

Mark schemes

1	(a) nucleus labelled correctly	1	
	cell membrane labelled correctly	1	
	(b) mitosis	1	
	(c) electron (microscope)	1	
	(d) higher magnification	1	
	(e) 45 (mm)	1	
	45 / 250 or 0.18 (mm) <i>allow ecf</i>	1	
	180 (µm)	1	
	<i>allow 180 (µm) with no working shown for 3 marks</i>		
	(f) 0.2 µm	1	
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2	(a) C	1	
	(b) cytoplasm and cell membrane dividing <i>accept cytokinesis for 1 mark</i>	1	
	to form two identical daughter cells	1	
	(c) stage 4	1	
	only one cell seen in this stage	1	
	(d) $(4 / 36) \times 16 \times 60$	1	
	107 / 106.7	1	
	110 (minutes) <i>allow 110 (minutes) with no working shown for 3 marks</i>	1	

(e) binary fission

do not accept mitosis

1

(f) shortage of nutrients / oxygen

1

so cells die

or

death rate = rate of cell division

1

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Level 3 (5–6 marks):

A detailed and coherent explanation is provided with most of the relevant content, which demonstrates a comprehensive understanding of the human circulatory system. The response makes logical links between content points.

Level 2 (3–4 marks):

The response is mostly relevant and with some logical explanation. Gives a broad understanding of the human circulatory system. The response makes some logical links between the content points.

Level 1 (1–2 marks):

Simple descriptions are made of the roles of some of the following: heart function, gas exchange, named blood vessels, named blood cells. The response demonstrates limited logical linking of points.

0 marks:

No relevant content.

Indicative content

- dual / double circulatory system which means that it has higher blood pressure and a greater flow of blood to the tissues
- heart made of specialised (cardiac) muscle cells which have long protein filaments that can slide past each other to shorten the cell to bring about contraction for pumping blood
- heart pumps blood to lungs in pulmonary artery so that oxygen can diffuse into blood from air in alveoli
- blood returns to heart via pulmonary vein where muscles pump blood to the body via aorta
- oxygen carried by specialised cells / RBCs which contain haemoglobin to bind oxygen and have no nucleus so there is more space available to carry oxygen
- arteries carry oxygenated blood to tissues where capillaries deliver oxygen to cells for respiration and energy release
- thin walls allow for easy diffusion to cells
- large surface area of capillaries to maximise exchange
- waste products removed eg CO₂ diffuse from cells into the blood plasma
- blood goes back to the heart in veins which have valves to prevent backflow
- cardiac output can vary according to demand / is affected by adrenaline

accept annotated diagrams

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|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| 4 | (a) (i) nucleus | 1 | |
| | (ii) diffusion | 1 | |
| | (b) increases / larger surface area (for diffusion)
<i>ignore large surface area to volume ratio</i> | 1 | |
| | (c) (i) sugar / glucose
<i>accept amino acids / other named monosaccharides</i> | 1 | |
| | (ii) against a concentration gradient
or
from low to high concentration | 1 | |
| | (iii) (active transport requires) energy

(from) respiration | 1

1 | |
| | (d) minerals / ions
<i>accept named ion ignore nutrients</i>
do not accept water | 1 | [8] |
| 5 | (a) A (inoculating / wire) loop | 1 | |
| | B Petri dish
<i>allow (agar) plate</i>
<i>ignore ref to culture medium</i> | 1 | |

- (b) (i) to kill (unwanted) bacteria / microorganisms / microbes
allow fungi
ignore viruses / germs 1
- (ii) Using a flame 1
- (iii) any **one** from:
- so bacteria / microorganisms / microbes / pathogens / fungi (growing in dish) do not get out
ignore reference to gases
ignore viruses / germs 1
 - so bacteria / microorganisms / microbes / pathogens / fungi (from the air) do not get in.
ignore viruses / germs 1
- (c) 25 °C 1
- 6** (a) **A** = nucleus [6]
allow phonetic spelling 1
- B** = (cell) membrane 1
- (b) for repair / growth **or** to replace cells
ignore new cells / skin 1
- (c) (i) embryos 1
- (ii) paralysis 1
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(a)

Structure	Organ	Organ system	Tissue
Stomach	✓		
Cells lining the stomach			✓
Mouth, oesophagus, stomach, liver, pancreas, small and large intestine		✓	

all 3 correct = 2 marks

2 correct = 1 mark

1 or 0 correct = 0 marks

2

(b) (i) diffusion

allow phonetic spelling

1

(ii) glucose

1

(iii) mitochondria

1

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(a) contract / shorten

*ignore relax**do **not** allow expand*

1

to churn / move / mix food

*accept peristalsis / mechanical digestion**ignore movement unqualified*

1

(b) 400

*acceptable range 390-410**allow 1 mark for answer in range of 39 to 41**allow 1 mark for answer in range of 3900 to 4100*

2

(c) to transfer energy for use

*allow to release / give / supply / provide energy**do **not** allow to 'make' / 'produce' / 'create' energy**allow to make ATP**ignore to store energy*

1

by (aerobic) respiration **or** from glucose
do not allow anaerobic
energy released for respiration = max 1 mark

1

(d) (i) to make protein / enzyme
ignore 'antibody' or other named protein

1

(ii) too small / very small
allow light microscope does not have sufficient magnification / resolution
allow ribosomes are smaller than mitochondria
ignore not sensitive enough
ignore ribosomes are transparent

1

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(a) (i) chloroplast

1

(ii) cell wall

1

(b) (i) osmosis
accept diffusion

1

(ii) cell wall (prevents bursting)

1

(c) (i) carbon dioxide
allow correct formula

1

glucose
allow sugar / starch

1

(ii) any **two** from:

- light sensitive spot detects light
- tells flagellum to move towards light
- more light = more photosynthesis

2

(d) (cell has) larger SA:volume ratio

1

short (diffusion) distance
allow correct description

1

(diffusion) via cell membrane is sufficient / good enough

or

flow of water maintains concentration gradient

1
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(a) (i) xylem

1

(ii) water

1

minerals / ions / named example(s)

ignore nutrients

1

(b) (i) movement of (dissolved) sugar

*allow additional substances, eg amino acids / correct named sugar
(allow sucrose / glucose)*

allow nutrients / substances / food molecules if sufficiently qualified

ignore food alone

1

(ii) sugars are made in the leaves

1

so they need to be moved to other parts of the plant for respiration / growth / storage

1

(c) (i) mitochondria

1

(ii) for movement of minerals / ions

Do not accept 'water'

1

against their concentration gradient

1

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(a) any **two** from:

- only one 'chromosome'
allow one strand of DNA
- circular
allow loop
- may have plasmids
- not in a nucleus / no nucleus

2

- (b) (i) any **one** from:
- London is much higher
or converse
 - more variable / wider range
allow 'on average it is 5 / 6 times greater'
- 1
- (ii) increases
Included figures must be correct
- 1
- (iii) overall slight increase
accept 'doesn't change much'
- 1
- variable / goes up and down
- 1
- (c) (i) both axes correctly labelled
- x = Year
- y = Number of cases
- 1
- correct points
all correct = 2 marks
1-2 errors = 1 mark
> 2 errors = 0 marks
- 2
- suitable line of best fit
accept straight line or smooth curve
- 1
- (ii) doesn't fit the pattern / line of best fit
- 1
- (d) provides immunity / protection (to TB)
ignore 'stops people catching it'
ignore 'resistance'
- 1
- prevents TB spreading
accept ref to herd immunity
- 1

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- (a) (i) Chromosomes
- 1
- (ii) Characteristics
- 1

(iii) Classify

1

(b) Plants

ignore algae

1

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(a) (i) A = (cell) membrane

1

B = cytoplasm

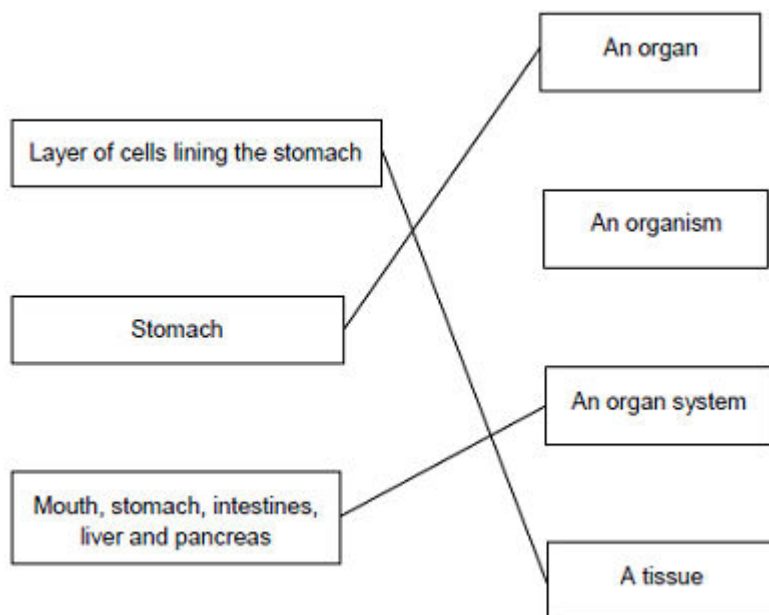
do not accept cytoplasm

1

(ii) To control the activities of the cell

1

(b)



extra lines cancel

3

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(a) Marks awarded for this answer will be determined by the Quality of Written Communication (QWC) as well as the standard of the scientific response. Examiners should also refer to the information in the [Marking guidance](#), and apply a 'best-fit' approach to the marking.

0 marks

No relevant content.

Level 1 (1-2 marks)

There is a brief description of at least one of the stages (pre-inoculation, inoculation, post-inoculation).

Level 2 (3-4 marks)

There is a simple description of at least two stages and an explanation of at least one of them.

Level 3 (5-6 marks)

There is a clear description of all three stages and an explanation of at least two of them.

Examples of Biology points made in the response:***Pre-inoculation***

- Petri dish and agar sterilised before use
- to kill unwanted bacteria
- inoculating loop passed through flame / sterile swab
- to sterilise / kill (other) bacteria

Inoculation

- loop/swab used to spread/streak bacterium onto agar

Allow other correct methods, eg bacterial lawns

- lid of Petri dish opened as little as possible
- to prevent microbes from air entering

Post-inoculation

- sealed with tape
- to prevent microbes from air entering
- incubate
- to allow growth of bacteria

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- (b) (i) bacteria killed / destroyed
ignore fights / attacks / stops growth / got rid of

1

- (ii) *Might be correct*

largest area / space where no bacteria are growing
allow most bacteria killed

1

Might not be correct

(need more evidence as) D may be harmful to people / animals / surfaces
ignore ref to cost / dangerous or harmful unqualified

1

or may work differently with different bacteria

or disinfectants may be different concentrations

ignore different amounts of disinfectant unless reference to different drop size

or may not last as long

ignore take longer to work

allow reference to anomalous result or not repeated

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(a) (i) A = nucleus

1

B = (cell) membrane

1

(ii) any **two** from:

ignore shape

- no (cell) wall
- no (large / permanent) vacuole
- no chloroplasts / chlorophyll

2

(b) because high to low oxygen / concentration **or** down gradient

allow 'more / a lot of oxygen molecules outside'

ignore along / across gradient

1

(c) a tissue

1

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(a) (i) mitochondrion / mitochondria

must be phonetically correct

1

(ii) carbon dioxide / CO₂

1

water / H₂O

1

in either order

*accept CO₂ but **not** CO²*

*accept H₂O **or** HOH but not H²O*

- (iii) diffusion 1
- high to low concentration
allow down a concentration gradient 1
- through (cell) membrane **or** through cytoplasm
do not accept cell wall 1

- (b) ribosomes make proteins / enzymes 1
- using amino acids 1
- part A / mitochondria provide the energy for the process
allow ATP
do not accept produce or make energy 1

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- (a) **A** sperm 1
- B** egg 1
- C** fertilised egg 1
- D** embryo 1
- (b) insert into mother
ignore fertilise / check fertilisation / check viability 1
- womb / uterus 1
- (c) (i) one quarter 1
- (ii) no / little chance of success over 42 1
- reference to table of only two women in the age bracket 40-42 years became pregnant
the statement 'only 2 out of 53 40-42 year old women became pregnant / had babies' gains 2 marks 1

- (iii) so fewer twins / multiple births
or
 multiple births more dangerous

1
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- (a) (i) **C and D**
no mark if more than one box is ticked

1

- (ii) any **one** from:
do not allow if other cell parts are given in a list

- (have) cell wall(s)
- (have) vacuole(s)

1

- (b) (i) **A**
apply list principle

1

- (ii) **D**
apply list principle

1

- (c) respiration
apply list principle

1

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- (a) **B**
*no mark for "B" alone, the mark is for B **and** the explanation.*

large(r) surface / area **or** large(r) membrane
accept reference to microvilli
ignore villi / hairs / cilia
accept reasonable descriptions of the surface eg folded membrane
/ surface
do not accept wall / cell wall

1

- (b) (i) any **one** from:
- (salivary) amylase
 - carbohydrase

1

- (ii) many ribosomes
do not mix routes. If both routes given award marks for the greater.

1

ribosomes produce protein

accept amylase / enzyme / carbohydrase is made of protein

or

(allow)

many mitochondria (1)

mitochondria provide energy to build / make protein (1)

accept ATP instead of energy

1

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(a) both parents **Aa**

*accept other upper and lower case letter without key **or** symbols with a key*

allow as gametes shown in Punnett square

1

aa in offspring correctly derived from parents

or

aa correctly derived from the parents given

ignore other offspring / gametes

for this mark parents do not have to be correct

1

offspring **aa** identified as having cystic fibrosis

*may be the only offspring shown **or** circled / highlighted / described*

1

(b) (i) any **one** from:

accept converse if clear, eg if you (only) took one it might have cystic fibrosis / might not be fertilised

- (more) sure / greater chance of healthy / non-cystic fibrosis egg / embryo / child

accept some may have the allele

reference to 'suitable / good embryo' is insufficient

- greater chance of fertilisation

1

(ii) **advantages**

to gain 3 marks both advantage(s) and disadvantage(s) must be given

max 3

any **two** from:

ignore references to abortion unless qualified by later screening

- greater / certain chance of having child / embryo without cystic fibrosis / healthy
- child with cystic fibrosis difficult / expensive to bring up
- cystic fibrosis (gene / allele) not passed on to future generations

disadvantages

any **two** from:

- operation dangers / named eg infection
ignore risk unqualified
- ethical or religious issues linked with killing embryos
accept wrong / cruel to embryos accept right to life argument
ignore embryos are destroyed
- (high) cost of procedure
- possible damage to embryo (during testing for cystic fibrosis / operation)

plus

conclusion

a statement that implies a qualified value judgement

eg it is right because the child will (probably) not have cystic fibrosis even though it is expensive

or

eg it is wrong because embryos are killed despite a greater chance of having a healthy baby

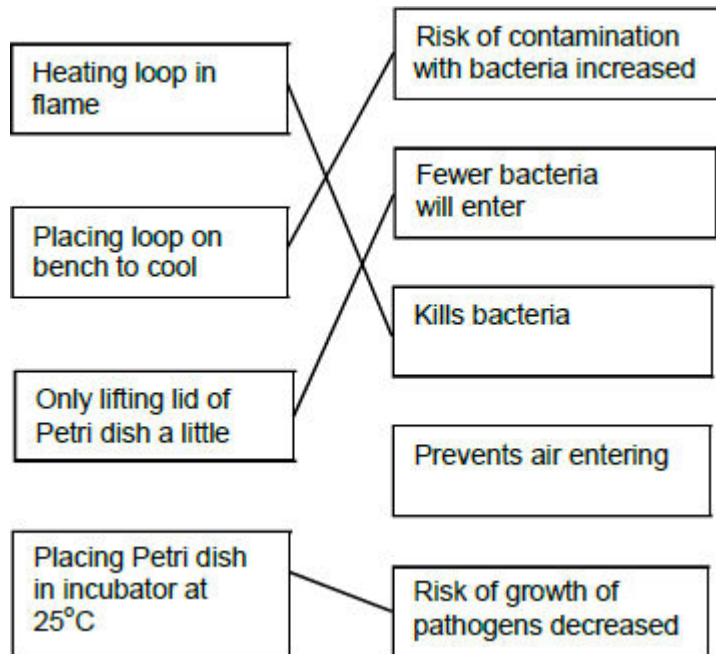
***note:** the conclusion mark cannot be given unless a reasonable attempt to give both an advantage and a disadvantage is made*
*do **not** award the mark if the conclusion only states that advantages outweigh the disadvantages*

(c) any **three** from:

- osmosis / diffusion
*do **not** accept movement of ions / solution by osmosis / diffusion*
- more concentrated solution outside cell / in mucus
assume concentration is concentration of solute unless answer indicates otherwise or accept correct description of 'water concentration'
- water moves from dilute to more concentrated solution
allow correct references to movement of water in relation to concentration gradient
- partially permeable membrane (of cell)
allow semi / selectively permeable

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any box on the left joined to > 1 other box - cancel

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(a) (i) A = (cell) wall
ignore cellulose

B = cytoplasm

1

1

(ii) any **one** from:
accept has DNA instead of a nucleus, but not just has DNA

- bacterial cell / it has no nucleus
allow no mitochondria
- DNA free in cytoplasm
ignore size
- has no vacuole / no vesicles
ignore strands of DNA

1

(b) (i) yeast grows best / better / well **or** optimum temperature for yeast / more yeast present

allow yeast works best / better / well

1

(yeast) makes CO₂ **or** respire / respiration

allow fermentation

1

(ii) bacterium grows best / better / well / more bacteria present **or** optimum temperature for bacterium

ignore microorganisms / microbes

allow works / respire best / better / well

1

(bacterium) makes (lactic) acid

*do **not** allow wrong acid*

1

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(a) (i) **A** – (cell) wall

1

B – cytoplasm

1

C – plasmid

1

(ii) bacterium cell has cell wall / no nucleus / no mitochondria / plasmids present

accept its DNA / genetic material is not enclosed / it has no nuclear membrane

it = bacterium cell

accept converse for animal cell

ignore flagella

1

(iii) any **one** from:

- chloroplast
ignore chlorophyll
- (permanent) vacuole

1

(b) (Long tail) moves the sperm / allows the sperm to swim

1

towards the egg

allow correct reference to other named parts of the female reproductive system

1

(Mitochondria) release energy (for movement / swimming)

allow supply / produce / provide

1

in respiration

1

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(a) (i) 25°C

1

(ii) pathogens

1

(b) **D**

1

more / most bacteria killed

accept biggest area / ring where no bacteria are growing

1

(c) viruses live inside cells

1

[5]**25**

(a) **A** cytoplasm

in this order only

1

B (cell) membrane

*do **not** accept (cell) wall*

1

(b) (i) synapse

1

(ii) (as) chemical

accept neurotransmitter or named

ignore references to how the chemical is passed

*do **not** accept electrical*

1

(c) (from light-sensitive cell to connecting neurone) to sensory neurone

ignore references to synapses accept 'nerve cell' for neuron(e)

throughout penalise 'nerve' for neurone once only

1

(sensory neurone) to brain / CNS

allow (sensory neurone) to relay neurone / spinal cord

1

(brain / CNS) to motor neurone

allow (relay neurone / spinal cord) to motor neurone

1

(motor neurone) to (eyelid) muscle

ignore effector

1

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