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MARK SCHEME for the October/November 2011 question paper for the guidance of teachers

0610 BIOLOGY

0610/23

Paper 2 (Core Theory), maximum raw mark 80

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General notes

Do not exceed the section sub-totals or question maxima.

Symbols used in mark scheme and guidance notes.

separates alternatives for a marking point

separates points for the award of a mark

MP mark point – used in guidance notes when referring to numbered marking points

ORA or reverse argument / reasoning

OWTTE or words to that effect

A accept – as a correct response

R reject – this is marked with a cross and any following correct statements do not gain any

marks

I ignore / irrelevant / inadequate - this response gains no mark, but any following correct

answers can gain marks.

() the word / phrase in brackets is not required to gain marks but sets the context of the

response for credit.

e.g. (waxy) cuticle. Waxy not needed but if it was described as a cellulose cuticle then no

mark is awarded.

mitosis underlined words – this word only

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Question		Mark Scheme	Mark	Guidance
1 (a)	arachnids crustacear insects myriapods		[1]	if more than 1 box ticked no mark
(b)	crab A B C D	name of arthropod Araneus; Buthus; Hydrachna; Ixodes; Oligolophus;		two or more names in a line mark the first.
	any	y four correctly named – 1 mark each	[4]	
			[Total: 5]	

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2	(a)	M – trachea;N – bronchus;O – bronchioles;	[3]	A – cartilage, windpipe A – bronchi, I – ref to position left/right A – alveolus / alveoli
	(b)	observe rise and fall of chest / OWTTE; count number of inhalations in known period of time;	[2]	A – ref to breathing monitors A – 15 s to 5 mins
	(c)	(i) male 1;	[1]	
		(ii) female 2;	[1]	
		 (iii) 1 breathing rate rises with exercise; 2 the rise in breathing rate varies from person to person; 3 (on average) males have higher breathing rates, before running / resting / after running than females/ OWTTE / ORA; 		
		any two – 1 mark each	[2]	
	(d)	 exercise needs (extra) energy; energy released by respiration; in muscles; (more) oxygen needed; (more) carbon dioxide to be removed; increased breathing rate to provide the oxygen / remove the carbon dioxide; 		more required at least once in the logical progression – penalise once for complete absence I – refs to anaerobic respiration
		any four – 1 mark each	[4]	
			[Total: 13]	

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3 (a)	 less competition for (rooting) space; less competition for light; less competition for minerals / salts; less competition for water; less risk of all destroyed by disease / disaster; colonisation of new places; any three – 1 mark each	[3]	all points in context of either parent-seedling or seedling-seedling competition MP3 A – ions / named examples I – ref to nutrients MP1–5 A – less competition unqualified for 1 mark if no specific examples given A – ref to fires
(b)	 (i) growth of stem; towards light; OR growth of root; away from light; OR growth of plant; towards or away from light; (ii) shoot / plumule / stem grows towards light; gets (more) light for photosynthesis; OR root / radicle grows away from light / into soil (if root exposed); improves anchorage / reaches water / minerals; 	[2]	A – refs to chlorophyll formation
	any two – 1 mark each	[2]	
		[Total: 7]	

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4 (a)	(i) 1 by diffusion; 2 through root hairs; 3 from soil water / in solution in soil water; 4 down concentration gradient; Any two – 1 mark each	[2]	MP1 A – ref to active transport MP4 A – against the concentration gradient (linked to active transport)
	(ii) fungi / bacteria;	[1]	A – decomposers
(b)	(i) to allow them to be absorbed / carried in plasma;	[1]	
	(ii) bone / tooth / muscle;	[1]	A – ref to enamel or dentine
(c)	 1 minerals in dung / faeces; 2 a concentrated / rich source of phosphates; 3 excreta broken down / minerals released into soil; 4 replaces phosphates removed by plants / crops; 5 thus new plants / crops grow well / no deficiency; 6 thus minerals recycled; any three – 1 mark each 	[3]	
		[Total: 8]	
5 (a)	substance enters the leaves the blood lungs; liver; kidney;	[3]	A – alveoli A – Bowman's capsule / glomerulus
(b)	prevents / reduces risk of microorganisms entering blood / tissues; stops / reduces loss of blood;	[2]	A – ref to bacteria / viruses I – ref to germs
		[Total: 5]	

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6	(a)	(i) (tropic level) 1 / producers;	[1]	I – ref to primary
		(ii) cheetah / hyena / lion;	[1]	
	(b)	(i) (animal / consumer / organism) that eats plants / vegetation; it eats only plants / does not eat meat / other consumers;	[2]	A – ref to animal that gets energy from plants
		(ii) because of its size it is basically free of predators;	[1]	
	(c)	(i) bacteria / fungi / (fly) maggots;	[1]	A – named example
		(ii) 1 various mineral / ions removed from soil by plants; 2 need to be replaced; 3 or plant regrowth is restricted; 4 decomposers release minerals from dead remains; 5 without this action get build up of dead material; 6 also soil becomes less fertile;		A – MP1, 3 and 4 in terms of carbon dioxide
		any three – 1 mark each	[3]	
	(d)	grass, zebra / impala, cheetah, hyena OR acacia, impala, cheetah, hyena chain of four organisms from food web; shown in correct order; arrows showing direction of energy flow;		NO MARK
			[Total: 10]	

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7	1 herbicides kill competing species / weeds; 2 reduces competition for minerals / ions; 3 reduces competition for light / removes shading of crop; 4 reduces competition for water; 5 reduces competition for space 6 some weeds have antagonistic effect of crop plants; 7 crop grows faster / process bigger yield; 8 weeds can harbour harmful bacteria / fungi / insects;		A – named example, I – ref to nutrients MP2–5 A – less competition unqualified for 1 mark if no specific examples given MP8 A – in context of harm to crop plant, A – pests
	any four – 1 mark each	[4]	
		[Total: 4]	
8 (a)	 growth / germination needs energy; seed respires; using food reserves / named example; no photosynthesis happening; any three – 1 mark each	[3]	A – carbohydrate, starch, sugar, glucose, fat
(b)	1 shoot above ground; 2 leaves are green; 3 exposed to light; 4 photosynthesis starts; 5 new materials formed / named example; 6 more formed than reserves used up; any three – 1 mark each	[3]	
(c)	13 days;	[1]	A – 12.8 to 13.2 days
		[Total: 7]	

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9	(a)	(i) A – sperm cell; B – white blood cell / phage	ocyte / leucocyte;	[2]	A – lymphocyte
		(ii) fusing with ovum / egg (cell has tail to swim to reach ov		[2]	I – ovule A – is haploid, streamlined, has acrosome, mitochondria,
		(iii) to surround / engulf / digest phagocytosis;	/ destroy microorganisms /	[1]	A – produce antibodies
	(b)				
		type of cell	number of chromosomes		
		nerve cell C	46		
		cell A	23;		
		cell B	46;		
		red blood cell D	0;	[3]	
				[Total: 8]	

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10 (a)	(i) when both of a pair of alleles are identical / same;	[1]	A – genes for alleles
	(ii) (thalassaemia allele is) recessive; present in both parents but not affecting them / OWTTE;	[2]	
	(iii) TT and Tt;	[1]	
(b)	1 parent genotypes Tt and Tt; 2 gametes T t T t; 3 offspring genotypes TT Tt Tt tt; 4 phenotypes not not not affected; affected affected	[4]	apply ECF for lines following from an erroneous line NB – MP4 must have at least one affected offspring to answer question
(c)	 (i) iron; (ii) have insufficient / malformed haemoglobin; therefore cannot carry enough oxygen; thus cannot release sufficient energy by respiration; any two – 1 mark each 	[1] [2]	
		[Total: 11]	