8. Respiration

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Learning outcomes

Candidates should be able to:

(a) define respiration as the release of energy from food substances in all living cells

(b) define aerobic respiration as the release of a relatively large amount of energy by the breakdown of food

substances in the presence of oxygen

(c) state the equation (in words or symbols) for aerobic respiration

(d) state the uses of energy in the human body: muscle contraction, protein synthesis, cell division, active

transport, growth, the passage of nerve impulses and the maintenance of a constant body temperature

(e) define anaerobic respiration as the release of a relatively small amount of energy by the breakdown of

food substances in the absence of oxygen

(f) state the equation (in words or symbols) for anaerobic respiration in humans and in yeast

(g) describe the effect of lactic acid production in muscles during exercise

(h) know the percentages of the gases in atmospheric air and investigate and state the differences between

inspired and expired air

(i) investigate and state the effect of physical activity on rate and depth of breathing

(j) identify on diagrams and name the larynx, trachea, bronchi, bronchioles, alveoli and associated capillaries

(*k*) state the characteristics of, and describe the role of, the exchange surface of the alveoli in gas exchange

(*I*) describe the role of cilia, diaphragm, ribs and intercostal muscles (external and internal) in breathing.

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The diagram shows the human thorax.



0/N17/22/Q9

(a)	Describe and explain the features of a gas exchange surface.
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(b)	Explain the effect of exercise on the breathing rate of a person.
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(c)	Living at high altitude increases the number of red blood cells in a person's blood.
	Suggest why athletes sometimes train at high altitude.
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	[Total: 10

(a) Describe and explain the features of a gas exchange surface.

M/J17/21/Q6



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Compare each of the following processes:

aerobic respiration and anaerobic respiration		
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) anaerobic respiration in muscles and anaerobic respiration in yeas	10	
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) diffusion and active transport		
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	aerobic respiration and anaerobic respiration	

M/J17/22/Q1

M/J17/22/Q6

(a)	Describe the journey made by a molecule of carbon dioxide after its production by respiration in a body cell, to the moment it enters the air in the lungs.		
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(b)	Explain how blood in kert libuing from the fact to the heart		
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	[3]		
	[Total: 10]		

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Fig. 1.1 shows a model that a student made to represent the human breathing system.

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(c) (i)	The model can be used to demonstrate the action of breathing.		
	Describe what the student must do to the model to demonstrate the action of breathing in.		
	[2]		
(ii)	State what the student would observe as the model is used to demonstrate the action of breathing in.		
	[1]		
(iii)	The model becomes damaged by a hole being made in the side of the rigid plastic cup.		
	Describe and explain how this damage will change what the student would observe as the model is used to demonstrate the action of breathing in.		
	69		
	[3]		
	[Total: 12]		

0/N16/22/Q7

(a)	 Describe and explain the benefits to a person of the changes that occur in the body durin physical activity such as a 400 m running race. 				
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(b)	Explain why, after this type of physical activity, a person remains out of breath for seve minutes.				
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M/J16/22/Q5

Table 5.1 shows a number of processes that occur in the lungs and thorax (chest cavity).

process involved	· ·
diffusion into red blood cells	
diffusion into the alveoli	
the diaphragm contracts	
the diaphragm relaxes	
the external intercostal muscles contract	
the internal intercostal muscles relax	
the ribs rise	
the ribs fall	10
pressure in the thorax increases	10°
pressure in the thorax decreases	

Table 5.1

- (a) Carbon dioxide arrives at the lungs in capillaries. Place a tick (*) in each box against a process involved in removing carbon dioxide from the blood and expelling it to the atmosphere. [4]
- (b) Table 5.2 shows the percentage of oxygen in inspired and expired air of three people, J, K and L.

person	% of oxygen in Inspired air	% of oxygen in expired air
J	20.5	15.0
ĸ	20.5	16.5
L	20.5	18.5

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Describe the differences shown in Table 5.2 and suggest reasons for them.

M/J15/21/Q2

Table 2.1 shows the volume of blood supplied to parts of the body at rest and during strenuous exercise.

	volume of blood supplied in cm ³ /min		
part of body	at rest	during strenuous exercise	
brain	750	750	
heart	250	750	
skeletal muscle	1200	12500	
skin	500	1900	
kidneys	1100		
digestive organs	1400	600	
other	600	400	
Total	5800	17500	

Table 2.1

(a) (I) Calculate the volume of blood that is supplied to the brain at rest as a percentage of the total supplied to the whole body.

Show your working in the space below.

......% [2]

[1]

(II) Name the blood vessels that supply each kidney with blood.

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(III) Using the information in Table 2.1, calculate the volume of blood supplied to the kidneys during strenuous exercise.

Write your answer in the space provided in Table 2.1. [1]

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(b) Use the information in Table 2.1 to name two parts of the body that have an increased supply of blood during strenuous exercise.

Explain the advantage to the body of increasing the supply of blood to each of the parts you name.

	name of part
	advantage
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	advantage
	[4]
(C)	Using the information in Table 2.1, suggest why eating immediately before exercise is not recommended.
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Table 5.1 shows the mean daily water intake and loss by a person.

Table 5.1

water Intake / dm ³		water loss / dm ³	
drinks food	1.50 0.75	faeces sweat urine exhaled air	0.10 0.52 1.50
Total	2.25	Total	2.50

(a) (I) Using the information in Table 5.1, calculate the daily loss of water in exhaled air.

	(11)	Explain why exhaled air contains water.	20

			[2]
(b)	Exp con	plain why, even though 2.25 dm ³ of water a tain only 0.10 dm ³ of water.	re taken in through the mouth, the faeces
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(C)	Εхф	lain the importance of water in urine.	
(d)	The proc	difference between water intake and water duced by a metabolic process in the body. Na	loss by a person is accounted for by water me this metabolic process.
			[Total: 9]

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0/N14/21/Q4

M/J14/22/Q6

(a)	Explain the fact that humans breathe while plants do not.			
	[3]			
(b)	Explain why the respiration rate of humans is relatively high and constant, while that of plants may vary widely.			
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	[7]			
	[Total: 10]			

0/N12/21/Q3

Atmospheric air contains oxygen and carbon dioxide.

(a) Complete table 3.1 to show the percentage of oxygen and carbon dioxide in inhaled and exhaled air.

		gas	% gas in air		
			inhaled air	exhaled air	
		oxygen			
		carbon dioxide			
(b)	(i) E:	xplain how oxygen is u	sed by a muscle ce	1000	[2]
	(ii) Ex	xplain what happens in	a muscle cell when	oxygen is in short sup	
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(c)	At high Sugge that live	altitudes, oxygen is le st modifications of the e for many years at hig	ss available than it circulatory a <mark>nd r</mark> esp h altitude.	is at low altitudes. piratory systems that m	ight help people
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example of **named** substance **+** in / out / through wall ; branching / network / contacts many cells / large surface area ; *(red blood cell) max 3 marks from* biconcave **AW** ; no nucleus ; haemoglobin ; large surface area ; oxygen in / out / carriage ; able to squeeze through capillaries / flexible ;

O/N17/22/Q9

9(a) 1 thin / one cell thick / short distance; 2 moist; 3 large surface area; 4 permeable ; 5 maximum / more / quick / efficient + diffusion / absorption / exchange ; 6 reference to dissolving / in solution; 4 9(b) 1 faster / deeper + breathing ; 2 more + oxygen ; 3 (oxygen) in lungs / inhaled / in blood; 4 muscle : 5 faster / increased + respiration / oxidation of glucose ; 6 aerobic; cambridge 7 more energy + required / released; 8 more + carbon dioxide removed AW; 9 delays / prevents AW + anaerobic respiration ; 4 9(c) 1 less oxygen in atmosphere (at high altitude); 2 more + haemoglobin ; 3 oxyhaemoglobin OR more + oxygen carried / supplied ; 4 competitive advantage AW; M/J17/21/Q6 6(a) move mucus; (containing) bacteria / pathogens / dust ; (moves) up / away from lungs AW; 20 prevent infection; 6(b) reference to diffusion ; (for) O₂/CO₂ + exchange AW; alveolus / air sac; large surface area; one cell thick + wall; moist AW / mucus ; (gases) to dissolve ; capillary; 40 one cell thick + wall; connect AW arteries + veins ; blood + moving;

red blood cells / erythrocytes ; no nucleus ; biconcave ; contain haemoglobin ; live for 90 / 120 days **OR** 3 / 4 months ; carry oxygen ; plasma ;

carriage of carbon dioxide;

#### 7 M/J17/21/Q9

9(a) glucose + required for both ; complete or incomplete breakdown (of glucose) ; ref. oxygen requirement ; amount of energy released ;

3 A each point only if linked to either 'aerobic' or 'anaerobic' respiration 9(b) glucose + required for both; reference to oxygen debt AW ; lactic acid : carbon dioxide : alcohol / ethanol; 3 A each point only if linked to either 'muscles or 'yeast' 9(c) movement of particles / molecules / named molecule ; concentration gradient; membrane requirement; living cell requirement; energy requirement; (energy from) respiration; correct example ; 4 A each point only if linked to either 'diffusion' or 'active transport' Total: 10 M/J17/22/Q1 1(a) 1 line starts and ends at body wall + crosses abdomen below ribs ; 2 circle with all or part of it touching / on the sternum; 3 middle of cross below diaphragm; 3 1(b)(i) 1 any reference to up / rises / raised; 2 out / forwards ; 3 reference to muscle : 4 (muscle) contract(ion); 5 reference to (requires) energy ; 2 1(b)(ii) (movement of person's chest) 1 involuntary AW; 2 intercostal (muscles); 3 (muscles) between the ribs / in the chest (wall); 4 (move) bone / ribs / ribcage; 5 attached / hinged + to vertebrae / backbone / at back ; 6 *leads to increase in volume / decrease in pressure ; (movement of bucket handle) 7 voluntary AW; 8 muscle in arm / finger OR reference to bicep(s); 9 external to / not part of + the bucket / handle : 10 (move) metal / plastic OR reference to a single handle ; 11 attached / hinged + to bucket / at side ; 12 *does not lead to change in volume / pressure ; 5 * A once only for either chest or handle * A once only for either chest or handle M/J17/22/Q6

6(a) **1** correct reference to (CO₂) diffusion ; **2** cytoplasm ;

3 (across) cell membrane ; 4 tissue fluid ; **5** * capillary ; 6 plasma / (red) blood (cell); 7 vein / vena cava; 8 heart + right (side of heart); 9 reference to atrium / auricle + followed by ventricle ; **10** pulmonary artery / arch ; 11 * capillary; 12 alveolus / alveoli ; 7 * A once only either here or below Ig inferior / superior vena cava * A once only either here or above Ig reference to air sac 6(b) 1 (blood is under) pressure ; 2 (moved) by (contraction of skeletal) muscles; 3 reference to veins / correct named vein ; 4 reference to valves (in veins); 5 (valves) prevent backflow of blood AW;

### O/N16/21/Q1

acomoriose 1(a) (drinking) straw; (rubber) sheet; 2 1(b) only one lung / balloon ; reference to ribs ; reference to intercostal muscles ; rigid plastic cup doesn't move ; no bronchi / bronchioles; no alveoli / blood vessels / capillaries no cilia / mucus; lung / balloon not attached to cup / thorax wall; rubber sheet doesn't move independently / not muscular / pulled down below diaphragm position / flat at rest, not domed ; 4 A ORA for all marking points in an answer referring to the human breathing system rather than to the model 1(c)(i) (move) rubber sheet : down; **2** R blowing down straw 1(c)(ii) balloon + inflates / expands / gets bigger AW; 1

# O/N16/22/Q7

7(a) 1 adrenaline ; 2 glycogen to glucose ; 3 liver / muscles (in context of adrenaline effect); 4 boosts blood glucose / sugar levels ; 5 fast(er) heart beat ; 6 better / faster circulation :

7 more oxygen + to muscles ; 7(a) 1 adrenaline ;

2 glycogen to glucose ; 3 liver / muscles (in context of adrenaline effect) ; 4 boosts blood glucose / sugar levels ; 5 fast(er) heart beat ; 6 better / faster circulation ; 7 more oxygen + to muscles ;

### M/J16/22/Q5

The second 5 (a) _ diffusion into the alveoli (box 2); _ the diaphragm relaxes (box 4); _ the ribs fall (box 8) ; _ pressure in the thorax increases (box 9); [4] (b) 1. any stated difference between inspired and expired %  $O_2$ ; 2. O₂ used in respiration ; 3. Person J - the most / more (than normal) O₂ absorbed / used ; 4. Person J - active / taking exercise / athlete / pregnant / high respiratory rate / high blood cell or red blood cell count AW; 5. Person K – moderate activity / normal ; 6. Person L – low O₂ absorption / use ; 7. Person L – (named) lung disease / anaemia / smoker / inactive / sleeping / elderly / dying / low respiratory rate / reference to low red blood cell count / carboxyhaemoglobin ; A any disease that would restrict O2 uptake [4] [Total 8]

### M/J15/21/Q2

(a) (i) (750/5800) *100 ;
12.9 / 13 (%) ;
[2]
(ii) renal artery ; [1]
(iii) 600 ;

(b) heart ; skeletal muscle ;

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for above named parts ref. supply of more oxygen / glucose ; ref. increased (aerobic) respiration / prevent anaerobic respiration ; remove lactic acid (for skeletal muscle only); ref. contract harder / faster ; skin ; increased heat loss; [max 4] [1] [1] [max 2] (c) less blood to digestive organs ; less digestion ; less / slower absorption of products of digestion ; A ref. active transport in digestive System

### M/J15/22/Q5

acampilos 5 (a) (i) 0.38 + dm₃; [1] (ii) evaporation / water vapour ; from (moist lining of) alveoli / lungs ; Ig other named parts of breathing system [2] (b) 1. water is absorbed + blood ; 2. (from) ileum / small intestine / colon / large intestine ; 3. ref need to prevent water loss / importance of water in body (e.g. solvent / transport) ; 4. water lost by other methods / ref. to any named other method of water loss; [max 3] (c) water is a solvent / dissolves ; any one named solute : A salts [2] (d) respiration ; if qualified must be aerobic [1]

### O/N14/21/Q4

4 (a) 0.3-0.4 minutes ; [1] A 18-24 s (b) aerobic respiration ; [1] (c) O₂ curve not as high at start / finish ; O2 curve drops more quickly / ORA ; damage to alveoli ; less surface area for O₂ absorption ;

less O₂ to blood / muscles ; lactic acid curve rises sooner / higher / takes longer to return to normal ; shorter period of aerobic / longer period anaerobic respiration ; more lactic acid build-up ; [max. 5] A uptake / diffusion [Total: 7]

### O/N14/22/Q4

4 (a) glucose / C₆H₁₂O₆ (substrate) ; (yeast) alcohol / ethanol / C₂H₅OH ; (yeast) carbon dioxide / CO2; (muscles) lactic acid / lactate / C₃H₆O₃; pridoe [4] (b) (i) food / glucose deficiency / AW ; (killed) by alcohol; poisoned by competing organisms (e.g. bacteria); [max. 2] (ii) (killed) by heat / baking / high temperature ; [1] (c) lactic acid removed / broken down / converted ; by circulation / blood / AW ; lactic acid not toxic (at concentrations experienced); [max. 2] (d) substrate / glucose not completely broken down chemical energy; still contained within product / lactic acid / alcohol; [max. 2] [Total: 11]

#### M/J14/22/Q6

6 (a) muscles in humans / no muscles in plants ; ref. intercostals / diaphragm ; humans need to keep (constant) supply of O₂ (to blood) / remove CO₂ (from blood) / ref. higher metabolic rate / rate of respiration in humans ; ref. production of (some of their own) oxygen by photosynthesis ; lungs / no lungs ; ref. stomata/spongy mesophyll in plants / not in humans / ref. alveoli in humans / no alveoli in plants ; [3]

(N.B. intercostal ; muscles ; will score 2 marks)

(b) (High respiration rate) humans active / move / muscle N action (or described) / ORA ; requires large quantities of / more N energy / ORA ; high body temperature in humans / ORA ; activity of enzymes / high metabolic rate / ORA ; humans complex / named organs, e.g. brain, kidneys, heart ; (Constant respiration rate) homeostasis; temperature constant in humans / thermoregulation ; rate dependent on external temperature in plants ; rate dependent on stage of life cycle, e.g. germination / growing season; [7]

R humans are larger Total [10]

#### O/N12/21/Q3

cambridge 3 (a) oxygen 19 - 21% + 14 - 16%; carbon dioxide 0.03 - 0.045% + 3 - 4.5%; [2] (b) (i) (aerobic) respiration: release energy; from glucose; for contraction; lactic acid +ref. oxygen debt AW; R produce AW energy A give AW; [max 3]

3 (a) oxygen 19 - 21% + 14 - 16%; carbon dioxide 0.03 - 0.045% + 3 (b) (i) (aerobic) respiration; release energy; from glucose; for contraction; lactic acid +ref. oxygen debt AW; R produce AW energy A give AW [max 3]

### M/J12/21/Q9

9 (a) diaphragm + relaxes; and moves up / assumes domed shape: intercostal (if named must be external) muscles relax / internal intercostal muscles contract: ribs move down / inwards; volume of thorax / lungs / chest cavity decreases; pressure in thorax increases; [5] (b) nitrogen unchanged (A percentage if given 78 - 80%); (A. 79% in air breathed in + reduced percentage in air breathed out) not used / produced (in the body / cells / metabolism); oxygen reduces (A %s from 19 /20 / 21% to 16% +/-); carbon dioxide increases (A %s - from 0.03 / 0.04% to 4%); correct ref. aerobic respiration / O₂ / CO₂ diffuse into / out of blood; ref. water vapour comparison + explanation;

(R waste product of respiration) ref. temperature comparison + explanation; ref. comparison of cleanliness of air; [5] [Total: 10]

### O/N11/22/Q8

8 (a) (Accept reverse argument or mix and match answers. A points on equations – identified –

either words or symbols - correctly balanced) lactic acid / CH₃CHOHCOOH produced; no alcohol / ethanol / C₂H₅OH produced; no carbon dioxide / CO₂ produced; [max 3] idde (b) produce mucus; to trap dust: and bacteria / pathogens (R germs); cilia: to move mucus + up AW; moisten air / warm air; [max 3] (c) cilia paralysed / destroyed / killed AW; airways blocked with mucus / mucus builds up / excess mucus produced (A mucus not removed): narrower airways / breathing difficulty / breathlessness; (smoker's) cough; pathogens not removed / enter lungs / bacteria proliferate;

tendency to infection / disease or named caused by pathogen;

lung / tracheal cancer / emphysema;

ref. to the effect of decreased oxygen uptake; [max 4]

[Total: 10]

#### M/J11/22/Q5

5 (a) 2.5 - 4 + minutes for pulse (A any within range);

3 – 4 + minutes for breathing (A anything within range); [2]

(b) muscles;

For the remaining marks in this part, there must be the use somewhere of a word that indicates enhancement of at least one of the factors (i.e. more / greater, faster etc.). Thus, for example, 'more oxygen' scores, and so, then, would any ref. to CO₂ removal or energy, even if 'more' is not repeated.

more / faster blood;

more oxygen / glucose;

ref. more CO2 removed / lactic acid;

more energy (R produced, made, manufactured, etc.); [max. 4]

(c) (If they do not indicate which student they are talking about, mark up to 2 max.) *student F is fitter / exercises regularly AW;

*more efficient muscles / better breakdown of lactic acid:

*more efficient circulation / no or limited cholesterol in blood vessels;

*more efficient lungs / respiratory system;

*exercised less vigorously; *more haemoglobin / more RBCs; (*A reverse arguments for Student E) student E was a smoker, F was not; student E was obese / overweight AW (R large mass); emphysema; suffered from asthma / bronchitis / heart problems / lung infection AW; [max. 4] [Total: 10]

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