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Section A

Q	uesti	on	Answers	Notes	Total
1.	а		Angiospermophyta/Angiosperms AND flowers «as reproductive organs» ✓	Both required.	1 max
1.	b	i	ovule √		1
1.	b	ii	 a. mutualistic relationship OR bee gets nectar/pollen «as food» AND flower is pollinated/fertilized ✓ b. when bee enters, pollen from anther sticks to it ✓ c. pollen is picked up by stigma «of same or other flower» ✓ 	Both needed.	2 max
1.	С		 a. different values for the named independent variable ✓ 	Possible factors include water, oxygen, temperature, pH, light, salt concentration. Name of the independent	
				variable must be included, eg temperature.	
			b. large / equal number of seeds in each Petri dish ✓		
			c. control of other variables «than seeds» ✓		3 max
			d. mentions how germination will be determined <i>OR</i>	eg appearance of radicle.	
			how germination rate/percentage will be measured ✓	eg number germinated over time/in a set time. Do not accept measurement of growth of stem/number of leaves.	
			e. includes a control giving seeds all factors needed ✓		

(Question	Answers	Notes	Total
2.	а	age/height/fitness level/weight/room temperature/rest in between tests/model or type of bike ✓	Other valid factor. Only mark first factor listed.	
			Do not accept sex, health, smoking, oxygen level or altitude as this already listed.	1
2.	b	 a. in both sea level and 4000 m ventilation rate while exercising «at all intensities» is «significantly» more than at rest <i>OR</i> both sea level and 4000 m show an increase in ventilation rate «dm³ min⁻¹» as exercise intensity increased ✓ b. ventilation rate at 4000 m «slightly» higher than at sea level for all conditions 	Accept positive correlation.	2 max
		OR higher ventilation rate at 4000 m not «significantly» different as error bars overlap ✓		
2.	С	 a. «data logging» with spirometer OR chest belt ✓ 		2
		 b. «tidal» volume recorded for a given period of time OR average «tidal» volume found and multiplied by number breaths per minute ✓ 	Must include a reference to time.	

Question 3. a		Answers			Notes	Total	
а	«(225	$\frac{(0-300)\times100}{300} = $ » 650	«%» √				1
b	a. b.	similarity/ comparison difference/ contrast	gas and solid use liquid use increas greater liqu greater soli	OR e increases in a sim ses exponentially/fa gas» OR id use than solids o OR d use than liquids o OR	nilar/gradual way √ ster «than solids or r gas in 1975 r gas in 1950	Solids Liquids 1950 1975 2000 2025 [Source: Boden T; Marland G; Andres R J (1999): Global, Regional, and National Fossil-Fuel CO2 Emissions (1751 - 2014) (V. 2017). Carbon Dioxide Information Analysis Center (CDIAC), Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), Oak Ridge, TN	2
	а	a (225) b a.	a	a (2250 - 300)×100 =» 650 «%» ✓ b Gas a. similarity/ comparison gas and solid use liquid use increase greater liquid greater soli	a	a	a

Section B

Option A — Neurobiology and behaviour

C	Question		Answers	Notes	Total
4.	4. a i		X: semicircular canals ✓		2
			Y: eardrum/tympanic membrane ✓		2
4.	а	ii	a. sound picked up by microphone relayed electronically to speech processor ✓	OWTTE	
			b. speech processor filters background noise/selects only speech frequencies ✓		
			c. «radio» signal from transmitter to receiver/stimulator which converts it to electric signal 🗸		
			d. «electrical impulses» sent to electrode «array» in cochlea		
			OR		3 max
			cochlear implant bypasses the hair cells in the cochlea ✔		
			e. electrode/electrical signal stimulates auditory nerve «fibers in cochlea» ✓		
			f. signals «generated by implant» sent to brain «which recognizes signals as sound» ✓		

(Question 4 continued)

Question		on	Answers	Notes	Total	
4.	b	i	cerebrum/cerebral hemisphere ✓		1	
4.	b	ii	a. all «deaf and hearing» people show common pattern of brain activation/engage similar tissues ✓		1 max	
			b. all show two distinct areas, one in frontal/anterior region and another in back/posterior region ✓			
4.	b	iii	a. to see whether results are valid/held across different cultural/linguistic groups ✓		4	
			b. to see whether results are specific to only one language ✓		1 max	
4.	b	iv	a. active parts of brain receive increased blood flow ✓			
			b. harmless dye injected to make blood flow visible ✓		2 max	
			c. brain activity for specific tasks can be observed «in real time» ✓			
4.	b	v	they might make mistakes in signing/naming/repetition «which is what they use to "speak"» ✓		1	

Q	uesti	on		Answers	5	Notes	Total
5.	а		a.	Innate behaviour genetically determined/inherited	Learned behaviour acquired «skills/knowledge/experience» during lifetime ✓	Not necessary to answer within a table.	
			b.	similar within the species	dependent of environment/experience ✓ variable within the species		2 max
				OR spreads slowly through population	<i>OR</i> spreads quickly through population √		
5.	b	i	b. traine times OR	ed bees made few mistakes/were succed bees could use cues on two differe who did well on training maze continu	nt mazes so able to remember «over	Key: Some mistakes some mistakes unsuccessful Control bees Training Maze 1 Maze 2 Trained bees	3 max
				oroximately» same percentage/frequer other two mazes √	ncy of successful bees on training	[Source: reprinted from Neurobiology of Learning and Memory, 72, S.W. Zhang et al, Honeybee Memory: Navigation by Associative Grouping and Recall of Visual Stimuli, 180–201, Copyright 1999, with permission from Elsevier]	
			OR	t control/untrained bees unable to find to control/untrained bees always made		Accept converse statements.	

(Question 5 continued)

Q	Question		Answers	Notes	Total
5.	b	ii	 a. return to flowers with nectar OR wmore chance» to obtain food ✓ b. increases chances of survival «if they can learn directions to and from food» ✓ 		1 max

6.	а	i	 a. has eaten its full ✓ b. feeding depends on ratio of predator to prey OR when «certain» ratio of predator to prey is reached feeding/graph levels off ✓ c. prefers certain size mussel so only preys on these ✓ 	Key: Numbers per cage 1 crab 2 crabs 4 crabs Initial number of mussels per cage [Source: reprinted from B D Griffen and D G Delaney, Ecology, 88 (12), pages 3012–3021, copyright 2007, with permission, the Ecological Society of America]	1 max
6.	а	ii	 a. «foraging» depends on number of predators/crabs ✓ b. mean number of mussels/prey consumed per crab decreases as number of crabs increases ✓ c. crabs compete for prey/mussels ✓ d. both «prey and predator» affect foraging success ✓ 	Accept vice versa.	2 max
6.	b		 a. genetically based/innate behavior can be passed on to offspring ✓ b. behavior increases chances of survival and reproduction ✓ c. will increase in frequency/become more prevalent in a population ✓ 		2 max

	Question		Answers	Notes	Total
7			 a. neural tube formed by infolding of ectoderm/outer tissue layer ✓ b. «spina bifida» caused by «embryonic» neural tube not closing off completely ✓ c. « spina bifida» results in backbone vertebrae/spinal cord not closing/fusing properly ✓ 	Award marks for marking points in an annotated diagram.	2 max

8.	a. pain receptors/ends of sensory neurons send impulses to cerebral cortex creating sensation of pain ✓	
	b. endorphins interfere with neural transmission between areas of pain perception and CNS ✓	
	c. endorphins produced/secreted «primarily» by pituitary gland ✓	
	d. endorphins secreted during times of physical exercise/emotional stress ✓	
	e. endorphins bind to «opiate» receptors at «pre/post»synaptic membrane ✓	6 max
	f. prevent neurotransmitters binding to postsynaptic membrane/cell ✓	o max
	g. decrease transmission at postsynaptic membrane OR are inhibitory neurotransmitters ✓	
	h. effects have slow onset but last long time «minutes/hours» ✓	
	 i. act as natural painkiller OR produce feeling of euphoria ✓ 	

Option B — Biotechnology and bioinformatics

C	Questi	on	Answers	Notes	Total
9.	а	i	flavour enhancer/«food» preservative ✓		1
9.	а	ii	Aspergillus niger ✓	Both names in full required.	1
9.	b	i	glucose/fructose ✓		1
9.	b	ii	 a. both show lag phase/no/little change in concentration at the beginning ✓ b. «after lag phase» citric acid concentration increases while sucrose concentration decreases OR «after lag phase» citric acid shows continued increase while sucrose falls to 0 ✓ 		2 max
9.	С		 a. fermentation carried out by batch/continuous culture ✓ b. microorganisms use sugar for their own metabolism/fermentation ✓ c. microorganisms may become limited by their own waste products ✓ d. «probes used to» monitor conditions within fermenters ✓ e. best conditions maintained «for growth of microorganisms being cultured» ✓ 		3 max

Q	uestic	on	Answers	Notes	Total
10.	а	i	a. cells/bacteria in a biofilm are close together ✓		
			b. cells secrete signaling molecules ✓		
			c. «signaling molecules» bind to receptors of other cells OR		2 max
			«signaling molecules» allow communication between cells ✓		
			d. a threshold is reached which enables emergent properties ✓		
10.	а	ii	a. polysaccharide matrix/EPS does not let antibiotic pass/limits transport of antibiotic ✓	OWTTE	
			b. reduced metabolic activity/growth rate of bacteria in biofilm contributes to resistance 🗸		1 max
			c. increased cell density limits transport of antibiotic «to the interior of biofilm» ✓		I IIIax
			d. «horizontal» transfer of antibiotic resistance via plasmids ✓		
10.	b		a. area where biofilm problem exists ✓	eg emptying introduces invasive bacterial species into coastal waters.	2
			b. environmental concern ✓	Allow other verified examples.	

Qu	ıesti	ion	Answers	Notes	Total
11.	а		a. correct starting point ✓ eg DNA 5' A G A T G T C A C T A C A G T C T T C A C T G A A A C C T DNA 3' T C T A C A G T G A T G T C A G T G A G T G A C T T T G G A ORF OR DNA 5' A G A T G T C A C U A C A G U C U U C A C U G A A A C C U OR DNA 5' A G A T G T C A C T A C A G T G A A C C T DNA 3' T C T A C A G T G A T G T C A G T C T T C A C T G A A A C C T DNA 3' T C T A C A G T G A T G T C A G A A G T G A C T T T G G A ORF A G A U G U C A C U A C A G U C U U C A C U G A b. correct RNA nucleotides ✓		2
11.	b	i	identify a sequence/gene «that has the potential to be transcribed» ✓		1
11.	b	ii	silence gene to observe the effect when the gene is not expressed <i>OR</i> change in phenotype to deduce function of gene ✓		1
11.	b	iii	to compare nucleotide/DNA sequence with other «nucleotide» sequences ✓		1

Q	uestion	Answers	Notes	Total
12.	а	ALTERNATIVE 1		
		a. <i>Agrobacterium tumefaciens</i> contains a <u>tumour-inducing/Ti plasmid</u> ✓		
		b. required/target gene inserted into plasmid ✓		
		c. bacterium injects modified plasmid into plant cell and DNA becomes incorporated into plant cell nucleus ✓		
		ALTERNATIVE 2		2 max
		d. tobacco mosaic virus/TMV is the vector √		
		e. required/target gene inserted into TMV ✓		
		f. TMV injects modified DNA into plant cell «and DNA becomes incorporated into plant cell nucleus» ✓		
12.	b	to verify that the target gene has been incorporated in the target cell/organism ✓	OWTTE	1
12.	С			
		a. gene for human antithrombin «fused with goat DNA and» inserted into «goat» embryos by microinjection ✓		
		b. embryos inserted into recipient female ✓		3 max
		c. test offspring for antithrombin «in milk during induced lactation» ✓		3 max
		d. breed selected offspring/clones that produce antithrombin «in milk» ✓		
		e. purify antithrombin from milk √	Accept other verified animals eg: sheep, cows.	

Question	Answers	Notes	Total
13.	a. DNA spots/probes/sequences attached to solid surface/microarray ✓		
	b. mRNA from healthy tissue/cell isolated and converted to cDNA <i>OR</i>		
	mRNA from cancer tissue/cell isolated and converted to cDNA ✓		
	c. conversion to cDNA by reverse transcriptase ✓		
	d. fluorescent dye linked to copy DNA/cDNA ✓		
	e. cancer cDNA colored with a different dye from the healthy cDNA ✓	Accept named colour.	
	f. cDNA binds to/hybridizes with probes that have complementary base sequences ✓		
	g. microarray rinsed to remove cDNA that has not hybridized ✓		6 max
	h. microarray exposed to laser light which causes fluorescent dye to give off light ✓		
	 i. fluorescence shows which probes have hybridized OR 		
	fluorescence shows which sequences were in the tissue/sample ✓		
	j. hybridized probe shows gene expression <i>OR</i>		
	hybridized probe helps in diagnosis of disease ✓		
	k. infection by pathogen can be detected by presence of its genetic material ✓		

Option C — Ecology and conservation

Q	uestion	Answers	Notes	Total
14.	а	 a. <u>transect</u> across area to be studied ✓ b. count/record barnacles «per species» in <u>quadrats</u> at regular intervals ✓ 		2
14.	b	 a. both species present throughout the range ✓ b. <i>C. montagui</i> has a small number of individuals «throughout» OR <i>C. montagui</i> occupies «mostly» upper shore/intertidal zone ✓ c. <i>S. balanoides</i> has large number of individuals «throughout» <i>OR S. balanoides</i> «mostly» occupies low tide area ✓ 		2
14.	С	 a. native species/<i>C. montagui</i> and <i>S. balanoides</i> have niches that don't overlap much/are distinct <i>OR</i> range of <i>E. modestus</i> overlaps with both native species ✓ b. niches of native species don't overlap much which shows competition between native species <i>OR E. modestus</i> invades habitats of <i>C. montagui</i>/<i>S. balanoides</i> resulting in competition with both native species ✓ c. <i>E. modestus</i>/<i>EM</i> has a wide niche/higher tolerance/covers entire «intertidal» range making it easier to invade the habitat ✓ 	[Source: reprinted from Estuarine Coastal and Shelf Science, 152, M C Gallagher, et al., The invasive barnacle species, Austrominius modestus: Its status and competition with indigenous barnacles on the Isle of Cumbrae, Scotland, pages 134–141, 2014 with permission from Elsevier]	2 max

(Question 14 continued)

14.	oR indicator s b. increase/c c. used to ca d. index of 1 OR	species need particular environmental conditions species tolerate only certain environmental conditions decrease in population size «over time» shows effect of environmental conditions alculate biotic index/index of cleanliness 0/high index number indicates totally unpolluted or 1/low index number indicates severe pollution	2 max	
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Q	uesti	ion	Answers	Notes	Total
15.	а	i	«30-26=» 4«°C» ✓	Accept answers between 3 to 5 «°C».	1
15.	а	ii	maximum temperature occurs just when rainfall begins/at the onset of the rainy season/monsoon <i>OR</i> negative relationship «as maximum temperature drops, rainfall increases» ✓	OWTTE	1
15.	а	iii	rainfall concentrated between April to December/peaks in June-August «followed by months with little/no rainfall» ✓	OWTTE	1
15.	b		a. dry season/Jan/Feb √		
			 b. «drop leaves» to prevent water loss/transpiration «since no rainfall for almost four months» ✓ 		2
15.	С		a. statement correctly explaining the quantity of nutrients in identified circle/circles ✓	eg most nutrients are stored in biomass/equal quantities of nutrients stored in soil and litter.	
			b. statement correctly explaining high nutrient flow/transfer of any thick/large arrow ✓	eg high transfer rate of nutrients from soil to biomass.	
			c. statement correctly explaining low nutrient flow/transfer of any thin arrow ✓	eg low transfer rate of nutrients from litter to the outside/another ecosystem.	3 max
			d. any statement correctly comparing nutrient storage/flow rates ✓	eg higher nutrient transfer between soil and biomass than between biomass and litter OWTTE.	
			e. a Gersmehl diagram models «interrelationships between» nutrient stores and flows in an ecosystem ✓		

Q	uestic	on	Answers	Notes	Total
16.	а		a. ideal environment/unlimited resources/below carrying capacity ✔		
			b. little disease/few predators ✓		2 may
			c. high natality/birth rate <i>AND</i> immigration √	Both needed.	3 max
			d. natality and immigration greater than mortality and emigration ✓		
16.	b		 a. carrying capacity is maximum population size/number of individuals that environment can support OR carrying capacity varies with abundance of limiting resources ✓ 		2 max
			 b. population growth slows/fluctuates as the carrying capacity of environment reached ✓ 		

17.		 a. name of organism ✓ b. why endangered ✓ c. where bred ✓ d. how programme carried out ✓ e. success rate ✓ 	To award [3] name of organism, either scientific or correct common name, must be given. eg Giant panda eg loss of habitat/hunted for fur eg in zoos/ex situ/in situ/China eg bred/raised in captivity eg relative success re: introducing to wild/some reproduction in zoos	3 max	
			to wharsome reproduction in 2003		

Question	Answers	Notes	Total
18.	a. adding fertilizer increases nitrogen/phosphate in soil/nutrient cycles ✓		
	b. adding fertilizer increases crop yield √		
	c. commercial fertilizers may not stay in ground as long as organic fertilizers/manure ✓		
	d. commercial fertilizers release compounds more rapidly than organic fertilizers/manure ✓		
	e. nutrients run off/leached from land into water/groundwater/lakes/streams ✔		
	f. «high concentrations of nitrogen/phosphate in water» causes eutrophication ✓		6 may
	 g. «high concentrations of nitrogen/phosphate» causes algae to multiply rapidly OR leads to algal blooms ✓ 		6 max
	h. algae die and decomposed by bacteria √		
	 i. «decomposers» require oxygen from water OR increased biochemical oxygen demand/BOD ✓ 		
	j. if oxygen levels drop too low fish/aquatic organisms die ✓		

Option D — Human physiology

Q	uestic	n Answers	Notes	Total
19.	а	hepatic artery ✓		1
19.	b	 a. both produce pyruvate «from lactate» OR both produce CO₂ and H₂O «via acetyl CoA» ✓ 		2
		b. hepatocytes produce glucose from lactate but mitochondria-rich cells cannot ✓	OWTTE – eg: "only hepatocytes produce glucose" would be acceptable.	
19.	С	 a. detoxification ✓ b. production/secretion of bile ✓ c. conversion of cholesterol to bile salts ✓ d. production of plasma proteins ✓ e. nutrient storage ✓ f. glucose regulation «in blood» ✓ 	Only two functions are required.	2
		g. other function <i>«eg</i> deamination/transamination, conversion of ammonia to urea» ✓		

Q	uestion	Answers	Notes	Total
20.	а	Helicobacter pylori √	To award [1] full scientific name is required.	1
20.	b	 a. vitamin E and thioctic acid both improve healing rate «compared with nizatidine alone» OR all trials with antioxidant/three trials improve healing rate «compared to N alone» ✓ 	Giving values alone is not enough. N + vitamin E N only 0 20 40 60 80 100 Ulcer healing rates / %	2
		 b. adding vitamin E increases healing rate more than adding thioctic acid OR adding both vitamin E and thioctic acid increases healing rate to highest level «but still less than 100 %» ✓ 	[Source: Effect of Helicobacter Pylori Eradication Therapy and some Antioxidants on Ulcer Healing Rates in Patients with Helicobacter pylori-associated Duodenal Ulcer, Ahmed M Ali, 2013, http://www.rroij.com/open-access/effect-of-helicobacter-pylori-eradication-therapy-and-some-antioxidants-on-ulcer-healing-rates-in-patients-with-helicobacter-pylorphp? aid=34774, licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International License]	

(Question 20 continued)

Q	uestion	Answers	Notes	Total
20.	С	a. sight/smell of food stimulates brain ✓		
		b. food entering stomach stimulates chemoreceptors/stretch receptors to send impulses/signals to brain ✓		
		c. impulse/signal from brain causes cells in stomach lining/parietal cells to secrete acid/HCl/gastric juice ✓		3 max
		d. brain sends impulses/signals «via vagus nerve» to endocrine cells in wall of stomach to release gastrin ✓		
		e. gastrin stimulates «more» production of acid/HCl/gastric juice ✔		
20.	d	a. bind to <u>plasma</u> membrane receptors of «target» cell √		
		b. results in activation/release/synthesis of a secondary messenger ✓		
		c. triggers a cascade of reactions ✓		3 max
		d. leads to promotion/inhibition of enzymes OR		
		causes activation of protein kinase «resulting in hormonal effect» ✓		

Q	uesti	on			Answers		Notes	Total	
21.	а	i	Northern Territory ✓					1	
21.	а	ii	OR colder in wint OR	rinter than in summer ter so cover up/indoor e exposure to sun in s	Accept other valid suggestions. Accept vice versa.	1 max			
21.	b		b. calcium sa OR affects boo c. bones bed	tamin D results in» ca alts not deposited or r ne mineralization come softened/weake e rickets «in children»		2 max			
21.	С			nilarity/comparison erence/contrast	both obtain organic molecules/compounds	Minerals quantities/are micronutrients R ed in diet ✓ inorganic/ions/elements R example of function eg maintaining osmolarity/synaptic transmission ✓	Not necessary to present answer in a table. Accept other valid similarities and/or differences. Award marks for complete lines only.	2	

Q	uestion		Answers		Notes	Total
22.	а	a. relays	signal from SAN to ventricles √			
		b. causes	ventricular systole ✓			
	c. delays signal enabling both ventricles to contract simultaneously <i>OR</i> delays signal so the atria empty before ventricular systole ✓					1 max
22.	b		structure	function	Not necessary to present	
		a.	intercalated discs	form connections between cells/join cells together/strong adhesion/prevent cells from pulling apart/resist mechanical stress ✓	answer in a table. Award [1] for each set of corresponding structure and function.	
		b.	cytoplasmic connections between cells/gap junctions	allow passage of ions/propagate rapid electrical stimuli between cells/allow coordinated contraction ✓		3 max
		C.	striations/thick and thin muscle fibers	form the mechanism for contraction ✓		o max
		d.	abundance of mitochondria	produce supply of energy for continuous contractions ✓		
		e.	branched/Y-shaped cells	allow for rapid propagation/faster coordinated contraction ✓		

Question	Answers	Notes	Total
23.		Some of these points may be present in annotated diagrams.	
	 a. oxyhemoglobin forms when partial pressure of oxygen is high OR 		
	oxyhemoglobin dissociates/breaks apart when partial pressure of oxygen is low ✓		
	b. respiring tissues have low partial pressure of oxygen ✓		6 max
	c. sketch/statement of S-shaped «oxygen dissociation» curve ✓		Uillax
	d. axes of graph labelled correctly as percentage oxygen saturation of hemoglobin on <i>y</i> -axis <i>AND</i> partial pressure of oxygen on <i>x</i> -axis ✓	Both needed. Do not accept reverse axes.	
	e. «small» decrease in oxygen partial pressure over steep part of curve results in dissociation of oxyhemoglobin/oxygen release to tissues ✓		
	f. fetal hemoglobin is structurally different from adult/maternal hemoglobin ✓		
	g. fetal dissociation curve to left of adult dissociation curve ✓		
	h. fetal hemoglobin has greater affinity for oxygen than adult/maternal blood ✓		
	i. fetus obtains its oxygen from mother's blood «at placenta» ✓		
	j. at any given partial pressure of oxygen fetus will take up oxygen from mother OR		
	fetal hemoglobin always more saturated with oxygen than maternal blood ✓		