

MARK SCHEME

GCSE

BIOLOGY

AQA - TRIPLE SCIENCE

B 3 - TEST 3

INFECTION

Intermediate

(b) any **three** from:

Students have been informed that the headline is not justified

- reference to reliability, eg only a small number of mice tested
or trial too short
or investigation not repeated
- reference to control, eg mice given caffeine not coffee
or 6 cups (equivalence) is more than 1 dose
- (and) the effect on mice might not be same as on humans
allow only tested on mice
- (also) text suggests that the treatment improves memory loss (rather than delays it)
accept text suggests disease cured

or mice already have memory loss or experiment only showed improvement in memory

- or** does not show **delays** Alzheimer's
- or** experiment not done on old mice

allow reference to the fact that mice engineered to have it

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2.

(a) microorganism / bacteria / virus / fungus that causes (infectious) disease

1

(b) reduce / stop use of (current) antibiotics

1

(reduce / stop use) for non-serious / mild / viral infections

allow ensure course is completed

allow use of variety of antibiotics

1

(c) (i) 40 °C

1

(ii) any **one** from:

- microorganisms grow / reproduce / work / act faster
- results / product acquired sooner

1

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3.

(a) any **two** from:

- acid in the stomach kills pathogens in food
 - skin forms a barrier / produces antimicrobial secretions
 - hairs in the nose trap (particles which may contain) pathogens
 - trachea / bronchi has mucus which traps pathogens
- or**
- bronchi have cilia which waft mucus to throat to be swallowed

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(b) **Level 3 (5–6 marks):**

A clear, logical and coherent answer, with no significant redundancy. The student understands the process and links this to reasons for clinical trials.

Level 2 (3–4 marks):

A partial answer with errors and ineffective reasoning or linkage.

Level 1 (1–2 marks):

One or two relevant points but little linkage of points or logical reasoning.

0 marks:

No relevant content.

Indicative content

- pre-clinical trials of the new drug on cells / tissues / live animals
- to test toxicity, dosage and efficacy
- clinical trials / test on healthy volunteers and Ebola patients at very low doses
- so that you can monitor for safety / side effects
- and only then do trials to find the optimum dosage and test for efficacy
- double blind trial / use of placebo
- which does not contain the new drug
- random allocation of Ebola patients to groups
- so no one knows who has placebo / the new drug
- peer review of data
- to help prevent false claims

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4.

(a) any **two** from:

- only one 'chromosome'
allow one strand of DNA
- circular
allow loop
- may have plasmids
- not in a nucleus / no nucleus

2

(b) (i) any **one** from:

- London is much higher
or converse
- more variable / wider range
allow 'on average it is 5 / 6 times greater'

1

(ii) increases

Included figures must be correct

1

(iii) overall slight increase

accept 'doesn't change much'

1

	variable / goes up and down	1
(c)	(i) both axes correctly labelled	
	x = Year	
	y = Number of cases	1
	correct points	
	<i>all correct = 2 marks</i>	
	<i>1-2 errors = 1 mark</i>	
	<i>> 2 errors = 0 marks</i>	2
	suitable line of best fit	
	<i>accept straight line or smooth curve</i>	1
	(ii) doesn't fit the pattern / line of best fit	1
(d)	provides immunity / protection (to TB)	
	<i>ignore 'stops people catching it'</i>	
	<i>ignore 'resistance'</i>	1
	prevents TB <u>spreading</u>	
	<i>accept ref to herd immunity</i>	1
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5.	(a) to kill virus	
	or	
	to prevent virus spreading	1
	(b) take (stem) cells from meristem	
	or	
	tissue culture	
	<i>allow take cuttings</i>	1
	(c) use Benedict's solution	1
	glucoses turns solution blue to orange	1

(d) **Level 2 (3–4 marks):**

A detailed and coherent explanation is provided. The student makes logical links between clearly identified, relevant points that explain why plants with TMV have stunted growth.

Level 1 (1–2 marks):

Simple statements are made, but not precisely. The logic is unclear.

0 marks:

No relevant content.

Indicative content

- less photosynthesis because of lack of chlorophyll
- therefore less glucose made
so
- less energy released for growth
- because glucose is needed for respiration
and / or
- therefore less amino acids / proteins / cellulose for growth
- because glucose is needed for making amino acids / proteins / cellulose

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6.

- (a) both lead to reduction / fall (in measles cases)

can be implied

1

measles vaccine caused a big drop **or** correct use of figures

1

MMR wipes out measles **or** drops to (almost) zero **or** doesn't fall as much as measles vaccine **or** correct use of figures.

1

- (b) mump(s)

1

rubella / german measles

either order

allow phonetic spelling

1

- (c) white blood cells
allow lymphocytes / leucocytes
ignore memory cells 1
- (wbc) produce antibodies
ignore antitoxins / antigens / antibiotics / engulfing 1
- in future / if re-infected antibody production rapid / fast(er) / quick(er)
allow ecf from antitoxins / antigens / antibiotics
ignore engulfing
ignore reference to specificity 1

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7.

- (a) Marks awarded for this answer will be determined by the Quality of Written Communication (QWC) as well as the standard of the scientific response. Examiners should also refer to the information in the [Marking guidance](#), and apply a 'best-fit' approach to the marking.

0 marks

No relevant content.

Level 1 (1-2 marks)

There is a brief description of at least one of the stages (pre-inoculation, inoculation, post-inoculation).

Level 2 (3-4 marks)

There is a simple description of at least two stages and an explanation of at least one of them.

Level 3 (5-6 marks)

There is a clear description of all three stages and an explanation of at least two of them.

Examples of Biology points made in the response:

Pre-inoculation

- Petri dish and agar sterilised before use
- to kill unwanted bacteria
- inoculating loop passed through flame / sterile swab
- to sterilise / kill (other) bacteria

Inoculation

- loop/swab used to spread/streak bacterium onto agar

Allow other correct methods, eg bacterial lawns

- lid of Petri dish opened as little as possible
- to prevent microbes from air entering

Post-inoculation

- sealed with tape
- to prevent microbes from air entering
- incubate
- to allow growth of bacteria

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- (b) (i) bacteria killed / destroyed
ignore fights / attacks / stops growth / got rid of

1

- (ii) *Might be correct*

largest area / space where no bacteria are growing
allow most bacteria killed

1

Might not be correct

(need more evidence as) D may be harmful to people / animals / surfaces
ignore ref to cost / dangerous or harmful unqualified

1

or may work differently with different bacteria

or disinfectants may be different concentrations

ignore different amounts of disinfectant unless reference to different drop size

or may not last as long

ignore take longer to work

allow reference to anomalous result or not repeated

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8.

(a) (i) decrease

1

rate of decrease slows

1

(ii) any **one** from:

- more use of disinfectant

allow any reasonable increase in hygiene or sterilisation precautions

- more use of hand washing
- more careful / more often cleaning of patient facilities
- raised awareness / education about hygiene

1

Explanation:

stops / reduces the bacteria being transferred / spreading

1

(iii) $800 - 500 / 800 \times 100 =$

1

37.5 (%)

correct answer with or without working gains 2 marks

1

(iv) any **one** from:

- numbers quite low now so hard to reduce further
- was a big campaign / much publicity (in 2009) so more people already doing it
- hygiene / cleaning now good so hard to improve
- hospitals short of money so less staff to clean

1

- (b) mutation occurred giving resistance (to methicillin)
*do **not** accept overuse caused mutation* 1
- resistant bacteria not able to be treated / not killed 1
- these bacteria multiplied / reproduced / spread quickly 1

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9.

- (a) mumps
in either order rubella / German measles
both needed for the mark
ignore measles unqualified 1

- (b) (i) 80(.0)
*allow 1 mark for $\frac{504}{630}$ **or** 0.8* 2

- (ii) less chance of epidemic / pandemic
or
 less chance of spread of disease / measles / mumps / rubella
allow idea of herd immunity (increased protection for those who are not vaccinated)
*ignore less chance of getting the disease **or** to eradicate the disease* 1

- (c) (i) dead / inactive pathogens / viruses / bacteria
allow antigens / proteins from pathogens / viruses / bacteria
ignore microorganisms 1

- (ii) white blood cells produce antibodies 1
- antibodies produced rapidly (on re-infection) **or** response rapid (on re-infection)
allow ecf if antibodies incorrectly identified in first marking point 1
- these antibodies kill pathogens / viruses / bacteria
*do **not** accept idea that original antibodies remain in blood and kill pathogens* 1

- (d) (i) antibiotics don't kill viruses
allow antibiotics only kill bacteria 1

(because measles) virus / pathogen lives inside cells

*allow antibiotics do not work inside cells **or** killing virus / pathogen
would kill / damage cell*

1

(ii) (bacteria / pathogens) develop resistance (to antibiotic)

ignore reference to immunity

ignore viruses develop resistance

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10.

(a) 55%

2 marks for correct answer alone

accept 54 – 56

5.5 / 10 × 100 alone gains 1 mark

2

(b) any **three** from:

- amino acids
- antibodies
- antitoxins
- carbon dioxide
- cholesterol
- enzymes
- fatty acid
- glucose
- glycerol
- hormones / named hormones
- ions / named ions
- proteins
- urea
- vitamins
- water.

ignore blood cells and platelets

ignore oxygen

max 1 named example of each for ions and hormones

allow minerals

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- (c) Marks awarded for this answer will be determined by the Quality of Communication (QC) as well as the standard of the scientific response. Examiners should also refer to the information in the Marking Guidance and apply a 'best-fit' approach to the marking.

0 marks

No relevant content.

Level 1 (1 – 2 marks)

There is a description of pathogens with errors or roles confused.

or

the immune response with errors or roles confused.

Level 2 (3 – 4 marks)

There is a description of pathogens **and** the immune response with some errors or confusion

or

a clear description of either pathogens **or** the immune response with few errors or little confusion.

Level 3 (5 – 6 marks)

There is a good description of pathogens **and** the immune response with very few errors or omissions.

Examples of biology points made in the response:

- bacteria and viruses are pathogens
credit any ref to bacteria and viruses
- they reproduce rapidly inside the body
- bacteria may produce poisons / toxins (that make us feel ill)
- viruses live (and reproduce) inside cells (causing damage).

white blood cells help to defend against pathogens by:

- ingesting pathogens / bacteria / (cells containing) viruses
credit engulf / digest / phagocytosis
- to destroy (particular) pathogen / bacteria / viruses
- producing antibodies
- to destroy particular / specific pathogens
- producing antitoxins
- to counteract toxins (released by pathogens)
credit memory cells / correct description
- this leads to immunity from that pathogen.

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