Question	Marking Guidance		Mark	Comments
1(a)	Function	Name	3	
	Attaches to Z line at the end of the sarcomere	1. Actin;		
	Breaks down ATP	2. ATPase / myosin (head);		2. Accept water
	Covers binding site on actin in relaxed myofibril	3. Tropomyosin;		3. Accept troponin
1(b)	Can't form myosin/thick filaments; Can't pull/can't move actin/slide actin past / (myosin) have to be joined/fixed to pull actin; Myosin moves /if attached doesn't		3	Neutral: prevents actin and myosin sliding filament action 2. Accept: myosin can't pull on each other
	move; 4. Can't move actin other/middle of samyosin/			4. Accept: contract for shorten

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2(a)	Stimulates/causes ovulation/ /(secondary) oocyte(s);	2	Accept release of egg/ovum Ignore references to follicle
	Stimulates/causes formation of corpus luteum;		
	Stimulates/leads to production/release of oestrogen/progesterone;		3. Ignore: references to testosterone
2(b)	Inhibition of hypothalamus so less GnRH;	3	Ignore references to negative feedback
	Inhibition of pituitary/less GnRH so less LH <u>and</u> FSH;		1 and 2 must include all the statement
	So no stimulation of testes to make testosterone;		1 and 2 Accept none = less
2(c)	Keeps/makes/causes high testosterone;	2	Must have idea of high or higher
	2. So (keeps) inhibition of GnRH/LH/FSH;		Accept: inhibits hypothalamus/pituitary gland
			2. Accept less/no GnRH/LH/FSH

QUESTION 3: N/A

QUESTION 4: N/A

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5(a)	 (Increased pressure) deforms/changes stretch-mediated sodium (ion) channel; (Sodium channels open and) sodium ions flow in; Depolarisation (leading to generator potential); 	3	 2. Accept Na⁺ 3. Accept correct description of depolarisation
5(b)	Value between 2.17:1 and 2.29:1;; Values between 117 to 119 and between 52 to 54 found but ratio wrong way round = 1 mark	2	Accept rounding up to 2.2 or 2.3 Accept: number without: 1 Correct working showing answer but incorrect rounding in answer line = 1 Wrong way round gives answer between 0.35:1 and 0.46:1
5(c)	 Parasympathetic greater effect than sympathetic; Parasympathetic keeps heart rate down/lower/decreases heart rate (as blood pressure increases); Sympathetic keeps heart rate up/higher/increases heart rate (as blood pressure increases); Parasympathetic greatest/greater effect at high blood pressure/sympathetic greatest effect at low blood pressure; 	3 max	Ignore: descriptions of graph 2. and 3. Accept converse for blood pressure decreases

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6(a)	One suitable suggestion; explained; Eg 1. Action potentials travel more slowly/don't travel; 2. So delay in muscle contraction/muscles don't contract/muscles contract slow(er); OR 3. Action potentials/depolarisation 'leaks' to adjacent neurones; 4. So wrong muscle (fibres) contract;	2 max	Accept: fewer/no saltatory movement of potentials Accept: neurones not insulated
6(b)	Lipid-soluble / pass through phospholipid bilayer;	1	Not just 'pass through membranes'
6(c)	 Prevents influx of calcium ions (into pre-synaptic membrane); (Synaptic) vesicles don't fuse with membrane / vesicles don't release neurotransmitter; Neurotransmitter does not diffuse across synapse/does not bind to receptors (on post-synaptic membrane); No action potential/depolarisation (of post-synaptic membrane)/ sodium (ion) channels do not open / prevents influx of sodium ions; 	4	1. Need idea of moving into pre-synaptic membrane/synaptic knob 1. Accept Ca ⁺⁺ /Ca ²⁺ 2. Accept vesicles don't release acetylcholine 3. Accept: sarcolemma/muscle membrane for post-synaptic membrane 4. Accept Na ⁺ 4. Accept prevents depolarisation of muscle cell Ignore: descriptions of events at post-synaptic membrane involving calcium ions and muscle contraction
6(d)	 They won't affect synapses in brain; They won't cause problems with the brain's function/won't damage brain; (So only the) muscle/neuromuscular junctions treated/affected; 	2 max	2. Accept: suitable named problem e.g. hallucination 2. Ignore: unqualified references to 'side effects' 2. Accept: reference to addiction/harm of smoking 4 (cannabis)

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7(a)	1. Similarity – directional response (to a stimulus)/movement towards/away from a stimulus; 2. Difference – taxis (whole) organism moves and tropism a growth (response);	2	2. Must be clear which one, taxis or tropism, they are referring to 2. Taxis occurs in animals/motile organisms and tropism occurs in plants
7(b)	 Grow in direction of/towards (pull of) gravity; Grow away from salt; Salt has more effect (than gravity); 	3	Accept: tropism for growth Ignore: pulled by gravity 1. Accept: positively geotropic/gravitropic 2. Accept: negatively chemotropic/halotropic 1 and 2. Ignore: references to bends/moves 3. Accept: converse statement for gravity Note: all three points may appear in one sentence
7(c)	 More carriers in (cell) L/lower in R; (So) less IAA in (cell) L/more IAA in (cell) R; (So) more (elongation) growth in L/less (elongation) growth in R; 	3	Accept: left for L and right for R/side nearer salt for L 2. Accept: more IAA moves out of L/less IAA moves out of R 3. Accept: less inhibition of growth in L/more inhibition of growth in R;

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8(a)	Release of glucagon;	3	
	Leads to formation of glucose in liver (cells);		2. Reject: glucagon breaks down glycogen, or any other biological molecule
	From non-carbohydrates/amino acids/fatty acids;		3. Accept: gluconeogenesis/references to glycogen as source of glucose
8(b)	Mutant mice (mRNA suggests) make a lot of (the) enzyme;	3	Accept: PCK1 made (for enzyme made)
	Mutant mice use kidney/intestine (cells) to make glucose;		Accept: use other organ (than liver)
	Normal mice do this much less/normal mice use liver cells;		
8(c)	1. Differences significant;	2	Reject: references to results being significant once
	2. Probability of difference being due to chance less than 0.01/1%/1 in 100 / probability of difference not being due to chance more than 0.99/99%/99 in 100;		2. Ignore: references to 0.05/5%/5 in 100