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0653 COMBINED SCIENCE

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Paper 31 (Extended Theory), maximum raw mark 80

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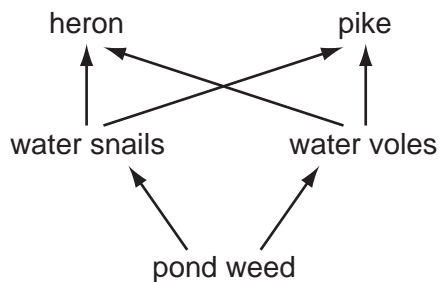
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1 (a) community ;
ecosystem ; [2]

(b) all five organisms included ;
arrows between them going the right way ;
all links present and correct (allow one missing arrow, or heron / pike feeding on
only one species / penalise any incorrect link) ;



[3]

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

(ii) terracing / undulations / keep plant cover / other ; [1]

[Total: 8]

2 (a) (i) parallel ; [1]

(ii) $1/R = 1/R_1 + 1/R_2$ (whole equation needed unless $R_1 R_2 \div R_1 + R_2$) ;
 $1/R = 1/4 + 1/4 = 1/2$;
 $R = 2$ ohms ; [3]

(b) larger, turning force / moment ;
because distance is larger / moment = $F \times d$; [2]

(c) work done = force \times distance ;
= $250 \times 10 = 2500$ J ; [2]

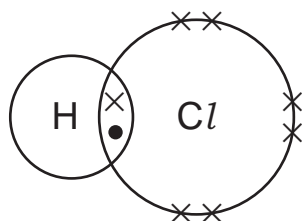
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- 3 (a) sodium is too/very reactive/very little strength ; [1]
- (b) (i) $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 + 3 \text{CO} \rightarrow 2\text{Fe} + 3 \text{CO}_2$; [1]
- (ii) two from iron oxide/carbon dioxide/oxygen/iron ions ;
one relevant reference to removal of oxygen/gain of electrons ; [2]
(e.g. iron (ions) because it gains (three) electrons)
- (c) (i) they gain electrons / are reduced / are discharged / become atoms /
neutralised ;
correct description of each ion gaining **three** electrons each ; [2]
- (ii) aluminium more reactive than iron ;
aluminium more reactive than C or CO ;
aluminium more strongly bonded to oxygen ; [max 2]
- (iii) +3 ;
working showing the need to balance charges ;
also allow discussion of how aluminium atoms gain noble gas configuration ; [max 2]
- [Total: 10]**

- 4 (a) (i) Y ; [1]
- (ii) X – bromine
Y – iodine/astatine
Z – fluorine/chlorine ; [1]
- (b) (i) 10 ; [1]
- (ii) $2 \times 19/38$; [1]
(ignore any units)

(c) (i)



- shared pair (showing dot and cross) ;
filled chlorine shell ; [2]
(if chemical symbols used they must be correct)
- (ii) H^+/Cl^- ; [1]

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(d) (i) chlorine with potassium bromide ; [1]

(ii) chlorine is more reactive than bromine (reject bromide)/ chlorine displaces bromine/oxidises bromide ions ; [1]
(allow correct equation)

[Total: 9]

5 (a) May, June ; [1]

(b) (i) linking of infra-red with heat ;
idea that (more) heat produced inside the glasshouse ;
heat trapped inside/stays in the glasshouse ; [max 2]

(ii) warm air less dense than cold ;
warm air near the ground (outside) rises ;
warm air cannot rise/get out of the glasshouses ; [max 2]

(c) (i) too hot (in A) ;
for bees (to pollinate flowers/to be active) ;
for plant's, metabolic reactions/enzymes ;
more water lost ; [max 2]

(ii) carbon dioxide (concentration) ;
wind ;
water supply/humidity ;
pests/ animals ;
weeds ;
soil/availability of minerals ;
(sun)light ;
(reject sunshine and refs to bees) [max 2]

(d) (i) attractive to animals ;
eat fruit/carry fruit away ;
and egest seeds in a different place ; [max 2]

(ii) less competition ;
for, light/space/water/minerals ;
colonise new areas ; [max 2]

[Total: 13]

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- 6 (a) (distance =) speed × time ;
=1500 × 0.5 = 750 m ; [2]
- (b) (i) **A** shown on any part where there is acceleration/deceleration ; [1]
- (ii) constant speed/uniform motion/moves at 1.5 m per s ; [1]
- (iii) working shown (area under graph) ;
30 m ; [2]
- (c) (i) straight line drawn at correct angle (angle of incidence = angle of refraction) ; [1]
- (ii) angle of incidence and angle of refraction ; [1]
- [Total: 8]**
- 7 (a) group of tissues (performing a particular function) ; [1]
(accept e.g. a muscle made of many tissues and other specific examples)
- (b) (i) sweat secreted (onto surface of skin)/sweat produced ;
water evaporates ;
using heat (from the skin) ; [max 2]
- (ii) capillaries/arterioles, get wider/vasodilation ;
more blood flowing near surface ;
more heat lost from blood (to air) ; [max 2]
- (c) (i) glucose ; [1]
- (ii) insulin ; [1]
- (iii) cells cannot respire ;
no energy ;
avp e.g. symptoms of relevant disease e.g. diabetes / damage from fainting,
etc. ; [max 2]
- [Total: 9]**

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- 8 (a) (i) (Earth's atmosphere) is 78–80% N₂ 22-20% O₂/N₂ and/or O₂ too/very low / CO₂ too high ; [1]
- (ii) water vapour/any noble gas ; [1]
- (b) (i) 78 – 80 cm³ ;
oxygen removed by reaction (with copper)/copper oxide formed ;
which has virtually no volume ;
so remaining gas is nitrogen (and other gases) ;
so remaining gas volume is 78-80% of 100 cm³ ; [max 3]
- (ii) greater surface area ;
increases rate of reaction ;
reference to increase of collision frequency between oxygen and copper ; [3]
- [Total: 8]
- 9 (a) (i) emission of small particles and energy from an (unstable) nucleus ;
(reject breakdown of nucleus) [1]
- (ii) can remove electrons from atoms/can form ions ; [1]
- (b) (i) alpha is electrically charged and gamma has no charge ; [1]
- (ii) they have opposite charges / alpha is positively charged and beta is negatively charged ; [1]
- (iii) alpha radiation is more ionising (than gamma) ;
alpha more likely to be absorbed/cannot escape ;
will cause more damage internally ; [max 2]
- (c) background (radiation) ; [1]
- [Total: 7]