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0610 BIOLOGY

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Paper 2 (Core Theory), maximum raw mark 80

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Question	P	lark Scheme	Mark	Guidance
Question 1	group annelids insects	description hard, jointed exoskeleton, three pairs of legs; long cylindrical body, segmented, has bristles but no legs;	Mark	Guidance If more than 1 line from any group – no mark for this group Ig – more than 1 line arriving at a description
	molluscs	long cylindrical body, not segmented, no legs;		
	myriapods	has soft body, head and muscular foot, most have a hard shell;		
	nematodes	exoskeleton, segmented body, jointed legs on each segment;		
	Any four – 1 mark each		[4]	
			[Total: 4]	

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2	(a)	 (i) 1 removal of waste from body; 2 (waste) formed by body cells / metabolic (waste); 3 ref to substances that are toxic / in excess; Any two – 1 mark each (ii) carbon dioxide; (iii) urea and salts; 	[2] [1] [1]	Ig – refs to examples A – tissues R – if any ref to glucose A – other correctly named substances Note both for 1 mark
	(b)	A – renal artery;		
		B – <u>urethra;</u>	[2]	
	(c)	 amino acids absorbed in (small) intestine; carried to liver; by hepatic portal vein; (amino acids) converted to urea; (urea) carried to the kidney; in blood (plasma); (urea) removed from the blood; (excreted via) bladder / urethra; 		A – duodenum or ileumA – deaminationR – wrong substances
		Any four – 1 mark each	[4]	
			[Total: 10]	
3	(a)	(tomato) (juicy / fleshy part of) fruit eaten by animal; (seeds) carried away on beak / dropped in faeces; (dandelion) very light / ref to parachute / seed buoyant; blown by wind / floats to ground;	[2] [2]	A – bird, mammal

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	(b)	 large numbers of seeds produced; to colonise new areas; need to avoid competition (with parent plant); need to avoid competition with other seedlings; for light / water / minerals / space; increase chance of survival from disease / natural disasters; 		A – form new colonies
		Any three – 1 mark each	[3]	
			[Total: 7]	
4	(a)	Nitrogen	[1]	
	(b)	(i) 0.5 (dm ³);	[1]	
		(ii) 16;	[1]	
		(iii) 8 (dm³);	[1]	A – ecf from (i) and (ii)
		(iv) 8 × 5/100;		A – ecf from (iii)
		0.4 (dm³);	[2]	Correct answer but no working shown 2 marks

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(c)	(i) (both) increase;	[1]	
	(ii) 1 allows them to take in more air; 2 can absorb more oxygen; 3 for more respiration / release more energy; 4 can remove more carbon dioxide; 5 ref to more muscle contraction; Any two – 1 mark each	[2]	Ref to more (or equivalent) needed at least once in responses Note – response must be in context of breathing, gas exchange
	 (iii) 1 heart rate increases (during exercise); 2 increases rate of blood flow; 3 blood transports oxygen / glucose; 4 increase delivery (of oxygen / glucose) to cells / tissue; 5 increases removal of carbon dioxide / heat / waste from cells / tissues; 6 ref to muscle contraction; Any three – 1 mark each 	[3]	Note – response must be in context of circulation
		[Total: 12]	

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5 (a)	 (i) 1 (only) organisms that can photosynthesise; 2 incorporate / trap energy into system; 3 convert light energy into chemical energy; 4 provide energy / food for all other species / rest of food chain / web / OWTTE; 		A – ref to autotrophic A – food web
	Any three – 1 mark each	[3]	
	(ii) mouse; katydid; tapir; howler monkey; sloth;		
	Any two – 1 mark only	[1]	Note – two herbivores for 1 mark
	(iii) (trophic level) 3;	[1]	
	(iv) tree / other plant, katydid, frog, (blue-crowned) motmot, boa constrictor;		need all five species A – boa, constrictor, snake
	five organisms in correct order (as shown by arrows);	[2]	starting with producer on left
(b)	numbers are likely to increase;		
	less competition for food / sloths / howler monkeys;	[2]	A – more food supply
(c)	 less food as many species destroyed / become extinct; less materials (for use); soil becomes less fertile / eroded; (thus) less land for growing food crops; increased risk of flooding / landslips; 		A – one other valid suggestion
	Any two – 1 mark each	[2]	
		[Total: 11]	

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6 (a)	 (i) S – umbilical cord T – uterus (wall); (ii) 1 transfer of materials / OWTTE; 2 by diffusion; 3 between blood (system) of mother and fetus; 4 e.g. oxygen / glucose / amino acids (to fetus); 5 carbon dioxide / urea (from fetus); 6 progesterone (from placenta) maintains uterine lining / prevents miscarriage; 	[1]	both correct for 1 mark A – womb Ig – ref to lining A – embryo, baby A - waste (from fetus)
	Any three – 1 mark each (iii) 1 mother's blood at higher pressure than fetal blood; 2 mother's blood would burst fetal blood vessels; 3 mother's blood can be a different blood group to fetal blood; 4 this will avoid coagulation of fetal blood; 5 mother's blood can carry pathogens; 6 fetus not infected;	[3]	 A – can damage organs e.g. brain, kidney, etc A – blood type A – avoid blood clotting, A – 'rejection' of blood / OWTTE A – named example
	7 mother's blood can carry toxins / drugs; 8 fetus not poisoned / affected; Any two pairs – 2 marks each	[4]	A – named example
(b)	produces normal haemoglobin;	[1]	A – does not have beta thalassaemia
(c)	(i) bb;	[1]	
	(ii) Bb;	[1]	
	(iii) Bb;	[1]	

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(d)	father and mother;	[1]	both for 1 mark A – the parents
		[Total: 13]	
7 (a)	1 evaporation;2 condensation / cooling;3 transpiration;	[3]	A – evapotranspiration or evaporation
(b)	 passage of water washes away / erodes soil particles; (leads to) thin / unstable soil on mountain sides mineral salts dissolve; leaching; 		Ig – refs to nutrients A – (mineral salts) carried away by water flow
	Any two - 1 mark each	[2]	
		[Total: 5]	
8 (a)	(i) A – cuticle; B – palisade (layer / mesophyll);	[2]	Ig – mesophyll unqualified
	(ii) prevent / reduce water loss / evaporation;	[1]	A – excludes pathogens
	(iii) to allow diffusion / movement of gases into / out of the leaf;	[1]	A – refs to oxygen, carbon dioxide, water vapour, open and close stomata

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(b)	(i) 6 pm;	[1]	
	(ii) points correctly plotted; \pm half mm square		A – up to 2 plotting errors
	points joined by line;	[2]	
	(iii) from 4:30 pm (± 10) to 4:50 am (± 10);	[1]	A – values, in correct sequence, from candidate's graph
	(iv) they are open;	[1]	
	(v) light;	[1]	
	(vi) wind speed increases; removes saturated air from area of leaf; increases diffusion gradient / easier for diffusion to occur / increase rate of diffusion; OR rise in temperature; air can hold more water vapour; increases rate of diffusion / increases diffusion gradient; OR fall in humidity (in atmosphere); air can hold more water vapour; increases diffusion gradient / increases rate of diffusion / easier for diffusion to occur;		If (b)(v) wrong or blank accept set of responses below: A – light intensity increases; A – stomata open more; A – easier for diffusion to occur
	Any set of three – 1 mark each	[3]	
		[Total: 13]	

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9	(a)	girl in GB eats much more than the girl in Africa;	[1]	A – correct numerical response based on data in table
	(b)	 as less excess sugars converted to fat; African girl less likely to be obese; less acid formed by bacteria (from sweets and sugar); less likely to suffer from tooth decay; 		
		Any two – 1 mark each	[2]	
	(c)	 cannot form new cytoplasm / cell membranes / enzymes; growth slower / less growth (of bones and muscles) / ref to kwashiorkor; OR difficulty in producing some hormones; onset of puberty / development delayed; 	[0]	2 A – refs to maintenance, repair
		Either response pattern – 2 marks	[2]	
			[Total: 5]	