

MARK SCHEME for the May/June 2012 question paper
for the guidance of teachers

0438 BIOLOGY (US)

0438/23

Paper 2 (Core Theory), maximum raw mark 80

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General notes

Do not exceed the section sub-totals or question maxima.

Symbols used in mark scheme and guidance notes.

/ separates alternatives for a marking point

; separates points for the award of a mark

MP mark point – used in guidance notes when referring to numbered marking points

ORA or reverse argument / reasoning

OWTTE or words to that effect

A accept – as a correct response

R reject – this is marked with a cross and any following correct statements do not gain any marks

I ignore / irrelevant / inadequate – this response gains no mark, but any following correct answers can gain marks.

() the word / phrase in brackets is not required to gain marks but sets the context of the response for credit.
e.g. (waxy) cuticle. Waxy not needed but if it was described as a cellulose cuticle then no mark is awarded.

mitosis underlined words – this word only

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<p>1 (a) A – <i>A. australis</i>; B – <i>E. cretatus</i>; C – <i>C. casuarius</i>; D – <i>S. camelus</i>; E – <i>P. adeliae</i>;</p> <p style="text-align: right;">[5]</p> <p style="text-align: right;">[Total: 5]</p>	
<p>2 (a) (i) C; (vessel returning blood from the body) H; (chamber which pumps blood to the body) D; (vessel which carries blood to the lungs) E; (vessel carrying blood at the highest pressure)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">[4]</p> <p>(ii) 1 prevents backflow of blood; 2 from artery / aorta / E / to ventricle / H;</p> <p style="text-align: right;">[2]</p> <p>(b) (i) 1 exercise / running needs more energy; 2 body / muscles / cells respire more rapidly; 3 (body / muscles / cells) need more oxygen / glucose; 4 (heart) pumps blood faster (to supply this); 5 removes carbon dioxide / heat; Any three – 1 mark each</p> <p style="text-align: right;">[3]</p> <p>(ii) 1 identified suitable position / where artery crosses a bone / OWTTE; 2 press on spot with <u>finger</u>;</p> <p>3 (count) number of beats per minute</p> <p>Any two – 1 mark each</p> <p style="text-align: right;">[2]</p> <p style="text-align: right;">[Total: 11]</p>	<p>A – when ventricle relaxes</p> <p>Candidate only needs refer to “more” (or equivalent term) once.</p> <p>1 A – carotid or radial pulse, wrist, neck</p> <p>2 A – ref to digital pulse meter</p>

3 (a) (i)

area	contains starch
K	x
L	✓
M	x
N	x

area L correct;
areas K, M and N correct; [2]

(ii) (area K)
1 has no chlorophyll / chloroplasts;
2 cannot photosynthesise / form starch;
(area L)
3 has both light and chlorophyll / chloroplasts;
4 can photosynthesise / form starch; [4]

(iii) photosynthesis; [1]

(iv) oxygen [1]

(b) (i) root hair (cell); [1]

(ii) 1 from soil water / in solution in soil water;
2 by diffusion;
3 down concentration gradient;
any two – 1 mark each [max 2]

[Total: 11]

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<p>4 (a) (i) A – prostate (gland); B – <u>urethra</u>; [2]</p> <p>(ii) line to testis labelled T; [1]</p> <p>(iii) puberty; [1]</p> <p>(iv) 1 causes increased growth of limb bones; 2 causes increased muscle development / growth; 3 increases lung capacity;</p> <p>any two – 1 mark each [max 2]</p> <p>(b) 1 can kill sperm / cause sterility; 2 testes contain dividing cells; 3 undergoing meiosis / gamete formation; 4 X-ray / radiation may cause damage to nucleus; 5 that may result in defects / mutations; 6 can be passed on to offspring; any three – 1 mark each [max 3]</p> <p>[Total: 9]</p>	<p>1 A – cause cancer of the testes</p> <p>4 A – chromosomes, genes, DNA</p>
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<p>5 (a) (i) Brazil; [1]</p> <p>(ii) (10561 – 7181) 3380 (ha); [1]</p> <p>(iii) $\text{loss} = \frac{(10561 - 7181) \times 100}{10561}$</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">= 32(.00) (%);; [2]</p> <p>(b) 1 removes habitats (for wildlife / animals); 2 disrupts food chains; 3 leads to loss of species / reduces biodiversity; 4 exposed soil dries out / desertification may occur; 5 easily eroded; 6 less transpiration / evaporation; 7 less cloud formation / rainfall; 8 (burning) increases carbon dioxide content of the air; 9 less photosynthesis so more carbon dioxide in air; any four – 1 mark each [max 4]</p> <p style="text-align: right;">[Total: 8]</p>	<p>A – ecf of value from (a)(ii)</p> <p>Correct answer but no working shown = 2 marks</p> <p>5 A – refs to landslips</p>
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<p>6 (a) (i) homeostasis; [1]</p> <p>(ii) respiration; [1]</p> <p>(b) (i) 72 (mg per 100 cm³); [1]</p> <p>(ii) 150 (mg per 100 cm³); [1]</p> <p>(c) (i) letter G on rising line (8am – 10am) before turndown; [1]</p> <p>(ii) (glucose converted to) <u>glycogen</u>;</p> <p>(iii) (stored in cells of) liver / muscles; [2]</p>	<p>A – named muscle</p>
<p>(d) (i) dropped / decreased / goes from 72 to 55 mg per 100 cm³ of blood; [1]</p> <p>(ii) adrenaline; [1]</p> <p>(iii) 1 increase in metabolic activity / OWTTE; 2 increase in heart rate; 3 glycogen converted to glucose; 4 increase blood glucose level; 5 increase rate of respiration; any three – 1 mark each [3]</p> <p style="text-align: right;">[Total: 12]</p>	<p>1 A – chemical reactions / processes occur more rapidly 2 A – increase in stroke volume</p>

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<p>7 (a) (i) collects food / nectar / pollen; [1]</p> <p>(ii) bring about pollination; [1]</p> <p>(iii) 1 smell / scent / odour; 2 colour of petals; 3 shape / size of petals; any two – 1 mark each [max 2]</p> <p>(b) 1 pollen grain produces pollen tube; 2 male gamete formed inside pollen grain; 3 pollen tube grows down through stigma and style; 4 enters ovule; 5 male gamete passes along pollen tube; 6 fuses with female gamete (in ovule); any three – 1 mark each [max 3]</p> <p>(c) 1 (new plant) genotype different to original parents; 2 it has genes from female parent / gamete; 3 it has genes from male parent / gamete; 4 phenotype may show features from both parents; 5 also affected by environmental factors; any three – 1 mark each [max 3]</p> <p style="text-align: right;">[Total: 10]</p>	<p>A – description of pollination</p>
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<p>8 (a) (i) (sparrow) hawk insect-eating bird caterpillar tree layers in Fig. 8.1 labelled from top to bottom [1]</p> <p>(ii) 4 blocks to pyramid widening from top to bottom / triangle shaped pyramid widest at base; labelled as per (a)(i) / other appropriate labels; [2]</p> <p>(iii) only 1 tree but has mass larger than any other layer in pyramid / OWTTE; [1]</p> <p>(b) (i) caterpillar; [1]</p> <p>(ii) insect-eating birds / (sparrow) hawk; [1]</p> <p>(iii) decomposers / bacteria / fungi; [1]</p> <p style="text-align: right;">[Total: 7]</p>	<p>A – small birds</p> <p>A – insect</p> <p>A – small birds / bird</p>
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<p>9 (a) (i) gets brighter / increases (at T); [1]</p> <p>(ii) 1 increase in light intensity detected by retina; 2 impulses to iris (via brain) 3 (iris) circular muscles contract; 4 (iris) radial muscles relax; 5 making pupil smaller; any three – 1 mark each [max 3]</p> <p>(b) (i) 1 rapid / immediate; 2 specific response to specific stimulus; 3 automatic / no conscious thought; any two – 1 mark each [max 2]</p> <p>(ii) protects retina / light sensitive cells from damage (by too much light); [1]</p> <p style="text-align: right;">[Total: 7]</p>	
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