

MARK SCHEME for the October/November 2012 series

5090 BIOLOGY

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Paper 2 (Theory), maximum raw mark 80

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- 1 (a) A – tongue;
B – larynx/voice box; [2]
- (b) peristalsis; [1]
- (c) closes/covers;
trachea/windpipe/air passage/larynx/voice box/B;
helped by raising of larynx **AW**;
preventing the entry of food / preventing food going to lungs or respiratory system / prevents choking **AW** / allows food to enter oesophagus **AW**; [Max 3]
- (d) (i) digestion / enzymatic action / hydrolysis;
- & (ii) amylase;
(from) saliva / salivary glands;
starch;
to maltose;
neutralisation / ref. pH; [Max 4]
(each marking point allowed under (i) or (ii))

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- 2 (a) genes / mutation / named common mutagen;
environment / habitat / named environmental factor; [2]
- (b) evolution / speciation; [1]
- (c) different/changed environment;
mutation(s);
variations + advantageous **AW** / better adapted;
survive;
reproduce / passed on;
cumulative effect / over many generations;
leading to change in phenotype / appearance / or e.g.; [Max 4]
- (d) difference in genes/DNA;
difference in chromosomes;
ref to problems with fertilisation;
no sexual attraction / incompatible;
geographical separation; [Max 2]
- [Total: 9]
- 3 (a) any 2 correct ions;;
any correct function for each ion;;
e.g.
nitrate;
protein / amino acid production / named protein / DNA;
magnesium;
chlorophyll; [Max 4]

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(b) decomposition/decay/putrefaction/enzyme action;

*by bacteria;

*fungi;

of named chemical in plant leaves;

nitrification (or described);

[Max 4]

(c) chlorophyll/chloroplasts + absorbs light/photosynthesis;

leaves do not receive enough light/in shade **AW**;

to absorb water/moisture/water vapour;

water store/retains water/dead leaves lack water;

[Max 3]

[Total: 11]

4 (a) (i) pulse (beat);

in artery in leg;

increased pressure;

ref. one pulse beat/kick for every heart beat;

[Max 4]

(ii) adrenaline/heart beats faster;

[1]

(b) blood + legs/feet;

in veins;

no use of leg muscles ;

blood not pushed from one set of valves to the next;

increases mass/weight of the (lower) leg;

[Max 4]

[Total: 9]

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- 5 (a) 10/11 minutes; [1]
- (b) smoker/has recently smoked/passive smoking; [1]
- (c) Any 2 from:
- carbon monoxide/CO;
 - affect on O₂ carriage/fatty deposits in walls of bvs;
 - carbon dioxide/CO₂;
 - prevents loss of CO₂ from blood;
 - tar;
 - carcinogenic properties/lung cancer/inhibits gaseous diffusion/damages alveolar walls or cilia; [4]
- (d) (i) increase;
- followed by decrease;
 - reading from graph with units; [Max 2]
- (ii) arterial constriction, fat deposits or diameter reduction/heart rate increases/heart pumps harder or faster AW; [1]
- (iii) prolonged raised pressure/cumulative effect;
- damage to capillaries/ref. thin walls of capillaries;
 - any relevant effect e.g. damage to kidneys/brain/heart/blood vessels; [Max 2]
- [Total: 11]**

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6 (Fig. 6.1)

xylem;

strengthened/lignified;

for support/keep firm or straight+ **G**/wall **AW**;

*carries water;

*ions/salts/minerals;

[Max 5]

(Fig. 6.2)

palisade (mesophyll);

for photosynthesis/to make carbohydrates;

J + (cell) membrane;

partially/differentially/selectively/semi- + permeable;

controls or allows entry into/out (of cell);

water + osmosis/diffusion;

K/space + vacuole/cell sap;

ref. water potential/concentration difference;

ref. turgidity **AW**;

[Max 5]

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7 (a) removal from organism/body;

toxic/poisonous;

waste (products);

from metabolism or described;

[Max 3]

(b) filters/removes substances from + blood;

using partially permeable membrane **AW**;

ref. dialysis fluid;

urea/nitrogenous products;

salt(s)/ions/small molecules;

toxins/poisons;

ref. relative concentrations **AW**;

excess water/ref. osmoregulation;

large molecules stay in blood;

such as proteins;

ref. diffusion;

[Max 7]

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8 (a) active site (of enzyme);
of particular/special/complementary/exact + shape;
fits substrate molecule/ref enzyme-substrate complex;
splitting or joining of substrate molecule(s)/products formed;
(the idea) molecule(s) or product released;
enzyme ready to be used again/unchanged;
ref. specificity; [Max 5]

(b) *reaction becomes faster with higher temperature;
faster movement of molecules/more collisions;
*ref. maximum/optimum;
*slows rapidly;
*stops;
(heat has) changed/destroyed (shape) of active site;
denatured/lost 3D structure;
substrate no longer fits; [Max 5]

[Total: 10]

9 (a) it is a diagram;
of traditional pyramid shape/wider at the bottom;
(showing) mass/weight;
of organisms/living things/plants + animals;
the larger the block the greater the mass;
at each trophic level;
ref. producers;
consumers/herbivores/carnivores;
in an ecosystem/food web/food chain;
shows change in mass/is relative; [Max 6]

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(b) represents number;

of individual (organisms);

different organisms differ in mass;

one organism may have many others (feeding) on it;

*thus shape may be different;

not that of a pyramid;

plausible drawing;

[Max 4]

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