

## **MARK SCHEME for the October/November 2012 series**

### **9700 BIOLOGY**

**9700/23**

Paper 2 (AS Structured Questions), maximum raw mark 60

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Mark scheme abbreviations:

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

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1 *accept first on row*

*accept phonetic spellings*

**A** *name*

mitochondrion ;  
**A** mitochondria

*function* (site of) ;

ATP, synthesis / production / AW  
aerobic respiration  
link reaction  
Krebs cycle  
oxidative phosphorylation  
AVP  
**R** ATP energy

**B** *name*

Golgi (apparatus / body / complex) ;  
**A** dictyosome **A** Golgi

*function* (site of) ;

modification of protein / glycosylation / described  
modification of lipid  
pack(ag)ing (of), protein / lipids  
production of (Golgi / secretory) vesicles / lysosomes  
**ignore** synthesis of protein  
(*incorrect name*)  
*lysosome function* = contains / storage of hydrolytic / digestive, enzymes  
*Golgi / secretory, vesicles* = transport, protein / lipids

**C** *name*

chloroplast(s) ;

*function* (site of) ;

photosynthesis  
light-dependent, reactions / stage (of photosynthesis)  
light, absorption / AW  
light-independent, reactions / stage (of photosynthesis)  
Calvin cycle  
carbon fixation  
photophosphorylation  
**A** ATP synthesis  
**ignore** (*treat as neutral*) *ref. to, glucose / oxygen, synthesis*  
**ignore** *chlorophyll*  
**R** light / dark, stage / reactions

**D** *name*

rough endoplasmic reticulum ;  
**R** RER or rough ER **R** endoplasmic

*function* (site of) ;

protein / polypeptide, synthesis  
translation  
modification of protein / described (e.g. folding)  
protein transport (to Golgi)  
(*incorrect name*)  
*smooth endoplasmic reticulum* = lipid / steroid / cholesterol, synthesis / AW  
*endoplasmic reticulum* = *ecf as above for RER / SER*

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- 2 (a) cholera and TB ;  
**ignore any other underlined diseases** [1]
- (b) *must answer in context of antibiotics, not antibodies*  
*look for bacteria in answer if not clear in mp 1*
- 1 (to ensure) all bacteria are, killed / removed / eliminated / destroyed / AW ;  
**R** virus / bacteria and virus  
*ignore antigen or pathogen or disease*  
*'all' may be implied e.g. award if gain mp 2,3,4*
  - 2 (so) no reservoir of infection remains / AW / ora ;
  - 3 (disease) cannot be transmitted / cannot infect others / AW e.g. spread / ora ;
  - 4 no recurrence / disease does not return ; *in context of same person*
  - 5 to reduce chance of / AW, (antibiotic / drug) resistance developing ;  
**R** *idea that human becomes resistant to antibiotics*
  - 6 ref. to mutation in context of resistance ; [max 3]
- (c) (i) binds with / fits into / AW, active site ; **R** collides with / reacts with  
complementary shape to active site / similar shape to substrate ;  
**A** same shape as substrate / same or similar structure as substrate  
fewer, enzyme-substrate / E – S, complexes ;  
**A** no ESC in context of one enzyme  
**A** fewer successful collisions between enzyme and substrate  
**A** prevents formation of E – S complexes  
reduces rate of / slows (enzyme) reaction ;  
**A** reduced enzyme activity / **A** less product formed [max 3]
- (ii) *ideas that*  
(humans) do not have the enzyme for cell wall synthesis ;  
**A** penicillin only inhibits bacterial enzymes  
penicillin will not inhibit any human enzyme ;  
(human cells) do not have cell walls ; [max 1]
- (iii) cell wall synthesis will stop / slow / be inhibited ;  
**A** inhibit, murein / peptidoglycan, synthesis  
ref. to uptake of water by osmosis ;  
cell cannot withstand osmotic stress / cell cannot withstand turgor pressure /  
lysis / bursting / AW ;  
**A** cell wall weakened  
bacteria die / are killed / destroyed ;  
stops bacteria dividing / reproducing / 'replicating' ;  
**AVP** ; e.g. detail of action of penicillin (e.g. prevents cross-links forming),  
(penicillin) only works on growing cells [max 3]

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**3 (a)** look at quoted data to confirm qualitative statements if unclear

- 1 people who never smoked have the lowest percentage of deaths (due to lung cancer) ;  
*must be comparative*  
  
*for age*
- 2 *either*  
the younger / earlier the person starts smoking the higher the percentage of deaths  
*or*  
the older / later the person starts smoking the lower the percentage of deaths  
(due to lung cancer) ;  
  
*for number of cigarettes per day*
- 3 *either*  
increasing / AW, the number of cigarettes smoked per day increases the percentage of deaths  
*or*  
decreasing / AW, the number of cigarettes smoked per day decreases the percentage of deaths ;  
  
*different 'start' ages for the two types of smokers*
- 4 highest percentage deaths is for those with an early start and smoke, 21–39 (cigarettes per day) / the most / AW ;
- 5 greatest difference in percentage deaths occurs in those that start smoking early ; **ora**  
[max 4]

- (b) (i)**
- 1 forms carboxyhaemoglobin ;
  - 2 reduces affinity of Hb for oxygen / Hb has higher affinity for CO than for oxygen ;  
**ignore** 'picks up CO rather than oxygen', if mp3 is given then allow
  - 3 reduces quantity of oxygen transported (in blood) / AW ;  
**R** prevents
  - 4 damages lining of arteries ;  
**A** promotes / AW, atheroma / atherosclerosis / plaque [max 2]
- (ii)** raises, heart rate / blood pressure ;  
reduces diameter of arterioles ;  
decreases blood flow to body extremities ;  
increases 'stickiness' of platelets / promotes, blood clotting / thrombosis ; [max 2]

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- (iii) *goblet cells*  
 enlarge / swell up ;  
**A** become bigger / dilate  
**R** inflamed  
 produce more / excess, mucus ;  
**A** lots of  
**AVP** ; e.g. any cellular detail such as more mitochondria / Golgi bodies or vesicles

*cilia:*  
 paralysis / destruction ;  
**A** damages **R** kills **ignore** 'tar coats...'  
 no / less beating / sweeping (action) / moving mucus ;  
**R** in context of moving air

[max 4]

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- 4 (a) (x) 400 ;  
*if answer incorrect or not to nearest 100 allow one mark for correct working*  
 e.g. (scale bar) 19 000–21 000 divided by 50  
*award max one mark if a unit (e.g.  $\mu\text{m}$ ) is included*

[2]

- (b) 1 thick(ened) / lignified, walls prevent, collapse ;  
**ignore** *strengthened*  
**A** withstands, compression / negative pressure  
**ignore** bursting  
 2 lignified (wall), prevents leakage / provides waterproofing ;  
 3 cellulose, wall / lining, allows adhesion of water (molecules) ;  
**A** hydrogen bonding / hydrophilic  
 4 (relatively) large diameter / large cross-sectional area / wide / large lumen ;  
 5 hollow / empty / no contents / no cytoplasm ;  
 6 no end walls / continuous 'tubes' / AW ;  
 7 elongated ;  
**A** *if referenced to cells or vessels* **A** cells end to end (to make tubes)  
*only allow mps 4–7 in terms of ease / efficiency of water movement*  
*mp 4 e.g. more space allows a greater volume to flow / greater volume per unit time*  
*or mp 5–6 e.g. minimal resistance to flow, allows unimpeded flow, allows free flow of water*  
 8 pits / pitted walls, to allow lateral movement ;  
**R** pores

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- (c) 1 water moves, down a water potential gradient / from a high(er) water potential to a low(er) water potential, accept  $\psi$  for water potential ;  
 2 apoplast pathway, described / used in correct context ;  
 3 symplast pathway, described / used in correct context ;  
 4 evaporation from mesophyll cell walls ;  
**A** surface of mesophyll cells  
 5 into air space(s) ;  
*must be linked to evaporation / water vapour*  
 6 water vapour diffuses (out) ;  
*accept if no vapour but follows from evaporation*  
 7 out / through / via stoma(ta) ;  
**R** 'evaporates from the stomata'  
 8 **AVP** ; ref. to water leaves unligified terminals of xylem vessels [max 5]

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- 5 (a) *all points except mp3 may be taken from a labelled/annotated diagram*  
 1 ref. to, attachment / AW, to mRNA ;  
 2 *idea of* two codon attachment, sites / space, for six bases or nucleotides ;  
 3 mRNA has code for sequence of amino acids (in a polypeptide) ;  
 4 (ribosome) provides sites for attachment of two tRNA (molecules) ;  
**A** implied  
 5 each tRNA has a specific amino acid / AW ;  
 6 (mRNA) codon – anticodon (tRNA), binding ;  
**A** description in terms of complementary base pairing  
**A** 'matching'  
 7 formation of peptide bonds (catalysed by peptidyl transferase) ;  
 8 *idea of* ribosome moving along mRNA one codon at a time ; [max 4]

(b) (i) GGC ; [1]

(ii) CTA ; [1]

- (c) 1 amino acid coded by codon 2 changed ;  
 2 *idea of* every subsequent codon changed ;  
 3 amino acids / protein sequence, up to and including codon 1 unaffected / AW  
**ora** amino acid sequence from codon 2 onwards is changed ;  
 4 *idea of* premature chain termination (if stop codon further on) / AW ;  
 5 *idea of* change in, primary / secondary / tertiary, structure of protein ;  
 6 *idea of* protein non-functional ;  
**ignore** 'affect / effect'  
**A** in context of enzyme not functioning  
**R** if this point is out of context  
 7 **AVP** ; e.g. frameshift (mutation) [max 3]

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- 6 (a) biotic and abiotic, components / AW ;  
**A** alternatives to biotic and abiotic  
*including community / AW for biotic and habitat / environment, for abiotic*  
interacting / AW ; *idea of interactions between organisms or interactions between organisms*  
and abiotic environment  
in an identifiable / a defined / a self-contained area / place / unit / environment / AW ;  
**A** *idea of place if qualified with correct example* [2]
- (b) (i) grasses / shrubs / trees ;  
**A** singular or plural [1]
- (ii) spider / predatory insect ;  
**A** singular or plural [1]
- (c) *energy loss at each level because of*  
1 inedible parts / not all of the organism can be eaten ;  
2 indigestible parts / not all is digested / egestion / faeces ;  
3&4 *energy / heat, losses from ;*  
respiration **R** energy used for respiration  
movement **A** energy used for movement  
excretion  
digestion  
**ignore** *energy not utilised by plants by e.g. reflection from leaves, etc.* [max 3]
- (d) *following death of organisms or excretion of nitrogenous waste*  
1 decomposers / saprotrophs / bacteria / fungi / scavengers / detritivores ;  
2 digest / breakdown / hydrolyse, protein / urea ;  
3 *idea of assimilation in / growth of, decomposers / AW ;*  
4 deamination ;  
5 production of ammonium (ions) / ammonification ; **A** ammonia / NH<sub>3</sub>  
6 nitrification described or denitrification described ;  
**A** formulae for ammonium ions, nitrite ions and nitrate ions but must be correct including signs  
**A** nitrification described in terms of ammonium (ions) to nitrate (ions)  
**ignore** nitrogen fixation as used correctly (N<sub>2</sub> to fixed N)  
**ignore** uptake of nitrate ions or ammonium ions by plants  
*do not credit nitrification if any confusion with nitrogen fixation* [max 3]

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