

**MARK SCHEME for the May/June 2010 question paper  
for the guidance of teachers**

**9693 MARINE SCIENCE**

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Paper 3 (Structured Questions), maximum raw mark 75

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- 1 (a) (i) 2 × 2 of:  
nitrates/ammonium;  
used for amino acids/protein synthesis;  
magnesium;  
used for chlorophyll;  
phosphorous/phosphates;  
for DNA/cell membranes/ATP; [4]
- (ii) 3 of:  
cause strong wave action/currents;  
fronds are very long/figs quoted (100–120cm); allow large  
break easily (in strong waves/current);  
likely to uproot (by waves/current);  
*allow*  
ref. to El Niño causing an increase in water temperature;  
kelp unable to survive at higher/temperatures above 20 °C;  
may also cause nutrient depletion/loss of deep water mixing; [3]
- (b) 2 of:  
idea of primary producers;  
idea of providing habitat/shelter;  
idea of oxygenation;  
idea of carbon sink; [2]
- [Total: 9]
- 2 (a) movement of molecules from a high concentration to a low concentration/down  
a concentration gradient; do not allow along a concentration gradient [1]
- (b) (i) an increase in surface area results in an increase in volume;  
idea of a proportional relationship that reduces as surface area increases;  
e.g. volume increases more in proportion to the surface area [2]
- (ii) ref. to idea that  
greater size decreases surface area to volume ratio;  
larger volume may not receive sufficient oxygen/remove carbon dioxide; [2]
- (c) (i) 3 of:  
tentacles increase surface area;  
only two layers of cells/diploblastic so thin;  
water (with oxygen) can enter central cavity (so can diffuse from both sides);  
protrudes out of skeleton into water for maximum exposure;  
low oxygen demand as relatively small/has few cells/sedentary; [3]
- (ii) ref. to idea that  
many cells are a long way from the surface/contact with water;  
diffusion too slow (to reach these cells);  
high demand for oxygen as more active;  
impermeable body surface (restricts gas exchange); [3]

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- (d) 6 of:  
mouth opens/water enters the mouth;  
operculum valve closed;  
buccal cavity/opercular cavity expand;  
pressure falls (in buccal cavity);  
so water enters/pulled into buccal cavity/pharynx; allow ref. to buccal pump  
operculum contract;  
opercular cavity reduced;  
pressure rises;  
operculum valve opens and water leaves; [6]

[Total: 17]

- 3 (a) (i) 2 of:  
eggs released into sea/external fertilisation;  
(free swimming) planktonic larvae;  
undergo (several stages of) metamorphosis/development; [2]
- (ii) 1 of:  
adult oyster is sessile, shrimp free living;  
oyster often changes sex in breeding season/male then female/shrimps mostly parthenogenic AW; [1]
- (b) 2 of:  
both are filter feeders/feed on small floating material;  
water movement in intertidal/estuaries brings food (to filter mechanisms);  
tidal flow constantly replenishes food supply; allow nutrient supply [2]
- (c) (i) 2 of:  
temperature controlled for maximum growth;  
food supplied;  
salinity controlled for different stages;  
allow ref. to growth enhancers/hormones; do not allow ref. to predators [2]
- (ii) 3 of:  
*ignore reference to advantages to the aquaculture system*  
mangrove has ready supply of larval shrimps;  
feeding not necessary (so no pollution from excess food);  
conserves/prevents development of mangroves (that act as storm shelters);  
makes use of land not suited to other forms of agriculture;  
maintains biodiversity;  
allow ref. to chemicals that may be toxic/pollutant are not used [3]

[Total: 10]

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- 4 (a) (i) *question is about ecological damage not fishery conservation, so ignore answer only refer to fishery protection*  
3 of:  
bottom trawlers drag substratum/sea bottom/damage corals;  
(restriction) will help maintain habitat/conserves ecosystem;  
enables survival of (non-target) organisms living in sea bottom;  
allows escape of some bottom dwelling target fish/increases recruitment/prevents overfishing; [3]
- (ii) 3 of:  
idea that gill nets are indiscriminate e.g. trap/entangle a range of organisms;  
marine mammals/dolphins/whales/turtles/sea birds are trapped;  
unable to get to surface to breathe/suffocate;  
many species of turtles/whales endangered; [3]
- (iii) 3 of:  
idea that drift nets are very large and indiscriminate;  
includes many juveniles of target species/protected/endangered species;  
will reduce (number thrown away) by catch;  
should improve survival rate (as most throw backs die)/improve recruitment/allow fish stocks to recover; [3]

*allow points from (i) and (iii) in either section but only once*

- (b) 4 of:  
idea of 'policing' difficult in large expanses of territorial waters;  
ref. to cost/investment needed for a 'policing' system;  
international waters not subject to restrictions;  
dumping of illegal catch/fast freezing before landing/boarding inspections;  
idea of political differences between countries/difficulty in reaching agreements;  
illegal poaching/fishing methods in protected waters ignored by some countries;  
fines imposed for illegal catches not paid/difficult to collect;  
forged/illegal fishing permits (for use in protected waters of another country);  
ref. to scientific research catches/pressure groups in the food industry;  
idea of local resistance to restrictions/economic hardship due to restrictions; [4]

**[Total: 13]**

- 5 (a) (i) 2 of:  
increasing population;  
tourism increasing sewage;  
unable to afford costs of treatment/old systems unable to cope or poorly maintained/no more sites available; [2]

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(ii) 2 × 2 of:  
(detergent/soap) contains high levels of phosphate;  
can cause excessive growth of blue green algae (that produce toxins);  
sewage solids float in water/deposited on beach;  
ingested by filter feeders and can block gills;  
(solids) food source for detritus feeders;  
excessive population growth unbalances food web/chains;  
sewage contains urea/high levels nitrogen;  
encourages growth of algae that block light from bottom dwelling plants;

allow sewage can block light from algae;  
(and) reduce photosynthesis; [4]

(b) 3 of:  
untreated sewage contains disease organisms/parasites;  
shrimps (are filter feeders and so) accumulate these in their bodies;  
when eaten can cause diseases/examples;  
(sewage) may also contain high levels of toxins/examples from industrial sources that are mixed with the sewage/waste water; [3]

(c) 3 of:  
antifouling paints contain mercury/PBC/TBT;  
toxic to marine organism/(TBT) causes imposex/description in molluscs);  
accumulate in food chains/(imposex) causes sterility/population loss;  
ref. to effects on secondary/tertiary consumers; [3]

[Total: 12]

6 (a) (i) 3 of:  
employment for local people;  
foreign currency into local/national economy;  
improved standard of living;  
better access to mainland;  
improved transport for fish export/travel;  
opportunity for locals to develop tourist attractions;  
ref. to tourist attractions/ecotourism; [3]

(ii) 3 of:  
idea of interference with 'traditional way of life';  
e.g. young people not wanting fishing jobs, exposure to different cultural values, tourists in village  
noise from airport/road transport;  
pollution from additional sewage;  
pollution from engines boats in harbour/water sport centre;  
litter from tourists;  
loss of turtles due to noise/disturbance;  
damage to reef by collecting/killing reef organisms/increased boat traffic/increased pollution;  
damage/loss of marine ecosystem by building deep sea port; [3]

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- (b) 1 of:  
ref. to sewage treatment insufficient;  
ref. to well as only source of fresh water;

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- 7 (a) industrial application of biological processes;  
allow use of a biological process to solve a human/industrial problem [1]

- (b) (i) 1 of:  
tanker/oil rig accidents;  
ships 'washing out' tanks before docking;  
leaking from underwater wells/pipelines;  
ignore evaporation from tankers [1]

- (ii) some microorganisms can digest/decompose oil;  
broken down to harmless compounds; do not allow smaller particles [2]

- (iii) 2 of:  
stops the microorganisms washing away;  
stops the oil washing back out to sea;  
thin layer increases surface area speeding up digestion; [2]

- (iv) bacteria unable to survive without food supply; [1]

[Total: 7]