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Exercise 1

Multiple-choice questions

1	C	6	D
2	B	7	A
3	D	8	D
4	C	9	A
5	C	10	D

Structured questions

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4 (a)	P: Fungus; Q: Protocista; R: Animal;	[3]															

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance notes
(b)	cell wall; hyphae; saprotrophic nutrition; spores;	[max 2]	
5	D, C, B, E, A	[4]	

Exercise 2

Multiple-choice questions

1	B	6	C
2	A	7	C
3	C	8	C
4	B		
5	B		

Structured questions

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance notes								
1 (a)	cell B; contains cell wall / chloroplast / central vacuole;	[2]	<i>Award [1] for any two structures identified</i>								
(b)	cell membrane labelled correctly	[1]									
(c)	cell A: $2.5 \text{ cm} \div 0.025 \text{ mm} = 1000\times$; cell B: $3.5 \text{ cm} \div 0.08 \text{ mm} = 437.5\times$;	[2]									
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3	ribosome → chloroplast → root hair cell → xylem vessels → leaf	[5]	<i>One less mark for each misplaced structure</i>								

Question	Answer		Marks	Guidance notes
4	<i>Cell structure</i>	<i>Function</i>	[7]	
	<i>Nucleus</i>	contains genetic materials to control cell activities;		
	<i>Ribosome</i>	synthesizes proteins;		
	<i>Mitochondrion</i>	produces energy by aerobic respiration;		
	<i>Cell membrane</i>	controls exit or entry of substances into or out of cell;		
	<i>Cytoplasm</i>	allows metabolic reactions to take place;		
	<i>Cell wall</i>	maintains cell shape / prevents the cell from bursting;		
	<i>Chloroplast</i>	for photosynthesis;		

Exercise 3

Multiple-choice questions

1	C	6	D
2	A	7	B
3	B	8	B
4	D	9	C
5	D		

Structured questions

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance notes									
1 (a)	diffusion; higher concentration of bromine gas in the right hand side;	[2]										
(b)	increase temperature; increase the concentration of bromine gas;	[2]										
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	yes											
3 (a)	root hair cell;	[1]										
(b)	against concentration gradient; using energy; requires protein pump / protein carrier;	[max 2]										
(c)	high solute concentration (in root hair cell) / lowers water potential (in root hair cell); water enters by <u>osmosis</u> ;	[2]										

Exercise 4

Multiple-choice questions

1	A	6	B
2	D	7	C
3	C	8	A
4	D	9	A
5	C	10	B

Structured questions

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance notes
1 (a)			
	protein;	amino acid;	body structure;
	carbo-hydrate;	carbon, hydrogen, oxygen;	
		fatty acid and glycerol;	heat insulation / energy storage;
		[7]	
(b)	Benedict's test / Benedict's solution; warm / heat / water bath; blue to red ppt;	[3]	
(c)	biuret test; blue to violet;	[2]	
2 (a)	50 – 17; 33%;	[2]	
(b)	DNA is a double helix; 2 strands (of polynucleotides) linked by bases; wraps around protein complexes;	[max 2]	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance notes
3 (a)	transport nutrients; transport wastes; dissolve food molecules in alimentary canal; reaction medium (in cells);	[max 3]	<i>allow specific examples for nutrients and wastes</i>
(b)	three dimensional shape determines function; <i>example:</i> active site of enzymes; shape of (binding site of) antibodies;	[max 2]	

Exercise 5

Multiple-choice questions

1	A	6	C
2	C	7	C
3	D		
4	D		
5	D		

Structured questions

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance notes
1 (a)	biological catalyst; made of proteins; speed up rate of metabolic reactions;	[max 2]	
(b)	increase and then decrease; peaks at pH 8;	[2]	
(c)	enzymes are made of protein; proteins are digested in stomach; proteins are denatured by acidic pH in stomach;	[max 2]	
2 (a)	time taken decreases as concentration of enzyme increases;	[1]	
(b)	higher rate of reaction; more active sites available;	[2]	
(c)	higher temperature increases kinetic energy; more successful collision; more enzyme-substrate complex formed; higher temperature denatures enzymes;	[max 3]	
(d)	enzymes are specific to substrate; enzymes are made of proteins; sequence of amino acids determines the 3D shape of enzyme; shape / chemical structure of active site is complementary to substrate; to form enzyme-substrate complex;	[max 4]	

Exercise 6

Multiple-choice questions

1	A	6	C
2	B	7	D
3	B	8	D
4	B		
5	D		

Structured questions

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance notes
1 (a)	chloroplast;	[1]	
(b)	absorbs light energy;	[1]	
(c)	glucose;	[1]	
(d)	epithelial cell / xylem / phloem;	[1]	
2 (a) (i)	F;	[1]	
(ii)	E;	[1]	
(iii)	D;	[1]	
(b)	<i>Name:</i> cuticle; <i>Function:</i> prevents excess loss of water / prevents evaporation;	[2]	
(c)	closely packed; high density of chloroplast;	[2]	
3 (a)	absorbs carbon dioxide;	[1]	
(b)	destarch; to make sure that the starch present is produced during the experiment;	[2]	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance notes
(c)	<p><i>Result:</i> no colour change;</p> <p><i>Explanation:</i> photosynthesis did not occur; carbon dioxide is absorbed by potassium hydroxide; carbon dioxide is required for photosynthesis;</p>	[max 3]	<i>Award [max 2] for explanation</i>
(d)	<p><i>Result:</i> no colour change in white region; colour change from brown to blue black in green region;</p> <p><i>Explanation:</i> chlorophyll is required for photosynthesis; glucose produced (by photosynthesis); glucose is converted into starch;</p>	[max 3]	<i>Award [max 2] for explanation</i>

Exercise 7

Multiple-choice questions

1	C	7	B
2	C	8	B
3	B	9	C
4	C	10	C
5	B	11	D
6	B		

Structured questions

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance notes
1 (a)	molar; flat surface / two roots;	[2]	
(b)	enamel; for grinding food;	[2]	
(c)	food remains; decomposition by bacteria; lactic acid dissolves enamel;	[max 2]	
(d)	nerve cell;	[1]	
2 (a)	X labelling the stomach; Y labelling the gall bladder;	[2]	
(b)	emulsification of fat; increase surface area for enzymes;	[2]	
(c)	villus / villi;	[1]	
(d)	thin epithelial cell layer to shorten diffusion distance; microvilli to increase surface area; lacteal / large network of capillaries to maintain concentration gradient;	[max 3]	

Exercise 8

Multiple-choice questions

1	D	6	D
2	A	7	C
3	B	8	A
4	C	9	A
5	B	10	D

Structured questions

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance notes
1 (a)	root hair cell;	[1]	
(b)	minerals / named minerals;	[1]	
(c)	cortex cell; xylem; palisade cell;	[3]	
(d)	by transpiration; evaporation from spongy cells; diffusion out of stomata;	[3]	
2 (a)	water loss by evaporation; weight decrease;	[2]	
(b)	temperature;	[1]	
(c)	prevent evaporation of water from soil;	[1]	

Exercise 9

Multiple-choice questions

1	B	6	B
2	D	7	B
3	D	8	A
4	A	9	B
5	B	10	B

Structured questions

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance Notes
1 (a)	<i>name</i> atrioventricular valve; <i>function</i> prevent backflow of blood (from ventricle to atrium) / AW;	[2]	A bicuspid / tricuspid valve
(b)	only one ventricle in amphibian; only one artery (out of the heart / ventricle); no septum; AVP;	[max 2]	A ora
(c)	<i>similarities to mammalian heart</i> both have two / left and right atria; both have arteries / veins to lungs; (some) separation of oxygenated and deoxygenated blood; AVP;	[max 2]	R difference A more similar to fish if valid reasons are identified
(d)	oxygenated and deoxygenated blood not <u>completely</u> / AW separated; reduce concentration gradient for gas exchange / AW;	[2]	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance notes
(e)	ectothermic; slower metabolism; gas exchange through skin; AVP;	[max 1]	R “cold-blooded” / “poikilothermic”
2 (a)	hepatic portal vein;	[1]	
(b)	artery has thicker wall; artery has smaller lumen; artery has more muscle / elastic fibres; artery does not have valves;	[max 2]	A ora
(c)	thin wall; large lumen; few muscle / elastic fibres; valves;	[max 1]	A ecf from (a)
(d)	more oxygen in vessel P; more nutrients / named nutrient in vessel P; less urea; less carbon dioxide; AVP;	[max 3]	A ora A more / less glucose if correctly explained
(e)	nutrient / named nutrient / oxygen diffuses from <u>tissue fluid</u> to cell; waste / named waste diffuses from cell to <u>tissue fluid</u> ; plasma pushed out of capillary (to form tissue fluid); due to high blood pressure;	[max 3]	ref to diffusion required
(f)	injury to blood vessels causes blood clotting; ref to process of blood clotting; blood clot blocks blood vessels / thrombosis; reduce / block blood flow to <u>heart muscles</u> ; less glucose / oxygen supplied to <u>heart muscles</u> ; heart (muscles) cannot contract; ref to respiration;	[max 5]	R “heart” alone

Exercise 10**Multiple-choice questions**

1	A	6	A
2	D	7	D
3	C	8	A
4	C	9	B
5	A	10	B

Structured questions

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance notes
1 (a)	pathogen;	[1]	
(b)	mosquitoes puncture skin / blood vessels; <i>Plasmodium</i> directly introduced into blood; ref to methods to evade defences inside body;	[max 2]	
(c)	mosquitoes live in warm <u>and</u> humid areas; mosquito species transmitting malaria are only found in (Sub-Saharan) Africa;	[max 1]	A ora
(d)	insect repellent; insecticides; AVP;	[max 1]	
(e)	stimulate immune response / ref to primary response; formation of memory cells; memory cells produce antibodies quickly / ref to secondary response; eliminate pathogen quickly;	[max 3]	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance notes
(f)	<i>Plasmodium</i> / malarial parasites live inside red blood cells; cannot be targeted by antibodies; move into (liver) cells quickly after infection; many species of <i>Plasmodium</i> / malarial parasites; AVP;	[max 3]	

Exercise 11**Multiple-choice questions**

1	B	6	D
2	A	7	D
3	A	8	D
4	A	9	C
5	C	10	A

Structured questions

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance notes
1 (a)	2.8 (dm ³);	[1]	A answers between 2.7 and 2.9
(b)	measure time taken for multiple e.g. 10 ventilations; calculate length of 1 ventilation (by dividing measured time by number of ventilations); divide 60 by time of 1 ventilation;	[2 max]	A description for measuring rate in volume per minute
(c)	total volume (of air) remains constant; distance between peaks / troughs increase (over time) / AW; difference between peak and trough increases;	[3]	A frequency / ventilation rate / breathing rate A “amplitude” / “tidal volume” / “depth of breathing / ventilation”
(d)	difficulty of ventilation; thoracic cavity not airtight; lung volume does not change with thoracic cavity / AW; cannot change / control pressure in lungs / AW;	[max 3]	I ref to rate / depth A “lungs cannot expand and contract”

Exercise 12

Multiple-choice questions

1	D	6	B
2	B	7	A
3	B	8	A
4	D	9	C
5	B	10	A

Structured question

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance notes
1 (a)	chemical reactions (in cells) that break down nutrient / organic molecules to release energy / AW; without using oxygen / in absence of oxygen / AW;	[2]	R “produce”
(b)	<i>type of respiration</i> aerobic; <i>explanation</i> air / oxygen supplied to / pumped into set-up;	[2]	R ref to amount of energy from anaerobic respiration
(c)	remain unchanged / colourless / AW; carbon dioxide is removed / absorbed by sodium hydroxide;	[2]	R “clear” / “transparent” R “no carbon dioxide”
(d)	same set-up of apparatus; without mammal / animal;	[2]	A correct description of set-up A appropriate non-living substitute e.g. stone
(e)	from red to yellow; carbon dioxide produced by mammal; carbon dioxide concentration increases; no photosynthesis;	[max 3]	A correct ref to acidity / pH A absence of photosynthetic organisms

Exercise 13

Multiple-choice questions

1	A	6	B
2	D	7	D
3	B	8	D
4	C	9	D
5	D	10	B

Structured question

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance notes
1 (a)	high (blood / hydrostatic) pressure in glomerulus; pressure (in glomerulus) pushes plasma into Bowman's capsule; basement membrane blocks large molecules (and blood cells); formation of glomerular filtrate; ref to pores of capillaries / glomerulus; ref to pore size of basement membrane;	[max 4]	
(b)	occur in <u>proximal</u> convoluted tubule; all glucose and amino acids reabsorbed; (re)absorbed by active transport (and diffusion); against concentration gradient;	[max 3]	R diffusion alone
(c)	concentration increases; more water reabsorbed (by collecting duct); increased ADH secretion;	[max 2]	A correct ref to role of loop of Henle
(d)	$\frac{1.0 - 0.075}{1.0} \times 100\%$; 92.5 (%);	[2]	A answers between 92 and 94 I positive / negative sign

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance notes
(e)	small enough to pass through basement membrane; present in glomerular filtrate; not reabsorbed;	[max 2]	I ref to specific parts of nephron R Bowman's capsule

Exercise 14

Multiple-choice questions

1	D	6	C
2	C	7	D
3	C	8	D
4	B	9	B
5	A	10	C

Structured questions

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance notes
1 (a)	<i>sensitivity</i> detection of <u>and</u> response to stimulus / AW; detection by photoreceptor (of light); response by ciliary muscle;	[3]	A “change in environment” R receptor unqualified A description of response by ciliary muscle I coordination / integration
(b)	<i>effector nerve</i> optic nerve; <i>motor nerve</i> oculomotor nerve;	[2]	
(c)	ciliary muscle relaxes; suspensory ligaments slacken / AW; lens become thicker / AW; decrease refraction;	[max 3]	
(d)	rapid / AW; involuntary / AW; stereotyped / AW;	[max 2]	
(e)	2;	[1]	
2 (a)	control (for experiments 2 and 3) / AW;	[1]	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance notes								
(b)	<p><i>conclusion</i> light is detected by (shoot) tip / AW;</p> <p><i>explanation</i> presence of shoot tip required for response (ref to experiment 2); covering shoot tip leads to lack of response (ref to experiment 3);</p>	[3]	A ora								
(c)	<p><u>total</u> amount of auxin not decreased by light (ref to experiment 4); amount of auxin on both sides the same in presence of light and when blocked by glass plate (ref to experiment 5); more auxin on shaded side when not blocked by glass plate (ref to experiment 6);</p>	[max 2]									
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tropism	endocrine coordination										
transmission by diffusion / active transport	transmission by blood / transport system;										
mainly growth response	many types of response;										
signals produced by unspecialised cells	signals produced by specialised cells;										

Exercise 15

Multiple-choice questions

1	C	6	B
2	D	7	A
3	D	8	B
4	B	9	A
5	C	10	A

Structured question

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance notes
1 (a)	positive correlation between antibiotic consumption and percentage resistance / AW; large variation in percentage resistance (at any antibiotic consumption level); most countries consume 10–30 units of antibiotics (per 1000 per day) ora ;	[max 2]	R “cause” unit not required
(b)	antibiotic kills non-resistant bacteria; resistant bacteria survive <u>and</u> reproduce; resistance passed to offspring / AW; non-resistant bacteria reproduce less; resistance caused by mutation;	[max 3]	A ref to genes / alleles
(c)	recreation; research; AVP;	[max 2]	

Exercise 16

Multiple-choice questions

1	C	6	B
2	D	7	B
3	A	8	D
4	B	9	D
5	C	10	B

Structured questions

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance notes
1 (a)	stigma;	[1]	
(b)	transfer pollen from anther to stigma; between different plants (of the same species);	[2]	A “individuals”
(c)	both show variation within species; species B flowers later than species A; ref to normal distribution; some overlapping between species; correct use of figures;	[max 3]	
(d)	release pollen at different times; cannot pollinate each other; prevent fertilisation; different pollinators; AVP;	[max 3]	
(e)	<i>asexual reproduction</i> faster production / larger number of offspring; preserve characteristics / genes / alleles; produce sterilised plants; AVP; <i>sexual reproduction</i> allow selective breeding / hybridisation; AVP;	[max 1]	A named characteristic e.g. flower pattern

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance notes
2 (a)	both increase from day 4 to day 9; both decrease after day 9;	[2]	R comparison between the two variables
(b)	progesterone stimulates thickening of uterine lining; increase amount of tissues (in uterus);	[2]	R “maintain”
(c)	incorrect use; damage e.g. due to storage / transport; AVP;	[max 2]	
(d)	convenient; cheaper; can prevent STIs; AVP;	[max 2]	
(e)	high level of progesterone / oestrogen; progesterone / oestrogen inhibits secretion of FSH / LH; prevent egg development / ovulation; prevent fertilisation ;	[max 3]	
(f)	fusion of male and female gametes / nuclei (to form a zygote);	[1]	A “sperm”, “egg”
(g)	nutrients (e.g. glucose) diffuse from mother to fetus; wastes (e.g. urea) diffuse from fetus to mother; oxygen diffuses from mother to fetus; ref to concentration difference; (chorionic) villi increase surface area; blood systems are close; transported between fetus and placenta through umbilical cord;	[max 4]	direction required

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance notes
(h)	(unprotected) sexual intercourse; unhygienic blood transfusions; sharing of syringes; AVP;	[max 2]	
(i)	reduce number of lymphocytes; reduce amount of antibody produced; increase risk of infections; AVP;	[max 2]	R health effects not directly related to HIV or lymphocytes

Exercise 17

Multiple-choice questions

1	C	6	A
2	B	7	B
3	B	8	D
4	A	9	B
5	B	10	D

Structured questions

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance notes
1 (a)	a segment of DNA that controls a characteristic / codes for a protein / AW;	[1]	
(b)	diploid ; idea that <u>two</u> alleles are present;	[2]	
(c)	allele;	[1]	
(d)	mRNA produced based on gene / DNA (base sequence); mRNA (carries copy of gene / DNA) to ribosomes; ribosome joins amino acids into protein / polypeptide; amino acid sequence determined by base sequence of mRNA / gene;	[max 3]	A cytoplasm / rough endoplasmic reticulum
(e)	not found (in mature red blood cell) because no nucleus;	[1]	
2 (a)	(a characteristic) caused by a gene on a sex chromosome / more common in one sex than in the other;	[1]	
(b)	<i>expected ratio</i> 1 : 1 / 50% male <u>and</u> 50% female; <i>explanation</i> 50% sperms carry X chromosome <u>and</u> 50% carry Y chromosome / AW;	[2]	do not award unless explicitly stated A use of genetic diagram / Punnett square

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance Notes
(c)	males only have one X chromosome; have either orange or brown allele ora ;	[2]	
(d)	<i>parent genotype</i> $X^O X^B \times X^B Y$; <i>gamete</i> X^O, X^B, X^B, Y ; <i>offspring</i> $X^O X^B, X^B X^B, X^O Y, X^B Y$ tortoiseshell, brown, orange, brown; <i>genotypic ratio</i> 1 : 1 : 1 : 1; <i>phenotypic ratio</i> (brown : orange : tortoiseshell =) 2 : 1 : 1;	[5]	R incorrect formats of symbols genotypes and phenotypes must be correctly linked A 1 : 1 : 1 : 1 if sex also identified e.g. brown male
(e)	chance; random fertilisation; AVP;	[max 1]	R small sample size unqualified
(f)	have extra X chromosome; caused by other genes; AVP;	[max 1]	

Exercise 18

Multiple-choice questions

1	A	6	D
2	B	7	C
3	C	8	A
4	C	9	A
5	A	10	C

Structured question

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance notes
1 (a)	$\frac{237\,381}{305\,773} \times 100\%$; 78%;	[2]	A 77.6
(b)	difference (in phenotype / genotype) between individuals (of the same species);	[1]	
(c)	<i>type of variation</i> discontinuous; <i>explanation</i> only three / two phenotypes / phenotypes identified / AW;	[2]	A continuous if valid explanation is given R stating discreet / discontinuous phenotypes only
(d)	no / little malaria outside Africa; Hb ^A Hb ^A has highest survival; Hb ^A Hb ^S has higher survival than Hb ^S Hb ^S ; Hb ^S Hb ^S dies from sickle-cell anaemia; ref to reproduction and transmission of alleles; malaria increases survival of Hb ^A Hb ^S <u>in Africa</u> ;	[max 4]	A ora if difference in selection pressure in and outside Africa is explicitly stated

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance notes
(e)	genetic diseases reduce survival; only one dominant allele is needed to cause disease; less likely to pass to offspring; recessive alleles can be carried without causing diseases; two recessive alleles are needed to cause disease; (carriers) can pass recessive allele to offspring;	[max 4]	A co-dominance if correctly described

Exercise 19

Multiple-choice questions

1	D	6	B
2	B	7	C
3	A	8	C
4	D	9	A
5	B	10	B

Structured question

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance notes
1 (a)	maize / bean / squash → human;	[1]	A other appropriate consumers A more trophic levels
(b)	fewer trophic levels / energy transfers; less energy loss (between trophic levels) / more energy transferred; 90% energy loss / AW; ways of energy loss e.g. heat loss;	[max 3]	A ora
(c)	plants absorb water (from soil); ref to transpiration; ref to feeding; reduce evaporation from soil;	[max 3]	ref to water flow required
(d)	low density; difficult to manage / harvest; different demands for crops; AVP;	[max 2]	
(e)	nitrogen in crops are removed; not returned to soil; ref to decomposition; reduce nitrate content of soil; fertilisers supply nitrate; increase productivity;	[max 3]	R other ions A ora

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance notes
(f)	increase from 2004 / 2005 to 2007; decrease from 2007 to 2009; increase from 2009 to 2011 / 2013;	[max 3]	
(g)	ref to decomposition; ref to nitrification;	[2]	
(h)	population exceed carrying capacity (in swarming phase); definition of carrying capacity ; depletes resources / food; increase death rate / mortality; AVP;	[max 3]	

Exercise 20

Multiple-choice questions

1	B	6	D
2	D	7	C
3	B	8	D
4	A	9	D
5	A	10	A

Structured question

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance notes
1 (a)	break cell wall; cells break more easily;	[2]	I “break down pectin”
(b)	reduce debris / clearer extract / more attractive; AVP;	[max 1]	
(c)	nutrients in culture medium; control temperature / pH e.g. using a water jacket; oxygen supply; stirring paddle for mixing; growth of fungus; extraction of pectinase; ref to aseptic technique e.g. air filter;	[max 5]	A named nutrients e.g. glucose A air sparger for mixing
(d)	addition of yeast; ref to anaerobic respiration / condition; convert sugar to ethanol;	[max 2]	I “alcohol” A word / balanced chemical equation

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance notes
(e)	isolate gene from fungus; isolate and cut plasmid; ref to restriction enzymes; ref to sticky ends; join gene and plasmid with (DNA) ligase; insert recombinant plasmid into bacteria; expression of gene / production of pectinase by bacteria / AW;	[max 5]	
(f)	rapid growth / replication; little resource / small space required; plasmid for transferring genes; AVP;	[max 1]	

Exercise 21**Multiple-choice questions**

1	C	6	B
2	D	7	B
3	D	8	B
4	D	9	C
5	D	10	C

Structured questions

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance notes
1 (a)	economic development; nutritional requirements; AVP;	[max 1]	
(b)	machinery; fertiliser; pesticide / herbicide; selective breeding; genetic engineering; AVP;	[max 2]	
(c)	<i>falling prices</i> increased supply / production; reduced demand (for cereal); AVP; <i>rising prices</i> increased demand (for cereal); reduced supply of other food sources; AVP;	[max 2]	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance notes
(d)	both (milk and wheat consumption) increase at a higher rate in developing countries / AW; milk consumption always higher than wheat consumption in developed countries / AW; milk consumption exceed wheat consumption after 2012 in developing countries / AW; similar changes in milk and wheat consumption in developed countries; ref to different rate of change in milk and wheat consumption in developing countries;	[max 3]	ref to countries required
(e)	clear land for constructing farms / pastures; wood for fuel; for construction materials; AVP;	[max 2]	must be linked to deforestation
(f)	soil erosion; no roots to hold soil / exposed to wind / rain; flooding; no trees to absorb water / eroded soil blocks waterways; increased greenhouse effect / carbon dioxide concentration; less photosynthesis; death of species; loss of habitat / food sources; AVP;	[max 6]	explanation must be linked to impact
2 (a)	high energy consumption / use of fuels; carbon dioxide from fuels / climate change; acid rain; AVP;	[max 2]	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance notes
(b)	<p>particulate matter / dust blocks light / irritate respiratory system;</p> <p>carbon dioxide from vehicles / machinery increases greenhouse effect / climate change;</p> <p>water pollution / tailings poisons organisms / pollutes soil / groundwater;</p> <p>AVP;</p>	[max 1]	must be linked to extraction of fuels
(c)	<p>leaching of fertilisers (into water bodies) / AW;</p> <p>increased nitrate / phosphate concentration (in water);</p> <p>rapid growth of algae / producers;</p> <p>block sunlight for (submerged) aquatic plants;</p> <p>death of producers / algae;</p> <p>decomposition of dead algae / producers;</p> <p>increased <u>aerobic</u> respiration by decomposers / oxygen consumption by decomposition;</p> <p>depletion of <u>dissolved</u> oxygen;</p> <p>death of aquatic organisms;</p>	[max 5]	
(d)	<p><i>effect</i></p> <p>acidification of water / soil;</p> <p>killing of trees;</p> <p>death of aquatic organisms;</p> <p>AVP;</p> <p><i>method to reduce impact</i></p> <p>liming / AW;</p> <p>alkaline scrubbers (to remove acidic gases);</p> <p>reduce use of fossil fuels / use alternative energy sources / AW;</p> <p>AVP;</p>	[max 2]	R effects on humans
(e)	<p>unsustainable;</p> <p>use of fossil fuels / minerals / ref to non-renewable resources;</p>	[2]	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance notes
(f)	screening / filtering of wastes; sedimentation of wastes; decomposition by decomposers;	[3]	
(g)	high level of inorganic ions (in discharge); ref to impacts of eutrophication;	[2]	
(h)	hunting / collection; loss of habitats; introduced species; AVP;	[max 1]	
(i)	slow reproductive rate; difficult to recover; reduction in genetic variation; less able to adapt to environmental pressures; AVP;	[max 2]	
(j)	protection from human activities; easy to manage; AVP;	[max 1]	

Practice Test – Paper 2

1	B	21	C
2	A	22	A
3	B	23	B
4	B	24	B
5	D	25	A
6	C	26	A
7	D	27	C
8	A	28	C
9	D	29	B
10	D	30	C
11	B	31	B
12	D	32	B
13	C	33	B
14	B	34	C
15	C	35	D
16	C	36	D
17	C	37	D
18	B	38	B
19	D	39	C
20	D	40	B

Practice Test – Paper 4

- 1 (a) a unit containing the community of organisms and their environment [1]
- (b) spider and owl; [1]
- (c) grasshopper and rabbit; [1]
- (d) (i) decrease;
ref. to lack of grass; [2]
- (ii) increase;
ref. to more grasshoppers to feed on; [2]
- (e) (i) a group of organisms of one species, living in the same area, at the same time; [1]
- (ii) less rabbits for owls to eat;
so owls eat more shrew; [2]
- 2 (a) Class A; [1]
- (b) light intensity of the habitat is very low / the habitat is completely dark;
as the salamander does not have eyes to survive in the habitat; [2]
- (c) fish; [1]
- (d) bottom of cave is covered in white, sand / rock;
colourful salamander are conspicuous / easily seen, by predators / more likely to be predated;
no need to make pigment;
less energy needed (to make pigment);
mutation / change in gene / DNA;
so no pigment is made due to such mutation;
white salamanders survive and reproduce;
pass on their allele(s) for no pigment / albino allele;
ref. to natural selection; [max 6]
not artificial selection, selective breeding
- (e) homozygous (recessive); [1]
- (f) normal skin colour x albino;
Nn x nn;
N, n + n;
Nn, nn;
normal skin colour, albino; [5]
- (g) 100%; [1]
- 3 (a) (i) $2.2-0.03 / 0.03 \times 100\%$;
 $+7233\%$; [2]

- (ii) urea will not be reabsorbed from the glomerular filtrate while water is reabsorbed; [1]
- (b) plasma proteins are too large to pass through / filter across the glomerulus;
with less proteins, water content in filtrate becomes higher than that in plasma; [2]
- (c) (i) urea concentration of blood at A is higher than that of blood at B;
ref. to the dialysis membrane is partially permeable;
urea concentration in the dialysis fluid is low / no urea in the dialysis fluid;
urea diffuse from blood into the dialysis fluid; [max 3]
- (ii) coronary artery supplies glucose / nutrient / food / oxygen to the heart muscle;
blockage leads to no blood supply to the heart muscle;
ref. to (aerobic) respiration stops;
heart muscles die; [max 2]
- (iii) ref. to body temperature of human is 37 °C;
prevent cooling of the blood / keep the blood warm; [max 1]
- (d) fewer diet / fluid intake restrictions;
no need for regular visits to hospital;
less unwell / tired / nausea / headaches / less pain (after surgery);
no needles / no fistula, permanently in arm;
long term cost lower;
permanent fix; [max 3]
- 4 (a) P: vena cava;
Q: pulmonary artery;
R: aorta;
S: pulmonary vein; [4]
- (b) atrioventricular valve / bicuspid valve;
prevent backflow of blood from left ventricle to left atrium; [2]
- (c) wall of left ventricle is thicker than that of right ventricle;
ref. to thicker muscular wall generate greater force;
to pump blood to all parts of the body except lungs; [3]
- (d) septum prevents the mixing of blood between left ventricle and right ventricle;
a hole in the septum leads to mixing of oxygenated blood and deoxygenated blood;
oxygenated blood is pumped to the lung / more blood is pumped to the lungs;
lower the oxygen level of arterial blood / blood supplied to the skeletal muscle and
heart muscle;
vigorous exercises is oxygen demanding / require additional oxygen for respiration;
ref. to oxygen consumption is greater than oxygen supply;
heart muscle and skeletal muscle lack of oxygen for respiration;
heart beat rate increases during vigorous exercise;
ref. to increase burden of heart;
ref. to damage of lung tissue due to increased blood flow / pressure to the lungs; [max 5]

- (e) arterioles carrying blood near the surface of the skin dilate / get wider;
ref. to vasodilation;
shunt vessels connect an arteriole to a venule directly;
less blood passes through the shunt vessels;
increase the blood flow to the skin surface capillaries;
increase heat loss by conduction; [max 4]
- (f) (kidney) → renal vein → vena cava → heart → pulmonary artery → (lung); [2]
- 5** (a) photosynthesis: curve A, it takes place only in the presence of light;
respiration: curve C, respiratory rate is constant at the time;
transpiration: curve B, occurs all the time and its rate is higher in the daytime; [3]
- (b) 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.; [1]
- (c) area below curve A represent the food production by the plant;
area below curve C represents the food consumption of the plant;
crucial for food production to be greater than food consumption;
ref. to net amount of food produced;
provides energy for the plant to survive, growth and produce fruits; [max 4]
- (d) transpiration rate increases;
wind sweeps away the water vapour around the plant;
steepens the concentration gradient of water vapour between the atmosphere and the air space in the leaves;
water vapour diffuse out to the atmosphere at a faster rate; [4]
- 6** (a) water leaves (out) the cells by osmosis;
down a water potential gradient / from high water potential to low water potential;
through partially / selectively / semi permeable membrane;
both cells decrease in volume;
red blood cell shrinks;
onion epidermal cell becomes flaccid / plasmolysed; [max 4]
- (b) active transport / diffusion; [1]
- (c) cell wall presents in plant cells but not in animal cells;
vacuole presents in plant cells but not in animal cells;
chloroplast presents in plant cells but not in animal cells; [max 2]