Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
2(a)(i)	 Moves out of the way when calcium ions bind; Allowing myosin to bind (to actin)/crossbridge formation; 	2	Accept shape change with Ca ²⁺ Don't accept just "calcium" Accept presence of calcium ions leads to movement instead of binds Accept references to troponin
2(a)(ii)	 Head (of myosin) binds to actin and moves/pulls/slides actin past; (Myosin) detaches from actin and re-sets/moves further along (actin) This uses ATP; 	2 max	1. Accept myosin power stroke (to move actin) 1. Accept push 1. Accept crossbridges form instead of myosin head binds to actin 1. Must refer to myosin head or crossbridges
2(b)(i)	 (Glycogen broken down) gives (lots of) glucose for glycolysis/anaerobic respiration; Glycolysis/anaerobic respiration not very efficient/only yields 2 ATP per glucose; 	2	 Give if context of anaerobic respiration clear Accept anaerobic respiration is a quick source of ATP for exercise Accept very little ATP
2(b)(ii)	 (Many capillaries) give high concentration/lots of oxygen/shorter diffusion pathway for oxygen/large surface area for oxygen exchange/diffusion; Good glucose supply with little glycogen present; Allows high rate of/more aerobic respiration <i>OR</i> prevents build-up of lactic acid/(muscle) fatigue; 	2 max	Accept idea of aerobic respiration during endurance events/long periods of exercise

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
3(a)	Three changes described;;; Eg 1. Formation/growth of vacuole; 2. Formation of starch grains/amyloplasts; 3. Movement of grains/amyloplasts towards bottom of cell; 4. Cells get longer/wider/larger;	3 max	Neutral nucleus shrinks, since it doesn't 2. Accept starch grains get bigger Note – list rule applies
3(b)	 Grows sideways before starch grains form; Bending starts when/as grains form; More bending as grains increase in number; More elongation (of cells)/growth (of roots) downwards as starch grains increase/move; Bending starts before grains move down; Could be related to vacuole; 	3 max	3. Ignore starch grain growth references 6. Ignore references to nucleus
3(c)	 Greater (elongation) growth on top of root/less growth on bottom of root; (IAA) at bottom of root/where IAA concentration high inhibits expansion/elongation (of cells); (IAA) at top of root/where IAA concentration low leads to expansion/elongation (of cells); 	2 max	Ignore references to effects of IAA on cell division Reject references to cell shrinkage 2 and 3 need reference to expansion/elongation, not just growth 3. Accept less inhibition

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
4(a)	 Positive correlation between sucrose and dopamine concentrations/higher concentration of sucrose, more dopamine; So (dopamine) makes them want to drink/eat more (sucrose); Positive feedback because drinking/eating leads to wanting to drink/eat (even) more; 	3	Q NB question is 'How do these', not 'Do these 1. Ignore simple statements of numbers from graph without description of trend 3. It must be a clear statement of why this example is positive feedback, not inferred from points 1 and 2
4(b)	1. (Refractory period) leads to discrete/separate nerve impulses/time when another nerve impulse can't happen; OR (Refractory period) limits number of impulses per second/frequency of nerve impulses; 2. When maximum frequency reached/exceeded, no further increase in information/all (higher) concentrations of sucrose seem the same;	2	
4(c)	 (Negative feedback) stops desire/wish to eat/appetite; (This) limits amount eaten/stops eating; Prevents/reduces risk of obesity/too much energy intake; 	3	Accept stops dopamine release (in this context) Accept makes them feel full Accept prevents constant eating Accept prevents vomiting Accept descriptions based on what would happen in absence of the feedback mechanism – or if stomach empty for points 1 and 2

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
5(a)	4.9/4.89;; 38.62 - 36.82; 36.82	2 max	Correct answer = 2 marks
5(b)	Suitable reason with explanation;; Eg Suit prevents loss of sweat; So heat of evaporation not lost; OR Water (initially) at higher temperature than skin/body/blood; (So) heat gained/less lost (by conduction/convection);	2 max	Accept idea of no heat gradient Ignore references to 'by radiation'
5(c)	 Yes for temperature and oxygen consumption/no for carbon dioxide; Because P value (equal to, or) less than 0.05 (other than carbon dioxide)/ P value greater than 0.05 (for carbon dioxide); 	2	 Here assume understanding that 0.001 is less than 0.05 Accept correct use of < and > for less than and more than Accept valid responses based on greater or less than 95%
5(d)	 Increased temperature leads to faster enzyme activity; Faster rate of respiration (and oxygen consumption); 	2	Accept faster metabolism Accept more oxygen for respiration to mean more respiration

QUESTION 6: N/A

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
7(a)	 Causes sodium ion channels to open; Sodium ions enter (cell and cause depolarisation); 	2	Reject if wrong sequence of events Reject sodium on its own only once
7(b)	 (If not removed) keeps binding (to receptors); Keeps causing action potentials/depolarisation (in post-synaptic membrane); Prevents information being carried across synapse/described consequence; 	2 max	Accept answers based on what happens if it is transported out – ie what should happen 2. Accept keeps Na ⁺ channels open(ing)
7(c)	 Movement in all groups (about) same before MDMA; MDMA increases movement in Group L; Group K shows MDMA causes movement; No/little increase in mice without receptor/Group M; 	3 max	2. Accept normal mice for L 3. Accept K is a control

Question	Marking Guidelines	Mark	Comments
8(a)	Ribulose bisphosphate/RuBP;	1	Accept Ribulose biphosphate or Ribulose diphosphate Accept phonetic spellings Accept any variation in upper or lower case for RuBP
(b)	ATP and reduced NADP are produced in grana/thylakoids/ present in A/both tubes;	1	Must be reduced NADP but accept any alternative which show hydrogen attached to NADP Must be reduced NADP not reduced NAD
(c)	 4 000; Light-dependent reaction does not occur /ATP and reduced NADP are not produced; 	2	Accept 'same as in (tube) C', but not 'same' on its own Accept converse for mark point 2
(d)	 (Less) GP converted to TP; (Less) TP converted to RuBP; 	2	GP = glycerate 3-phosphate TP = triose phosphate but abbreviations are sufficient Accept GALP as TP
(e)	No/less ATP / ATP produced (during electron transport); No/less reduced NADP / reduced NADP produced (during electron transport);	2	Must be reduced NADP but accept any alternative which shows hydrogen attached to NADP

Question	Marking Guidelines	Mark	Comments
9(a)	1. Affects enzymes;	2 max	'respiration involves enzymes' = two marks
	Affects respiration; Or		Ignore reference to controlling a variable
	3. Affects volume/pressure of gases;		Mark point 4 can only be awarded if mark point 3 has been credited
	4. Affects readings;		
9(b)(i)	Oxygen taken up/used (by seeds);	3	Reject air is taken up for mark point 1
	Carbon dioxide (given out) is absorbed by solution/potassium hydroxide;		
	Decrease in volume / pressure (inside flask);		Reference to vacuum negates mark point 3
9(b)(ii)	4;	1	
9(c)	1. Remains the same;	2	Any reference to 'carbon dioxide not being produced'
	2. No oxygen uptake/used;		disqualifies mark point 2

Question	Marking Guidelines	Mark	Comments
10(a)	 Marking Guidelines Fertilisers/minerals/named ion (added to soil); Role of named nutrient or element e.g. nitrate/nitrogen for proteins / phosphate/phosphorus for ATP/DNA; Pesticides/biological control prevents damage/consumption of crop; Pesticides/weed killers /herbicides/weeding remove competition; Selective breeding / genetic modification (of crops); Glass/greenhouses enhance temp/CO₂/ light; Ploughing aerates soil/improves drainage; Ploughing/aeration allows nitrification/decreases denitrification; Benefit of crop rotation in terms of soil nutrients/fertility/pest reduction; Irrigation/watering to remove limiting factor; 	Mark 5 max	Accept any named examples of natural fertilisers for mark point 1 e.g. manure, bone meal etc. Ignore named elements Accept fertilisers/minerals/ named nutrient/element removes limiting factor for mark point 2 Accept any type of pesticide e.g. fungicides for mark point 3 Accept seeding method reduces competition for mark point 4 Accept idea of choosing particular variety of crop for mark point 5 Allow rotivation, harrowing, hoeing as alternatives terms for ploughing in mark points 7 and 8 Accept addition of organic material (mark point 1) improves soil structure/drainage or effect of lime on pH for mark point 7 Accept activity/number of nitrifying bacteria increased / denitrifying bacteria decreased in mark point 8. Ignore nitrogen fixation
	11. Protection of crops from birds/pests/frost by covers/netting etc.;		

10(b)	 Protein/amino acids/DNA into ammonium compounds / ammonia; By saprobionts; Ammonium/ammonia into nitrite; Nitrite into nitrate; By nitrifying bacteria/microorganisms; Nitrogen to ammonia/ammonium; By nitrogen-fixing bacteria/microorganisms in soil; 	5 max	Accept any named nitrogen containing compound e.g. urea for mark point 1 Accept saprophytes for mark point 2 Accept marks for conversion i.e. mark points 1, 3, 4 and 6 even if incorrect type of bacteria named as being involved However, reject marks for type of bacteria i.e. mark points 2, 5 and 7 if linked to incorrect process e.g. nitrite converted to nitrate by saprobionts Award one mark for ammonia/ammonium into nitrate if neither mark point 3 or 4 awarded Ignore reference to nitrogenfixing bacteria in root nodules. If not specified, assume nitrogen-fixing bacteria are in the soil
(c)	 Variation/variety in pest population; Due to mutation; Allele for resistance; Reference to selection; Pests with resistance (survive and) breed / differential reproductive success; Increase in frequency of allele; 	5 max	Reference to 'immune' negates mark point 3 or 5 but not both Ignore 'vertical gene transmission' Must be increase in frequency of allele for mark point 6 do not credit answers which only refer to 'change'