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0653 COMBINED SCIENCE

0653/21

Paper 21 (Core Theory), maximum raw mark 80

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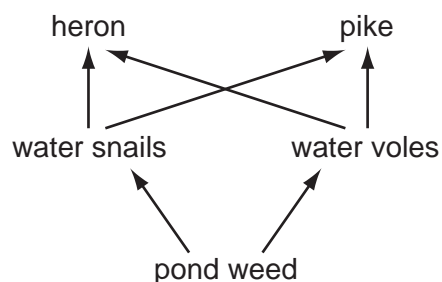
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1 (a) community ;
population ;
ecosystem ; [3]

(b) all five organisms included and no others ;
arrows between them going the right way ;
all links present and correct (allow one missing arrow, or heron / pike feeding on only one species) ;



[3]

(c) no food (for primary consumers) ;
no oxygen ; [2]

(d) (i) C ;
B ;
E ; [3]

(ii) no cell wall / no part A ;
no chloroplasts / no part B ;
no (large) vacuole / no part F ;
not rectangular ; [max 2]

[Total: 13]

2 (a) Geiger counter / Geiger (Müller) tube / scintillation counter / spark chamber /
cloud chamber / photographic film ; [1]

(b) burns ;
eye damage / cataracts ;
cancer ;
mutation (of cells) / damage to DNA ;
radiation sickness ; [max 2]

(c) (i)

	alpha	beta	gamma
most penetrating			✓
most ionising	✓		

;; [2]

(ii) alpha ;
gamma ;

[2]

[Total: 7]

3 (a) (i) (good) conductor of electricity / (good) conductor of heat / greater density / lustrous / sonorous / malleable / ductile / high melting point ; [1]

(ii) sodium is too reactive / very little strength ; [1]

(b) (i) (it is balanced)
idea of same number on both sides ;
of atoms of each element / numbers stated ; [2]

(ii) Fe_2O_3 ;
reduction is loss of oxygen / O removed from Fe_2O_3 ; [2]

(c) (i) ionic/electrovalent ; [1]

(ii) solution/compound in liquid form which, conducts electricity / contains free ions ; [1]

(iii) electrical ; [1]

(iv) any Group 1 or Group 2 metal / zinc ;
[allow copper] [1]

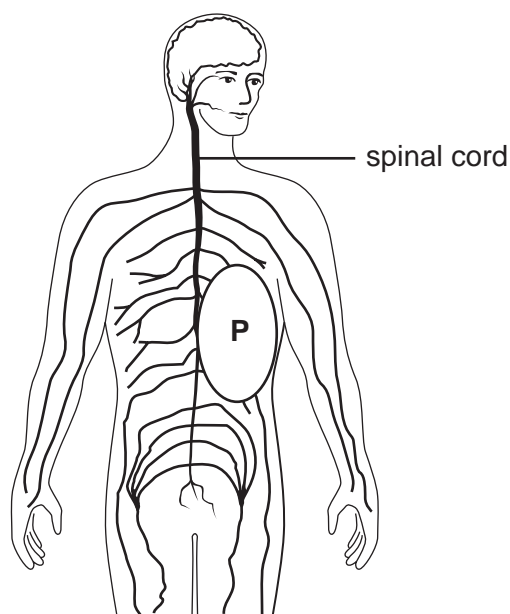
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4 (a) (i) brain labelled ; [1]

(ii) nerves / nerve cells / neurones ;
effectors / muscles / glands ; [2]

(b) endocrine ; [1]

(c) (i) P written within area shown ;



[1]

(ii) insulin ;

[1]

(iii) liver / muscles ;

[1]

(iv) ref. to respiration ;
no energy (for cells) ;
other correct, e.g. hypoglycaemic shock ;

[max 2]

[Total: 9]

5 (a) vibration of (water) particles / discussion of compressions and rarefactions ;

[1]

(b) (i) solid ;

[1]

(ii) (distance =) speed × time ;
= 1500 × 0.5 = 750 (m) ;

[2]

(c) (i) measuring cylinder / graduated beaker ;

[1]

(ii) balance / scales ;

[1]

(iii) mass / volume ;

[1]

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6 (a) (i) Y ; [1]

(ii) X – bromine
 Y – iodine / astatine
 Z – fluorine / chlorine (all correct = 2 marks, two or one correct = 1 mark) ;; [2]

(b) (i) all correct for 1 protons, neutrons, electrons ; [1]

(ii) 10 ; [1]

(iii) only protons and neutrons have mass / electrons have no mass ; [1]

(c) chlorine solution kills bacteria ;
 may help to prevent disease / other acceptable benefit ;
 removes stains more easily / reference to bleaching ; [max 2]

[Total: 8]

7 (a) 36 ; [1]

(b) warm air less dense than cold ;
 warm air near the ground (in open field) rises ;
 warm air cannot get out of the glasshouses ; [max 2]

(c) too hot (in glasshouse A) ;
 ref. to pollination (by bees);
 less pollination in glasshouse A ;
 so fewer tomatoes produced ; [max 2]

(d) carbon dioxide (concentration) ;
 wind ;
 water supply / humidity;
 pests / pesticides / animals ;
 weeds ;
 soil / availability of minerals ;
 light ; [max 2]

[Total: 7]

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- 8 (a) (i) 22 – 20 % ;
78 – 80 % ; [2]
- (ii) carbon dioxide / water vapour / any noble gas ; [1]
- (b) (i) SO₂ ; [1]
- (ii) leads to acid rain ;
which may damage buildings / harm aquatic ecosystems / organisms ;
breathing the gas may cause respiratory distress / detail ; [max 2]
- (c) (i) covalent ; [1]
- (ii) O = C = O
2 × O bonded to central C ;
by double bonds ; [2]
(so 2 × C bonded to central O by double bonds scores 1 mark)

[Total: 9]

- 9 (a) (i) B – C ; [1]
- (ii) 5 s ; [1]
(allow 4.8 – 5)
- (b) (i) (work done =) force × distance ;
= 250 × 10 = 2500 J ; [2]
- (ii) kinetic / movement ; [2]
heat / sound ;
- (c) (i) series ; [1]
- (ii) 8 (ohms) ; [1]
- (d) larger (turning force) / moment ; [2]
because distance is larger/moment = F × d ;

[Total: 10]