



ASSESSMENT and
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General Certificate of Education

Biology 6416 *Specification B*

BYB4 Energy, Control and Continuity

Mark Scheme

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It must be stressed that a mark scheme is a working document, in many cases further developed and expanded on the basis of candidates' reactions to a particular paper. Assumptions about future mark schemes on the basis of one year's document should be avoided; whilst the guiding principles of assessment remain constant, details will change, depending on the content of a particular examination paper.

General Guidance for the Mark Scheme

The following conventions are used in the mark scheme:

- A semicolon (;) separates each mark point
- An oblique stroke (/) separates alternatives within a mark point
- Underlining of a word or phrase means that the term must be used by candidates
- Brackets are used to indicate contexts for which a mark point is valid, but which may just be implied by a candidate's answer
- 'Accept' and 'reject' show answers which should be allowed or not allowed.
- Additional instructions may be shown in *italics*

The scheme shows the minimum acceptable answer(s) for each mark point - better, more detailed, or more advanced answers are always accepted, provided that they cover the same key ideas. Occasionally, a candidate will give a biologically correct answer that has not come up at standardising. If it is equivalent in standard to the mark scheme answers, it may be credited.

In some cases a mark may be awarded for understanding of a general principle, even though the detailed mark points on the scheme have not been made. This will be indicated on the mark scheme.

All mark points are awarded independently, unless a link between points is specified in the scheme.

Converse answers are normally acceptable, unless the wording of the question rules this out.

Disqualifiers

A correct point is disqualified when the candidate contradicts it in the same answer.

The list rule

When a question asks for a specific number of points, and the candidate gives more, any wrong answer cancels a correct answer. For example, if a question asks for two points and three answers are given, two correct and one clearly wrong, the mark awarded is one, whatever the order of the answers.

Valid points from **diagrams** are credited, if they are not duplicated in the text.

Where a question asks for **differences** between X and Y, the mark may be awarded for a feature of X without the converse for Y, if it is absolutely clear which is being referred to.

BYB4

Question 1

- (a) matrix; 1
- (b) pyruvate;
ADP;
P / inorganic phosphate;
reduced NAD;
oxygen; 2 max
- (c) larger surface area for electron carrier system / oxidative phosphorylation;
provide ATP / energy for contraction; 2

Total 5

Question 2

- (a) no rods at blind spot or fovea;
greater distribution of rods at edge; 2
- (b) more rods and no / fewer cones present;
rods at the fovea / rods not mainly at periphery;
rods have high sensitivity / show retinal convergence / converse for cones;
rhodopsin 'bleached' at low light intensities / iodopsin 'bleached';
at high light intensities; 3 max
- (c) cannot become as convex;
has reduced refracting / converging power;
focused behind retina; 2 max

Total 7

Question 3

- (a) electrons;
from chlorophyll / photolysis; 2
- (b) (i) RuBP combines with carbon dioxide to produce 2 x GP; 1
- (ii) less used to combine with carbon dioxide /
less used to form glycerate 3-phosphate; 1
- (c) (i) used in photosynthesis allows detection of products; 1
- (ii) ATP and reduced NADP not formed;
GP is not being used to form RuBP / is being formed from RuBP; 2
- (iii) used in respiration / formation of starch / cellulose; 1

Total 8

Question 4

- (a) one / two / few genes versus many / polygenic;
limited / none versus significant;
limited / few versus wide / many; 3
- (b) named difference in environmental factor during pregnancy
e.g. nutrient supply; 1
- Total 4**

Question 5

- (a) breed together;
if fertile offspring, then same species; 2
- (b) isolation of two populations;
variation already present due to mutations;
different environmental conditions / selection pressures;
selection of different features and hence different alleles;
different frequency of alleles;
separate gene pools / no interbreeding; 4 max
- (c) selection of mate dependent on colour pattern;
prevents interbreeding / keeps gene pools separate; 2
- Total 8**

Question 6

- (a) (i) black; 1
- (ii) chocolate; 1
- (b) **BE, Be, bE, be and be;**
BbEe, Bbee, bbee, bbEe;
1 black: 2 yellow: 1 chocolate; 3
- (c) (i) no enzyme coded for when no dominant / **E** allele;
phaeomelanin not converted – (remains yellow); 2
- (ii) **E** allele results in enzyme producing eumelanin;
B allele – more eumelanin deposited in hairs; 2
- Total 9**

Question 7

- (a) uptake of oxygen / production of carbon dioxide; 1
- (b) constriction / narrowing / shunt effect;
of arterioles;
less blood flow to capillaries;
reduces heat loss via radiation / conduction / convection; 3 max
- (c) (i) metabolism releases heat;
increase in environmental temperature provides heat / warms mammal;
less heat required from metabolism which falls / levels off; 3
- (ii) lack of thermoregulatory control at high temp. / positive feedback;
increase in temperature increases metabolism / respiration; 2
- Total 9**

Question 8

- (a) (i) lateral rectus contracts, medial rectus relaxes;
medial rectus contracts, lateral rectus relaxes; 2
- (b) visual sensory area receives impulses from receptors;
association area interprets impulses using previous experience;
motor area sends impulses to muscles / effectors; 3
- (c) (i) A / dark band is mainly due to myosin filaments;
H zone only myosin filaments;
darker band has both types of filament;
light band has only actin filaments; 2 max
- (ii) H zone narrows;
light band narrows;
outer darker regions of A / dark band widen; 2 max
- (d) (i) breaks down ATP yielding energy;
used to form / break actomyosin bridges; 2
- (ii) **A and B**
tropomyosin covers binding site on actin;
no cross bridges formed / ATPase activity on myosin head reduced; 2
- B and C**
calcium ions remove tropomyosin;
binding / calcium ions increase ATPase activity; 2

Total 15

Question 9

- (a) (i) pituitary; 1
- (ii) water potential of blood increases;
water moves in causing swelling, ADH secretion decreases; 2
- (b) (i) sodium ions enter;
stimulates increased permeability to sodium / more sodium gates open;
depolarization occurs;
potassium ions move out;
correct reference to role of sodium / cation pump;
increase in permeability of adjacent area to sodium ions / local circuits; 6
- (c) $130 \times 60 = 780$ plus attempt to calculate 15%
1.17 litres; 2
- (d) (i) permeability of distal tubule / collecting duct to water decreases;
less water reabsorbed by osmosis; 2
- (ii) increased thirst;
frequent urination; 2

Total 15

QWC 1