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**for the guidance of teachers**

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Paper 2 (Core Theory), maximum raw mark 120

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- 1 (a) (speed) = distance / time ;  
= 25 / 2 = 12.5 (km/h) ;
- (b) (i) chemical ; [1]
- (ii) heating engine / heating surroundings / light / sound ; [1]
- (c) metal track expands in summer / hot weather ;  
metal can expand into gap ;  
prevents track from buckling / bending / being damaged / becomes unsafe for  
trains to move ; [max 2]
- (d) (i) ethanol is renewable source / no sulfur dioxide produced / does not deplete  
fossil fuel supplies ; [1]
- (ii) carbon, hydrogen, oxygen ; [1]
- (e) (i) 5 (km/h) ; (accept 4 / reference to greater than 3, but equal to or less than 5) [1]
- (ii) 1200 (W) ; [1]
- (iii) dependent on wind / wind speed unreliable or variable / owtte ; [1]
- (iv) kinetic ;  
electrical ; [2]
- [Total: 13]**
- 2 (a) (i) nitrogen 78% oxygen 21% others 1% ; ; [2]  
(all three correct 2 marks, two correct 1 mark)
- (ii) carbon dioxide / water (vapour) ; [1]
- (b) (i) contain only one type of atom / all atoms have same proton number ; [1]
- (ii) covalent ;  
bonded elements are both non-metals / compounds are gases ;
- (iii) pure water is neutral ;  
rain water (generally) is more acidic (than pure water) ;  
rainwater during thunderstorm is the most acidic ;  
likely to be caused by nitrogen oxides ;  
which have reacted with the rain to form an acid ; [max 3]
- [Total: 9]**

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- 3 (a) label to root hair cell ;
- (b) water ;  
minerals / ions / named mineral ion ; [2]
- (c) (i) xylem ; [1]
- (ii) A in central area of root ; [1]

(iii)

structure	plant cells	animal cells
cell membrane	✓	✓
cell wall	✓	x
nucleus	✓	✓
vacuole containing sap	✓	x

one mark for any row correct ;;; [4]

[Total: 9]

- 4 (a) (i) between 10 and 20 Hz to between 20 000 and 25 000 Hz ; [1]
- (ii) *frequency* –  
number of waves produced / passing a point per second ;  
*wavelength* –  
distance between two consecutive peaks / troughs on two consecutive waves ; [2]
- (b) (i) *sound* – longitudinal ;  
*light* – transverse ; [2]
- (ii) no medium / material for waves to travel through ; [1]
- (iii) quieter ; [1]
- (iv) microwaves ; [1]

[Total: 8]

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- 5 (a) (an animal that) eats plants ;  
only plants / not meat ;  
reference to getting energy from, its food / plants ; [m
- (b) (i) eat a lot ;  
eat / take in, more energy than they use ;  
excess, carbohydrate / protein, converted to fat ; [max 2]
- (ii) the greater the body mass, the greater the chance of survival ;  
idea that effect is greater at lower body masses / levels off at higher body masses ;  
use of figures ; [max 2]
- (iii) insulator / poor conductor / reduces conduction ; [1]
- (c) carbon dioxide ;  
methane ; [2]
- (d) (i) mean body mass is increasing ; [1]
- (ii) marmots have more time to feed (from spring onwards) ;  
marmots lose less weight during hibernation (as winters are shorter) ;  
reference to more food available ; [max 1]

[Total: 11]

- 6 (a) add magnesium to acid ;  
insert bung ;  
measure time for known volume of gas to collect ;  
measure volume of gas at fixed intervals ; [max 3]
- (b) time for (same volume) of gas to collect is shorter ;  
because rate of reaction is greater / greater collision frequency / faster reaction /  
more vigorous ; [2]
- (c) (i) (atom) loses electrons / achieves complete outer shell ; [1]
- (ii)  $MgCl_2$  ; [1]
- (d) (i) to increase reaction / burning rate ;  
(powder has) large surface area ;  
high rate needed to get all light at once / so brighter ; [max 2]
- (ii) light / low density ;  
reduces weight of aircraft / less energy or fuel needed for flight ;  
  
strong ;  
reference to maintenance of the integrity of airframe / safety ; [4]

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- 7 (a) use – cancer treatment / tracers / kill bacteria / sterilising surgical equipment ;  
correct description ;
- (b) gamma  
alpha  
gamma  
alpha  
(2 marks for four correct, 1 mark for two or three correct) ;; [2]
- (c) destroys / damages cells ;  
caused cancer ;  
mutations / damages DNA ; [max 2]
- [Total: 6]
- 8 (a) (i) nucleus ; [1]
- (ii) 18 ; [1]
- (iii) (no) – no mark  
reference to isotopes ;  
which are atoms of same element with different number of neutrons ; [2]
- (iv) hydrogen ; [1]
- (b) (i) any typical metal property for **X** and corresponding non-metal for **Y** ; [1]  
e.g. **X** conductor **Y** insulator  
**X** malleable **Y** not malleable  
**X** forms positive ions **Y** forms negative ions  
**X** high fixed points **Y** low fixed points
- (ii) **Y** is more reactive / **Z** is less reactive / unreactive / specific example ; [1]
- (c) (i) combustion of carbon ;  
(thermal) decomposition / breakdown of calcium carbonate ; [2]
- (ii) soil is acidic ;  
lime reacts with acid / reduces acidity / neutralises ;  
to increase fertility ; [max 2]
- [Total: 11]

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- 9 (a) nutrition  
excretion  
respiration  
reproduction  
growth  
movement  
(1 mark for any two correct) ;; [2]
- (b) chemical ;  
produced by a gland ;  
carried by the blood ;  
affects (specific) target organs ;  
destroyed by the liver ; [max 3]
- (c) more respiration ;  
more energy (for muscles) ;  
muscles can work, harder/faster ; [max 2]
- (d) (positive) phototropism ;  
grows towards the light ; [2]
- [Total: 9]**
- 10 (a) (i) ammeter in series ;  
voltmeter in parallel ;  
all else correct ; [3]
- (ii) to change voltage across, current through lamp ; [1]
- (iii)  $R = V/I$  ;  
 $= 3/0.3 = 10 (\Omega)$  ; [2]
- (b) (i) **D** it's longer (resistance proportional to length) ; [1]
- (ii) **A** smaller cross-sectional area ; [1]
- (c) (i) positive and negative ; [1]
- (ii) electron ; [1]
- [Total: 10]**

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- 11 (a) **A** larynx ;  
**B** trachea ;  
**C** bronchus/bronchiole ;
- (b) more carbon dioxide ;  
less oxygen ;  
more water vapour ; [max 2]
- (c) (i) diffusion ; [1]  
(ii) pulmonary vein ; [1]
- (d) (i) 1 in 4 / one quarter / 0.25 ; [1]  
(ii) (parents' genotypes) both **Ff** ;  
gametes **F** and **f** from both parents ;  
offspring genotypes **FF**, **Ff**, **Ff** and **ff** ;  
**ff** identified as having cystic fibrosis ; [4]
- [Total: 12]
- 12 (a) petroleum/crude oil ; [1]
- (b) (i) goes cloudy/milky/opaque/white ;  
carbon dioxide ; [2]  
(ii) water ; [1]  
(iii) (no) – no mark  
ethanol's combustion products are the same as methane's ; [1]
- (c) water/steam ; [1]
- (d) (i) polymerisation/addition/self addition ; [1]  
(ii) link together ;  
into long chains/into chain molecules ; [2]
- [Total: 9]