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Mark Scheme for June 2012

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Annotations used in the detailed Mark Scheme (to include abbreviations and subject-specific conventions).

Annotation	Meaning
√	Correct answer
×	Incorrect response
145	Benefit of Doubt
2,000	Not Benefit of Doubt
464	Error Carried Forward
GM	Given mark
~~	Underline (for ambiguous/contradictory wording)
A	Omission mark
	Ignore
0	Correct response (for a QWC question)
Sec	QWC* mark awarded

^{*}Quality of Written Communication

Subject Specific Information

SPELLING

Accept phonetic spelling throughout unless otherwise specified.

Underlined terms must be used to gain the mark, but can be spelt phonetically unless otherwise stated.

Correct spelling is required if being credited as a QWC term.

Q	Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	(a)		cell signalling;	1	Mark the first answer. If the answer is correct and an additional answer is given that is incorrect or contradicts the correct answer then = 0 marks
1	(b)	(i)	syn <u>a</u> ptic (cleft / space / gap) ;		Mark the first answer. If the answer is correct and an additional answer is given that is incorrect or contradicts the correct answer then = 0 marks ALLOW synapse
				1	DO NOT CREDIT synoptic / synopse / synapsis

Q	uesti	on		Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	(b)	(ii)				DO NOT CREDIT a mark point if stated that complete vesicles (even if containing neurotransmitter) are involved
			1	(named) neurotransmitter / acetylcholine , released from pre-synaptic / first , cell / membrane ;		1 release of neurotransmitter must be clearly stated
			2	<pre>diffuses across, gap / cleft / synaptic cleft or reaches second, neurone / cell / membrane, by diffusion;</pre>		2 IGNORE synapse
			3	attaches to , receptors / binding sites of sodium channels , on post-synaptic membrane / membrane of second cell ;		3 DO NOT CREDIT post-synaptic knob / bulb Note that a statement reading: 'Diffuses across and attaches to receptors on the post-synaptic membrane' = 2 marks (mps 2 & 3)
			4	neurotransmitter / acetylcholine , broken down (in cleft) ;	2 max	4 CREDIT ref to action of cholinesterase
			QW	/C – technical terms used appropriately and spelt correctly;	1	Use of three terms from: neurotransmitter, pre-synaptic / presynaptic, synaptic cleft, post-synaptic / postsynaptic Please insert a QWC symbol next to the pencil icon, followed by a tick (✓) if QWC has been awarded or a cross (×) if QWC has not been awarded You should use the green dot to identify the QWC terms that you are crediting.

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1	(b)	(iii)			IGNORE ref to 'signals' / 'messages' / coordination
			ensures movement of , impulse / action potential , in one direction (only) ;		ACCEPT description eg ACh only released from presynaptic and receptors only on postsynaptic
			integration or one neurone can , connect to / receive impulses from / transmit impulses to , many neurones ;		
			3 allows summation;		ACCEPT description eg enough action potentials arrive to trigger depolarisation in next neurone
			4 idea that filters out, 'background' / low level, stimuli or ensures that only stimulation that is strong enough will be passed on;		
			5 AVP;	3 max	 eg • permits, memory / learning acclimatisation (or described) prevents continuous stimulation of neurones synapses are of two types – excitatory and inhibitory
1	(c)	(i)			Mark the first answer. If the answer is correct and an additional answer is given that is incorrect or contradicts the correct answer then = 0 marks
			endotherm(s);	1	CREDIT homoiothermic

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1	(c)	(ii)	(vaca) dilation t		Mark the first answer. If the answer is correct and an additional answer is given that is incorrect or contradicts the correct answer then = 0 marks
			(vaso)dilation;	1	IGNORE 'arteriole' DO NOT CREDIT 'arterial dilation'
1	(d)	(i)			Mark the first answer. If the answer is correct and an additional answer is given that is incorrect or contradicts the correct answer then = 0 marks
			thyroxine / adrenaline;	1	ACCEPT adrenalin / thyroxin / epinephrin(e)
1	(d)	(ii)			Mark the first answer. If the answer is correct and an additional answer is given that is incorrect or contradicts the correct answer then = 0 marks
			hypothalamus;	1	
			Total	12	

Q	uesti	on		Answer	Mar	rks	Guidance
2	(a)		L glome <u>r</u> u <u>l</u> us ; M Bowman's / ren	al , capsule ;			Mark the first answer on each prompt line. If the answer is correct and an additional answer is given that is incorrect or contradicts the correct answer then = 0 marks L ACCEPT 'capillary knot' IGNORE 'capillary unqualified'
			N <u>proximal</u> convol	uted tubule;	3	3	N IGNORE 'first' IGNORE PCT / pct (as Q asks for 'name')
2	(b)		statement walls are impermeable to water glucose is reabsorbed into the blood ADH acts on the walls contains podocytes most of the water is reabsorbed into the blood	part(s) of the nephron ascending (limb of loop of Henle) proximal convoluted tubule / N collecting duct / distal convoluted tubule Bowman's capsule / renal capsule / M proximal convoluted tubule / N	;		Mark the first answer in each box. If the answer is correct and an additional answer is given that is incorrect or contradicts the correct answer then = 0 marks ACCEPT rising limb ACCEPT pct / first convoluted tubule ACCEPT DCT / dct / second convoluted tubule ACCEPT pct / first convoluted tubule
					5	5	

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2	(c)		1 role of loop of Henle is to cause a decrease in water potential in / establish water potential gradient going down, medulla;		Do not award for a simple statement that 'there is a lower water potential in the medulla'
			2 (as) in ascending limb active transport outwards of , solutes / (sodium and chloride) ions		2 ACCEPT 'pumped' for active transport
			3 (walls of) descending limb permeable to water;4 water removed from descending limb;		3 IGNORE ref to permeability to ions
			 water potential of tissues surrounding collecting duct is low(er) than fluid inside it; water removed from , filtrate / urine (in collecting duct); 		5 ACCEPT 'contents of collecting duct'
			7 AVP;	4 max	 7 eg • acts as a countercurrent, system / multiplier • the drier the habitat the longer the loop • idea that urea contributes to low water potential in medulla • (facilitated) diffusion of ions out of the loop at the bottom
			QWC – technical terms used appropriately and spelt correctly;	1	Use of three terms from: water potential, medulla, ascending, active transport (or derived term), ion(s), descending Please insert a QWC symbol next to the pencil icon, followed by a tick (✓) if QWC has been awarded or a cross (×) if QWC has not been awarded You should use the green dot to identify the QWC terms that you are crediting.
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3	(a)				Mark the first answer. If the answer is correct and an additional answer is given that is incorrect or contradicts the correct answer then = 0 marks
			crista(e) / inner mitochondrial membrane ;	1	ACCEPT thylakoid membrane / lamella(e) (of chloroplast)
3	(b)	(i)	A has more stain than B and C has none;	1	All 3 seeds must be mentioned Staining ref. could relate to area or intensity of stain. DO NOT CREDIT implication that C has any staining ACCEPT 'shading' instead of 'staining' IGNORE ref to presence or absence of TTC (as it is present in all regions of all seedlings and it is the <i>staining</i> that is important)
3	(b)	(ii)	 idea that shaded areas in A are respiring; idea that 22°C is suitable temperature for respiration; reduced, NAD / FAD / coenzymes, produced in, glycolysis / link reaction / Krebs cycle; lots of / more, electron transfer (to TTC) / (oxidative) phosphorylation / chemiosmosis; 	2 max	 ACCEPT a description of the respiring area(s) eg the outer regions of the seed are respiring ACCEPT NADH / NADH⁺ / NADH + H⁺ / NADH₂ / FADH / FADH⁺ / FADH + H⁺ / FADH₂

C	uesti	on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
3	(b)	(iii)	(named stage of) respiration uses , enzymes / proteins in ETC / electron carriers ;		IGNORE coenzymes
			group B not enough kinetic energy for , ESC formation / substrates and enzymes to collide (successfully);		
			group C enzymes / proteins in ETC / electron carriers , denatured by , high temperature / (almost) boiling water ;		Note that a statement reading:
				2 max	Note that a statement reading: 'the respiratory enzymes are denatured by 90°C in C' = 2 marks (mps 1 and 3)
3	(c)	(i)			Mark the first answer. If the answer is correct and an additional answer is given that is incorrect or contradicts the correct answer then = 0 marks
			ethan <u>a</u> l ;	1	ACCEPT acetaldehyde IGNORE formulae (as name asked for in Q)
3	(c)	(ii)			Mark the first answer. If the answer is correct and an additional answer is given that is incorrect or contradicts the correct answer then = 0 marks
			ethan <u>a</u> l ;	1	ACCEPT acetaldehyde IGNORE formulae (as name asked for in Q)

Q	uesti	on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
3	(c)	(iii)	ethan <u>o</u> l <u>and</u> carbon dioxide ;	1	Mark the first 2 answers. If the answer is correct and an additional answer is given that is incorrect or contradicts the correct answer then = 0 marks ACCEPT formulae IGNORE alcohol unless specified as 'ethyl alcohol' IGNORE (oxidised) NAD DO NOT CREDIT NADP / reduced NAD / ATP
3	(c)	(iv)	 releases NAD , to accept more H / to be reduced again / so glycolysis can continue or allows (some) ATP to be generated (in glycolysis); (some ATP available) for named cellular process; 	2 max	 the idea that cells can still respire is not quite enough eg • active transport • endocytosis / exocytosis / pinocytosis • mitosis / meiosis • protein synthesis • DNA replication • Calvin cycle / light-independent stage of photosynthesis eg • stated situation where oxygen is in short supply (e.g. waterlogging / compacted soil / roots situated very deep in soil) IGNORE can respire in low oxygen conditions (as stated in Q)
			Total	11	

C	uesti	on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
4	(a)		oxygen oxygen only produced in one (named) stage of photosynthesis; oxygen produced might be used for respiration;		CREDIT for O ₂ 'only measures the rate of the light dependent stage / photolysis'
			 carbon dioxide CO₂ only used in one (named) stage of photosynthesis; CO₂ produced during respiration might be used for, photosynthesis / light independent reaction / Calvin cycle; 		3 CREDIT for CO ₂ 'only measures the rate of the Calvin cycle'
			5 O ₂ / CO ₂ / both , could be an underestimate or represents net production (O ₂) or represents net use (CO ₂) ;	2 max	5 ACCEPT a description e.g. 'measurement is less than expected because not all the oxygen produced can be measured' (but not if expressed in terms of terms of experimental error – e.g. dissolves in the water) IGNORE refs to reliability / accuracy
4	(b)	(i)	light intensity;	1	Mark the first answer. If the answer is correct and an additional answer is given that is incorrect or contradicts the correct answer then = 0 marks

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4	(b)	(ii)	carbon dioxide concentration / partial pressure of CO ₂ / temperature; AVP;		Mark the first answer. If the answer is correct and an additional answer is given that is incorrect or contradicts the correct answer then = 0 marks DO NOT CREDIT 'high' or 'low', as these indicate situations rather than factors eg • stomatal density • stomatal size • chlorophyll concentration • number of chloroplasts • enzyme turnover rate IGNORE (temporary) changes in stomatal, opening / closing IGNORE ref to water availability
	(b)	(iii)	(aerobic / anaerobic) respiration;	1	Mark the first answer. If the answer is correct and an additional answer is given that is incorrect or contradicts the correct answer then = 0 marks ACCEPT Krebs cycle / link reaction / decarboxylation DO NOT CREDIT photorespiration (as light intensity stated as being low)

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4	(b)	(iv)			Assume that candidate is answering in the same order as the bullet points, unless otherwise indicated. IGNORE photorespiration throughout CREDIT 'Calvin cycle' for 'photosynthesis' throughout For mps 2, 3 & 4 must include clear ref. to both respiration and photosynthesis	
			 at 0 , respiration only / no photosynthesis; between 0 and X idea that (rate of) respiration is greater than (rate of) photosynthesis; at X idea that (rate of) respiration equals (rate of) photosynthesis / at compensation point; after X idea that (rate of) photosynthesis is greater than (rate of) respiration; 	3 max	2 DO NOT CREDIT no photosynthesis	
4	(c)	(i)	reduced NADP / NADPH / NADPH ₂ / NADPH ⁺ ; ATP ; oxygen ;	3	Mark the first 3 answers. IGNORE numbers of molecules ACCEPT O ₂ (to be consistent with the other answers to this question)	

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4	(c)	(ii)	1 2	prevents <u>photophosphorylation</u> ; cyclic <u>and</u> non-cyclic;			
			3	no / less , ATP / reduced NADP , for , light-independent stage / Calvin cycle / GP to TP ;		3	'no ATP for photosynthesis' is not quite enough DO NOT CREDIT (oxidised) NADP
			4	no (named) substrate made for <u>respiration</u> ;	2 max	4	substrate eg glucose / starch / carbohydrate / sucrose / sugars IGNORE triose phosphate / food / nutrients
				Total	13		

Q	Question		Answer		Guidance
5	(a)	(i)			Mark the first answer. If the answer is correct and an additional answer is given that is incorrect or contradicts the correct answer then = 0 marks
			islet(s) of Langerhans;	1	IGNORE α and β cells
5	(a)	(ii)			Mark the first answer. If the answer is correct and an additional answer is given that is incorrect or contradicts the correct answer then = 0 marks
			beta / β ;	1	ACCEPT b IGNORE islets (of Langerhans) DO NOT CREDIT B (confusion with immune system)

C	Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
5	(b)		in gap order 1 increases;		Mark the first answer on each prompt line. If the answer is correct and an additional answer is given that is incorrect or contradicts the correct answer then = 0 marks 1 CREDIT rises / gets higher
			2 glycolytic / glycolysis ;		ACCEPT 'is high' 2 IGNORE metabolic / respiratory
			3 depolarised;		3 ACCEPT 'less negative / more positive, on the inside (than previously)' or 'less positive / more negative, on the outside (than previously)' IGNORE figures (as Q has asked for words) DO NOT CREDIT ionised / polarised
			4 calcium;5 exocytosis;	5	4 IGNORE Ca or Ca ²⁺ (as Q has asked for words) DO NOT CREDIT if incorrect symbols given (e.g. Ca ⁺ , CA ²⁺)
5	(c)	(i)		o o	Mark the first answer. If the answer is correct and an additional answer is given that is incorrect or contradicts the correct answer then = 0 marks
			ribosome / rough endoplasmic reticulum / RER;	1	IGNORE rRNA (as this is not where proteins are made)

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C	Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance	
5	(c)	(ii)	1 transported to Golgi; 2 modified / processed, in Golgi; 3 packaged into / stored in, (Golgi) vesicle(s); 4 vesicles transported towards, plasma / cell surface, membrane; 5 AVP;	Marks	Guidance IGNORE ref. to mechanism of insulin secretion IGNORE ref. to negative feedback control of insulin secretion 2 DO NOT CREDIT if ref. to carbohydrate 4 IGNORE 'fuses with membrane' 5 eg • detail of modification (splitting / recombining, polypeptide) • role of cytoskeleton	
					use of ATP (in context of, modification / movement)	
				3 max	(iii context or, modification / movement)	
			Total	11		

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