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General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.
- Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

Question number	Answer	Notes	Marks
1 (a)	removal of nucleus / without a nucleus / no nucleus / eq;	ignore without DNA	1
(b)	retina / fovea / yellow spot / macula / macula lutea;	reject if in list eg. retina and iris	
			1
(c)	1. less (aerobic) respiration;		
	2. less energy / ATP;		
	3. <u>anaerobic</u> respiration;		
	4. lactic acid;		
	5. low pH / acidic;	5. ignore if linked to carbon dioxide	
	6. denature <u>enzymes</u> ;	carbon dioxide	4
(d)	1. thin / one cell thick;	reject cell wall	
	2. pores / gaps / permeable / eq;		
	3. short <u>diffusion</u> distance / faster <u>diffusion</u> / better <u>diffusion</u> / eq;		
			2

(e)	 not rejected / no need to match / for specific person; 		
	 no shortage of organs / less waiting time / better supply / no need of donors / organs always available; 		
	3. free from infection / free from disease / ref. to age;		2
(f)	nucleus (from body cell) put into empty egg / enucleated egg;	ignore DNA removed	
	2. electricity;		
	3. mitosis / cell division;		
	4. embryo;		
	5. uterus / womb;		
	6. <u>surrogate</u> mother;		
			5

Total 15 marks

Question number	Answer	Notes	Marks
2 (a) (i)	1. measure mass / measure weight / measure water loss;		
	2. in one minute / in an hour / per minute / per hour / per day / after a period of time / eq;	2. ignore before and after / at the end of the	
		experiment	2
(11)	1. no plant;	ignore twig with no	
	2. oil layer and water present;	leaves	
	3. balance present;	ignore number on balance	
		labels not needed	
			3

(b)					
	change of condition	Change in transpiration rate	Explanation		
	warmer air	increase;	more (kinetic) energy / more evaporation / molecules move faster /eq;		
	put in the dark decrease	put in the dark decrease	stomata close;		
	increased wind increase	increased wind	increased concentration gradient / moves molecules away / blows water away / eq;		
	increased humidity	decrease;	decreased concentration gradient		5
(c)	supply mineral named mineral support / turg		og / eg:	1. ignore nutrients	
	3. cooling / prev	ent overheating;	ig / eq,	3. ignore homeostasis idea	
				ignore growth	2

Total 12 marks

Question	Answer	Notes	Marks
number 3 (a)		allow converse for fish	arrto
3 (a)	1. eat (more) plants / eats grass / eq;	allow converse for fish	
	food difficult to digest / less food digested / break down less food / food egested / eq;		
	3. cellulose;		
			2
(b)	1. more cells / bigger;		
	2. heat loss;		
	3. use more energy in movement;	3. ignore move more	1
(c)	1. keep indoors;		
	less heat loss / maintain body temperature / less energy loss / keep warm;		
	OR		
	3. restrict movement / eq;		
	4. less <u>respiration</u> / less <u>energy</u> used;		
	OR		
	5. more digestible food / food with more energy / food with more fat;		
	6. more energy absorbed;		4

Question number	Answer	Notes	Marks
4 (a) (i)	1. distribute food / nutrients / eq;		
	2. distribute oxygen;	2. ignore air	
	3. even out temperature / distribute heat;	3. ignore maintain temperature constant	2
(ii)	1. optimum / best / suitable for enzymes;		
	2. prevent denaturation / prevent change to active site;	2. ignore death of microbes	2
(iii)	insulin / antibiotics / enzymes / hormones / yeast /	reject ethanol / beer /	
(111)	amino acids / clotting factors / gibberellin / eq;	biogas / yoghurt / medicine / drugs	1
(b)	1. stop air supply / stop oxygen supply;	ignore reduce air supply / remove air filter	
	open pressure release valve / have exit pipe (for biogas) / eq;		2

Total 7 marks

Question number	Answer	Notes	Marks
5 (a) (i)	1. (flask X) red / orange;		
	2. (flask Y) yellow;		2
(ii)	(more) carbon dioxide (in flask Y) / carbon dioxide produced;	ignore colour eg. goes purple because of CO ₂ = 1	1
(b) (i)	colour change faster for small hamster / takes less time for small hamster / eq;	allow converse	
	more respiration with small hamster / faster production of carbon dioxide / eq;		
	3. larger surface area to volume / loses <u>more</u> heat maintain body temperature / eq;		
			2
(ii)	1. optimum temperature;		
	2. enzymes;	2. reject if enzymes die	2
(c) (i)	only one reading / not repeated / not enough results / only one hamster of each size used / eq;		1
(ii)	difficult to tell when colour changes / eq;	ignore gas escape / loose bung	1

(d)	1. age / species / type;	mark first three answers	
	2. temperature;		
	3. volume of indicator;	3 and 4 ignore amount	
	4. concentration of indicator;	ignore activity / size of bell jar	
			3

Total 12 marks

Question number	Answer	Notes	Marks
6 (a)	root appears / shoot appears / sprout / seed coat splits / eq;	ignore growth alone	1
(b)	1. oxygen; 2. respiration;	ignore air / pH	
	3. water / moisture / rain;4. (activate) enzymes / reactions / hydrolysis / digestion / eq;	3. ignore humid	
	5. warmth / suitable temperature / optimum temperature;6. enzymes / reactions;	5. ignore temperature alone / heat	
	7. light; 8. activate plant growth regulators / eq;	four conditions and no explanations = 3 max	
			6

Total 7 marks



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