

# MARK SCHEME

# GCSE

## BIOLOGY

## AQA - COMBINED SCIENCE

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B 2 - TEST 6

Organisation

Advanced

## Mark schemes

- 1.** (a) guard cell  
*ignore stoma / stomata* 1
- (b) Species A :  
*allow converse points for species B*
- stomata open in dark / at night **or** close in light / in day 1
- stomata closed during warm(est) period **or** open when cool(er) 1
- heat (energy) / warmth increases evaporation / transpiration  
*must give explicit link between heat and transpiration* 1
- reduces water loss / evaporation / transpiration  
*ignore photosynthesis* 1
- [5]**
- 2.** (a) shape changed / destroyed (above 45 °C)  
*accept denatured*  
*accept active site changed*  
*do **not** accept enzyme killed* 1
- (shape) doesn't fit (other molecules / stain) 1
- (b) (i) any **two** from:
- can wash the clothes at higher temperature
  - so wash / enzyme action will be quicker  
*do **not** accept idea of bacteria working faster*
  - enzyme not destroyed at high temperature / 80 °C  
*accept denaturation or description* 2
- (ii) high(er) temperature / 80 °C uses more energy / fuel 1

more pollution / named (eg carbon dioxide / global warming) (from electricity production)

**or**

increased release of hot water (into the environment)

1

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3.

(a) (i) doesn't have valves

*allow veins have valves*

1

has a thicker wall **or** thicker layer of muscle

*allow has a smaller lumen*

*ignore references to elastic (in walls)*

1

(ii) any **two** from:

- (artery has) more oxygen
- (artery has) more glucose
- (artery has) less carbon dioxide
- (artery has) less lactic acid

*ignore urea*

*ignore reference to pressure*

*accept converse for veins if veins is clearly stated*

2

(b) any **two** from:

- no rejection  
*allow no tissue matching required*
- abundant supply
- low risk of infection  
*allow named example ie HIV, CJD*
- longer shelf life  
*allow less space needed for storage*  
*ignore side effects*

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4.

(a) plasma transports proteins / dissolved substances / food (molecules) / urea / hormones

**or**

blood cells are suspended in the plasma

1

platelets are involved in blood clotting

1

- (b) the right side of the heart pumps blood to the lungs  
**and**  
the left side of the heart pumps blood around (the rest of) the body

1

(c) **Level 3 (5–6 marks):**

A detailed and coherent evaluation is provided which considers a range of relevant points and comes to a conclusion consistent with the reasoning.

**Level 2 (3–4 marks):**

An attempt to relate relevant points and come to a conclusion. The logic may be inconsistent at times but builds towards a coherent argument.

**Level 1 (1–2 marks):**

Discrete relevant points made. The logic may be unclear and the conclusion, if present, may not be consistent with the reasoning.

**0 marks:**

No relevant content

**Indicative content**

**pros of statins:**

- decreases blood cholesterol
- slows down build-up of fatty material in arteries
- (so) blood can flow to heart muscle cells

**cons of statins:**

- drug has to be taken regularly **or** may forget to take drug
- drug will need to be taken long-term
- side-effects of taking the drug
- effects of drug will take time to happen

**pros of stents:**

- blocked artery is held open
- (so) blood can flow to heart muscle cells
- will remain in place / work for a long time
- rapid recovery time

**cons of stents:**

- risk of infection from procedure
- risk of surgery eg heart attack
- risk of thrombosis **or** blood clot

a justified conclusion

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5.

- (a) (lack of) exercise

*allow description of type or amount of exercise*

1

*allow other risk factors not mentioned in table, eg high cholesterol levels, blood pressure, levels of obesity, diabetes*

- (b) the second highest death rate has the highest fruit and vegetable consumption  
the lowest death rates don't have high fruit and vegetable consumption  
lowest death rates have a low percentage of the population that smokes.

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- (c) (it builds up) inside the coronary arteries

1

(causing) them to narrow

1

(this) reduces blood flow

1

so less oxygen gets to the heart muscle

1

- (d) (statins) reduce cholesterol in the blood

1

so there is less build up of fatty material (in coronary arteries)

*allow slows the rate of fat deposit*

1

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**6.**

- (a) (dead hollow) tubes  
**or**  
(dead) hollow cells

1

(strengthened by) lignin (and cellulose)

1

- (b) size of real object =  $\frac{\text{size of image}}{\text{magnification}}$

$$\text{allow } \frac{26}{800} \text{ for 1 mark}$$

1

= 0.0325 (millimetres)

*allow 0.0325 (millimetres) for 2 marks*

1

= 32.5 (micrometres)

*allow 1 mark for incorrect length  $\times 1000$*

1

*an answer of 32.5 **or** 33 (micrometres) scores 3 marks*

- (c) water enters (the guard cells) 1
- (by) osmosis  
*allow diffusion (of water) through a partially permeable membrane* 1
- (d) water is lost through leaves by transpiration / evaporation 1
- (no leaves is a benefit) when low / no rainfall so less / no water lost 1
- (because) temperatures are high therefore transpiration would be rapid 1
- or**
- water is used in the leaves for photosynthesis (1)
- (if there are no leaves) there is no photosynthesis then no water is needed (which is a benefit) when there is low / no rainfall (1)
- (because) temperatures are high therefore photosynthesis would be rapid (1)

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- 7.** (a) solution in soil is more dilute (than in root cells) 1
- concentration of water higher in the soil (than in root cells)*
- so water moves from the dilute to the more concentrated region  
*so water moves down (its) concentration gradient **or** water moves from a high concentration of water to a lower concentration* 1
- concentration of ions in soil less (than that in root cells) 1
- so energy needed to move ions
- or**
- ions are moved against concentration gradient  
*the direction of the concentration gradient must be expressed clearly*  
*accept correct reference to water potential or to concentrations of water* 1

(b) any **three** from:

- movement of water from roots / root hairs (up stem)
- via xylem
- to the leaves
- (water) evaporates
- via stomata

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(c) (i) 0.67/0.7

*accept 0.66, 0.666666... or  $\frac{2}{3}$  or 0.6*

*correct answer gains 2 marks with or without working*

*if answer incorrect allow evidence of  $\frac{100}{150}$  for 1 mark*

*do **not** accept 0.6 or 0.70*

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(ii) during the first 30 minutes

any **one** from:

- it was warmer
- it was windier
- it was less humid
- there was more water (vapour) in the leaves

1

so there was more evaporation

*ignore 'water loss'*

**or**

stomata open during first 30 minutes **or** closed after 30 minutes (1)

so faster (rate of) evaporation in first 30 min **or** reducing (rate of) evaporation after 30 min (1)

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8.

(a) transports water in the transpiration stream

1

(b) transports dissolved sugars using translocation

1

(c)  $2/(0.1 \times 0.1)$

**or**

$2/0.01$

1

200

*an answer of 200 scores 2 marks*

1

(d) cooler around lower surface

1

more humid around lower surface

*allow converse argument for upper surface of leaf if qualified*

1

(so) less water evaporated

*allow less breeze around lower surface*

1

(e)

<b>Level 3:</b> Relevant points (correct processes / explanations) are identified, given in detail and linked logically to form a clear account.	5-6
<b>Level 2:</b> Relevant points (correct processes / explanations) are identified and there are attempts at logical thinking. The resulting account is not fully clear.	3-4
<b>Level 1:</b> Points are identified and stated simply, but their relevance is not clear and there is no attempt at logical thinking.	1-2
No relevant content	0
<b>Indicative content</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• water is absorbed by osmosis</li><li>• osmosis is a passive process, or described</li><li>• water in soil is at a higher concentration than inside cell</li><li>• water moves down concentration gradient</li><li>• through a partially permeable membrane</li><li>• phosphate ions absorbed by diffusion</li><li>• diffusion is a passive process, or described</li><li>• phosphate ions are in a higher concentration in soil than inside cells</li><li>• magnesium ions are absorbed by active transport</li><li>• magnesium ions are in lower concentration in soil than inside cells</li><li>• magnesium ions move from an area of lower concentration to an area of higher concentration inside the cells</li><li>• magnesium ions move up the concentration gradient</li><li>• process requires energy</li><li>• energy from respiration</li></ul>	

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