

MARK SCHEME for the October/November 2013 series

0438 BIOLOGY (US)

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Paper 2 (Core Theory), maximum raw mark 80

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Mark schemes will use these abbreviations

- ; separates marking points
- / alternatives
- **R** reject
- **A** accept (for answers correctly cued by the question)
- **I** ignore as irrelevant or inadequate
- **ecf** error carried forward
- **AW** alternative wording (where responses vary more than usual)
- **AVP** alternative valid point
- **ORA** or reverse argument
- **OWTTE** or words to that effect
- underline actual word given must be used by candidate (grammatical variants excepted)
- () the word / phrase in brackets is not required but sets the context
- **D, L, T, Q** quality of: drawing / labelling / table / detail as indicated
- **max** indicates the maximum number of marks

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	Answer	Marks	Guidance for Examiners
1 (a)	insects; 3 pairs of / six legs / 3 regions to body / wings; arachnids; 4 pairs of / eight legs; myriapods; 1 or two pairs of identical legs on each segment; Any two pairs – 2 marks each	[max 4]	A – head, thorax, abdomen named I – Refs to individual organisms but if in an arthropod group allow correct feature for the group
(b)	1 to be out of sight; to avoid predators / less likely to be eaten; 2 it is damper; to avoid drying out / keep gills moist; 3 it is cooler; avoids drying out; 4 to be out of the sun; avoids UV light; 5 is herbivore / eats plants / source of food; (feeds on) decaying vegetation; Any two pairs – 2 marks each	[max 4]	A – desiccation A – temperature changes less A – metabolism more constant A – rotting
		[Total: 8]	

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2	substance	how inspired air is different from expired air	[4]	A – ORA if specify reverse comparison No credit for absolutes for oxygen, carbon dioxide, water vapour
	carbon dioxide	less in inspired air;		
	dust particles	more in inspired air;		
	oxygen	more in inspired air;		
	water vapour	less in inspired air;		
			[Total: 4]	
3 (a)	label A plasma; transports / carries food materials;		[6]	A – transports carbon dioxide, urea, hormones, blood cells, named food materials A – leucocytes, phagocytes, lymphocytes
	label B white blood cell; engulfs bacteria / pathogens / produces antibodies;			
	label C red blood cell; transports / carries oxygen;			
(b)	platelets; help to form clots / prevent bleeding;		[2]	A – plaquettes
			[Total: 8]	

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4 (a) (i)	three bars plotted correctly;	[1]	
(ii)	working - add totals; deduct from 100;	[max 2]	$17 + 7 + 17 = 41$ $100 - 41 = 59\%$ Correct answer but no working shown = 2 marks
(iii)	prostate (cancer);	[1]	
(b) (i)	1 exercise (regularly); 2 reduce / stop smoking; 3 reduce (animal / saturated) fat / cholesterol in diet; 4 lose weight / avoid obesity; 5 reduce salt intake; 6 reduce alcohol intake; 7 avoid stress situations; 8 correct ref to medication;	[max 3]	I – refs to balanced diet
(ii)	drinking a lot of alcohol / binge drinking / drug abuse;	[1]	A – heroin use
		[Total: 8]	

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5	(a) (i)	1 (emmer) has smaller ears (than modern wheat); 2 (emmer) grains are smaller (than modern wheat); 3 (emmer) has fewer grains per ear (than modern wheat); 4 (emmer) grains have an awn (but not modern wheat);	[max 2]	Assume answer refers to emmer unless specifically stated otherwise A – description of awn as bristle, hair etc.
	(ii)	(artificial) selection / selective breeding;	[1]	
	(b)	wind (pollination); has exposed anthers / stamens / OWTTE; has feathery / exposed stigma / OWTTE;	[3]	
	(c) (i)	(aerobic) respiration;	[1]	R – anaerobic A – oxidation
	(ii)	oxygen;	[1]	
	(iii)	carbon dioxide;	[1]	
	(iv)	1 high temperature kills grains / embryo; 2 high temperature denatures enzymes; 3 lack of oxygen kills grains / embryo; 4 accumulation of carbon dioxide kills / poisons grains / embryo; 5 high temperature kills bacteria / fungi (so no decay); 6 lack of water (prevents germination / decay);	[max 3]	A – ref to 80 °C A – lack of air
			[Total: 12]	

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6	DNA; genes; alleles; haploid; chromosomes; gametes;	[6]	
		[Total: 6]	

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7 (a) (i)	combustion – E; photosynthesis – C; respiration – A / B / D;	[3]	
(ii)	1 it could cause a rise in world temperatures / global warming; 2 heat energy becomes trapped; 3 causing ice caps to melt; 4 sea levels to rise; 5 flooding (of low lying land); 6 could cause climate change / alter rainfall; 7 affects agriculture / have to grow different crops; 8 affects ecosystems / distribution of plants / animals; 9 affects water supply;	[max 3]	1 A – greenhouse effect 3 A – glaciers, poles 6 A – extreme weather conditions
(b) (i)	four organisms in suitable sequence; joined by arrows in correct direction;	[2]	grass, gazelle, ticks, oxpecker bird grass → gazelle → ticks → oxpecker bird
(ii)	the flow of energy (between organisms);		
(iii)	1 the energy in the food chain is lost; 2 as heat; 3 it cannot be reused (by living organisms); 4 carbon (dioxide) can be reused (in photosynthesis);	[max 3]	A – energy cannot be reused / not returned to start of chain again
		[Total: 12]	

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8 (a)	female – XX; male – XY;	[2]	
(b)	parent female male parent XX XY chromosomes gametes X X X Y; offspring XX XY XX XY; chromosomes offspring female male female male;	[3]	NO MARK for parent chromosomes Gametes ECF from parent chromosomes. Continue marking in logical sequence
		[Total: 5]	

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9 (a)	1 enzymes are proteins; 2 act as (biological) catalysts; 3 speed up / alter the speed of chemical reactions; 4 not changed by the reaction;	[max 2]	4 A – can be used over and over again
(b)	1 Benedict's reagent / solution; 2 ref to crushing food to be tested 3 heat food / material with reagent; 4 to at least 70 °C; 5 if colour changes from blue to red reducing sugar present;	[max 3]	4 A – boiling 5 A – green, yellow, orange
(c) (i)	8.6 +/- 0.2;	[1]	
(ii)	1 increasing the pH increase lactase / enzyme activity (up to a peak); 2 (beyond peak) as pH rises further the lactase activity decreases; 3 no activity below pH 4 / above pH 13 / only active between pH 4 and 13;	[3]	
(d)	1 break food up into small pieces (that can be swallowed); 2 increase surface area of food particles; 3 for enzyme activity;	[max 2]	1 I – molecules 3 A – named digestive enzyme
		[Total: 11]	

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10 (a) (i)	in palisade cells / in chloroplasts;	[1]	A – chlorophyll / (upper / spongy) mesophyll
(ii)	(<i>water</i> +) carbon dioxide; (<i>oxygen</i> +) sugar / glucose;	[2]	mark is for carbon dioxide mark is for sugar / glucose A – starch
(b)	1 water enters root hairs (cells); 2 by osmosis; 3 through partially permeable cell membrane; 4 from high (water) concentration to low concentration / down (water) concentration gradient;	[max 3]	2 A – by diffusion
		[Total: 6]	