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**MARK SCHEME for the May/June 2010 question paper
for the guidance of teachers**

5090 BIOLOGY

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Paper 2 (Theory), maximum raw mark 80

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Abbreviations

Mark schemes will use these abbreviations:

- ; separates marking points
- / alternatives
- **R** reject
- **A** accept (for answers correctly cued by the question, or guidance for examiners)
- AW alternative wording (where responses vary more than usual)
- underline actual word given must be used by candidate (grammatical variants excepted)
- max indicates the maximum number of marks that can be given
- + statements on both sides of the + are needed for that mark

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Section A

- 1 (a) (i)** sun / light ; [1]
- (ii)** chemical (**R** potential unqualified) ; [1]
- (b) (i)** respiration ; [1]
- (ii)** any three from : muscle contraction / movement, impulses, temperature maintenance / (body) heat, cell division / growth, metabolic or anabolic reactions / building up molecules, active transport, ATP production, kidney function, (**R** excretion / digestion / reproduction) ;;; [3]
- (c) (i)** grass / vegetation → ox → tick ; [1]
 (**A** producer) ↓ ↓
 oxpecker (**A** recognisable names)
- (ii)** energy loss along the chain ;
 last organism receives least energy ;
 need large number of ticks to supply required energy ;
 ticks would be in danger of extinction / effect on ecosystem ;
 ref. size or mass / very small ticks / large oxpeckers ; [3 max]
- 2 (a)** lower volume / less urine ;
 less water / more concentrated ;
 correct ref. to fewer nitrogenous compounds / salts to be removed ;
 kidneys reabsorb more water ;
 to keep blood concentration constant ; [4 max]
- (b)** sweating inhibited / AW ;
 loss of ability to regulate temperature effectively ;
 body would overheat / AW ORA ;
 effect on metabolism / enzymes ; [3 max]
- (c)** kills / AW, bacteria (**R** germs) ;
 responsible for decomposition / breakdown ;
 of nitrogenous compounds / waste products ;
 can be used all over body / does not block sweat ducts ;
 temperature regulation not affected ; [3 max]

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- 3 (a) (factors) – any 2 from: humidity / AW, temperature / heat, light, wind, amount of water in soil AW ; ; [2]
- (explanations): (*dry air ORA*) ref. concentration gradient ;
faster rate of evaporation / transpiration ;
faster rate of diffusion ;
- (*higher temperature ORA*) faster rate of evaporation ;
faster molecular movement / ref. energy ;
- (*bright light ORA*) stomata open ;
allows greater volume of vapour to be lost / AW ;
- (*moving air ORA*) blows away water / vapour / moisture; ;
increases concentration gradient ;
faster rate of diffusion ;
- (*soil water*) less water uptake ;
stomata close / AW ;
stops water loss ; [3 max]
- (b) warms up more quickly at first / like glasshouse ;
humidity increases ;
becomes a limiting factor or described / less transpiration ; [2 max]
- (c) water comes from the soil (not plant) ;
carried in xylem / xylem just hollow tubes ;
contains only dissolved salts / metabolites carried in phloem ;
poison remains in cells ;
it is only water that evaporates during transpiration ; [3 max]
- 4 (a) (i) **D** cilia ;
E goblet (cell) / mucus (-producing cell) / gland (cell) ; [2]
- (ii) ref. beating / AW ;
moving mucus + towards throat / upwards / away from lungs ;
containing germs / dirt ; [2]
- (b) (i) Fig. 4.1(b) + Fig. 4.2(a) (**A** in either order) ; [1]
- (ii) carcinogenic / AW ;
tar + impervious to gases ;
emphysema / break down of alveoli walls ;
reduced surface area ;
less O₂ absorption / to red blood cells / body cells ;
named affected organ (e.g. extremities / brain / heart) ;
effect on (named) organ ;
tiredness / shortness of breath ; [5 max]

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- 5 (a) root hair ; [1]
- (b) (i) magnesium / nitrates* ;
- (ii) nitrates* (*once only) ; [2]
- (c) (i) active transport / uptake ;
 requires energy ;
 from respiration / mitochondria ;
 ref. living / cell + membrane ;
 *ref. (against) concentration gradient ; [3 max]
- (ii) *ref. concentration gradient ;
diffusion ;
 cellulose / cell wall ;
 fully permeable ;
 direct pathway to xylem / no barrier ; [4 max]
 [* = allow once only in (i) or (ii)]

[Total: 50]

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Section B

- 6 (a) pollen from anthers to stigma ; (1)
 (self) of same flower ;
 or flowers on same plant ;
 (cross) different plant ; (3 max)
 same species ; [4]
- (b) germination ;
 pollen tube ;
 digests or description / grows ;
 down style ;
 enters ovary ;
 ovule ;
 fertilisation / fusion ;
nuclei ;
 seed + ovary (wall) / pericarp = fruit ;
 ref. falling petals / sepals ; [6 max]
- 7 (a) (cerebrum) conscious thought ;
 memory ;
 intelligence ;
 learning ;
 sight ;
 speech ;
 hearing ;
 sensation (e.g. touch / taste / smell) ;
 voluntary action (or named e.g. arm movement) ; [5 max]
- (b) (cerebellum) the main centre of co-ordination / fine movement ;
 posture / muscle tone ;
 balance ;
 instinct ; [2 max]
- (c) ref. maintenance of constant internal environment / homeostasis ;
 detects changes in* ;
any two from : ;
 blood concentration, in (blood) temperature, ;
 CO₂ concentration in blood, ;
 control of blood pressure ;
 triggers appropriate response / AW* ; [3 max]
 (* **A** controls / regulates for ONE mark)

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8 Either

- (a) absorption / passes into ;
villus ;
 capillary ;
 blood plasma ;
 in solution ;
 (hepatic) portal vein ; [3 max]
- (b) made into protein or named ;
 deamination or described ;
 carbohydrate production / glucose ;
 ref. respiration / loss as CO₂ ;
 storage as glycogen ;
 urea ;
 hepatic vein ;
 renal artery ;
 kidney ;
ureter ;
 urine / sweat ;
 bladder / urethra ; [7 max]

8 OR

- (a) cell / nuclear division ;
 producing genetically identical cells/ nuclei ;
 maintaining chromosome number ; [2 max]
- (b) growth ;
 repair / replacement of cells / tissues ;
 asexual / vegetative reproduction / cloning ; [2 max]
- (c) in sexual reproduction ;
 gametes ;
 produced by reduction division / meiosis ;
 have half the number of chromosome / haploid ;
 fertilisation ;
 fusion of nuclei / gametes ;
 restoration of chromosome number / diploid ;
 ref. asexual reproduction ;
 mitosis ; [6 max]