



General Certificate of Secondary Education
2012

Biology

Unit 1

Higher Tier

[GBY12]

WEDNESDAY 30 MAY, AFTERNOON

MARK SCHEME

		AVAILABLE MARKS
1	(a) A – Palisade (mesophyll cell); B – Guard cell; C – Lower epidermis (cell);	[1] [1] [1]
	(b) Thin/clear/transparent/no pigment;	[1] 4
2	(a) Nerves carry electrical (impulses); Hormonal system uses chemical (messages);	[1] [1]
	(b) (i) The larger the diameter of the nerve, the higher/faster the speed (of conduction); (ii) Faster response/reflex/reaction rate (/time); Reject: “faster conduction rate” unqualified	[1] [1] 4
3	(a) As age increases so does the amount of energy required; Boys require more energy than girls;	[2]
	(b) Increased weight/BMI/obesity; Increased risk of heart disease/heart attack/stroke/high blood pressure/diabetes/arthritis;	[2]
	(c) More energy required for growing/developing embryo;	[1]
	(d) Genetics/inherited factors/alcohol/smoking/drugs;	[1] 6

		AVAILABLE MARKS
6	(a) (Animal) cell which divides/clones/mitosis; Unspecialised/undifferentiated/later becomes specialised/described;	[2]
	(b) Any two from: Easier to grow/culture ; Easier to extract/obtain/plentiful; Can develop into different cell types/tissues; Accept: converse for adult stem cells Accept: more in placenta/umbilical than in adult bone marrow	[2]
	(c) Any three from: Involves killing/destroying embryo/human life; Against their religion/playing God; Human rights of embryo; Other appropriate response;	[3]
	(d) Nervous; Reject: brain/brain tissue	[1] 8

			AVAILABLE MARKS
7	(a) (i) A – bronchus; B – diaphragm;	[1] [1]	
	(ii) Ribs/intercostal muscles/pleural membranes;	[1]	
	(iii) Pulling rubber sheet/diaphragm/B down; (Belljar/thorax/chest/lung) volume increases or Pressure decreases;	[2]	
	(b) Any two pairs (<i>feature; appropriate adaptation;</i>) from: (Many) alveoli; Large surface area; Close to blood supply/surrounded by capillaries; Maintain (high) diffusion; Thin walls; short diffusion distance; Moist (lining); Allows gases to dissolve ; Permeable (membranes); Allows gases to diffuse through; Ventilation; (maintain high) diffusion gradient;	[4]	
	(c) Indicative content: 1 Oxygen % reduced (in exhaled); 2 Carbon dioxide % increased (in exhaled); 3 More moisture/water vapour (exhaled); 4 More heat/warmer (are exhaled); 5 Respiration (in cells); 6 In (body) cells; into blood; 7 Transported in/diffused into blood/lungs; Reject: reference to nitrogen		
Response	Mark		
Candidates must use appropriate specialist terms throughout to explain how named features of the respiratory system are adapted for gas exchange using at least 5 of the above points . They use good spelling, punctuation and grammar and the form and style are of a high standard .	[5]–[6]		
Candidates use some appropriate specialist terms throughout to explain how named features of the respiratory system are adapted for gas exchange using at least 3 of the above points . They use satisfactory spelling, punctuation and grammar and the form and style are of a satisfactory standard .	[3]–[4]		
Candidates make little use of specialist terms throughout to explain how named features of the respiratory system are adapted for gas exchange using at least 1 of the above points . The spelling, punctuation and grammar, form and style are of a limited standard .	[1]–[2]		
Response not worthy of credit.	[0]		

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		AVAILABLE MARKS
8	(a) Villus; (b) A – lacteal; transports/absorbs fats; B – capillary; Transports/soluble (digested) food molecules/named example/ or maintains diffusion gradient;	[1] [2] [2]
	(c) One cell thick/short diffusion distance; Accept: microvilli; produces mucus;	[1]
		6
9	(a) Z – Respiration; (b) Y – Primary consumer; (c) (i) = 3300; kJ; (ii) Energy passes to decomposers; Not all plant (cells/tissues) can be digested/absorbed by Y; (d) Any two from: Only certain amount/limited amount of energy fixed by producers; Energy lost at each trophic level/step/stage; After 3 trophic levels 30 kJ left; Not enough energy/secondary consumers in the area to support another level/Tertiary consumers would have to eat many secondary consumers;	[1] [1] [2] [1] [1] [2] 8

		AVAILABLE MARKS	
10	(a) (i) Phototropism; (ii) Auxin; (b) Sensitive to light: B/C; Tip covered so no light hits tip; Involves diffusion of plant hormone from tip; D; Glass stops hormone moving down stem; or B; no tip to produce hormone/no auxin/no response; (c) Light causes uneven distribution (of hormone); Hormone causes cell elongation; More (Cell) elongation/growth on dark side; (d) Any two from: Dandelions have larger surface area; (Dandelions) absorb more or lethal concentration of weedkiller; Abnormal/excessive growth/respiration leading to death; (e) Less competition ; For named resource/able to access more of a named resource; Accept: water/light/nutrient/space (f) Any two from: All fruit same/uniform size/fully developed; Ripe at same time/harvested at same time; Decreased harvesting costs/more profit;	[1] [1] [1] [1] [1] [1] [1] [1] [2] [2] [2] [2]	15
11	(a) (Involves different) scientists working together/in teams ; Sharing ideas/publishing results/research of past discoveries; Different scientists did their own type of experiment/did further work; (b) Peer review/by other scientists repeating the work; Do not accept: Bauting and Best were supervised (c) Presence of glucose in urine/lethargy/thirst/frequent urination; (d) Blood glucose concentration constantly monitored (by pancreas); Change in concentration of insulin produced returns blood glucose concentration to normal; (e) Any three from: Produced in the pancreas; In response to falling blood glucose; Acts in liver; Causes glycogen to be converted to glucose; which is released into the blood or increases glucose concentration;	[3] [1] [1] [2] [3]	10

		AVAILABLE MARKS
12 (a) Any three from:		
More nitrates; Eutrophication; algae growth/plants grow; Light blocked by suspended solids/shading; Nutrients used up; Therefore plants die	[3]	
(b) 1 km;	[1]	
(c) Indicative content:		
1 Bacteria breakdown/decay/feed on sewage (suspended solids) 2 Bacteria grows/increase when/are high in sewage (/suspended solids) released; 3 Bacteria/respiration is anaerobic; 4 (so) Dissolved oxygen falls between 1 and 2 km along river; 5 Bloodworms can survive in low oxygen (anaerobic conditions)/increased population in low oxygen; 6 Bloodworms are indicator species/indicate polluted water; 7 3 km all sewage solids decomposes therefore bacterial/bloodworms decrease/O ₂ rises;		
Response	Mark	
Candidates must use appropriate specialist terms throughout to explain the link between bacteria and bloodworms using at least FIVE of the above points, in a logical sequence . They use good spelling, punctuation and grammar and the form and style are of a high standard .	[5]–[6]	
Candidates use some appropriate specialist terms throughout to explain the link between bacteria and bloodworms using at least THREE of the above points, in a logical sequence . They use satisfactory spelling, punctuation and grammar and the form and style are of a satisfactory standard .	[3]–[4]	
Candidates make little use of specialist terms throughout to explain the link between bacteria and bloodworms using at least ONE of the above points, in a limited sequence . The spelling, punctuation and grammar, form and style are of a limited standard .	[1]–[2]	
Response not worthy of credit.	[0]	
	[6]	10
	Total	100