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Abbreviations used in the Mark Scheme

- ; separates marking points
- / separates alternatives within a marking point
- **R** reject
- **ignore** mark as if this material was not present
- **A** accept (a less than ideal answer which should be marked correct)
- **AW** alternative wording (accept other ways of expressing the same idea)
- underline words underlined (or grammatical variants of them) must be present
- **max** indicates the maximum number of marks that can be awarded
- **mark independently** the second mark may be given even if the first mark is wrong
- **ecf** credit a correct statement that follows a previous wrong response
- () the word / phrase in brackets is not required, but sets the context
- **ora** or reverse argument
- **AVP** any valid point

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(b)	encourages biodiversity ; ora prevents extinction ; encourages genetic diversity (within each species) ; maintain food, webs/chains ; food for predators ; increasing research / source of medicine ; AVP ; ; e.g. maintain habitats for other organisms / ethical / moral / aesthetic reasons / tourism	max [3]	A species diversity A an example of feeding
(c) (i)	reduced genetic diversity ; identical offspring ; negative traits passed on ; more competition for local resources ; less chance of survival in a varying environment ; one disease could wipe out total population ; AVP ; e.g. less chance of evolving	max [2]	A no genetic diversity A unfavourable / bad traits.
(ii)	offspring may not be as well adapted to environment ; slower process / takes longer (than asexual reproduction) ; requires partner / two parents ; less energy efficient / requires more energy / many eggs is wasteful ; AVP ;	max [2]	A description e.g. good characteristics are not always passed on.
(d) (i)	reduction division / chromosome number is halved / one set of chromosomes ; diploid to haploid ; for production of gametes ; daughter cells are not genetically identical / genetically different ;	[2]	to each other or parent

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Question	Answer	Marks	Additional Guidance
(ii)	for adaption to, new/ changed environment ; causes (genetic) variation ; competition for survival ; best suited reproduce ; allows natural selection ; allows evolution ; AVP ;	max [3]	ignore mutations unqualified.
		[Total: 16]	
2 (a) (i)	<i>award two marks if the answer is correct – 12</i> <i>if there is no answer or it is incorrect, award one mark for correct working</i> 6 s – 1s = 5 seconds for 1 breath ; 60/5 = 12 (breaths per minute) ;	max [2]	Alternative: 4 s – 9 s = 5 s for 1 breath Allow 10 s for 2 breaths for working mark.
(ii)	slower breathing rate before match ; ora deeper breathing during match ; ora during the match breaths are different from each other ; ora pressure (in lungs) increases during the match ;	max [3]	
(b)	<u>external</u> intercostal muscles contract ; <u>internal</u> intercostal muscles relax ; lifts ribs, upwards/ outwards ; diaphragm contracts ; diaphragm, flattens/ drops ; volume of, thorax/ lungs/ chest, increases ; pressure in, thorax/ lungs/ chest, decreases ; air flows in down a pressure gradient/ description ;	max [4]	Note: internal and external must be stated
(c) (i)	(CO ₂) is metabolic/ AW, waste ; (CO ₂) is toxic ;	max [1]	ignore – from body (in question stem)

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(ii)	(blood) plasma ;	[1]									
(iii)	pH decreases/becomes acidic ;	[1]									
(d)	more, (aerobic) respiration ; steeper concentration gradient ;	[2]	A description of gradient.								
		[Total: 14]									
3 (a)	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;">name of part</th> <th style="width: 50%;">letter from Fig. 3.1</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">hair</td> <td style="text-align: center;">R ;</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">blood vessel / arteriole / small artery</td> <td style="text-align: center;">S ;</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">sweat gland</td> <td style="text-align: center;">U ;</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	name of part	letter from Fig. 3.1	hair	R ;	blood vessel / arteriole / small artery	S ;	sweat gland	U ;	[3]	1 mark per correct row R artery, capillary
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sweat gland	U ;										
(b)	(involuntary responses are) automatic / no conscious decision / does not involve thought / decision making / innate / reflex ; (higher centres of) brain not involved ; faster / immediate / rapid ; response always the same / response specific to stimulus ; may involve glands ; they are protective / linked to survival / AW ; AVP ;	max [3]	A reverse argument written in favour of voluntary responses if this is clearly stated								

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Question	Answer	Marks	Additional Guidance
(c)	(change in) temperature / hot / cold is stimulus ; temperature receptors (in skin) / V ; (electric) impulse ; travels through sensory neurone ; to brain ; relay / connector / intermediate neurone ; motor neurone ; to effector ; example of effector (arteriole / erector, muscle) ;	max [4]	R messages points need to be in the correct sequence A 'muscle' unqualified.
(d)	change in temperature, is detected / acts as a stimulus ; to keep temperature, constant / at 37 °C / within limits / near set point / at the norm / AW ; corrective / opposite, action by the body ; return to normal temperature ; correct ref to homeostasis ;	max [3]	
		[Total: 13]	
4 (a)	(group of) cells with similar structure(s) working together to perform a function ;	[1]	
(b) (i)	(spongy) mesophyll ;	[1]	ignore palisade
(ii)	diffusion ;	[1]	
(c)	no chloroplasts / chlorophyll in (root hair cells) ; ora root hair cells are not column shaped ; ora (root hair cells) have long protrusion / extension / larger surface area ; ora	max [2]	R root hair cells have hairs

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Question	Answer	Marks	Additional Guidance
(d)	<p>1 water moves from root cells, into xylem ;</p> <p>2 cohesion / adhesion AW, of water molecules ;</p> <p>3 (this) pulls on/creates tension (in water column in xylem) ;</p> <p>4 Water moves up/through, the xylem ;</p> <p>5 mass flow of water (in xylem)/transpiration stream ;</p> <p>6 water moves into leaf by osmosis (from xylem) ;</p> <p>7 loss of water from leaf (cells) lowers water potential ;</p> <p>A ref to water potential gradient</p> <p>8 evaporation, from surfaces of (mesophyll) cells/into air spaces (in leaf) ;</p>	max [4]	<p>ignore method of movement across the root</p> <p>A 'stick together', ref to polar</p> <p>ignore 'water concentration'</p> <p>R 'through stomata'</p>
(e) (i)	<p>more leaf hairs on lower surface ;</p> <p>leaf hairs appear larger on upper surface ;</p>	max [1]	
(ii)	<p>(increased humidity at lower surface) will reduce transpiration rate ;</p> <p>causes lower water demand / less water loss / reduces chances of wilting ;</p> <p>reduced, concentration gradient (water vapour) / water potential gradient ;</p> <p>creates a boundary layer / AW ;</p>	max [2]	less water loss by transpiration = 2 marks.
		[Total:12]	
5 (a)	<p><i>method of pollination:</i></p> <p>wind ;</p> <p><i>explanation to max 2:</i></p> <p>Feathery / AW, stigma ;</p> <p>long, filament ;</p> <p>large, anthers / stamens ;</p> <p>anthers / stamens, hang outside flower ;</p> <p>anthers loosely attached (to filament) ;</p> <p>light pollen ;</p> <p>no petals ;</p>	<p>[1] + [2]</p> <p>max [3]</p>	A 'only bracts'

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Question	Answer	Marks	Additional Guidance
(b)	cross (pollination) ;	[1]	
(c)	pollen tube ; delivers male gamete / pollen <u>nucleus</u> / male <u>nucleus</u> to ovule ; AW	[2]	A female gamete / egg / female nucleus / ovum.
(d)	<i>idea that</i> tip of pollen tube opens / AW ; gametes / sex cells / ova and pollen <u>nuclei</u> fuse / join / combine ; formation of zygote ; diploid ;	max [2]	A male nucleus for pollen nucleus ignore pollen unqualified ignore meet / mix
(e) (i)	ovule ;	[1]	
(ii)	ovary (wall) ;	[1]	
(iii)	colonise new areas ; reduce (intraspecific) competition ; reduce inbreeding ; ora	max [1]	
(f)	stored food / food reserves (in seed) broken down ; named enzyme plus substrate ; product plus use ; enzymes required in process of respiration ;	max [2]	
		[Total:13]	

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6 (a) (i)	award two marks if the answer is correct – 49 if there is no answer or it is incorrect, award one mark for correct working (207+65+4+410+38+527=1251) (1251 / 2558) x 100 ; 49 (%) ;;	[2]	ignore 48.9 %
(ii)	(awareness / education) to use less paper ; alternatives to using paper ;	max [1]	
(iii)	green kitchen waste ; glass ;	max [1]	
(b)	paper collection / sorting / sent to recycling centre ; shredding ; pulping ; requires water / soaking ; deinking / described ; requires bleach ; rolling / pressing / flattened ; AVP ;	max [4]	process must be in the correct sequence A 'made thin'
(c)	global warming ; increase in rate of photosynthesis ; causes increase in plant growth / crop yield / vegetation ; any two qualified examples of environment effects of global warming e.g. flooding, extreme weather conditions, qualified habitat change, reduced biodiversity ;; AVP ; e.g. disruption to migration routes	max [4]	R holes in ozone, acid rain, polar ice caps melting.
		[Total:12]	