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Question	Expected Answers	Marks
1 (a) (i)	<i>correct drawing on <u>each</u> cell, labelled = 1 mark</i> cell wall ; ribosome(s) ; <i>treat reference to size as neutral e.g. 70S / 80S</i> plasma / cell (surface), membrane ; A plasmalemma	1 max
	(ii) <i>drawings and labels should be on <u>Chlamydomonas</u></i> <i>reject any structures that are labelled on both cells</i> <i>max 1 if more than three labels</i> nucleus / nuclear envelope ; <i>must show two membranes</i> A nuclear membrane nucleolus / nucleoli ; RER ; SER ; Golgi, body / apparatus / complex ; lysosome / Golgi / secretory vesicle ; mitochondrion ; vacuole / tonoplast ; cytoskeleton / microtubules / microfilaments ; <u>80S</u> ribosomes; A <u>large(r)</u> ribosomes ; linear chromosome(s) ; chloroplast ;	3 max
	(iii) <i>two marks for correct answer</i> 3 µm ;; <i>one mark if image length ÷ magnification correct e.g. (8.9 – 9.1 x 10⁻² m) ÷ 30 000</i> <i>or if not to nearest whole number</i>	2

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1	(b)		<p><i>accept ora for all relevant points</i></p> <p>improved / higher, <u>resolution</u> / <u>resolving power</u> ; greater ability to distinguish between two close points ; AW more detail / better clarity ; smaller structures seen outside of range of light microscope ; any two examples of ultrastructure seen ;; e.g. <i>Chlamydomonas</i> nuclear envelope R nuclear membrane nuclear pores visible mitochondrial envelope / inner membrane / cristae ER visible ribosomes visible cytoskeletal structures / microfilaments / microtubules, visible <i>E.coli</i> ribosomes visible (circular) DNA</p> <p>AVP ; e.g. SEM shows (external) surface detail resolution approx 1000 x better points closer than 0.5nm can be distinguished magnification / enlargement possible (with good resolution maintained) comparison of wavelength (electron v light)</p>	5 max
	(c)	(i)	<p><i>any one from</i> not easily dissolved in cytoplasm ; makes, (more) insoluble / less soluble ; avoids osmotic problems ; easier storage / less space required ;</p>	1 max
		(ii)	<p><i>glycogen</i> supplies C (for biosynthesis) ; ref. energy / glucose, store ; A can be, hydrolysed / broken down, to glucose</p> <p><i>polyphosphate</i> <i>any one from</i> for membrane structure / phospholipids ; nucleic acid / RNA / DNA structure ; ATP (synthesis) ; energy reserve / source ;</p>	2 max
	(d)		<p><i>synthesis / production of</i> human growth hormone ; insulin / humulin ;</p> <p><i>accept other valid examples</i></p>	2 max
				[Total:16]

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2	(a)	1	partially permeable membrane ; A selectively	max 7
		2	glucose diffuses through ;	
		3	biological recognition layer ;	
		4	immobilised glucose oxidase ;	
		5	glucose / substrate, binds to, glucose oxidase / enzyme / active site / enzyme-substrate complex forms ; AW	
		6	gluconic acid produced ;	
		7	response detected by transducer ; AW	
			or	
		6	reduces concentration of oxygen ;	
		7	ref. to platinum (oxygen) electrode ;	
		8	transducer produces electrical signal / current ;	
		9	ref. to amplifier ;	
		10	ref. to level related to glucose concentration ;	
		11	AVP ; e.g. binding, specific / complementary (shape) equation given	
			QWC – clear, well organised using specialist terms ; in bold above	1
	(b)		any two from quantitative measurement of blood glucose / AW ; rapid ; accurate / sensitive ; portable / can test anywhere / can test at home / no need to go to clinic / hospital ; ref. to ease of use ; using small volumes of blood ; allows correct dose of insulin to be calculated ; reusable ; ref. to reliability ;	2 max
	(c)	(i)	hybridoma ;	1
		(ii)	2 max if the feature is not linked to the cell type B-, lymphocyte / cell produces antibody ; AW (but) division limited / short-lived ; unable to be maintained in culture / AW ; myeloma cell divides continuously ; AW A can be cultured R rapid alone - needs idea of continuous division ref. to fusion allowing genomes of both cells to be present;	3 max
	(d)		protein / glycoprotein, on, the surface of virus / envelope ; (acts as) antigen ; complementary shape / specific tertiary structure (to antibody binding site) ; (antigen/ AW) attaches / binds, to (HIV) antibody ; AVP ; e.g. ELISA technique named protein / gp 120 normally binds to receptors on host cell	3 max
				[Total:17]

Question			Expected Answers	Marks
3	(a)		provides oxygen for respiration / for <u>aerobic respiration</u> ; sterile, to prevent contamination / so no pathogens ; mixes fungus with substrate / prevents settling / bubbles help stirring / AW ;	2 max
	(b)	(i)	<i>carbon</i> glucose / lactose ; <i>nitrogen</i> amino acids / nitrate ions / ammonium ions / yeast extract ; A corn steep liquor for either but not both	2 max
		(ii)	water is for, cooling / removing (excess) heat ; maintains, constant / optimum, temperature ; respiration produces heat ; (which would) denature enzymes ; A kills cells / fungus R denatures cells / fungus heat also produced by, stirrer / motor ;	3 max
		(iii)	will affect, enzyme action / metabolic rate / AW ; A denature enzymes addition of, buffer / acid / alkali / base ;	2
	(c)	(i)	96 hours ; \pm 1.5 hours	1
		(ii)	X includes, rapid / exponential / main, growth phase ; <i>ora</i> when primary, metabolites / products are made ; penicillin is a secondary, metabolite / product ; A antibiotics (<i>for penicillin</i>) excess of nutrients in X or penicillin produced when nutrients, limited / depleted ;	3 max
				[Total:13]

Question			Expected Answers	Marks
4	(a)		<i>thioglycolate</i> to create anoxic / anaerobic conditions ; A remove oxygen, qualified <i>resazurin</i> indicator of oxygen, presence / penetration (from broth surface) ; A ref. to indicating aerobic / anaerobic conditions	2
	(b)		ref. to sterile / sterilising (equipment / broth) ; A inoculating loop flamed disinfect surfaces ; AW protective clothing / lab coat / goggles ; spirit / Bunsen, burner ; flame neck of jar of, broth culture / nutrient broth ; lids, held / not placed on surfaces / lifted slightly / away from face ; disinfectant discard pot ; AW <i>max 4 for aseptic techniques OR if inoculating agar plate</i> idea of transfer, from broth culture to inoculate tube ; use of named equipment e.g. pipette, inoculating / wire, loop, stab wire ; A syringe, mounted needle	5 max
	(c)	1	ref. pink area indicator of, oxygen presence / aerobic conditions ; ora <i>penalise once if no reference to growth i.e. reference made to presence organism D</i>	8 max
		2	grows only, at / slightly below, surface / where oxygen present ; A	
		3	grows only at top <u>aerobic respiration</u> ;	
		4	<i>organism E</i>	
		5	growth, throughout the tube / with oxygen and without oxygen / in aerobic	
		6	conditions and anaerobic conditions ;	
		7	grows better, where oxygen available / in aerobic conditions ; <i>idea of difference</i>	
		8	provides more energy for, growth / reproduction ; (capable of) aerobic and anaerobic <u>respiration</u> ; A respire with and without oxygen	
		9	<u>facultative</u> (aerobe / anaerobe) ;	
		10	<i>organism F</i>	
		11	growth only in, anoxic / anaerobic, conditions / no oxygen / sensitive to oxygen	
		12	AW ; A growth only at bottom or a	
		13	anaerobic respiration ; A fermentation ; strict / obligate, anaerobe ; AVP ; e.g. different microorganisms display different oxygen requirements (for growth) AVP ; ref. D , obligate / strict, aerobe ; A strictly aerobic	
			QWC – legible text with accurate spelling, punctuation and grammar ;	1
	(d)		<i>for each, award 1 mark for a valid reason for the match of organism to location</i> e.g. vessel E able to respire with and without oxygen / facultative anaerobe OR F anaerobic conditions (created in fermenter) ; <i>skin surface</i> D exposed to air therefore aerobic ; <i>digester</i> F anaerobic conditions in digester OR E initial aerobic, then anaerobic conditions ;	3
				[Total:19]

Question			Expected Answers	Marks
5	(e)		prevents all sugars being used up (in respiration) / AW ; <i>ora</i> prevents, growth of embryo / seedling being produced / AW ; <i>ora</i> A plant growth sugars required for, brewing process / fermentation ; further detail of above e.g. yeast, respiration / alcohol production ;	2 max
	(f)	(i)	low moisture content makes enzymes less sensitive (to high temperature) ; ref. to structure making enzymes heat stable / extra bonds ; R ref. to thermophilic AVP ; e.g. ref. to insufficient time (for all molecules to denature)	1 max
		(ii)	sugars / amino acids / nutrients (from grist), dissolve better ; AW provides optimum conditions for / reactivates, enzymes / amylases / proteases ; increased / additional, hydrolysis of, starch / dextrins ; AW	1 max
		(iii)	for yeast / <i>Saccharomyces</i> , metabolism / growth / reproduction / population growth ; <i>increased monosaccharides</i> increased (anaerobic), respiration / fermentation ; (results in) increased amount of alcohol ; <i>increased amino acids</i> increased protein ; hence increased alcohol ; <i>allow once only</i> AVP ; e.g. increased aerobic respiration (initially) for population growth AVP ; e.g. increased enzymes (synthesised) more CO ₂ produced	4 max
				[Total:16]

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6	(a)		remove, pathogens / AW ; removes, specific component e.g. organic material / solids / smells / industrial contaminant ; prevents river water becoming turbid / avoids reduced light levels in water ; AW prevents eutrophication / fall in oxygen levels / rise in BOD, in river ; AW	2 max
	(b)		ref. to aerobic conditions created / oxygen present / aeration ; aerobic, respiration / digestion, occurring ; increase population of, microorganisms / named microorganism types / nematodes ; ref. to digestion of organic material / production, inorganic compounds / ions ; floc formation ; named microorganism ; e.g. <i>Zoogloea</i> , <i>Nitrosomonas</i> , <i>Nitrobacter</i> ref. to food webs / interactions within tank ; AVP ; e.g. ions made available for recycling example of digestion occurring	4 max
	(c)	(i)	anaerobic ; temperature above 15 °C ; A up to 30 °C pH between 6 – 8 ;	2 max
		(ii)	<i>treat as neutral – energy source / gasohol / produce energy / biogas</i> <i>any one relevant e.g.</i> fuel source / power sewage works / heats, digester / buildings / AW ; R fuel for cars / power for power station	1
				[Total: 9]

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