

Mark Scheme (Results)

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Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Subsidiary Level In Biology (WBI11) Paper 01: Molecules, Diet, Transport and Health

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1	An answer that includes the following points (in order):		
	• haemoglobin (1)	ACCEPT haem / Hb / iron ion / Fe ²⁺	
	• high (1)	ACCEPT higher / above / greater / more	
	• pulmonary vein (1)	DO NOT ACCEPT artery / vena cava	
	• left ventricle (1)	ACCEPT l. ventricle / left ventricle {wall / muscle}	
	Bohr (shift) (1)	ACCEPT phonetic spellings e.g. Boar, Bore, Bor, Boh names with lower case	(5)

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2(a)	A description that includes the following points:		
	• three {bases / nucleotides} code for one amino acid (1)		
	• credit any amino acid and its code shown in the table or diagram (1)	e.g. AAA codes for lysine	(2)

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2(b)	A description that includes the following points:		
	each base is only used once / each base belongs to one codon / three bases are read and then the next three (1)	ACCEPT bases are not shared between codons codons are separate but adjacent triplet / code for codon	
	• credit any example taken from the table or diagram (1)	e.g. each A in AAA is only used once AAA is read and then GCA	(2)

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2(c)	A description that includes the following points:		
	• amino acids have more than one {codon / code / triplet} (1)	ACCEPT all / some	
	• credit any amino acid and two of its codes shown in the table (1)	e.g. AAA and AAG codes for lysine	(2)

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3(a)	The correct answer is C A is incorrect because active transport can move solutes against the concentration gradient		
	 B is incorrect because active transport can move solutes against the concentration gradient D is incorrect because water moves in osmosis not solutes 		(1)

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3(b)	The correct answer is A B is incorrect because only active transport involves proteins C is incorrect because only active transport involves proteins D is incorrect because only active transport involves proteins		(1)

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3(c)	The correct answer is B		
	A is incorrect because active transport does not move large particles or bacteria		
	C is incorrect because exocytosis moves matter out of the cell		
	D is incorrect because facilitated diffusion does not move large particles		
	or bacteria		(1)

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3(d)	The correct answer is B		
	A is incorrect because lipid-soluble molecules can move directly through the membrane by diffusion C is incorrect because lipid-soluble molecules can move directly through the membrane by diffusion		
	D is incorrect because osmosis is the movement of water		(1)

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3(e)	The correct answer is B		
	A is incorrect because polar R groups cannot interact with the phospholipid tails C is incorrect because polar R groups cannot interact with the phospholipid tails and non-polar R groups cannot interact with the polar molecules passing through the channel D is incorrect because polar R groups are needed to allow polar molecules through		(1)

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3(f)	An explanation that includes four of the following points:	NB ACCEPT converse explanations Penalise once water concentration	
	• (change in mass / movement of water) is due to <u>osmosis</u> (1)		
	 potato decreased mass in {purple / orange} solutions because the solutions were more concentrated than the {potato / cytoplasm} (1) decrease in mass was greatest in orange solution as this was more concentrated than the purple solution (1) 	NB more concentrated solution = lower water potential lower solute potential lower osmotic potential less dilute hypertonic	
	 potato increased in mass in the red solution as the concentration of the solution was less than that of the {potato / cytoplasm} (1) 	NB less concentrated solution = higher water potential higher solute potential higher osmotic potential more dilute hypotonic	
	 no change in mass in blue solution as the concentration of the solution and the {potato / cytoplasm} were the same (1) 	ACCEPT isotonic no net movement of water same water potential same solute potential same osmotic potential	(4)

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4(a)(i)	An explanation that includes the following points:	Penalise ref to molecules once	
	 the oxygen (atom) is slightly negative and the hydrogens (atoms) are slightly positive} (1) 	ACCEPT δ -ve / δ +ve from a diagram	
	• {there is (an uneven) charge distribution (across the molecule) / uneven distribution of electrons / the oxygen pulls the electrons towards it} (1)	ACCEPT comparisons of electronegativity unbalanced charge oxygen has more {protons / more positive nucleus} electrons closer to the oxygen	(2)

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4(a)(ii)	a line drawn between an O of one molecule and a H of another molecule (1)	H H H H H H H H H H	
		If more than one H bond shown then they must be both correct and using different atoms on any one molecule If other water molecules draw then mark if correct	(1)

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4(b)	 water molecules clustered around the Na⁺ with the O facing the Na⁺ and the Hs facing away (1) 	NB if charges are shown, they must be correct and partial ACCEPT any number of water molecules but all must be correct DO NOT ACCEPT circles overlapping solid lines joining circles	
		Na ⁺	(1)

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4(c)	A description that includes four of the following points:		
	• (A) (increase in temperature can) (linear) increase the solubility (1)	ACCEPT positive correlation	
	 (B) (increase in temperature (up to 32°C) can) (exponentially) increase the solubility and then decrease it (1) 		
	(C) (increase in temperature can have) a slight increase on the solubility (1)	ACCEPT no effect	
	(D) (increase in temperature can) decrease the solubility (1)	ACCEPT negative correlation	
	 statement referring to different chemicals have different solubilities at different temperatures (1) 		(4)

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5(a)(i)	 waist-to-hip ratio / skin fold thickness / waist (circumference) (1) 	ACCEPT / WHR / hip to waist ratio / waist size / waist measurement / waist to hip index / percentage body fat / skin fold measurement IGNORE BMI / body mass index / pinch test / mass / weight	(1)

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5(a)(ii)	The correct answer is B		
	A is incorrect because 23 is this value rounded down C is incorrect because the mass is divided by the height ² not the height D is incorrect because the mass is divided by the height ² not the height		(1)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(a)(iii)	The correct answer is B		
	A is incorrect because a person is obese if they have a BMI of 30 C is incorrect because a person who is obese has a BMI of 30 or more not less than 30		
	D is incorrect because a person who is obese has a BMI of 30 or more not less than 30		(1)

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5(b)	 decrease {calorie / energy / fat / sugar / carbohydrate} intake AND increase {exercise / activity} (1) 	NB Answer needs to be in the form of a change ACCEPT start taking weight-reducing medications have a gastric band IGNORE {regular / daily} exercise	
	use more energy than consumed (1)	ACCEPT calorie deficit	(1)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
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5(c)(i)	The correct answer is C		
	A is incorrect because condensation is making bonds not splitting them B is incorrect because condensation is making bonds not splitting them D is incorrect because amylose has 1-4 glycosidic bonds and not 1-6		(1)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(c)(ii)	An answer that includes the following points: • because {starch / amylose } were not broken down as well (1)	ACCEPT not broken down hydrolysed less maltose / glucose formed	
	 less {glucose / sugar} {to convert to fat / so fat broken down} (1) 	ACCEPT less {glucose / sugar} absorbed (into blood) some {starch / amylose} lost in faeces DO NOT ACCEPT starch absorbed	(2)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(d)(i)	An explanation that includes the following points:	NB penalise reference to 'causes' once IGNORE explanations	
	(correlation) because a change in one variable is reflected by a change in another variable (1)	ACCEPT pattern between the two factors	
	• (positive) because as one factor increased, so did the other (1)	ACCEPT both changes are increases as both weight loss and {replication / number of bacteria} increase	(2)

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5(d)(ii)	An answer that includes the following points:		
	 {replication / bacteria} uses {energy / glucose / sugar} (in the digestive system) (1) 	ACCEPT feeding / fatty acids / glycerol / amino acids IGNORE food / nutrients	
	• therefore less available {for absorption / to store as fat} (1)	ACCEPT so person breaks down fat (reserves)	(2)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(a)	• fluid mosaic (model) (1)	ACCEPT mosaic fluid IGNORE phospholipid / bilayer	(1)

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6(b)	A description that includes the following points:		
	• in {a bilayer / 2 layers} (1)		
	 {phosphate / heads} pointing towards {aqueous environments / inside and_outside of the cell} (1) 	ACCEPT outwards / named environments	
	 {fatty acids / tails} pointing {into the membrane / away from the water / towards each other} (1) 	ACCEPT inwards	(3)

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6(c)(i)	• $r^3 = 0.027$ (1) • $r = 0.3$ (1) • $d = 0.6$ (1)	π on calculator r^3 = 0.0258 π on calculator r = 0.2954 π on calculator d = 0.5908 = 0.6	
		Bald answer of 0.027 = 1 mark Bald answer of 0.3 = 2 marks Bald answer of 0.6 = 3 marks	(3)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(c)(ii)	A description that includes three of the following points:		
	• single-stranded (1)		
	 (mRNA / mononucleotides) consist of <u>ribose</u>, phosphate and {a base / correctly named base} (1) 	NB piece together	
	 phosphodiester bonds between {(mono)nucleotides / phosphate and sugar} (1) 		
	• adenine, uracil, cytosine and guanine (1)	DO NOT ACCEPT T / thymine	(3)

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6(c)(iii)	An explanation that includes three of the following points:		
	 description of arrangement of {phospholipids / heads / tails} (1) 	e.g. heads facing {out of the nanoparticle / mRNA} tails facing each other	
	 heads pointing outwards because they are polar and interact with water (environment) / hydrophobic fatty acids point away from the water (environment) (1) 	ACCEPT hydrophilic for polar	
	 mRNA surrounded by {phosphate / heads} as mRNA {is a polar molecule / has a phosphate group} (1) 	DO NOT ACCEPT attraction of phosphate heads	
	 {fatty acid / tails} (of both groups) facing each other because they are hydrophobic (1) 		(3)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
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7(a)	A description that includes three of the following points:		
	• {CFTR (protein) / (CFTR) protein} cannot function properly (1)	ACCEPT change in shape / structure /	
	credit details of dysfunction (1)	e.g. reduced transport of chloride ions out of the cell sodium ions move into the cell water leaves the mucus and enters the cell chloride ions remain in the cell	
	mucus will be (very) {thick / sticky} (1)		
	gases will not be able to move through the mucus properly (1)	ACCEPT oxygen (out of lungs) air (but not diffusion of air) mucus blocks airways	(3)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
number			
7(b)(i)			
	• 13 / 13.0 / 12.97 (%) (1)		(1)
	- 13 / 13.3 / 12.77 (/3) (1)		

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
7(b)(ii)	An explanation that includes three of the following points:		
	• {more / improved} (genetic) screening (1)	ACCEPT named type of screening e.g. PGD	
	• more carriers identified (1)	ACCEPT fewer false negatives (in people) more (types of) mutations identified (in people)	
	 because more {couples choosing IVF / (IVF) identification of affected embryos more reliable} (1) 	ACCEPT fewer false negatives (in embryo) more (types of) mutations identified (in embryo) fetus DO NOT ACCEPT baby / child	
	 more couple choosing not to have child (1) 	ACCEPT more choosing adoption	
	 as the frequency of the CF allele decreases in the population there will be a decrease in the CF phenotype (1) 		
	 more migration / change in population diversity (1) 		(3)

Question number	Answer	Mark
*7(c)	Regimen outlined • before inhalation, drug A must be administered • because they are looking at pre-treatment • a placebo needs to be given to another group • to see the effect of drug A over no pre-treatment / to eliminate bias • inhalation daily • as it is unlikely to stay in the body very long • run trial for weeks (minimum 4 weeks) • as results will not be immediate Design of trial • two / three groups of patients with CF (minimum 6 per group) • one to receive drug A and the other to receive a placebo	
	 large number of patients in each group for repeatability patients should be of similar {age / sex / severity of CF} for validity should not be receiving other medications as these may mask the effects of drug A and inhalation double blind trial to avoid bias 	
	What is measured • volume / mass of mucus removed • to see if clearance of mucus has improved • lung function tests / spirometer, peak flow • to see if lung function has improved • give a questionnaire • to assess improvements in quality of life • as these are the parameters being tested	
	 use of statistics to analyse the results to determine the significance of the data 	(6)

			Additional guidance
Level 0	0	No awardable content	
Level 1	1-2	An explanation may be attempted but with limited interpretation or analysis of the scientific information and with a focus on mainly just one	Simple descriptions of investigation
		piece of scientific information. The explanation will contain basic information, with some attempt made to link knowledge and	1 mark = one description
		understanding to the given context.	2 marks = three descriptions
Level 2	3-4	An explanation will be given, with occasional evidence of analysis, interpretation and/or evaluation of both pieces of scientific information.	Some explanation given of a trial
		The explanation shows some linkages and lines of scientific reasoning, with some structure.	3 marks = one explanation
			4 marks = two explanations
Level 3	5-6	An explanation is made that is supported throughout by sustained application of relevant evidence of analysis, interpretation and/or	More extensive explanation given
		evaluation of both pieces of scientific information. The explanation shows a well-developed and sustained line of scientific reasoning, which	5 marks = three explanations
		is clear and logically structured.	6 marks = four explanations for an investigation that will work

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8(a)	An answer that includes the following points:		
	at least one carbon-carbon double bond drawn (1)	DO NOT ACCEPT double bond between C1 and C2	
	 rest of diagram correct (remaining CC single bonds and {Hs added /Lewis structures}) (1) 	ecf from double bond between C1 and C2 ecf from saturated fatty acid	(2)

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number			
8(b)(i)			
	• 1.1 / 1.14 / 1.136 (1)		(1)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
number			
8(b)(ii)			
	• 1.5:1 / 1.45:1 (1)		(1)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
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8(b)(iii)			
	• 0.022 (1)	Bald answer of 22000 / 2.2 × 10 ⁴ = 2 marks	
	• 22 000 / 2.2 × 10 ⁴ (1)	Bald answer of 22 of any magnitude or incorrect standard form format = 1 mark	(2)

Question	Answer		
number		Key saturated lipids	unsaturated lipids
*8(b)(iv)	Graph 1: surface area of arteries Conclusions: arteries have lesions with both lipids percentage of surface covered in lesions increases with time for both sat and unsat lipids (overall) increase is greater (over time) with sat lipid / converse type of lipid in diet does influence the percentage of arteries covered with lesions data may not be {valid as no experimental details / repeatable as no error bars} (only once) Graph 2: % atherosclerosis Conclusions: atherosclerosis occurs with both lipids atherosclerosis is higher with sat lipids in all three ages /converse percentage increases with age for sat lipids age has a less clear effect with unsat lipids data may not be {valid as no experimental details / repeatable as no error bars /	Percentage of surface of arteries covered in lesions (%) 40 - Percentage of primates with atherosclerosis (%)	Graph 1 16 32 60 Age / months Graph 2
	significant as no stats test} (only once) Graph 3: area of atheroma Conclusions: atheromas are larger in both males and females with sat lipids than unsat lipids males have atheromas of greater area than females whichever lipid they are given sex is an influence on area as well data likely to be significant because error bars do not overlap male data more variable	0.04 - Mean area of atheroma after 60 months / mm² 0.02 - 0.01 -	16 32 60 Age / months Graph 3 Graph 3 Males Females Males Females

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Level 0	0	No awardable content	
Level 1	1-2	Demonstrates isolated elements of biological knowledge and	Simple descriptions of data
		understanding to the given context with generalised comments made.	
		Vague statements related to consequences are made with limited linkage	1 mark = description of data in one graph
		to a range of scientific ideas, processes, techniques and procedures. The	
		discussion will contain basic information with some attempt made to link knowledge and understanding to the given context.	2 marks = description of data in two graphs
Level 2	3-4	Demonstrates adequate knowledge and understanding by selecting and	Extended links made
		applying some relevant biological facts / concepts. Consequences are	
		discussed which are occasionally supported through linkage to a range of	3 marks = description of data in three graphs
		scientific ideas, processes, techniques and procedures. The discussion	
		shows some linkages and lines of scientific reasoning with some	4 marks = conclusion for one graph
		structure.	
Level 3	5-6	Demonstrates comprehensive knowledge and understanding by selecting	Understanding of graphs used to comment on effect of
		and applying relevant biological facts / concepts. Consequences are	dietary supplements
		discussed which supported throughout by sustained linkage to a range of	
		scientific ideas, processes, techniques and procedures. The discussion	5 marks = conclusion for two graphs
		shows a well-developed and sustained line of scientific reasoning which is	
		clear and logically structured.	6 marks = conclusion for three graphs

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8(b)(v)	An answer that includes three of the following points:		
	Unethical:		
	may cause {pain / harm / discomfort} / it is cruel (1)	ACCEPT may cause health issues	
	animals may die (1)		
	 animals should not be kept in captivity / being kept in captivity caused stress (1) 		
	animals unable to consent (1)	ACCEPT against their will they have no say in the matter have not given their permission animals have their own rights	
	Ethical:		
	• it is more ethical than experimenting on humans (1)	ACCEPT humans are more important {should not harm / kill} humans	
	• primates are (more) similar to humans (than other animals) (1)	(Should not harm / Kitty harmans	
	• might improve {human / animal} health (in future) (1)		(3)