

Mark Scheme (Final)

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Unit 1: Molecules, Diet, Transport and Health

Question number	Answer									Additional guidance	Mark
1(a)(i)											
	U	Α	С	G	G	С	Α	A			(4)
									J		(1)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1(a)(ii)	• (DNA) transcription (1)	DO NOT ACCEPT translation transcription followed by translation reverse transcription	(1)

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1(a)(iii)	• RNA polymerase (1)	ACCEPT rna polymerse  mRNA polymerase  DNA-directed RNA polymerase  DNA-dependent RNA polymerase  IGNORE abbreviations e.g. RNAP, RNApol  DO NOT ACCEPT polymerase / DNA  polymerase / helicase / ligase / reverse  transcriptase	(1)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1(b)	An answer that makes reference to three of the following points including at least one similarity:	DO NOT PIECE TOGETHER	
	Similarities:		
	<ul> <li>both consist of {(RNA mono) nucleotides / ribose sugar / U,</li> <li>A, C and G / phosphodiester bonds} (1)</li> </ul>		
	both are single-stranded (1)		
	Differences:		
	• mRNA has <u>codons</u> and tRNA has <u>anticodons</u> (1)		
	mRNA does not have hydrogen bonds but tRNA does (1)	ACCEPT tRNA has more secondary structure mRNA is {linear / straight / a chain} but tRNA {is folded / has loops / clover leaf shaped}	
	mRNA does not have an amino acid binding site but tRNA does (1)	IGNORE tRNA carries an amino acid	(3)

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2(a)	The only correct answer is C	
	A is incorrect because the valves close before ventricular systole not during it	
	B is incorrect because the valves close before ventricular systole not during it	
	D is incorrect because the valves close before ventricular systole not after it	(1)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
2(b)	<ul> <li>Accept any value up to 3 decimal places between 0.7 and 0.76 inclusive (1)</li> </ul>	DO NOT ACCEPT any other values	
			(1)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
2(c)	An explanation that makes reference to the following points:	IGNORE time references  NB candidates may put these points in a different order	
	<ul> <li>increase in volume {when (left) atrium contracts (squeezing its blood into ventricle) / during atrial systole} (1)</li> </ul>	ACCEPT high volume during atrial systole etc	
	<ul> <li>decrease in volume {during ventricular systole / when ventricles contract / when blood is pumped out (of aorta)} (1)</li> </ul>	ACCEPT low volume during ventricular systole etc	
	<ul> <li>(some) increase in volume {during (cardiac / ventricular) diastole / when ventricle starts to fill} (1)</li> </ul>		(3)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
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3(a)(i)	O joined to C1 on glucose and C2 on fructose by covalent bond (1)	ACCEPT bonds not touching carbons provided it is clear where they are supposed to be attached to solid or dotted lines for covalent bond  DO NOT ACCEPT other groups added to C1 or C2  IGNORE water shown other groups added to rest of molecule	(1)

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3(a)(ii)	An answer that makes reference to the following points:		
	• C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O <sub>11</sub> (1)	ACCEPT numbers that are not subscript numbers	
	• H <sub>2</sub> O (1)	<b>IGNORE</b> if not written as part of the equation	(2)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3(b)(i)	sucrose contains {the same number of / one } fructose (1)	ACCEPT ratio of sucrose to fructose is 1 : 1  as the concentration of sucrose increases so does the (concentration of) fructose the more sucrose there is the more fructose there will be more fructose for the chemical to bind to the same amount of chemical binds to each fructose  DO NOT ACCEPT glucose	(1)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3(b)(ii)	the test is not sensitive enough / the colour intensity is too low (1)	ACCEPT a certain concentration of {fructose / sucrose} is necessary for the {colour to be visible / colour change} equipment is not sensitive enough colour change visible above concentrations 50 µg dm <sup>-3</sup> sucrose	
		DO NOT ACCEPT glucose	(1)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
number			
3(b)(iii)	<ul> <li>the chemical (only) binds to fructose / there is no fructose in either maltose or lactose (1)</li> </ul>	ACCEPT chemical cannot bind to maltose or lactose	
			(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
4(a)(i)	The only correct answer is D	
	<b>A</b> is incorrect because the magnification is $2.67 \times 10^{1}$ <b>B</b> is incorrect because the magnification is $2.67 \times 10^{1}$	
	<b>C</b> is incorrect because the magnification is $2.67 \times 10^{1}$	
	Magnification = 48 mm ÷ 1.8 mm = 26.66667 = 2.67 × 10 <sup>1</sup>	(1)

Question	Answer	Mark
number		
4(a)(ii)	The only correct answer is B	
	<b>A</b> is incorrect because the surface area is $1.8\pi$	
	C is incorrect because the surface area is 1.8π	
	<b>D</b> is incorrect because the surface area is $1.8\pi$	
		(1)
	$SA = 2\pi \times 0.5 \times 1.8 = 1.8\pi$	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4(a)(iii)			
	• volume calculated (1)	$\pi \times 0.6 \times 0.6 \times 1.8 = 0.648\pi$ <b>ACCEPT</b> 1.944 / 2.03575203952	
		<b>NB</b> if clearly used a non-calculator	
	• 1:0.3/1:0.28 (1)	value for $\pi$ check the rounding before awarding	
		ACCEPT 4:1/3.5:1/3.55:1 (3.5493827160)	
		DO NOT ACCEPT 3.6 : 1	
		<b>ACCEPT</b> CEs for V = $2.592\pi$	
		1:1.1/1:1.13 0.9:1/0.89:1	
		Correct bald answer = 2 marks	
		Correct bald CE = 1 mark	(2)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4(b)	An explanation that makes reference to three of the following points:	IGNORE efficient and easy throughout NB penalise refs to {lungs / alveoli / blood / vessels / etc} within an awardable mp 2, 3 or 4 once	
	oxygen {dissolved / present} in the water (1)		
	<ul> <li>large surface area (to volume ratio) for fast {gas exchange / diffusion (of gases)} (1)</li> </ul>	ACCEPT more diffusion IGNORE hollow body / tentacles	
	<ul> <li>two {layers (of cells) / cells thick} so {short diffusion distance (for gases) / fast gas exchange} (1)</li> </ul>	ACCEPT thin layer of cells so	
	{tentacles / body} move the water around to maintain (oxygen) concentration gradient (1)	ACCEPT other terms which clearly refer to tentacles e.g. tails, legs, fingers	(3)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(a)	An explanation that makes reference to the following points:	IGNORE descriptions of plaque formation prior to release of thromboplastin by platelets	
	because platelets {contain / release} thromboplastin (1)	IGNORE endothelial cells	
	<ul> <li>thromboplastin results in the formation of thrombin from prothrombin (1)</li> </ul>		(2)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(b)		Examiners will need to check any other risks but not accept just side effects or symptoms	
	<ul> <li>person bleeds {too easily / uncontrollably / internally / excessively} (1)</li> </ul>	ACCEPT (severe / frequent) bruising	
			(1)

Question	Answer	Mark
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5(c)(i)	The only correct answer is D	
	A is incorrect because there are 96 bases for 32 amino acids plus a stop codon	
	<b>B</b> is incorrect because there are 96 bases for 32 amino acids plus a stop codon	
	C is incorrect because there are 96 bases for 32 amino acids plus a stop codon	(1)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(c)(ii)	An explanation that makes reference to the following points:	NB must be an idea of what will not happen for 2 marks to be awarded	
	<ul> <li>because (if the active site is blocked) thrombin will not be able to convert fibrinogen into fibrin (1)</li> </ul>	ACCEPT less	
	<ul> <li>without fibrin, {platelets / blood cells} will not get trapped (forming a blood clot) (1)</li> </ul>	ACCEPT without fibrin, {mesh won't form / less mesh will form}	(2)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(c)(iii)	<ul> <li>An explanation that makes reference to two of the following points:         <ul> <li>variegin binds to the <u>active site</u> of thrombin / an enzyme substrate complex is formed / thrombin lowers the activation energy (1)</li> <li>therefore the peptide bonds are broken (by thrombin) (1)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	ACCEPT ESC for enzyme substrate complex	
	• by hydrolysis / by a hydrolysis reaction (1)		(2)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(c)(iv)	An answer that makes reference to two of the following points:	ACCEPT converse throughout	
	(overall) variegin results in less (mass) blood clot than {drug H / the other anticoagulant} (1)	ACCEPT reduces blood clot compared to drug H prevents blood clot better than drug H more effective than drug H (in reducing blood clot)	
	<ul> <li>there is less variation in the size of the blood clot (in patients treated) with variegin (1)</li> </ul>	ACCEPT smaller range	
	<ul> <li>cannot comment on the effectiveness of {drugs / variegin} compared with no drug as no control (1)</li> </ul>	ACCEPT cannot comment on effectiveness of drug H as no control	
	<ul> <li>cannot comment on {significance / validity} of data as no statistical analysis (1)</li> </ul>	ACCEPT no mean <u>and</u> error bars shown not <u>valid</u> as small sample size	(2)

Question number	Answer	Mark
6(a)	The only correct answer is C	
	A is incorrect because only statement 1 is incorrect as proteins contain oxygen as well  B is incorrect because only statement 1 is incorrect as proteins contain oxygen as well  D is incorrect because only statement 1 is incorrect as proteins contain oxygen as well	(1)

Question	Answer	Mark
number		
6(b)	The only correct answer is D	
	A is incorrect because there are carbon – carbon double bonds in an unsaturated fatty acid	
	B is incorrect because there are carbon – carbon double bonds in an unsaturated fatty acid	(4)
	C is incorrect because the ratio is higher ie fewer hydrogens for the same number of carbons	(1)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(c)	• haemoglobin (1)	Examiners will need to check any other answers ACCEPT myoglobin, leghaemoglobin, neuroglobin, transferrin, ferritin, ferredoxin, cytochrome, catalase, peroxidase IGNORE Hb haem group	(1)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(d)	An explanation that makes reference to the following points:	NB ACCEPT converse of mps 2, 3 and 4 i.e. what free radicals do	
	because antioxidants reduce free radicals (1)	ACCEPT neutralise / donate electrons to / break down / stabilise	
	<ul> <li>therefore {cell damage / damage to lining of blood vessels / oxidative stress} will be {reduced / prevented} (1)</li> <li>(less cell damage / antioxidants) {reduce/ prevent} {plaque / atheroma} formation (due to decreased free radicals) (1)</li> <li>(antioxidants / less plaque) reduce {cardiovascular disease / CVD / heart disease / heart attack / atherosclerosis / stroke} (1)</li> </ul>	ACCEPT reduces cholesterol build up	(4)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(e)(i)	• 2.9 (1)	<b>ACCEPT</b> × 2.9 / 2.9 × / 2.9 times	
		<b>DO NOT ACCEPT</b> 2.90 or any other value	(1)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(e)(ii)	• 180 / 1800 / 95 / 94.7 / 94.74 (%) (1)		
			(1)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(e)(iii)	An answer that makes reference to three of the following points:  • different organisms contain different levels of antioxidant activity (1)  • (overall) plant eating organisms have more	ACCEPT converse  Accept AO	
	<ul> <li>antioxidant activity (than animal eating organisms)         <ul> <li>(1)</li> </ul> </li> <li>(overall) insects have more antioxidant activity (than arachnids) (1)</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>there is more variation in the antioxidant activity in plant eating organisms (than animal-eating organisms) (1)</li> </ul>	ACCEPT the error bars are larger in the plant eaters	(3)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
7(a)	<ul> <li>An explanation that makes reference to the following points:</li> <li>because (both) parents could be {carriers of / heterozygous for} {the disorder / phenylketonuria} (1)</li> </ul>	NB must be an attempt at genetic diagram for full marks to be awarded ACCEPT from a genetic diagram DO NOT ACCEPT different letters used for the different alleles unless stated sex linkage	
	<ul> <li>all possible genotypes (of offspring) {shown in diagram / stated} (1)</li> </ul>	CE from mp 1 for mps 2, 3 and 4 ACCEPT if indicated on the diagram	
	<ul> <li>therefore there is the possibility that the unborn child could be {homozygous recessive / have both recessive alleles} (1)</li> </ul>	ACCEPT if indicated on the diagram	
	credit a reason for parents wanting to have the test (1)	e.g. do not want to risk having a child with PKU want time to prepare for a child with PKU because there is a history of PKU in the family so there is risk of the child having PKU they know that {one / both} of them are carriers so there is a risk of the child having PKU so that an unaffected embryo can be selected DO NOT ACCEPT abortion / termination / other post-natal decisions / choosing to have a child or not IGNORE making an informed decision	(4)

Question	Answer	Mark
number		
*7(b)	Blood tests	
	most women would have a blood test	
	similar percentage for all four disorders	
	probably because it would not harm the unborn child	
	but some women may not want to find out if they have a genetic disorder	
	it would not take into account the genetics of the father	
	Amniocentesis	
	<ul> <li>about two thirds of the women said that they would have amniocentesis</li> </ul>	
	similar percentage for all four disorders	
	<ul> <li>fewer women said yes to this question than agreed to have a blood test</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>probably because they wanted to find out if their unborn child was affected</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>so they could make a decision on whether to keep the unborn child or not</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>the more debilitating the disease the more women prepared to take the risk of amniocentesis causing an abortion</li> </ul>	
	amniocentesis can cause abortion of the unborn child	
	<ul> <li>and some women must have felt that this was {too great a risk / unethical}</li> </ul>	
	amniocentesis can give false negative and false positive results	
	Termination	
	• fewer women said that they would have a termination than were prepared to have the other procedures	
	fewer said yes to disorder B and C than A and D because B and C are treatable	
	more women said that they would have a termination if disorder A was diagnosed as this can be lethal	
	• the more debilitating the disease the more likely the women were to have a termination because {do not	
	want their child to suffer / cannot afford the healthcare}	(6)
	some women may say no to a termination for religious or ethical reasons	

**Level 1 :** description of the data with an attempt to discuss why responses are different

1 mark = some of the data described

2 marks = some of the data described with one discussion point made

Level 2: discussion of some of the data

3 marks = two discussion points made that may be limited to one question

4 marks = two discussion points made about two of the questions

Level 3: discussion of data

5 marks = responses to the three questions for all the procedures discussed

6 marks = plus at least one reason given for the different responses to a question depending on the disorder

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Question	Answer	Mark	
number			
8(a)	The only correct answer is A		
	B is incorrect because age is not influenced by lifestyle = 1		
	C is incorrect because age, is not influenced by lifestyle = 1		
	D is incorrect because age is not influenced by lifestyle = 1	(1)	

Question number	Answer	Mark
*8(b)	<ul> <li>Aspect 1 - Explanation of factors listed:</li> <li>as age increases so does the risk because {arteries stiffen / increase in time for other risk factors}</li> <li>high blood pressure causes damage to the endothelial lining of the arteries which triggers plaque formation</li> <li>smoking raises blood pressure</li> <li>the more cholesterol in the blood the more for plaque build up</li> <li>HDL levels allow calculation of the HDL: LDL ratio which affects the risk of CVD Aspect 2 - Explanation of factors not listed:</li> <li>high salt increases blood pressure / excessive alcohol reduces liver metabolism of cholesterol / low fibre increases stool transit time / antioxidants reduce endothelial damage so plaque not triggered</li> <li>high mass / BMI increases strain on heart</li> <li>lack of exercise results in a less healthy heart and may influence mass</li> <li>men are at a higher risk until the woman goes through menopause</li> <li>family history as {genetic predisposition / family members who have had CVD} increases risk</li> <li>LDL / saturated fats increase cholesterol available to be deposited in the arteries</li> <li>stress as this increases blood pressure</li> <li>number of cigarettes as this affects the {damage / blood pressure}</li> <li>Aspect 3 - Explaining / comparing effectiveness of RAC-1 and RAC-2:</li> <li>RAC-1 missing information on HDL cholesterol and RAC-2 missing information on smoking because they are both important risk factors - piece together</li> <li>RAC-1 possibly more effective as it includes smoking</li> <li>both are missing other important factors therefore {will not be accurate / calculation will be an underestimate}</li> <li>effectiveness depends on accurate responses</li> <li>people may not know their {cholesterol / HDL / blood pressure} so guess</li> </ul>	(6)

**Level 1 :** some explanation for any aspect(s)

1 mark = simple description

2 marks = 1 explanation

**Level 2:** explanations covering more than one of the aspects

3 marks = 2 explanations

4 marks = 3 explanations

**Level 3:** detailed explanations covering all three aspects of the question

5 marks = 3 explanations

6 marks = 4 explanations

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8(c)(i)	An explanation that makes reference to two of the following points:		
	<ul> <li>calculator does not include {number of cigarettes / how long person has smoked}</li> </ul>	ACCEPT people {underestimate / guess / lie} about {the number of cigarettes they smoke / how long they have smoked}	
	<ul> <li>a person {may not know / have guessed} their {blood pressure / cholesterol level / HDL level} (1)</li> </ul>	ACCEPT a person may have estimated their {blood pressure / cholesterol level / HDL level} ONLY if it is clear that the word estimate has been used as an alternative to guess	
	• (other) {risk factors / named risk factor} not on calculator (1)	J J	
	• their {LDL levels / LDL : HDL ratio} may be very high (1)		(2)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8(c)(ii)	An answer that makes reference to two of the following points:		
	a person may not know all the information (1)	ACCEPT blood pressure, total cholesterol, HDL	
	a person may have a high risk condition already (1)	ACCEPT named condition e.g. CVD, diabetes, obesity, genetic predisposition, family history of CVD, disease that increases risk IGNORE CVD caused by genes	
	<ul> <li>person {cannot use the technology / do not have access to the internet} (1)</li> </ul>		(2)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8(c)(iii)	CVD takes a while to develop / lifestyle may change (as the person gets older) / age affects the risk (1)	ACCEPT named example of factor that might change	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
9(a)(i)	The only correct answer is B  A is incorrect because Q is the strict osmoconformer  C is in some of the source B is the source product or	
	C is incorrect because R is the osmoregulator  D is incorrect because Q is the strict osmoconformer	(1)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
number			
9(a)(ii)	An explanation that makes reference to three of the following points:		
	<ul> <li>so that {no (net) / little / not much} osmosis (of water) will occur (1)</li> </ul>	ACCEPT no movement (of water) as no osmotic effect IGNORE refs to water concentration	
	<ul> <li>(do not want water to leave) otherwise cell will {dehydrate / shrink} (1)</li> </ul>	IGNORE flaccid	
	<ul> <li>(do not want water to enter) otherwise cell will {swell / burst} (1)</li> </ul>	IGNORE turgid / plasmolysis	
		NB. eg 'no risk of cells bursting due to osmosis' = 2 marks	
	<ul> <li>{energy / ATP} is not used in regulating solute concentrations (1)</li> </ul>		(3)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
9(b)(i)	• any (whole number) value from 550 to 580 (1)	NB check table if no answer given if answer in table is different to answer on the answer line then mark the answer on the answer line	(1)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
9(b)(ii)	correct calculation (1)	$((54 - 9) \div 9) \times 100 = 500$ $((54 - 9) \div 54) \times 100 = 83.333333$	
	• 500.00 / 142.86 / 83.33 (1)	(45 ÷ 31.5) x 100 = 142.8571 <b>DO NOT ACCEPT</b> recurring numbers	
		Correct bald answer scores 2 marks Bald answer of any correct value but incorrect rounding scores 1 mark	
Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	(2) Mark

9(b)(iii)	An explanation that makes reference to the following points:		
	because the total concentration of all the ions affects the water potential (1)	ACCEPT solute concentration / solute potential / osmotic potential IGNORE water concentration	
	• (total) ion concentration (for each organism) is similar to that of the sea water (1)		(2)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
9(b)(iv)			
	because:  their food contains different concentrations of each ion they eat different food they incorporate different concentrations of each ion (into other molecules)  it depends on the requirements of the {cells / animal / body} they absorb ions differently they live in different areas of the sea different parts of the sea have different ion concentrations	IGNORE refs to size of animal	(1)

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
9(b)(v)	An explanation that makes reference to the following points:		
	active transport (of ions) (1)	DO NOT ACCEPT {diffusion / facilitated diffusion / osmosis}	
	<ul> <li>because some of the ions have a higher concentration inside the {organisms / cells / tissues} (than in the sea water) (1)</li> </ul>	ACCEPT the converse to move the ions {against / up} the concentration gradient to move ions from a low to high concentration (of ions)	(2)