathing to restart | 1    | AO2<br>4.2.2.2<br>4.4.2.1 |

| Question | Answers   | Extra information  | Mark | AO / Spec Ref. |
|----------|-----------|--------------------|------|----------------|
| 01.4     | statin(s) | allow named statin | 1    | AO1<br>4.2.2.4 |

| Question | Answers                                                                                                                                                                    | Extra information                                                                                                                                                        | Mark                           | AO / Spec Ref. |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| 01.5     | (stent) opens / widens (blocked blood) vessel<br><br>to allow (more) blood to flow<br><b>or</b><br>to allow (more) glucose / oxygen to the heart (cells / tissue / muscle) | allow (stent) keeps (blocked blood) vessel open<br>allow a description of the blood vessel being opened<br>ignore type of blood vessel<br>ignore unblocks (blood) vessel | 1<br><br><br><br><br><br><br>1 | AO1<br>4.2.2.4 |

| Question | Answers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Extra information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Mark | AO / Spec Ref. |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|----------------|
| 01.6     | any <b>two</b> from:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>smoking increases the (%) risk of <b>all</b> types of (cardiovascular) disease</li> <li>smoking increases the (%) risk of having (disease) <b>H</b> more than any other type of (cardiovascular) disease</li> <li>smoking increases the (%) risk of having (disease) <b>E</b> less than any other type of (cardiovascular) disease</li> </ul> | ignore smoking causes (cardiovascular) disease<br><br>allow not smoking decreases the risk of <b>all</b> types of (cardiovascular) disease<br><br>allow if you smoke, you are <b>most</b> likely to get (disease) <b>H</b><br><br>allow if you smoke, you are <b>least</b> likely to get (disease) <b>E</b><br><br>allow a comparison of the effect of smoking on the risk of two (cardiovascular) diseases<br><br>allow two comparisons of the effect of smoking on the risk of two (cardiovascular) diseases for <b>2</b> marks | 2    | AO3<br>4.2.2.6 |

| Question    | Answers                                                                                             | Extra information                                                                                  | Mark | AO / Spec Ref. |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|----------------|
| <b>01.7</b> | y-axis labelled 'Percentage / % <u>increase</u> in risk (compared to people who have never smoked)' |                                                                                                    | 1    | AO2<br>4.2.2.6 |
|             | correct scale of 1 cm = 5% on y-axis                                                                |                                                                                                    | 1    |                |
|             | all bars plotted correctly                                                                          | allow a tolerance of $\pm\frac{1}{2}$ small square<br>ignore bars touching<br>ignore width of bars | 1    |                |
|             | all bars correctly labelled                                                                         |                                                                                                    | 1    |                |

| Question    | Answers                                                                                                       | Extra information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Mark | AO / Spec Ref. |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|----------------|
| <b>01.8</b> | any <b>one</b> from:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>poor diet</li> <li>lack of exercise</li> </ul> | ignore obesity<br><br>allow descriptions of poor diet<br>eg diet high in (saturated) fat / cholesterol<br>ignore diet unqualified<br><br>allow descriptions of lack of exercise<br><br>allow high alcohol intake<br><br>allow other correct lifestyle factors such as having a stressful job | 1    | AO1<br>4.2.2.6 |

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|-------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Total Question 1</b> | <b>14</b> |
|-------------------------|-----------|

**Question 2**

| <b>Question</b> | <b>Answers</b> | <b>Extra information</b>              | <b>Mark</b> | <b>AO / Spec Ref.</b>     |
|-----------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| <b>02.1</b>     | nucleus        | allow chromosome<br>ignore in the DNA | 1           | AO1<br>4.1.1.2<br>4.1.2.1 |

| <b>Question</b> | <b>Answers</b>    | <b>Extra information</b> | <b>Mark</b> | <b>AO / Spec Ref.</b>     |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| <b>02.2</b>     | <b>A, D and E</b> |                          | 1           | AO1<br>4.2.2.1<br>4.2.2.2 |

| Question | Answers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Mark | AO / Spec Ref.                |
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| 02.3     | <b>Level 3:</b> Relevant points (reasons / causes) are identified, given in detail and logically linked to form a clear account.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 5–6  | AO2                           |
|          | <b>Level 2:</b> Relevant points (reasons / causes) are identified, and there are attempts at logical linking. The resulting account is not fully clear.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 3–4  | AO2                           |
|          | <b>Level 1:</b> Points are identified and stated simply, but their relevance is not clear and there is no attempt at logical linking.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1–2  | AO1                           |
|          | <b>No relevant content</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 0    | 4.2.2.1<br>4.4.2.1<br>4.4.2.3 |
|          | <p><b>Indicative content:</b></p> <p><b>Difficulty digesting food</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>less / no lipase</li> <li>(so) less / no fat broken down <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>into fatty acids</li> <li>into glycerol</li> </ul> </li> <li>less / no carbohydrase / amylase</li> <li>(so) less / no carbohydrate / starch broken down <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>into glucose / sugar</li> </ul> </li> <li>less / no protease</li> <li>(so) less / no protein broken down <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>into amino acids</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Difficulty gaining body mass</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>less / no absorption <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>of small / soluble molecules</li> <li>of fatty acids</li> <li>of glycerol</li> <li>of glucose / sugar</li> <li>of amino acids</li> </ul> </li> <li>fewer molecules <b>or</b> fewer amino acids available for building protein / muscle / cells / tissues</li> <li>less fat stored</li> <li>less respiration</li> <li>less energy</li> <li>(so less energy) for building new molecules / cells / tissues</li> </ul> <p>For <b>Level 3</b> details of difficulty digesting food <b>and</b> difficulty gaining body mass are needed.</p> |      |                               |

| Question | Answers                                                                 | Extra information                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Mark | AO / Spec Ref.            |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|---------------------------|
| 02.4     | large surface / area                                                    | allow large surface / area to volume (ratio)                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1    | AO1<br>4.1.3.1<br>4.2.2.2 |
|          | (large) capillary network<br><b>or</b><br>good / efficient blood supply | allow many capillaries                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1    |                           |
|          | walls are thin<br><b>or</b><br>walls are one cell thick                 | ignore references to membranes<br>ignore alveoli are thin<br>ignore alveoli are one cell thick<br>do <b>not</b> accept thin cell walls<br><br>ignore references to alveoli being moist<br>ignore steep concentration gradient | 1    |                           |

| Question                | Answers                                       | Extra information                                          | Mark      | AO / Spec Ref.                       |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>02.5</b>             | less (aerobic) respiration                    | allow (more) anaerobic respiration                         | 1         | AO2<br>4.4.2.1<br>4.4.2.2<br>4.4.2.3 |
|                         | (so) less energy (released)                   | do <b>not</b> accept less energy produced / made / created | 1         |                                      |
|                         | (results in) less muscle contraction          |                                                            | 1         |                                      |
|                         | <b>or</b>                                     |                                                            |           |                                      |
|                         | (results in) reduced metabolism               | allow relevant named metabolic processes                   |           |                                      |
|                         | <b>or</b>                                     |                                                            |           |                                      |
|                         | (results in) increased breathing rate / depth | allow (results in) person getting out of breath            |           |                                      |
|                         | <b>or</b>                                     |                                                            |           |                                      |
|                         | (results in) increased heart rate             |                                                            |           |                                      |
|                         | <b>OR</b>                                     |                                                            |           |                                      |
|                         | (more) anaerobic respiration (1)              |                                                            |           |                                      |
|                         | (so) lactic acid produced (1)                 |                                                            |           |                                      |
|                         | (results in) <u>muscle</u> fatigue            | allow <u>muscle</u> ache / cramp / tiredness / pain        |           |                                      |
|                         | <b>or</b>                                     |                                                            |           |                                      |
|                         | (results in) less <u>muscle</u> contraction   |                                                            |           |                                      |
|                         | <b>or</b>                                     |                                                            |           |                                      |
|                         | (results in) increased breathing rate / depth | allow (results in) person getting out of breath            |           |                                      |
|                         | <b>or</b>                                     |                                                            |           |                                      |
|                         | (results in) increased heart rate (1)         |                                                            |           |                                      |
|                         |                                               |                                                            |           |                                      |
| <b>Total Question 2</b> |                                               |                                                            | <b>14</b> |                                      |

## Question 3

| Question | Answers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Mark | AO / Spec Ref.         |
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| 03.1     | <b>Level 3:</b> The method would lead to the production of a valid outcome. The key steps are identified and logically sequenced.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 5–6  | AO1<br>4.2.2.1<br>RPA4 |
|          | <b>Level 2:</b> The method would not necessarily lead to a valid outcome. Most steps are identified, but the method is not fully logically sequenced.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 3–4  |                        |
|          | <b>Level 1:</b> The method would not lead to a valid outcome. Some relevant steps are identified, but links are not made clear.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1–2  |                        |
|          | No relevant content.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 0    |                        |
|          | <p><b>Indicative content</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• iodine solution tests for starch</li> <li>• iodine changes from yellow / orange / brown</li> <li>• to blue-black <b>or</b> black <b>or</b> dark blue (to show starch is present when added to cake)</li> <li>• Benedict's (reagent) tests for sugar / glucose</li> <li>• heat (to at least 60 °C) / boil cake with Benedict's (reagent)</li> <li>• Benedict's (reagent) changes from blue</li> <li>• to green / yellow / orange / brown / (brick) red (to show sugar / glucose is present when added to cake)</li> <li>• risk of skin burns from flame (when heating) <b>or</b> risk of skin burns from hot glass <b>or</b> risk of scald / burn from boiling water <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ use a water bath</li> <li>○ wait for equipment to cool before touching</li> </ul> </li> <li>• risk of Benedict's (reagent) spitting into face / eyes when heating <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ wear eye protection</li> <li>○ point test tube away from face(s) when heating</li> </ul> </li> <li>• risk of Benedict's (reagent) as an irritant <b>or</b> risk of iodine (solution) as an irritant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ clean up spills immediately</li> <li>○ wear (protective) gloves <b>or</b> wear eye protection</li> <li>○ use a dropper bottle (to reduce chance of spills)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>(allow answers in terms of bread)</p> <p>For <b>Level 3</b> answers should include the reagents used to test for starch and sugar with correct positive results, and a risk assessment.</p> |      |                        |

| Question | Answers                                        | Extra information       | Mark | AO / Spec Ref. |
|----------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------|----------------|
| 03.2     | time taken (for bread) to taste / become sweet | ignore time unqualified | 1    | AO2<br>4.2.2.1 |

| Question | Answers                                                                                                                                                                                            | Extra information                                                                                                                                                                 | Mark | AO / Spec Ref. |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|----------------|
| 03.3     | any <b>one</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>size / mass of bread</li> <li>surface area of bread</li> <li>location of bread on tongue</li> <li>clean mouth between tests</li> </ul> | allow amount of bread<br><br>allow position of bread in mouth<br>allow a method of cleaning the mouth between tests<br>ignore temperature of bread<br>ignore use the same student | 1    | AO3<br>4.2.2.1 |

| Question | Answers                                                                                              | Extra information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Mark                | AO / Spec Ref. |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 03.4     | bread contains <u>starch</u><br><br>(starch is) broken down into sugar<br><br>by amylase (in saliva) | allow (starch is) broken down into glucose / maltose<br><br>ignore by carbohydrase (in saliva)<br>allow (sugar / glucose) solution reaches taste receptors (on tongue)<br><br><b>alternative route:</b><br>bread contains sugar / glucose (1)<br><br>sugar / glucose dissolves in saliva (in mouth) (1)<br><br>(sugar / glucose) solution reaches taste receptors (on tongue) (1) | 1<br><br>1<br><br>1 | AO2<br>4.2.2.1 |

[illegible]

## Question 4

| Question | Answers                              | Extra information                                          | Mark | AO / Spec Ref.            |
|----------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------|---------------------------|
| 04.1     | palisade (mesophyll / layer / cells) | must be in this order                                      | 1    | AO1<br>4.1.2.3<br>4.2.3.1 |
|          | spongy mesophyll / layer             | do <b>not</b> accept reference to a single cell, once only | 1    |                           |
|          | meristem                             |                                                            | 1    |                           |

| Question | Answers | Extra information | Mark | AO / Spec Ref.                       |
|----------|---------|-------------------|------|--------------------------------------|
| 04.2     | lignin  | ignore cellulose  | 1    | AO1<br>4.1.1.3<br>4.2.3.1<br>4.2.3.2 |

| Question | Answers       | Extra information       | Mark | AO / Spec Ref. |
|----------|---------------|-------------------------|------|----------------|
| 04.3     | translocation | ignore active transport | 1    | AO1<br>4.2.3.2 |

| Question | Answers             | Extra information | Mark | AO / Spec Ref. |
|----------|---------------------|-------------------|------|----------------|
| 04.4     | (permanent) vacuole |                   | 1    | AO3<br>4.1.1.2 |

| Question    | Answers                                                                                          | Extra information                                                                                               | Mark | AO / Spec Ref.                       |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>04.5</b> | (cell <b>X</b> contains) mitochondria                                                            |                                                                                                                 | 1    | AO3                                  |
|             | for (aerobic) respiration                                                                        | do <b>not</b> accept anaerobic respiration                                                                      | 1    | AO2                                  |
|             | (mitochondria / respiration) releases energy                                                     | do <b>not</b> accept energy produced / made / created                                                           | 1    | AO2                                  |
|             | <u>energy</u> needed to move (dissolved) <b>sugar(s)</b> against / up the concentration gradient | allow <u>energy</u> needed to move (dissolved) <b>sugar(s)</b> from a low concentration to a high concentration | 1    | AO2                                  |
|             | by active transport                                                                              |                                                                                                                 | 1    | AO2<br>4.1.3.3<br>4.1.1.2<br>4.4.2.1 |

| Question    | Answers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Extra information                                                                                                                                                                          | Mark | AO / Spec Ref.                       |
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| <b>04.6</b> | any <b>one</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• loss of cytoplasm</li> <li>• loss of nucleus</li> <li>• loss of mitochondria</li> <li>• loss of ribosomes</li> <li>• loss of sub-cellular structures</li> <li>• end walls become perforated</li> </ul> | ignore description of a phloem cell<br><br>allow reference to sieve plate formation<br>allow cell walls form<br>allow (larger) vacuole forms<br>ignore reference to change in size / shape | 1    | AO2<br>4.1.2.3<br>4.1.1.4<br>4.2.3.2 |

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| <b>Total Question 4</b> | <b>12</b> |
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## Question 5

| Question | Answers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Mark | AO / Spec Ref.         |
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| 05.1     | <b>Level 3:</b> The method would lead to the production of a valid outcome. The key steps are identified and logically sequenced.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 5–6  | AO1<br>4.1.3.2<br>RPA3 |
|          | <b>Level 2:</b> The method would not necessarily lead to a valid outcome. Most steps are identified, but the method is not fully logically sequenced.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 3–4  |                        |
|          | <b>Level 1:</b> The method would not lead to a valid outcome. Some relevant steps are identified, but links are not made clear.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1–2  |                        |
|          | <b>No relevant content</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 0    |                        |
|          | <p><b>Indicative content:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (measure and) record mass of potato pieces</li> <li>• place potato pieces into different concentrations of salt solution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ use at least 3 different concentrations of salt solution</li> </ul> </li> <li>• leave potato pieces in salt solutions</li> <li>• remove potato pieces from salt solutions</li> <li>• blot potato pieces dry</li> <li>• (measure and record mass of potato pieces and) calculate change in mass</li> <li>• repeat each concentration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ repeat each concentration 2 <b>more</b> times</li> </ul> </li> <li>• calculate mean change in mass</li> </ul> <p><b>Control variables</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• use same size / mass potato pieces</li> <li>• use same potato <b>or</b> use same type of potato</li> <li>• use same blotting technique</li> <li>• ensure no skin on potato pieces</li> <li>• keep potato pieces in solution for the same amount of time (≥10 minutes)</li> <li>• keep potato pieces in solutions at the same temperature</li> </ul> <p>For <b>Level 1</b>, the method must allow the determination of the change in mass for a piece of potato.<br/>For <b>Level 3</b>, the method must allow the production of the graph in <b>Figure 4</b>.</p> |      |                        |

| Question | Answers                                                                                                                                                                 | Extra information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Mark | AO / Spec Ref.         |
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| 05.2     | (pieces) lost mass because <u>water</u> left cells / potato                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1    | AO2<br>4.1.3.2<br>RPA3 |
|          | (because) the solution in the cells / potato is less concentrated than outside<br><b>or</b><br>(because) the solution in the cells / potato is more dilute than outside | allow (because) the solution outside the cells / potato is more concentrated than inside<br><br>allow (because) the solution outside the cells / potato is less dilute than inside<br><br>allow correct references to <u>water concentration</u> / <u>potential</u><br><br>ignore reference to amount of water or salt<br><br>do <b>not</b> accept water moves from an area of high (solute) concentration to an area of low (solute) concentration | 1    |                        |
|          | water left cells / potato by osmosis                                                                                                                                    | allow water left cells by diffusion through a partially / selectively / semi permeable membrane                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1    |                        |

| Question | Answers                                                                                       | Extra information                                                                                                                 | Mark | AO / Spec Ref.                    |
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| 05.3     | (pieces at 1.0 mol/dm <sup>3</sup> )<br>lost more mass because more water left potato / cells | (pieces at 1.0 mol/dm <sup>3</sup> )<br>lost more mass because more osmosis occurred out of the potato / cells                    | 1    | AO3                               |
|          | (because) there is a steeper concentration gradient (at 1.0 mol/dm <sup>3</sup> )             | allow there is a greater difference in the concentration between inside and outside the cells / potato at 1.0 mol/dm <sup>3</sup> | 1    | AO2<br>4.1.3.1<br>4.1.3.2<br>RPA3 |

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| <b>Total Question 5</b> | <b>11</b> |
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## Question 6

| Question | Answers    | Extra information                                   | Mark | AO / Spec Ref.            |
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| 06.1     | penicillin | allow other named antibiotics<br>ignore penicillium | 1    | AO1<br>4.3.1.3<br>4.3.1.8 |

| Question | Answers                                                                                         | Extra information                                                                                                                                                               | Mark | AO / Spec Ref.                    |
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| 06.2     | the bacterium is killed (by antibiotic <b>C</b> )                                               | allow there is a zone of inhibition (around antibiotic <b>C</b> )                                                                                                               | 1    | AO2<br>4.3.1.8<br>4.1.1.6<br>RPA2 |
|          | if the bacterium was resistant, bacteria would be right up to the (edge of the) antibiotic disc | allow resistance means that the bacterium is not killed (by antibiotic(s))<br>allow if the bacterium was resistant there would be no zone of inhibition<br>ignore no white area | 1    |                                   |

| Question | Answers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Extra information                                                                                                                                                     | Mark | AO / Spec Ref. |
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| 06.3     | any <b>two</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>current / available antibiotics do not kill (certain) bacteria</li> <li>diseases become more common</li> <li><b>or</b> there will be some diseases that cannot be cured / treated</li> <li>new antibiotics need to be developed which takes time / money</li> </ul> | allow current / available antibiotics have no effect on (certain) bacteria<br>ignore more people become ill<br><br>allow some diseases become more difficult to treat | 2    | AO2<br>4.3.1.8 |

| Question | Answers                                                     | Extra information                                                                                                                                                                         | Mark | AO / Spec Ref.            |
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| 06.4     | viruses <b>only</b> exist / reproduce inside (living) cells | allow viruses <b>need</b> (living) cells to exist / reproduce<br>allow viruses exist / reproduce inside (living) cells <b>and</b> agar is not made of cells<br>ignore names of cell types | 1    | AO2<br>4.3.1.8<br>4.3.1.1 |

| Question    | Answers                                                                                                               | Extra information                                                          | Mark | AO / Spec Ref. |
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| <b>06.5</b> | (these) drugs (can) damage (body) cells / tissues<br><b>or</b><br>it is hard to get (these) drugs into (living) cells | allow viruses often / frequently mutate (giving resistance to these drugs) | 1    | AO1<br>4.3.1.8 |

| Question    | Answers | Extra information | Mark | AO / Spec Ref. |
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| <b>06.6</b> | AIDS    |                   | 1    | AO1<br>4.3.1.2 |

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## Question 7

| Question | Answers                                                                                      | Extra information                                                                                                   | Mark | AO / Spec Ref.                |
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| 07.1     | <b>Leaf 1 or covered with black paper</b><br>no light so no photosynthesis (occurs)          | ignore reference to water                                                                                           | 1    | AO3                           |
|          | <b>Leaf 2 or covered with transparent plastic</b><br>no carbon dioxide so no photosynthesis  | ignore reference to carbon dioxide                                                                                  | 1    | AO3                           |
|          | <b>Leaf 3 or not covered</b><br>light and carbon dioxide present so leaf can photosynthesise | ignore no limiting factors                                                                                          | 1    | AO3                           |
|          | <b>for either Leaf 1 / 2</b><br>(so) <u>glucose</u> not made                                 | } allow converse for <b>Leaf 3</b>                                                                                  | 1    | AO2                           |
|          | (and therefore) glucose / sugar cannot be converted to starch                                |                                                                                                                     | 1    | AO2                           |
|          |                                                                                              | if neither marking points 4 and 5 awarded, allow starch (previously present) has been broken down for <b>1</b> mark |      | 4.4.1.1<br>4.4.1.2<br>4.4.1.3 |

| Question | Answers                                                                                                            | Extra information                                                                                                        | Mark | AO / Spec Ref. |
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| 07.2     | (green) starch / present / positive<br><b>and</b><br>(white) no starch <b>or</b> not present<br><b>or</b> negative | both required for <b>1</b> mark<br><br>allow blue-black / black <b>or</b> dark blue<br><br>allow yellow / orange / brown | 1    | AO3<br>4.4.1.2 |

| Question | Answers                                                                                                               | Extra information                                                                                                                                                                                   | Mark | AO / Spec Ref.            |
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| 07.3     | green part contains chlorophyll <b>and</b> white part does not                                                        | ignore chloroplasts                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1    | AO2                       |
|          | (so) <u>light</u> is absorbed by green part (but not by white part) so photosynthesis occurs and starch can be formed | allow (so) <u>light</u> is absorbed by chlorophyll / chloroplasts so photosynthesis occurs and starch can be formed<br>allow converse for white part<br>ignore colours of starch test if referenced | 1    | AO1<br>4.4.1.1<br>4.4.1.2 |

| Question | Answers   | Extra information                                                                     | Mark | AO / Spec Ref. |
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| 07.4     | magnesium | allow Mg / Mg <sup>2+</sup><br>allow nitrate / iron<br>allow other correct named ions | 1    | AO1<br>4.3.3.1 |

| Question | Answers   | Extra information | Mark | AO / Spec Ref. |
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| 07.5     | chlorosis |                   | 1    | AO1<br>4.3.3.1 |

| Question | Answers                                                                                                                                                     | Extra information                                                                                           | Mark | AO / Spec Ref.                    |
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| 07.6     | (measure the) <u>volume</u> (of oxygen) released / produced in a given time<br><b>or</b><br>(count / number of) bubbles released / produced in a given time | allow answers in terms of a specific time<br>ignore measure the amount (of oxygen) released in a given time | 1    | AO1<br>4.4.1.2<br>4.4.1.1<br>RPA6 |

| Question | Answers                                                                                                                                           | Extra information                                                                                                                     | Mark | AO / Spec Ref.            |
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| 07.7     | (a factor that) if increased would increase the rate (of a reaction)<br><b>or</b><br>(a factor that) prevents the rate (of a reaction) increasing | allow answers in terms of<br>(a) named factor(s)<br><br>allow (a factor that) prevents the maximum rate (of a reaction) being reached | 1    | AO1<br>4.4.1.2<br>4.4.1.1 |

| Question | Answers                                                                                                                                                                     | Extra information                                                                                                                                                                                              | Mark | AO / Spec Ref.            |
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| 07.8     | increasing temperature while keeping the carbon dioxide (concentration) constant increases the rate (of photosynthesis)                                                     | allow increasing the carbon dioxide (concentration) while keeping temperature constant increases the rate (of photosynthesis)                                                                                  | 1    | AO3<br>4.4.1.2<br>4.4.1.1 |
|          | increasing the temperature increases the movement of the molecules / particles / substrate<br><b>or</b><br>increasing the temperature increases the rate of enzyme activity | allow increasing the temperature increases the kinetic energy of the molecules / particles / substrate<br>allow increasing the temperature increases the frequency of collisions between molecules / particles | 1    |                           |
|          | increasing carbon dioxide concentration increases (the concentration of) substrate / reactants                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1    |                           |
|          | all rates plateau at a certain point due to another factor being limiting                                                                                                   | allow all rates plateau at a certain point due to chlorophyll being limiting<br>do <b>not</b> accept all rates plateau at a certain point due to light being limiting                                          | 1    |                           |

| Question | Answers                                               | Extra information | Mark | AO / Spec Ref. |
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| 07.9     | light intensity $\propto \frac{1}{\text{distance}^2}$ |                   | 1    | AO2<br>4.4.1.2 |

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## Question 8

| Question | Answers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Extra information                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Mark | AO / Spec Ref. |
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| 08.1     | any <b>one</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (cell <b>or</b> sub-cellular structures) grows</li> <li>• increase in (number of) sub-cellular structures</li> <li>• increase in (number of) mitochondria</li> <li>• increase in (number of) ribosomes</li> </ul> | do <b>not</b> accept nucleus<br>ignore increase in cell parts / components<br>allow increase in respiration<br><br>allow increase in protein (synthesis)<br><br>do <b>not</b> accept changes that occur as the cell divides | 1    | AO1<br>4.1.2.2 |

| Question | Answers         | Extra information | Mark | AO / Spec Ref.            |
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| 08.2     | (cell) membrane |                   | 1    | AO1<br>4.1.2.2<br>4.1.1.2 |

| Question | Answers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Extra information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Mark                                         | AO / Spec Ref. |
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| 08.3     | <p><i>substitution</i></p> $\text{length} = \frac{24\,500\,000}{3.14 \times 125^2}$ <p>(length =) 499.363 (nm)</p> <p><i>recall of equation</i></p> $\text{magnification} = \frac{\text{image size}}{\text{real size}}$ <p>correct conversion of mm to nm<br/>or nm to mm<br/>(4 mm = 4 000 000 nm)</p> $\frac{4\,000\,000}{499.363}$ <p>×8010</p> | <p>allow use of <math>\pi</math> button on calculator for 3.14</p> <p>allow use of <math>\frac{22}{7}</math> for 3.14</p> <p>allow 499 (nm)</p> <p>allow conversion at any point</p> <p>allow use of correctly rounded calculated value for length</p> <p>allow ×8010.205</p> <p>do <b>not</b> accept if unit given</p> <p>allow an answer consistent with an incorrectly rounded / calculated value for length</p> | <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> | AO2<br>4.1.1.5 |

| Question | Answers                                                              | Extra information                                                                                                      | Mark | AO / Spec Ref. |
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| 08.4     | chromosomes cannot be pulled (by the fibres) to each end of the cell | ignore chromosomes cannot be separated unqualified                                                                     | 1    | AO3<br>4.1.2.2 |
|          | (so) nucleus cannot divide                                           | allow <b>two</b> (genetically identical) cells cannot be formed<br>ignore cytokinesis<br>ignore the cell cannot divide | 1    |                |

| Question | Answers                                   | Extra information                                                                                                                                                              | Mark | AO / Spec Ref.            |
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| 08.5     | tumour cannot grow / proliferate / spread | allow stops secondary tumours forming<br>allow stops metastasis<br>ignore stops uncontrolled cell division<br>do <b>not</b> accept the cancer / tumour cannot become malignant | 1    | AO2<br>4.1.2.2<br>4.2.2.7 |

| Question | Answers                                           | Extra information | Mark | AO / Spec Ref. |
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| 08.6     | testing the drugs on live tissues in a laboratory |                   | 1    | AO1<br>4.3.1.9 |

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