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- Select and use a form and style of writing appropriate to purpose and complex subject matter
- Organise relevant information clearly and coherently, using specialist vocabulary when appropriate
- Ensure that text is legible, and that spelling, grammar and punctuation are accurate, so that meaning is clear.

The assessment of quality of written communication must be included in question **1(a)(ii), 2(a) and 3(b)**.

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- 1(a)(i) Infection/inflammation (1) of membranes/meninges (1) which cover/protect brain/spinal cord (1) caused by bacteria/viruses (1) allow reference to mild or severe forms (1)
Not-in brain.
max 3 3 marks
- (a)(ii) Any 2 of fever AW/high temperature/lethargy/tiredness AW/skin rash (not just spots)/aching stiff neck/headache/not liking bright lights AW/vomiting (sickness) nausea.
Mark 1st 2 responses. 2 marks
- (b)(i) Fungus/parasite (1)
Ignore name of organism. 1 mark
- (b)(ii) Ref to: skin being – itchy (1) red (1) (raised) scaly patches (1) may blister/ooze (1) description of ‘ring’ – red edge – normal skin interior AW (1) may lose hair (scalp/beard) (1) nails discoloured/thick/crumble (1) max 2 2 marks
- (c)(i) Ref to: through food/drink (1) poor hygiene practice or example (1) sexual transmission (1) cuts/wounds (1) max 2 2 marks
- (c)(ii) Ref to: damage to cells/tissues (1) lack of food taking nutrients from body cells (1) stimulating body defences to react AW (1) max 2 2 marks
- (c)(iii) Ref to: good hygiene practices e.g. hand washing/avoiding cross contamination/medical precautions – immunisation at appropriate times/careful food preparation AW/avoiding contaminated water max 3 3 marks
Total 15 marks
- 2(a) Ref to: Food Allergen 1 – least common of 3 allergens (1)
Allergen 2 – 8x more common than Allergen 1 (2004)/Allergen 3 – 16x more common in 2004 (1)
Allergen 2 – 12/13x more common/Allergen 3 – 24x more common 2005 (1)
less allergic reactions in 2005 cf 2004 (1) about half as many cases AW (1)
Allow food not common in diet (1)*
Food Allergen 2 – numbers stable 2004/2005 AW (1)
Food Allergen 3 – twice as common (both/other years) (1)
Food Allergen 3 – most common allergen of the three AW (1)
Numbers stable 2004/05 (1) allow most common food in diet (1) max 6
*Max 4 for numerical c.f. and considerations, 2 for “higher” skills. 6 marks
- (b)(i) Ref to: inappropriate/abnormal/exaggerated reaction (1) of immune system (1) to normally harmless substances AW (1) 3 marks
- (b)(ii) Ref to: small amounts of substance AW (1) placed a patch/foil/disc taped to skin/scratched gently (using sterile needle) (1) usually on arm/back (1) skin observed for redness/swelling (1) max 3 3 marks
- (b)(iii) Any 3 of: strawberries/eggs/shellfish/nuts dairy products/seafood or example max 3 3 marks
Total 15 marks

- 3(a)(i) Ref to: Alice having eye disorder (1) front part of eye/cornea/lens (1) not regular/not symmetrical/not spherical (1) causes focusing problems/ blurred vision (1)
Not just reference to eye shape max 3 3 marks
- (a)(ii) Ref to Alice having: hearing disorder (1) sound sensations in her ears/head AW (1) not produced by external source/false/perceived noise (1) allow ref to ringing in ears/buzzing/whistling/hissing
sound may be of any pitch/type (1) continuous or intermittent (1) may be caused by loud noise/aging/other hearing problems max 3 3 marks
- (b)(i) Dentifrice – dental paste/powder (1) abrasive AW (1) – removes material/food/waste/plaque AW from tooth/gums (1) max 2 2 marks
- (b)(ii) Flossing – use of a thin nylon/ribbon/filament/string (1) pulled back and forward AW between teeth (1) removing material/preventing build up of food/debris/plaque AW (1)
Not tape max 2 2 marks
- (b)(iii) Reference to: brushing/flossing removing food material/debris (1) from/ around enamel/crown (1) reduces microbial activity AW (1) preventing sugar (1) forming acid (1) ref plaque (1) reducing demineralisation risk (1) allow ref to reducing risk of gingivitis (1) an abscess formation (1) max 5 5 marks
Total 15 marks
- 4(a)(i) Any 3 of: stress/dehydration/hangover/prolonged travel/certain foods or examples – chocolate/cheese/stuffy atmosphere/hunger
Not alcohol max 3 3 marks
- (a)(ii) Ref to: tension (1) stretching (1) of meninges (1) scalp/blood vessels (1)
Not pressure max 3 3 marks
- (a)(iii) Ref to: migraines as: severe AW headache (1) preceded/accompanied by visual/stomach disturbance AW (1) long lasting/up to 3 days (1) one sided (1) 2 marks
- 4(b) 1. Ref to blackheads/comedones: sebum/oil secretion (1) from hair follicle glands (1) blocking pores in skin (1) darkening (1) through excess skin pigment/melanin (oxidation) (1)
Not dirt max 3 3 marks
2. Ref to: blister caused by rubbing/friction/burns (1) skin/epidermis and dermis space raised/filled with watery fluid/fluid to aid healing/ sometimes blood/pus (1)
Not just liquid max 2 2 marks
3. Ref to scabs form: when broken skin/wound AW heals (1) following blood clot/ fibrin net/skin regrows underneath (1) max 2 2 marks
Total 15 marks
- NB: Underlined – technical terms needed.

Paper Total 60 marks

