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Mark scheme abbreviations:

;	separates marking points
/	alternative answers for the same point
R	reject
A	accept (for answers correctly cued by the question, or by extra guidance)
AW	alternative wording (where responses vary more than usual)
underline	actual word given must be used by candidate (grammatical variants accepted)
max	indicates the maximum number of marks that can be given
ora	or reverse argument
mp	marking point (with relevant number)
ecf	error carried forward
I	ignore

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1(a)	<i>locus</i> position of gene on chromosome ; <i>homozygous</i> (has) two identical alleles (of a gene) ;	2	I AA/aa, dominant/recessive I similar

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1(b)	six from mp1 <i>parental phenotypes</i> yellow fur, black <u>nose</u> X black <u>fur</u>, black <u>nose</u> ; mp2 <i>parental genotypes</i>		

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2(a)(i)	<i>in C4 plants</i> <i>two from</i> PEP joins to CO ₂ /PEP carboxylase fixes CO ₂ ; (first photosynthetic) product is a 4C compound ; oxaloacetate / malate / aspartate ; (4C compound) releases / provides, CO ₂ for, rubisco ;	2	I photorespiration I ref. to Kranz anatomy / arrangement of cells in C4 leaf A binds to / reacts / combines with A CO ₂ , released / provided, for Calvin cycle / light independent reaction I CO ₂ transported
2(a)(ii)	made up of more than one <u>polypeptide</u> ;	1	A 16 / several / multiple / many / two or more I because it has large and small polypeptides R it has more than four polypeptides
2(a)(iii)	<i>two from</i> hydrophilic / polar / charged, outside / at surface ; hydrophobic / non-polar / non-charged, inside ; globular (protein) ; ref. to polar interactions / hydrogen bonds, with water (molecules) ;	2	I Van der Waals A H bonds with water R ionic / covalent bonds
2(b)	<i>two from</i> no (new) CO ₂ fixed / (previously) fixed carbon lost as CO ₂ ; photosynthesis decreased ; less, RuBP (re)generated / available ; less, TP / glucose, will be made ; energy / ATP, used in making RuBP wasted ;	2	A Calvin cycle / light independent reaction, decreased I less GP A less GALP will be made

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2(c)	<i>three from</i> Calvin cycle / light independent reaction, stops ; no RuBP (for rubisco) ; as no, ATP ; as no reduced NADP ; as no, light dependent reaction / photophosphorylation ;	3	A NADPH / NADPH ₂ R reduced NAD
	Total:	10	

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3(a)(i)	(restriction) endonuclease / restriction enzyme ;	1	
3(a)(ii)	(DNA) ligase ;	1	
3(a)(iii)	<i>two from</i> (so) gene can be, expressed / transcribed / switched on ; (so) RNA polymerase can bind ; (so) transcription factors can bind ; to control level of expression ;	2	I if events stated as happening in bacteria A promoters / they are, needed for transcription / gene expression I translation
3(a)(iv)	<i>three from</i> 1 small ; 2 circles (of DNA) ; 3 contain genes (for enzymes) to enable DNA transfer to plant cells ; 4 contain, restriction sites / polylinkers ; 5 own origin of replication / can multiply independently ; 6 <i>ref. to</i> marker genes ;	3	A contain, vir / virulence, genes A can be cut by restriction enzymes e.g. antibiotic resistance genes

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3(b)	<i>three from</i> β-carotene, gene(s) come from a different species ; ora β-carotene / new / inserted, gene(s) not in rice cannot breed two different species together ; local varieties have, desired / adaptive, genes / alleles / characteristics ; crossing them with Golden Rice combines (good / best) features ;	3	A gene(s) for pro-vitamin A R genes for vitamin A R local varieties of Golden Rice A <i>idea that</i> crossing or breeding combines features of both parents, or ability to make β carotene and local adaptation
3(c)(i)	<i>idea of</i> , label / marker ; to, identify / measure, vitamin A (in body) from Golden Rice ;	2	A to track / trace
3(c)(ii)	<i>one from</i> β-carotene must be converted to vitamin A ; absorbing β-carotene takes time ;	1	I digestion R absorbing vitamin A A description of movement into bloodstream
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4(a)	<i>three from</i> Fansidar® is, more effective / better / kills more parasites, (than chloroquine) in >1 situation / overall ; ora except / chloroquine better (than Fansidar®), in Kenya in 2006 ; ora % figures with unit for both drugs in one location and year ; effectiveness of Fansidar® decreases (over time) ; effectiveness of chloroquine increases <u>in Kenya</u> (over time) ;	3	A sulfadoxine-pyrimethamine <i>for Fansidar®</i>
4(b)	<i>two from</i> (in Kenya) effectiveness of / percentage killed by, chloroquine increases ; (in Kenya) chloroquine selection pressure removed ; AVP ; e.g. non-resistant / chloroquine-susceptible, now have selective advantage	2	A chloroquine resistance no longer selected for A <i>idea that</i> chloroquine-susceptible more likely to survive / reproduce
4(c)	<i>four from</i> random / spontaneous / chance ; mutation gives resistance (to drug) ; natural / directional, selection ; best-adapted / resistant / mutated, parasites, survive / reproduce ; ora favourable / resistance, alleles passed on (to offspring) ; increase in frequency of alleles for resistance ;	4	R resistance to antibiotic <i>but then ecf</i> A pre-existing allele / variation (already exists) A resistants have <u>selective</u> advantage A mutated allele gives selective advantage I mutated allele has an advantage A resistant individuals pass on, their / the, alleles A decrease in frequency of allele for susceptibility
4(d)	<u>discontinuous</u> ;	1	

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4(e)	<i>two from</i> (parasites are) haploid / not diploid ; do not reproduce (only) sexually ; (no need to calculate as) percentage of parasites killed = frequency of non-resistant allele ; ora percentage of parasites surviving = frequency of resistant allele AVP ; Hardy-Weinberg principle requires, random mating / no migration / no mutation / no selection	2	A Hardy-Weinberg assumes organisms are diploid A <i>descriptions</i> e.g. $n/2n$, etc. A Hardy-Weinberg assumes organisms (only) reproduce sexually or that <i>Plasmodium</i> has stages that reproduce asexually A non-random mating / migration / mutation / selection affects, Plasmodium / parasites / allele for chloroquine resistance
	Total:	12	

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5(a)	<i>three from</i> <i>ref. to</i> interactions between, biotic and abiotic (components) ; <i>yes</i> tree supports, many species / community / many interactions ; energy flow / food web, occurs on one tree ; <i>no</i> <i>idea that</i> tree is part of larger ecosystem / interactions occur with organisms outside tree ; part of, savannah / larger, energy flow / food web / nutrient recycling ;	3	A interactions between living and non-living or between, the community / populations of different species, and the physico-chemical environment A idea of, discrete / self-contained / self-sustaining, group of species / community A description of three-step food chain on tree
5(b)(i)	105 ;	1	A 104.5 / 104
5(b)(ii)	genus <i>Acacia</i> ; species (<i>Acacia mellifera</i> / <i>nilotica</i> / <i>tortilis</i> ;	2	R genus name with lowercase first letter R species name with uppercase first letter
5(b)(iii)	<i>two from</i> <i>sample sizes in Table 5.1</i> 1 are small ; 2 sample size varies (between the 3 species) ; ora 3 anomaly could be, missed / have disproportionate effect ; 4 small(er) / decreased, sample size would be, less representative / less valid / less accurate ; ora	2	ora <i>idea that</i> they should be the same e.g. large sample size reduces effects of anomalies or large sample size allows anomalies to be identified / either maximum or minimum for <i>A. tortilis</i> could be an anomaly / high max for <i>A. nilotica</i> could be an anomaly

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5(c)	<i>three from</i> <i>idea of</i>, species, inter-related / interact (in reserve) ; to conserve one species need to protect whole ecosystem ; elephants / large animals, eat acacia ; AVP ; e.g. research raises, profile of / money for, game reserve or presence of research team deters elephant poachers	3	A <i>knock-on effects</i> e.g. insects (needed to) pollinate plants that elephants eat / insect competitors stunt trees so easier for elephants to reach I elephants eat insects
	Total:	11	

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6(a)(i)	C ;	1	
6(a)(ii)	<i>one from</i> progesterone concentration decreases ; oestrogen concentration decreases, near end / in D ;	1	A progesterone is low, at end / in E A oestrogen concentration is low, at end / in E
6(a)(iii)	<u>corpus luteum</u> ;	1	
6(a)(iv)	<i>one from</i> maintain the endometrium ; negative feedback / inhibition, of, FSH / GnRH / LH ;	1	A maintains the uterus lining R maintains the, endometrium wall / uterus wall I thickens lining

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6(b)	<i>four from</i> inhibits (secretion of), FSH/LH/GnRH ; from <u>anterior</u> pituitary gland ; inhibits follicle, formation/ development ; inhibits ovulation ; thick(ens) cervical mucus (to stop sperm) ; prevents implantation ; AVP ; e.g. negative feedback / endometrium inhospitable	4	
	Total:	8	

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7(a)	P = Z line ; Q = A band ;	2	A Z disc/ zwischenscheibe line I Z band
7(b)	<i>five from</i> 1 calcium ions / Ca^{2+} , ions from sarcoplasmic reticulum ; 2 calcium ions / Ca^{2+} , bind to troponin ; 3 troponin changes shape ; 4 tropomyosin moves ; 5 from/ exposing, (myosin) binding site on actin ; 6 myosin head binds (to actin) ; 7 myosin head tilts/ power stroke occurs ; 8 actin pulled ;	5	R Ca^+ <i>once but then ecf</i> A actin-myosin cross-bridges form

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7(c)	<i>three from</i> synthesise / produce, ATP ; (ATP needed to) synthesise acetylcholine ; (ATP needed for) movement of vesicles / exocytosis ; (ATP needed to) transport calcium ions, out of presynaptic neurone / into sarcoplasmic reticulum ; (ATP needed to) synthesise acetylcholinesterase ; (ATP needed for) Na⁺(– K⁺) pumps / pumping / active transport ;	3	A provides ATP <i>but</i> R releases ATP R <i>ref. to</i> makes / produces, energy A make / produce, <i>or description</i> A vesicle fuses with cell membrane A pumping of Ca²⁺ into sarcoplasmic reticulum A sodium(-potassium) pump R <i>if direction wrong, i.e. Na⁺ in or K⁺ out</i>
	Total:	10	

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8(a)(i)	potassium hydroxide / sodium hydroxide (solution) ;	1	A KOH / NaOH I limewater, calcium hydroxide, soda lime, (sodium) bicarbonate or hydrogen carbonate
8(a)(ii)	<i>one from</i> must not raise temperature too high for animals ; woodlice, movement / activity ;	1	A high temperature / 30 °C or over, could, harm / kill / distress, woodlice
8(a)(iii)	oxidative phosphorylation ;	1	A electron transport chain / ETC

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8(b)(i)	<table><tr><td>temperature /°C</td><td>difference / cm³</td><td>rate of oxygen uptake / cm³ min⁻¹</td></tr><tr><td>15</td><td>0.18</td><td>0.012 ;</td></tr><tr><td>25</td><td>0.42</td><td>0.028 ;</td></tr></table>	temperature /°C	difference / cm ³	rate of oxygen uptake / cm ³ min ⁻¹	15	0.18	0.012 ;	25	0.42	0.028 ;	2	A 0.01 A 0.03
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8(b)(ii)	at 25 °C (<i>ora</i> for 15 °C) three from 1 increased kinetic energy ; 2 enzymes /substrates /molecules, move faster ; 3 more collisions (between enzyme and substrate) ; 4 more ESCs formed ; 5 AVP ; Q₁₀ = 2	3	I optimum temperature A rate of collisions, higher /faster									

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8(c)	<i>five from similarities</i> 1 reduced NAD (used) in both; 2 NAD regenerated / glycolysis can continue, in both; <i>differences</i> <table><tr><td></td><td>yeast / ethanol</td><td></td><td>mammalian tissue / lactate</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>decarboxylation</td><td>or</td><td>no decarboxylation</td><td>;</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>irreversible</td><td>or</td><td>reversible</td><td>;</td></tr><tr><td>5</td><td>two steps / pyruvate → ethanal → ethanol</td><td>and</td><td>one step / pyruvate → lactate</td><td>;</td></tr><tr><td>6</td><td>ethanal accepts H</td><td>and</td><td>pyruvate accepts H</td><td>;</td></tr><tr><td>7</td><td>ethanol dehydrogenase</td><td>and</td><td>lactate dehydrogenase</td><td>;</td></tr></table>		yeast / ethanol		mammalian tissue / lactate		3	decarboxylation	or	no decarboxylation	;	4	irreversible	or	reversible	;	5	two steps / pyruvate → ethanal → ethanol	and	one step / pyruvate → lactate	;	6	ethanal accepts H	and	pyruvate accepts H	;	7	ethanol dehydrogenase	and	lactate dehydrogenase	;	5	A NADH / NADH₂ R reduced NAD produced A NAD⁺ regenerated A (NADH) re-oxidised to NAD / NAD⁺ A CO₂ released (yeast) or not (mammals) A description of two steps A pyruvic acid / lactic acid A ethanol and pyruvate, reduced / gain H⁺ and e⁻ R they are dehydrogenated A alcohol dehydrogenase R lactase dehydrogenase
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9(a)	<i>eight from</i> 1 (happens in) proximal convoluted tubule ; 2 all/ 100%, glucose (reabsorbed/ moves into blood) ; 3 active transport/ pumping, of Na⁺ out of cells into tissue fluid ; 4 Na⁺ concentration decreases inside cells ; 5 therefore Na⁺ enters (epithelial/ tubule) cells from, lumen/ filtrate ; 6 by facilitated diffusion ; 7 this is secondary active transport ; 8 Na⁺ brings glucose with it ; 9 this is co-transport ; 10 (facilitated) diffusion of glucose out of cells into tissue fluid ; 11 GLUT proteins (on basolateral membranes) ; 12 <i>ref. to</i> microvilli (on lumen side/ apical membrane) ; 13 to increase surface area for reabsorption ; 14 tight junctions separate proteins of front and basolateral membranes ;	8	A epithelial layer for cells of proximal convoluted tubule throughout but R endothelial layer/ tubule wall A interstitial fluid/ blood/ capillary I diffusion from tissue fluid to blood A <i>ref. to</i> <u>co-transporter</u> A interstitial fluid/ blood/ capillary

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9(b)	<i>seven from</i> 1 (low blood water potential) detected by osmoreceptors ; 2 in hypothalamus ; 3 neurosecretory cells (stimulated to) produce ADH ; 4 ADH released by posterior pituitary ; 5 ADH transport in blood ; 6 (ADH) binds to receptors (on cell surface membranes) ; 7 (of) collecting duct/distal convoluted tubule ; 8 aquaporins/water transport proteins, added to membranes ; 9 increases permeability to water (of collecting duct/distal convoluted tubule) ; 10 water moves out of, filtrate/tubule lumen ; 11 by osmosis ; 12 into, interstitial fluid/tissue fluid/blood/capillaries ; 13 small volume of/concentrated, urine produced ; 14 increases water potential of blood (back to norm) ;	7	I ADH secreted into blood A description of vesicles with aquaporins fusing with (cell surface) membranes R if in context of, proximal convoluted tubule/loop of Henle A returns Ψ to normal
	Total:	15	

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10(a)	<i>eight from</i> 1 mechanical energy converted to electrical ; 2 <i>ref. to</i> sensory hair cell (is receptor / detects touch) ; 3 cell membrane depolarises ; 4 (if at least) <u>two</u> hairs touched (within 35 seconds) ; 5 action potential occurs ; 6 action potential / depolarisation, spreads over, leaf / lobe ; 7 <i>ref. to</i> hinge / midrib, cells ; 8 H^+, pumped out of cells / pumped into cell walls ; 9 cell wall, loosens / cross-links broken ; 10 calcium pectate dissolves (in middle lamella) ; 11 Ca^{2+} (ions) enter cells ; 12 water, enters / follows, by osmosis ; 13 cells, expand / become turgid ; 14 change from convex to concave ; 15 trap shuts, quickly / in $<1s$ / in $0.3s$; 16 AVP; acid growth hypothesis / expansins / elastic tension ;	8	A sensory or trigger hairs A receptor / generator, potential A if only one hair touched no closure R nerve impulses A to midrib / to hinge

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10(b)	<i>seven from control</i> 1 gibberellin synthesis / dwarfism, controlled by gene <i>Le/le</i> ; 2 dominant allele / <i>Le</i>, gives, functional enzyme / active gibberellin ; ora 3 enzyme converts inactive to active gibberellin ; <i>stem elongation</i> 4 without GA, transcription factor / PIF, attached to DELLA protein ; 5 GA binds to receptor (complex) ; 6 causes DELLA (protein) destruction ; 7 transcription factor / PIF / RNA polymerase, binds to DNA ; 8 (growth) genes, switched on / expressed / transcribed ; 9 causes cell division ; 10 causes cell elongation ; 11 increases internode length ; 12 loosens cell walls / acid growth ; 13 so cells can expand when water enters ; 14 AVP ; e.g. interaction with auxin, <i>ref. to</i> expansins	7	I seed context throughout A recessive allele / <i>le</i>, gives, non- functional enzyme / non-active gibberellin A inhibition of transcription removed A breaks cross-links in cell wall
	Total:	15	