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**General Marking Guidance**

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate’s response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate’s response, the team leader must be consulted.
- Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.
Mark schemes have been developed so that the rubrics of each mark scheme reflects the characteristics of the skills within the AO being targeted and the requirements of the command word. So for example the command word ‘Explain’ requires an identification of a point and then reasoning/justification of the point.

Explain questions can be asked across all AOs. The distinction comes whether the identification is via a judgment made to reach a conclusion, or, making a point through application of knowledge to reason/justify the point made through application of understanding. It is the combination and linkage of the marking points that is needed to gain full marks.

When marking questions with a ‘describe’ or ‘explain’ command word, the detailed marking guidance below should be consulted to ensure consistency of marking.

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<th>Assessment Objective</th>
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<td><strong>Describe</strong></td>
<td><strong>Explain</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>AO1*</td>
<td>An answer that combines the marking points to provide a logical description</td>
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<tr>
<td>AO2</td>
<td>An answer that combines the marking points to provide a logical description, showing application of knowledge and understanding</td>
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<td>AO3 1a and 1b</td>
<td>An answer that combines points of interpretation/evaluation to provide a logical description</td>
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<td>AO3 2a and 2b</td>
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<td>AO3 3a</td>
<td>An answer that combines the marking points to provide a logical description of the plan/method/experiment</td>
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*there will be situations where an AO1 question will include elements of recall of knowledge directly from the specification (up to a maximum of 15%). These will be identified by an asterisk in the mark scheme.
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<td>1(a)</td>
<td>P glomerulus Q bowman’s capsule</td>
<td>accept capillary/capillaries accept renal capsule accept correct phonetic spelling</td>
<td>(2) AO 1 1</td>
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<tr>
<td>1(b)(i)</td>
<td>Substitution: $4.5 \times 10^6 - 8.0 \times 10^3$ (1) Evaluation: $4.5 \times 10^6 / 4.492 \times 10^6$</td>
<td>accept 4492000 accept correct answer no working for full marks</td>
<td>(2) AO 2 1</td>
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| 1(b)(ii)        | An explanation linking two of the following:  
  • {red blood cells/ white blood cells / proteins} {are not present in the filtrate / cannot be filtered into the nephron} (1)  
  • because they are too large to pass {through the membrane/into the nephron} (1)  
  OR  
  • glucose is found in the filtrate (1)  
  • because it is small enough to pass {through the membrane / into the nephron} (1) | | (2) AO 2 1 |
| 1(c)            | ADH / Anti diuretic hormone /vasopressin | accept phonetic spellings of anti diuretic hormone | (1) AO 1 1 |

Total for Question 1 = 7 marks
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<td>2(a)(i)</td>
<td>C a cell wall</td>
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<td>(1) AO 1 1</td>
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1. The only correct answer is C

- **A is not correct because both plant and animal cells have cytoplasm**
- **B is not correct because both plant and animal cells have a cell membrane**
- **D is not correct because both plant and animal cells have mitochondria**

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<tr>
<td>2(a)(ii)</td>
<td>Substitution 20.5 x 400 (1) Evaluation 8 200 (µm)</td>
<td>award full marks for correct answer with no working</td>
<td>(2) AO 1 2</td>
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<td>2(a)(iii)</td>
<td>Substitution (3.08 ÷ 400) = 0.0077 (1) Evaluation 7.7 x 10⁻³</td>
<td>award full marks for correct answer with no working</td>
<td>(2) AO 2 2</td>
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- accept 0.008
- accept 8.0 x 10⁻³
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<td>• measure the length of the tissue (1)</td>
<td>accept remove the mass and see if the tissue returns to its original size</td>
<td>AO 3 3a</td>
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<td>• add masses / mass (1)</td>
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<td>• remove the mass and measure length of the tissue (1)</td>
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<td>• repeat until the tissue no longer returns to its original length (1)</td>
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<td>Any one from:</td>
<td>ignore standard lab rules</td>
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<td>• wash hands (1)</td>
<td>accept cover open wounds</td>
<td>AO 2 2</td>
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<td>• wear gloves (1)</td>
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<td>• sterilise the apparatus after use / disinfect working area (1)</td>
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<td>Any one from:</td>
<td>ignore to prevent drying out</td>
<td>(1) AO 2 2</td>
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<td>• keep leaf peel flat (1)</td>
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<td>• keep leaf peel in place (1)</td>
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<td>• protect the (objective) lens (1)</td>
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<td>• protect the specimen (1)</td>
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<td><strong>3(a)(ii)</strong></td>
<td>An explanation linking <strong>two</strong> of the following:</td>
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<td>(2) AO 2 2</td>
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<td>• the leaf peel is thin / leaf is too thick (1)</td>
<td>accept leaf would be opaque</td>
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<td>• as the leaf peel allows light to pass through it/the leaf would not allow light to shine through it (1)</td>
<td>accept to see stomata / cells</td>
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<td>• to enable the {stomata / cells/guard cells} to be identified (1)</td>
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<td>3 / three</td>
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<td>A description including <strong>three</strong> of the following points:</td>
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<td>• guard cells (1)</td>
<td>accept uneven thickness of guard cell walls leads to bulging</td>
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<td>• take in water (1)</td>
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<td>• by osmosis (1)</td>
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<td>• (guard cells) become turgid/change shape/swell (1)</td>
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<td>accept uneven thickness of guard cell walls leads to bulging</td>
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<td>A explanation linking <strong>two</strong> of the following points:</td>
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<td>• no stomata (in the upper surface) to reduce water loss (1)</td>
<td>accept stomata (on the lower surface) {allow / reduce} water loss</td>
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<td>• water loss during transpiration / evaporation (1)</td>
<td>accept more water loss if stomata on top</td>
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<td>OR</td>
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<td>• stomata (on the lower surface) allow gas exchange (1)</td>
<td>accept the idea of movement of oxygen or carbon dioxide for gas exchange</td>
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<td>• gas exchange is needed for photosynthesis (1)</td>
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| 4(a)(i)        | Pyramid of biomass  
• pyramid shape with labels (1)  
• correct proportions: chipmunks must be \{equal to/less than\} 50% of the acorns, wild dogs must be \{equal to/less than\} 50% of chipmunks (1) | accept names in bars or triangle for this mp must be bars: reject triangle against this mp. | (2) AO 2 2 |
| 4(a)(ii)       | An answer that combines **two** of the following points of application and understanding to provide a logical description:  
• few chipmunks are \{eaten / killed\} (due to the lack of predators) (1)  
• so the number of chipmunks (in France) will increase (1)  
• therefore more chipmunks can reproduce (1) | | (2) AO 2 1 |
### Question 4

#### 4(a)(iii)

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| Substitution  
9 7500 ÷ 100 = 975 (1)  
Evaluation  
975 x 9.5 = 9 262.5 (1)  
Nearest whole number 9 263 (kJ)  
OR  
97500 x 0.095 (1)  
= 9 262.5 (kJ)  
Nearest whole number 9 263 (kJ) | award full marks for correct answer with no working | (3)  
AO 1 2 |

#### 4(b)(i)

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| Substitution  
27 000 - 9 500 = 17 500 (1)  
Evaluation  
(17 500 ÷ 9 500) x 100 = 184.2 / 184 (%) | award full marks for correct answer with no working  
accept answer to any number of decimal places rounded correctly from:  
184.2105263158 | (2)  
AO 2 1 |

#### 4(b)(ii)

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| An explanation including the following:  
• (the number chipmunks in the wild have increased)  
{so the ticks have more food /there are more ticks} (1)  
• so humans are more likely to be bitten (and contract Lyme disease) (1) | (2)  
AO 2 1 |

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| 5(a)            | A description including the following:  
|                 | • the blood flow through the {brain/other organs} stays the same (1) | accept the blood flow through the brain decreases a small amount | (3) AO 3 1a AO 3 1b |
|                 | • the blood flow through the {muscles /heart} is increased during exercise (1) | | |
|                 | • the blood flow through the digestive system is decreased during exercise (1) | | |
| 5(b)            | An explanation that links two of the following:  
<p>|                 | • there is increased blood flow to the muscles (1) | accept heart for muscle | (2) AO 2 1 |
|                 | • to allow for { respiration/release of energy} (in the muscles) (1) | accept there is a {reduced/restricted} blood flow through the digestive system | |
|                 | | accept to supply oxygen/glucose to the muscles/remove carbon dioxide | |</p>
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<td>5(c)</td>
<td>B</td>
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<td>1. <strong>The only correct answer is B</strong></td>
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<td>AO 1 1</td>
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<td>A is not correct because the left atrium receives blood from the pulmonary vein</td>
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<td>C is not correct because The right atrium receives blood from the vena cava</td>
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<td>D is not correct because the right ventricle has deoxygenated blood</td>
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<td>5(d)</td>
<td>Substitution</td>
<td>full marks for correct answer no working</td>
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<td>4.9 ÷ 0.07 / 4900 ÷ 70 (1)</td>
<td>accept 4.9 ÷ 70 = 0.07 for 1 mark</td>
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<td>Evaluation</td>
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<td>70 (beats per minute)</td>
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<td>6(a)(i)</td>
<td>As body temperature rises the oxygen consumption of the iguana is increased</td>
<td>1 AO 3 1a</td>
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| 6(a)(ii)        | An explanation linking the following:  
  - \{chemical/enzyme/metabolic\} reactions are increased at higher temperatures (1)  
  - (more) respiration occurs (1)  
  - (more respiration) requires oxygen (1) | 3 AO 3 2a AO 3 2b |
| 6(a)(iii)       | An explanation linking the following:  
  - (panting) causes water loss (1)  
  - causing evaporation / removal of latent heat (so reduction in temperature) (1) | 2 AO 1 1 |
| 6(b)(i)         | C hypothalamus  
  **1. The only correct answer is C**  
  \(A\) is not correct because the cerebellum is the main centre for balance not thermoregulation  
  \(B\) is not correct because the cerebral cortex is the main area for higher thinking skills and logic not thermoregulation  
  \(D\) is not correct because the pituitary gland releases hormones it is not the thermoregulatory centre | 1 AO 1 1 |
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| 6(b)(ii)        | An explanation linking the following:  
  • vasodilation acts to cool the body down (1)  
  • more blood flows near the surface of the skin (1)  
  • less blood flows through the shunt valve (1)  
  • causing increased **thermal** energy loss (1)  
  accept capillaries widen near the surface of the skin. reject moving blood vessels.  
  accept energy loss by **radiation** | (4)  
  AO 1 1 |
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<td>7(a)(i)</td>
<td>• set up the apparatus as shown in figure 13 (1)</td>
<td>accept set up with a seedling on the cotton wool</td>
<td>(2)</td>
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<td>• replace the nitrate solution with (distilled) water / do not add nitrate pellet (1)</td>
<td>ignore just idea of controlling the volume of solution</td>
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1. The only correct answer is B

A is not correct because this is not the symbol for flammable

C is not correct because the symbol for corrosive is a hand with acid

D is not correct because the symbol for explosive has an explosion on it

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<td>measure the (change in) mass (1)</td>
<td>accept idea of looking at the number/size of leaves</td>
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<td>accept the width of the seedling</td>
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<td>• largest amount of growth seen with the highest concentration of nitrates / the higher the concentration of nitrates the more growth /ORA (1)</td>
<td>accept faster growth for more growth</td>
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<td>• nitrates are needed to make proteins (1)</td>
<td>accept nitrates stimulate growth</td>
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<td>accept amino acids</td>
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<td>• by diffusion (1)</td>
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<td>• from a high concentration to a low concentration / down the</td>
<td>reject osmosis</td>
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<td>concentration gradient (1)</td>
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<td>• by active transport (1)</td>
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<td>• from a low concentration to a high concentration / against the</td>
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<td>concentration gradient / using energy (1)</td>
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<td>• to increase nitrate/ammonia levels in the soil (1)</td>
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<td>• because nitrogen fixing bacteria live {colonies/root nodules} on the</td>
<td>ignore live in the</td>
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<td>roots of pea and bean plants</td>
<td>roots</td>
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<td>• (nitrogen-fixing bacteria) produce {nitrates/ nitrogen compounds /</td>
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<td>ammonia} (1)</td>
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<td>• from nitrogen {atmospheric/gas} (1)</td>
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| 8(a)(i)         | An answer linking the following:  
• as light intensity increases so does the rate of photosynthesis (1)  
• (it levels off) when light intensity ceases to be a limiting factor (1) | accept idea of another factor limiting the rate of photosynthesis accept named factor | (2) AO 3 1a AO 3 1b |
| 8(a)(ii)        | An explanation linking two of the following:  
• as temperature increases so does the rate of photosynthesis {as enzymes can catalyse more reactions / more collisions occur} (1)  
• maximum rate of photosynthesis at the optimum temperature for enzymes (1)  
• {above the optimum/at high temperatures} enzymes become denatured (and photosynthesis decreases) (1) | accept more enzyme-substrate complexes form accept active site changes shape for denatured | (2) AO 3 2a AO 3 2b |
| 8(b)            | D inversely proportional to the distance from a light source  
**1. The only correct answer is D**  
A is not correct because light intensity is not directly proportional to photosynthesis  
B is not correct because light intensity is not just inversely proportional to photosynthesis it is an inverse square.  
C is not correct because temperature is not directly proportional to photosynthesis | | (1) AO 1 1 |
**Question 8(c)**

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**AO1 (marks)**

**Transpiration**
- the movement of water
- from the root through the plant
- through the lignified cells/dead cells
- of the xylem
- driven by evaporation of water from the leaves
- through the stomata
- flow is only in one direction
- by capillary action
- according to the cohesion-tension theory

**Translocation**
- the movement of sugars from the leaves
- through the plant
- as sucrose
- through the living sieve cells
- of the phloem
- flow is bidirectional
- to sinks in the plant where the sucrose is needed

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| 9(a)(i)         | An explanation linking **two** of the following:  
- women over the age of 50 have low levels of oestrogen (1)  
- (high levels of) oestrogen are needed for **LH** to be released / levels of oestrogen are too low for **LH** to be released (1)  
- (a surge of) LH is needed for ovulation to occur (1) | | (2) AO 3 1a AO 3 1b |
| 9(a)(ii)        | An explanation linking:  
- low levels of oestrogen (1)  
- (low levels of oestrogen) stops the lining of the uterus building up / so no lining to be lost (1) | reject progesterone | (2) AO3 2a AO3 2b |
| 9(a)(iii)       | An explanation linking the following:  
- causes the release of FSH (1)  
- stimulating eggs to develop (in the follicles/ovary) (1)  
**OR**  
- causes the release of LH (1)  
- stimulating ovulation (1) | accept stimulates follicles to mature | (2) AO 2 1 |
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<td>- so there is increased blood flow (1)</td>
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**Plant adaptations**
- grass is flexible so does not break in the windy conditions
- good root structure to prevent being uprooted in the windy conditions
- long thin leaves to reduce wind damage / air resistance

**Leaf structure**
- leaf is rolled to trap air inside
- thick waxy cuticle to prevent water loss by evaporation / transpiration
- no stomata on the upper surface to prevent water loss
- stomata in pits on the underside of the leaf to retain moist air and reduce water loss
- hairs on the lower surface reduce air movement

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| Level 3 | 5–6 | • Demonstrates accurate and relevant biological understanding throughout. Understanding of the scientific ideas is detailed and fully developed.  
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