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**0653 COMBINED SCIENCE**

**0653/02**

Paper 2 (Core Theory), maximum raw mark 80

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- 1 (a) (i) energy transfer ;  
(ii) 2 producers and 6 consumers ;  
(iii) all of them ; [1]
- (b) (i) breaking down food / large molecules / compounds ;  
so that it / they can be absorbed / more easily get into the blood ; [2]  
(ii) by teeth / chewing / grinding / mechanical / physical digestion ;  
by enzymes ;  
(allow two marks for two enzymes with correct detail) [2]
- (c) carbon dioxide from air (into plant leaf) ;  
photosynthesis (in plant) ;  
combines carbon dioxide with water ;  
(produces glucose) in chloroplast ; [max 2]
- [Total: 9]**
- 2 (a) (i) arrows vertically downward and upward ;  
labeled weight / gravitational pull and upthrust ; [2]  
(ii) balanced (no mark)  
ball isn't accelerating / decelerating / changing speed ; [1]
- (b) 0.3 ; [1]
- (c) (i) (up/down) motion / kinetic / movement energy of waves (produces movement) ;  
which makes generator turn to produce electricity /  
moves magnet in a coil / moves a turbine ; [2]  
(ii) solar / sunlight ;  
HEP ;  
geothermal ;  
wind ;  
tides ;  
biomass ; [max 1]
- (d) UV ; [1]
- (e) rays are straight lines ;  
rays come to a focus somewhere between the line of incident rays; [2]
- [Total: 10]**

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- 3 (a) (i) crude oil / petroleum ;
- (ii) boiling point / boiling range / other correct ;
- (iii) carbon dioxide ;  
water ; [2]
- (iv) reference to carbon dioxide (levels increasing / out of balance) ;  
carbon dioxide able to trap (radiant) heat / description of process ;  
reference to greenhouse effect / global warming ; [2 max]
- (b) (i) R – nitrogen ;  
S – oxygen ;  
(allow one mark if both names given but reversed) [2]
- (ii) (argon is a) noble gas / unreactive (with body tissue) / stable ;  
atoms have full outer shell ; [2]
- [Total: 10]
- 4 (a) (i) (speed =) distance ÷ time / (S =) D ÷ T ;  
(accept recognised symbols but not units in the formula)  
(= 100/14.4) = 6.94 (m/s) ; [2]
- (ii) (acceleration =) change of speed ÷ time ;  
(accept recognised symbols but not units in the formula)  
(= 5 ÷ 3 =) 1.67 (m/s<sup>2</sup>) ; [2]
- (b) kinetic energy changes into potential (as she jumps up) ;  
at top of jump only potential energy ;  
potential energy changes to kinetic energy coming down ;  
kinetic energy lost as sound/heat on landing ;  
chemical energy to kinetic energy within a correct context ; [max 3]
- [Total: 7]

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- 5 (a) (i) insulin ;
- (ii) pancreas ;
- (iii) affects liver ;  
which removes glucose (from the blood) ;  
(liver) stores it as glycogen / changes it into glycogen (within liver) /  
glycogen produced ; [max 2]
- (b) (i) a lot of, energy / calories / kilojoules, in fat ;  
lentils and rice mostly carbohydrate ;  
less energy per gram in carbohydrates than fat ; [max 2]
- (ii) stops blood getting to heart muscle ;  
so heart muscle is short of oxygen / oxygenated blood ;  
general ref. to respiration ;  
(implied heart) muscle stops working ; [max 2]
- [Total: 8]
- 6 (a) (i) protons neutrons electrons ; [1]
- (ii) atoms contain 12 protons ;  
(reject 12 electrons)  
and 12 neutrons ;  
nucleus contains 24 nucleons ; [2 max]  
(reject relative atomic mass is 24)
- (b) (i) magnesium + oxygen → magnesium oxide ; [1]
- (ii) magnesium oxide / MgO ;  
metal bonded to non-metal ;  
(accept description in terms of electron transfer) [2]
- (c) (i) (A)  
reaction is between metal and an acid ;  
which produces hydrogen gas ; [2]
- (ii) (element)  
only contains one type of atom / only one kind of chemical symbol /  
a compound is two or more elements  
joined together / has a formula with more than one chemical symbol ;  
hydrogen / H is found in the Periodic Table ;  
cannot be broken down simplified ; [1 max]
- (iii) magnesium sulphate / (excess) sulphuric acid ; [1]  
(accept correct formulae of these substances)

[Total: 10]

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- 7 (a) Geiger-Muller / GM tube (detector) / counter/scalar (measurer) / spark counter ;  
(accept any detector even if non-quantitative)
- (b) only dangerous if breathed in or ingested / ionising radiation ;  
helium nuclei / large particles ;  
highly ionising ;  
(ionisation occurs when) electrons removed (from atoms or molecules) ;  
damages / cells / DNA / causes mutations ;  
causes cancer ;  
kills cells ; [2 max]
- (c) use ; [2]  
description ;  
e.g. sterilising hospital equipment ;  
radiation destroys germs/bacteria on instruments ;  
e.g. measurement of thicknesses ;  
thickness related to % of radiation penetrating ;  
e.g. use of radioisotopes in medical context / used in medicine / in hospitals ;  
as tracers / selectively absorbed by organs for diagnosis or cure ;  
(reject any ref. to weaponry)
- [Total: 5]
- 8 (a) (i) D ;  
(ii) B ;  
(iii) C ;  
(iv) A ; [4]
- (b) X on sperm duct close to testis ; [1]  
(allow anywhere from top of testis to where sperm duct goes behind bladder  
but not on urethra)
- (c) (i) labels to cell membrane ;  
nucleus ; [max 2]  
cytoplasm ;
- (ii) tail for swimming ;  
only 23 chromosomes / half usual number of chromosomes, so correct number  
after fertilisation ;  
small size so less energy needed to swim ;  
streamlined so that it can move more easily ;  
enzymes in head to digest a way into the egg ; [max 2]
- [Total: 9]

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- 9 (a) (i) A ;  
H or G ;
- (b) (i) (calcium carbonate  $\rightarrow$  calcium oxide +) carbon dioxide ; [1]  
(CO<sub>2</sub> **not** acceptable as alternative)
- (ii) (thermal) decomposition ; [1]
- (iii) add (dilute) acid / further strong heat ;  
bubbles of gas which turn limewater milky ;  
then not all calcium carbonate has reacted/ora ; [3]
- [Total: 7]
- 10 (a) (i) on  
off  
on ;; (all correct = 2, two correct = 1) [2]
- (ii) cell/battery ; [1]
- (b) 6  $\Omega$  and 4  $\Omega$  ;  
in series ; [2]
- [Total: 5]