QUESTION 1: N/A

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
2(a)(i)	Decreases;	1	Accept any word that means a decrease e.g. shorter/narrower/ smaller etc
2(a)(ii)	Nothing / stays the same length / does not change;	1	
2(b)	 Two marks for correct answer of 29545-30455; One mark for incorrect answers in which candidate clearly divides measured width by actual width; 	2	Correct answer = 2 marks outright. Range allows for a 1mm error in measuring Ignore rounding up
2(c)	 (Idea ATP is needed for:) Attachment/cross bridges between actin and myosin; 'Power stroke' / movement of myosin heads / pulling of actin; Detachment of myosin heads; Myosin heads move back/to original position / 'recovery stroke'; 	3 max	 Accept the role of ADP in attachment Not just 'filaments slide' as given in the question stem

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3(a)(i)	LH increases/peaks after oestrogen increases/peaks; OR Oestrogen increases/peaks before LH increases/peaks;	1	Need the idea of 'after' or 'before' Neutral: LH increases as oestrogen increases Neutral: oestrogen causes LH to be released as in stem of the question
3(a)(ii)	Progesterone falls / progesterone returns to start / progesterone not maintained;	1	Accept: FSH increases at end of the cycle
3(b)(i)	 FSH inhibited; Follicle not stimulated / ripened / does not grow; LH inhibited; Ovulation prevented / egg/ovum not released; 	4	2. Accept: egg not ripened Q Neutral: egg/ovum not produced Only penalise if a direct incorrect statement is made e.g. LH inhibited so follicle not ripened = 1 mark FSH and LH inhibited so follicle not ripened and ovulation prevented = 4 marks
3(b)(ii)	Will not forget to take Implanon / may forget to take an oral contraceptive / does not have to be taken daily / not affected by illness/vomiting;	1	Neutral: ref. to lasting longer / acting quicker Neutral: 'constantly released' as given in the stem of the question Reject: oral contraceptives are digested Neutral: refs. to cost

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4(a)	(Oxygen/carbon dioxide) detected by chemoreceptors / (pressure) detected by baroreceptors;	3		
	Medulla/cardiac centre involved;		Accept a valid equivalent e.g. cardioacceleratory centre	
	 More impulses to SAN/along sympathetic nerve; 		Neutral: signals/messages Accept: acceleratory nerve Need idea of 'more impulses' directly, not by implication	
4(b)(i)	 To ensure results are due to omega-3/fatty acids (only) / not due to something else in the oil; Placebo linked to mental/psychological effect; 	1 max	Neutral: Idea of comparing groups/results Neutral: reference to a control group / placebo (unqualified)	
4(b)(ii)	 Lower/greater change of heart rate for Group A; (Differences) are real / reliable / significant / not due to chance; As bars do not overlap / values are not shared; 	3	Ignore references to methodology	

QUESTION 5: N/A

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6(a)	Adenylate cyclase activated / cAMP produced / second messenger produced;	2 max		
	2. Activates enzyme(s) (in cell);			
	(So) glycogenolysis/ gluconeogenesis occurs / glycogenesis inhibited;		3. Neutral: 'glucose produced' as given in the question stem	
			Accept: correct descriptions of these terms	
6(b)(i)	Glucose/sugar in food would affect the results;	1 max	Accept references to starch / carbohydrate	
	Food/eating would affect blood glucose (level);			
	(Allows time for) blood glucose (level) to return to normal;		Neutral: allows time for insulin to act	
6(b)(ii)	Type 2 diabetes is a failure to respond to insulin / still produces insulin / is not insulin-dependent;	1		
6(b)(iii)	(For) – 3 max	4 max	A maximum of three marks can be	
	Avoids injections / pain of injections;		awarded for each side of the argument	
	Long(er) lasting / permanent / (new) cells will contain/ express gene;		Ignore references to methodology e.g. sample size not known	
	Less need to measure blood sugar / avoids the highs and lows in blood sugar;			
	4. Less restriction on diet;			
	(Against) – 3 max			
	5. Rats are different to humans;			
	May have side effects on humans;		6. Accept: virus may be harmful / disrupt genes / cause cancer	
	7. Long(er) term effects (of treatment) not known / may have caused effects after 8 months;			
	(Substitute) insulin may be rejected by the body;			

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
7(a)	 (Seedlings) respond to light / are phototropic; OR (Only) measuring the effect of gravity / response to gravity; 	1	Reject: roots are positively phototropic / grow towards light Neutral: 'to control a variable' Neutral: light affects growth/results
7(b)	 (Cells in) root tip detect gravity / respond to gravity; OR IAA/auxin is produced in the root tip; 	1	Must refer to root tip and not just the root
7(c)(i)	 IAA/auxin moves to lower side / more IAA/auxin on lower side; Lower side grows less/slower / upper side grows more /faster / inhibits growth on lower side; 	2	Accept: references to 'cell elongation' instead of 'growth' Note: if auxin is placed at upper side, mark point 2 can still be awarded Need idea of 'less/slower' or 'more/faster' for mark point 2
7(c)(ii)	 Less IAA/auxin (produced); Lower side grows more/faster / less inhibition of growth on lower side; 	2	2. Must refer to the lower side

Question	Marking guidelines	Mark	Comments
8(a)(i)	Stickleback + caddis fly (larva) + stonefly (larva);	1	All three required for mark. In any order.
(a)(ii)	 (With fewer fish) reduced predation / not being eaten results in more freshwater shrimps; Increased competition for food/resources / more producers eaten by shrimps / more shrimps eating producers; Less food/resources for mayfly; 	2 max	Principles 1. Effect of fish on shrimps 2. Effect of shrimps on producer 3. Effect of food on mayfly
(b)(i)	 Two marks for correct answer in range 16.8 to 18.9;; One mark for incorrect answer in which candidate divides 19 to 21 by 111 to 113; 	2	Ignore additional decimal places. Working shown in mm. Accept working in cm/2mm squares (10/56) for 1 mark.
(b)(ii)	 Single-celled producers are more digestible / contain less cellulose (than plants) / less energy lost in faeces; All of producer eaten/parts of plant not eaten; Less heat/energy lost / less respiration; 	2 max	May refer to either trophic level
(c)	 Photosynthesis/light dependent reaction/light independent reaction; Carbon-containing substances; 	2	Allow organic substance or named organic substance

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9(a)	Nitrification;	1	Accept nitrifying. Do not accept nitrogen fixing.	
(b)	 Uptake (by roots) involves active transport; Requires ATP/ aerobic respiration; 	2	Reject all references to bacteria	
(c)(i)	Not enough time / fast flow washes bacteria away; (Not all/less) ammonia converted to nitrate/less nitrification;	2	"Not enough time for bacteria to convert all the ammonia to nitrate" gains 2 marks	
(c)(ii)	 Algal bloom / increase in algae; Algae block light / plants/algae die; Decomposers/saprobionts/bact eria break down dead plant materials; Bacteria/decomposers/saprobio nts use up oxygen in respiration / increase BOD; Fish die due to lack of oxygen; 	3 max	Accept alternatives such as microbes/ saprophytes.	

Question	Marking guidelines	Mark	Comments	
10(a)(i)	 Same breed so similar alleles; Controls/removes variable/so genes not a factor / only temperature affects results / rate of growth affected by genes; 	2	Allow different alleles have different effects Accept idea worded in such terms as inherited.	
(a)(ii)	 Different growth rates / gained different biomass / grew different amount; Not due to temperature / the independent variable; 	2	Allow "more food for growth" Ignore references to efficiency of conversion.	
(b)(i)	Rise then fall with peak at 20°C;	1	Do not accept 0.85 as alternative to 20.	
(b)(ii)	 Temperature may be between 10 and 30/10 and 20/20 and 30; Intervals are 10°C/large/not small/should be smaller/should be intermediates; 	2	No mark for yes or no.	
(c)(i)	 Growth rate decreasing / conversion staying same/ decreasing; (Scientists would be) looking for high growth rate/ conversion / data shows unlikely to improve growth/yield; Wastes time/resources/would not relate to farming conditions; 	2 max	3. Ignore cruelty to pigs	
(c)(ii)	 Will lose more heat / not as much energy used to maintain body temperature; Heat resulting from respiration/more respiration; More food used in respiration; 	2 max	1. Must be a comparative statement Accept energy as equivalent to heat in the context of this question 2. Do not credit answers relating to energy made in respiration	

(d)	In support1. Food B produces greater mass than control/greater than 100%;But	4 max	Read standard deviation as standard error 1. Must refer to control
	 Error bars for B mean B could be no better / not different from control; Overlap of error bars for B and A; A no better than/not different from B; 		4. Neutral: "Results not significant". Mark must compare A to B
	 Experimental limitations 5. Experiment only ran for 10 days; 6. Experimental conditions /breed of pig may not be the same as on the farm; 7. No information about cost; 		

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11(a)	Releases energy in small / manageable amounts;	4 max	Accept less than glucose	
	(Broken down) in a one step / single bond broken;		Accept easily broken down	
	 Immediate energy compound/makes energy available rapidly; 			
	 Phosphorylates/adds phosphate; 		Do not accept phosphorus or P on its own	
	 Makes (phosphorylated substances) more reactive / lowers activation energy; 			
	6. Reformed/made again;		6. Must relate to regeneration	
(b)	Substrate level phosphorylation / ATP produced in Krebs cycle;	6 max	Accept alternatives for reduced NAD	
	 Krebs cycle/link reaction produces reduced coenzyme/reduced NAD/reduced FAD; 		Accept description of either Krebs cycle or link reaction	
	 Electrons released from reduced /coenzymes/ NAD/FAD; 			
	 (Electrons) pass along carriers/through electron transport chain/through series of redox reactions; 			
	5. Energy released;		Allow this mark in context of electron transport or chemiosmosis	
	6. ADP/ADP + Pi;		6. Accept H ⁺ or hydrogen ions and cristae	
	7. Protons move into intermembrane space;		7. Allow description of movement through membrane	
	8. ATP synthase;		Accept ATPase. Reject stalked particles	

(c)	In the date of the date o	on in	5	max	1. In context of in photosynthetic tissue/leaves
	Some tissues unable to photosynthesise/produce ATP;				
		not be moved from ell/stored;			
		es more ATP than d in photosynthesis;			
	5. ATP for	active transport;			
	6. ATP for substan	synthesis (of named ce);			