

MARK SCHEME for the October/November 2012 series

9700 BIOLOGY

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Paper 2 (AS Structured Questions), maximum raw mark 60

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Mark scheme abbreviations:

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

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- 1 (a) *electron microscope*
accept ora for light microscope
- 1 higher resolution / better resolving power;
A high *only if further detail confirms understanding*
 - 2 more easily able to distinguish between two (separate) points / AW;
A *if no comparative but mp 1 or relevant point in mp 3 gained*
 - 3 **AVP**; able to see points closer together than 200 nm **A** range 100 – 300 nm
 can see points up to 0.5 nm (0.0005 μm) apart but LM is 200 nm (0.2 μm) **A** range
 0.2 – 1.0 nm
electrons have shorter wavelength (than light)
 wavelength of electrons shorter than size of additional structures seen [max 2]

(b) *each feature must be briefly qualified to gain max 3*
penalise once if feature correct but not correctly qualified / or not qualified

- 1 detail of mitochondria; e.g. inner membrane / crista(e)
 double membrane
 ribosomes
 (circular) DNA
- 2 detail of chloroplasts; e.g. double membrane
 internal membranes
 thylakoid(s) / grana / intergrana / lamellae
 ribosomes
- 3 ribosomes, qualified; e.g. visible as small dots
 scattered throughout / in cytoplasm
 on RER
- 4 smooth endoplasmic reticulum / SER, qualified; e.g. no ribosomes / tubular /
 membranous
- 5 rough endoplasmic reticulum / RER, qualified; e.g. ribosomes / membranous / flattened
 cisternae;
- 4/5 endoplasmic reticulum / ER, qualified; e.g. smooth and rough / membranous / throughout
 cytoplasm
- 6 Golgi vesicles / secretory vesicles / lysosomes qualified;
 e.g. forming from Golgi
 ref. exocytosis (not for lysosomes)
 seen as (small) sacs / AW
 membranous
- 7 heterochromatin darker staining / euchromatin lighter staining;
A chromosomes seen as heterochromatin and euchromatin
- 8 nucleus has, nuclear envelope / two membranes;
- 9 nuclear pores in nuclear envelope;
- 10 cell surface membrane, qualified; e.g. to the inside of the cell wall
- 11 *idea that* (cell) membranes are visible, qualified; e.g. thin / round / within organelles /

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named organelle

(c) award two marks if correct answer is given, only one mark if μm (units) given

$\times 1600$;

A in range of $\times 1400$ to $\times 1800$

(8 000 / $5\mu\text{m}$)

7 000 / $5\mu\text{m}$ = (1400)

9 000 / 5 = (1800)

award one mark if correctly measured and divided by $5\mu\text{m}$ but incorrectly converted

award one mark if incorrect measurement (e.g. whole cell) but correct formula used (i.e. divided by $5\mu\text{m}$)

[2]

(d) (i) 1 amylopectin branched / AW; **ora**
2 amylose, spiral /spiralled / helix / helical; **ora**

R α – helix

R coiled

allow ecf from mps 1 and 2 to award mp 3

3 amylose (α) 1 – 4 linkages but 1 – 4 and 1 – 6 linkages in amylopectin / amylose has 1 – 4 linkages only;

accept from clearly labelled diagram(s)

[max 2]

(ii) any one valid; e.g.

1 for chlorophyll, structure / synthesis / formation / AW

2 for ATP functioning **A** required for energy transfers

3 for enzyme, functioning / cofactor

4 signalling ion / regulates carbon fixation

5 for, DNA / RNA, synthesis

6 stabilises, DNA / RNA, structure

7 required in, translation / joining, small and large subunits (of ribosomes)

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- 2 (a) (i)
- 1 obvious bilayer (of phospholipids) shown, phospholipid with single head and tail
must have inner / outer membrane label(s) to gain mp 2 and 3
allow 1 mark if both glycoprotein and glycolipid on one side and no inner / outer labels
 - 2 glycoprotein labelled; } **A** glycocalyx for one mark, must have inner / outer label
 - 3 glycolipid labelled; }
 - 4 one type of protein drawn and labelled as protein;
treat description as neutral
 - 5 protein type qualified; e.g. if protein is labelled as
integral / intrinsic *must extend into hydrophobic core and be in phosphate head portion*
transmembrane /
transport / carrier / *must extend across / through bilayer if channel protein must*
channel / pore *show channel*
peripheral / extrinsic *must be on surface / on one side*
aquaporin
gated protein
 - 6 cholesterol, labelled; *must extend into hydrophobic core*
if, circular / globular, must be smaller diameter than phospholipid head or have a single tail
R if indistinguishable from a protein drawn on diagram
 - 7 detail of phospholipid, labelled; e.g. phosphate / hydrophilic head
fatty acid / hydrocarbon / hydrophobic tail
saturated / unsaturated fatty acid tails
 - 8 hydrophobic core, labelled;
look for label to include both layers
 - 9 **AVP**; e.g. cytoskeletal filaments [max 5]

(ii) *fluid*

- 1 molecules (of membrane) move about / AW; **A** idea of membrane flowing
- 2 further detail; ref. to phospholipid and protein molecules moving or ref. to (lateral) diffusion
phospholipid and protein molecules move about = 2 marks

mosaic

- 3 protein molecules, interspersed / scattered / not a complete layer / AW;
- 4 many / AW, different / AW (protein molecules); [max 3]

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- 3 (a) (i) all arrow heads in correct direction (phytoplankton to herring / krill, krill to herring and krill to whale);
- (ii) secondary / tertiary, consumer;
A third / fourth (trophic level) [1]
- (iii) 1 plenty of food available / AW;
A feeding on more than one trophic level
2 further detail; e.g. phytoplankton efficient at converting light energy
phytoplankton blooms
little / no competition
ref. efficient feeding mechanism
3 short food chains / fewer links of the food chain;
4 less energy lost overall;
A idea in terms of percent lost at each level
5 few, indigestible / inedible parts; [max 3]
- (b) 1 fat / blubber = triglyceride;
2 fat / blubber / triglyceride, used as energy, store / reserve;

decreases
3 less fat in cells; ora
A fewer fat-filled cells / less adipose tissue
4 mobilised / respired / converted to fatty acids (**A** glucose), to release energy (during non-feeding season);
5 energy (from fat mobilisation) used, qualified; e.g. for movement

increases
6 food eaten / during feeding season, conversion to, fat / AW (for storage);
7 ref. thermal insulation;
A idea of prevents heat loss R keeps it warm [max 2]
- (c) 1 (good) solvent / AW; e.g. (many) ions / minerals dissolve (in water)
A idea of (sufficient) dissolved respiratory gases (to support life)
2 provides, buoyancy / support / AW;
A idea of floating
3 (buoyancy / support) enables some to attain a large size / supports large mass / enables phytoplankton to remain, near / at surface;
4 high specific heat (capacity);
5 qualified; aquatic environment, more temperature stable / slow to change temperature / helps whale to maintain constant body temperature
6 ice, floats / less dense than water;
7 acts as insulator / prevents heat loss from water / water is underneath allowing survival in the winter;
8 transparent, for light penetration / for photosynthesis / for visual cues;
9 (density changes causing convection) currents, maintain circulation of nutrients / make nutrients available to support phytoplankton;
10 **AVP**; e.g. ref. to surface tension prevents sinking (small organisms) ref. to gamete movement [max 3]

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4 (a)

| name of disease | type of causative organism | name of causative organism |
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| cholera | bacterium / bacteria | <i>Vibrio cholerae</i> |
| HIV / AIDS | virus | human immunodeficiency virus; |
| malaria | protoctist; A protozoa / protista A apicomplexa / sporozoa | <i>Plasmodium, vivax / ovale / falciparum / malariae</i> ; A <i>Plasmodium (spp)</i> |
| tuberculosis (TB) | bacterium / bacteria; | <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> |

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(b) (i) cholera; [1]

(ii) antibiotics / antibacterials / antimicrobial and one reason;
e.g. kill / inhibit, bacteria
bacterial infection / caused by bacterium
do not kill humans
A harmless to human / AW [1]

(iii) 1 vaccinated children, are immune / AW;
ignore resistant
2 herd effect;
3 explained; e.g. sufficient / AW, vaccinated / immune, to prevent spread (to susceptible individuals)
4 example of another factor that became effective; e.g. less money spent on drugs so more for better diet
prevention method described to avoid, food / water, contamination [max 2]

(c) (i) 1 bacterial (surface) antigens / epitopes, act as, non-self / foreign antigens;
2 human cells have self antigens;
3 (antigens are), proteins / polysaccharides;
4 (non-self antigen) will trigger phagocytosis / phagocytes have receptor (only) for, bacterial / non-self, antigens / proteins; **ora** for self antigens
5 ref. to non-self and self antigens containing different sequences of amino acids / self antigens are products of body's genotype / AW;
6 *idea that* phagocytes bind to antibodies complexed with (non-self) antigens (and human cells will not have bound antibody); [max 3]

(ii) *any reasonable; e.g.*
mechanism to prevent, phagosome formation / lysosome fusion with phagocytic vacuole
able to withstand attack by (hydrolytic) enzymes
contain enzyme inhibitors
able to degrade (hydrolytic) enzymes
protective capsule [max 1]

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- (iii) reduction in numbers of T (h) lymphocytes; **A** CD₄ (cells) macrophages
 ref. to role of T(h) cells e.g. enhanced humoral response, increase macrophage activity
 lowered immune system / poor immune response / AW; e.g. unable to produce sufficient
 T/B cells / insufficient stem cells available [max 2]

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- 5 (a) 1 complementary bases / base pairing, hold(s) strands together / AW;
 2 (because of) many hydrogen bonds;
R if between adjacent nucleotides
if mp 1 and 2 not awarded
 1/2 hydrogen bonds hold strands together;
 3 sugar-phosphate backbone / AW, with covalent / phosphodiester, bonds;
 4 double helix structure protects bases;
 5 **AVP**; coiling protects from, chemical / enzyme, attack [max 2]

- (b) 1 (information is) ref. (different) sequence / order of bases / nucleotides (in the
 polynucleotide strand);
A described in terms of sequence of bases
 2 DNA / gene, contains / AW, information for the synthesis of a, polypeptide / protein /
 enzyme;
 3 *idea that* (coded because) information becomes sequence of amino acids;
 4 *idea that* information passed on (cell to cell / parent to offspring); [max 2]

- (c) (late) interphase / S phase / synthesis phase; [1]

- (d) 1 different sequence of bases / nucleotides;
 2 (as a result of) mutation;
 3 base substitution;
 4 CTT replaced by CAT;
A GAA replaced by GUA (for mRNA codon)
 5 glu(tamate) substituted by val(ine); [max 3]

- (e) 1 increasing concentration of ara-ATP decreases enzyme activity;
can be comparison between 0 and 5 / 20 or between 5 and 20
A ref. to rate of DNA synthesis for enzyme activity
 2 ara-ATP acting as an inhibitor;
 3 substrate unable to bind with active site / fewer enzyme-substrate complexes (formed);
 4 further detail;
for either competitive
 e.g. competes with substrate for (binding to) the active site / similar, structure / shape, as
 substrate or complementary shape to active site
or non-competitive inhibition
 e.g. binds to site other than active site / changes shape of active site [max 3]

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6 (a) one mark each correct label to max 3;;;

(b) X marked over coronary artery section before graft joins;

(c) cure for, coronary artery disease / atherosclerosis in artery;
A arteriosclerosis
so less risk of, myocardial infarction / heart attack / AW;

prevention of coronary artery disease to avoid bypass surgery

- one example; e.g.
- no smoking
 - increase exercise
 - low, (saturated) fat / cholesterol, diet
 - reduce alcohol consumption
 - reduce salt intake
 - statins
 - avoid, excessive / AW, sugar
 - avoid obesity

ref. to difficulties in getting people to change lifestyle to prevent;

disadvantage of, surgical procedure / cure;

accept ora prevention

- e.g.
- invasive / painful
 - costly medical
 - lost time / money, by absence from work
 - risk of complications / graft rejection / infection
 - risk / graft becoming diseased / collapsing

AVP; e.g. *idea that* as cure is available, more difficult to encourage prevention [max 3]

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