



BIOLOGY MIND

Edexcel

A-Level

BIOLOGY

Biological Molecules

Inorganic Ions 2

Time allowed

54 minutes

MARK SCHEME



Score

/45

Percentage

%

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Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
1(a)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. cellulose (molecule) is a { polymer / chain / eq } of β-glucose / eq ; 2. cellulose molecules held together { by hydrogen bonds / as microfibrils } ; 3. idea of arrangement of microfibrils in { parallel / net / mesh / criss cross / eq } ; 4. reference to { matrix / hemicelluloses / pectin / eq } ; 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CCEPT many β-glucose 4. IGNORE lignin 	(3)

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1(b)(i)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. { group of / many / several / eq } cells ; 2. idea that the cells in a tissue { work together / eq } for a common function ; 		(2)

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1(b)(ii)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. idea that lignin holds the { fibres / microfibrils } together ; 2. lignin keeps { fibres / microfibrils } parallel / eq ; 		(2)

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1(c)(i)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. { hollow / no cytoplasm / eq } ; 2. idea that vessels { have no end walls / are open at the ends } ; 3. vessels { have pits / are strong so that they do not collapse } ; 4. lignin makes the walls waterproof / eq ; 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IGNORE dead, tube ACCEPT has a lumen 3. ACCEPT strong to keep tube open 	(2)

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1(c)(ii)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. nitrate for production of { amino acids / protein / DNA / nucleic acids / bases / eq } ; 2. calcium for { pectate / pectin / middle lamella } ; 3. magnesium for chlorophyll ; 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CCEPT chlorophyll, enzymes 	(3)



Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
2(a)	1. renewable / eq ; 2. resources can be made available for future generations / will not run out / eq ; 3. more (Canola) plants can be grown / eq ;	2. ACC T not finite ACCEPT references to either oil or plants not running out	(2)

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2(b)	1. amino acids OR proteins ; 2. idea of used in synthesis of { nucleic acids / DNA / ATP} ; 3. idea of how this organic compound is used in growth;	2. ACCEP RNA, NAD, NADP, ADP, chlorophyll 3. amino acids) for the synthesis of proteins, (proteins) as enzymes, (nucleic acids) for cell division, (ATP) as an energy source	(2)

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2(c) (i)	A a negative correlation ;	(1)

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2(c)(ii)	1. correct values from graph, i.e. 2.40 and 3.30 ; 2. difference divided by 2.4, e.g. $(0.9 \div 2.4) \times 100$; 3. 37 (%) ;	Correct answer gains 3 marks 1. 2.4 and 3.3 2. $(30 - 2.40) \times 100 / 2.40$ ACCEPT $(\text{difference} \div \text{original value}) \times 100$ if incorrect values selected from graph	(3)

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2(c)(iii)	1. idea of using genetically similar plants e.g. raised from seeds from same plant, clones ; 2. idea of repeats {at each level of nitrate fertiliser / used to produce mean data / to identify outliers or anomalies} ; 3. environmental variable related to soil controlled e.g. soil pH, concentration of other mineral ions ; 4. another environmental variable controlled e.g. temperature, light (intensity), water ; 5. idea of control described, e.g. no nitrate/ soil with no extra nitrate ; 6. idea of same method of extraction of oil used ;	IGNORE reference to time as the investigation is measuring seed production 1. ACCEPT cuttin 3. A EPT same area, location	(4)



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3(a)	B 2	(1) COMP

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3(b)(i)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> (only) contain hydrogen, carbon and oxygen ; reference to fatty acids and glycerol {joined by / eq} ester{bonds / eq} ; idea of saturated and unsaturated (fatty acids / lipids); 		(2) RAD

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3(b)(ii)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> uses less fertiliser / eq ; idea of not using more pesticides / eq ; idea that greenhouse gas emissions are not that different ; credit manipulation of figures to support marking point 3 ; 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. IGNORE comparisons between the different crops 3. ACCEPT less than corn but more than sugar cane 	(3)EXP

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3(b)(iii)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> credit three correctly named ions ; nitrate for {protein / amino acids / nucleic acids / named nucleic acid} ; proteins used for growth ; calcium ions for {other nutrients uptake / promotes cell elongation / strengthen cell walls / enzyme function / protection against heat stress / protection against diseases / eq} ; magnesium ions for chlorophyll production ; for photosynthesis ; 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> e.g. nitrate, calcium ions, magnesium ions, sulphate, potassium ions, phosphate <p>ACCEPT</p> <p>Sulphate for amino acids</p> <p>Potassium ions for stomata function</p>	(4)EXP





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4(a)	B ;	(1)

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4(b)	D ;	(1)

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*4(c) QWC	<p>(QWC - Spelling of technical terms (<i>shown in italics</i>) must be correct and the answer must be organised in a logical sequence)</p> <p>succession described:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. reference to lichens and mosses as <u>pioneer</u> community ;2. able to grow in {little / no} soil / eq ;3. (that) breaks up (rock) fragments / forms {thin / shallow / eq} soil ;4. reference to {plants / eq} with {small / short / eq} roots ;5. (able to) grow in {thin / shallow / eq} soil / eq ;6. idea that changes in soil structure enable {trees / shrubs} to grow / eq ; <p>general points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">7. reference to soil able to {hold / retain / contain / eq} {water / minerals} ;8. as plants {lose leaves / die / decay / eq} ;9. reference to {organic matter / humus / eq} {increases / released / eq} ;10. reference to competition effects ;	(5)





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4 (d)	<p>1. climax (community) ;</p> <p>Any three from:</p> <p>2. includes (both) animals and plants / has many species / has high biodiversity / eq ;</p> <p>3. reference to {interaction / eq} between species / eq ;</p> <p>4. idea of balanced equilibrium of species ;</p> <p>5. reference to {dominant / codominant} (plant or animal) species ;</p> <p>6. reference to stable if no {change to environment / human influence} ;</p>	(4)

