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Generic Marking Principles

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptions for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always **whole marks** (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently, e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

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GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5: Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).
GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6: Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

Science-Specific Marking Principles

1	Examiners should consider the context and scientific use of any keywords when awarding marks. Although keywords may be present, marks should not be awarded if the keywords are used incorrectly.
2	The examiner should not choose between contradictory statements given in the same question part, and credit should not be awarded for any correct statement that is contradicted within the same question part. Wrong science that is irrelevant to the question should be ignored.
3	Although spellings do not have to be correct, spellings of syllabus terms must allow for clear and unambiguous separation from other syllabus terms with which they may be confused (e.g. ethane / ethene, glucagon / glycogen, refraction / reflection).
4	The error carried forward (ecf) principle should be applied, where appropriate. If an incorrect answer is subsequently used in a scientifically correct way, the candidate should be awarded these subsequent marking points. Further guidance will be included in the mark scheme where necessary and any exceptions to this general principle will be noted.
5	‘List rule’ guidance For questions that require ***n*** responses (e.g. State **two** reasons …): • The response should be read as continuous prose, even when numbered answer spaces are provided. • Any response marked *ignore* in the mark scheme should not count towards ***n***. • Incorrect responses should not be awarded credit but will still count towards ***n***. • Read the entire response to check for any responses that contradict those that would otherwise be credited. Credit should **not** be awarded for any responses that are contradicted within the rest of the response. Where two responses contradict one another, this should be treated as a single incorrect response. • Non-contradictory responses after the first ***n*** responses may be ignored even if they include incorrect science.

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6 Calculation specific guidance

Correct answers to calculations should be given full credit even if there is no working or incorrect working, **unless** the question states 'show your working'.

For questions in which the number of significant figures required is not stated, credit should be awarded for correct answers when rounded by the examiner to the number of significant figures given in the mark scheme. This may not apply to measured values.

For answers given in standard form (e.g. $a \times 10^n$) in which the convention of restricting the value of the coefficient (a) to a value between 1 and 10 is not followed, credit may still be awarded if the answer can be converted to the answer given in the mark scheme.

Unless a separate mark is given for a unit, a missing or incorrect unit will normally mean that the final calculation mark is not awarded. Exceptions to this general principle will be noted in the mark scheme.

7 Guidance for chemical equations

Multiples / fractions of coefficients used in chemical equations are acceptable unless stated otherwise in the mark scheme.

State symbols given in an equation should be ignored unless asked for in the question or stated otherwise in the mark scheme.

Mark scheme abbreviations

;	separates marking points
/	alternative answers for the same point
A	accept (for answers correctly cued by the question, or by extra guidance)
R	reject
I	ignore
( )	the word / phrase in brackets is not required, but sets the context
AW	alternative wording (where responses vary more than usual)
underline	actual word given must be used by candidate (grammatical variants accepted)
max	indicates the maximum number of marks that can be given
ora	or reverse argument
mp	marking point (with relevant number)
ecf	error carried forward
AVP	alternative valid point

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Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)(i)	hypothalamus **;**	**1**
1(a)(ii)	(changes in) water potential (of blood) **; A** ψ	**1**
1(a)(iii)	posterior pituitary (gland) **;**	**1**
1(b)(i)	61.5(%) **;;** 61.538461 *allow one mark for not rounding to one decimal place*	**2**
1(b)(ii)	*any **three** from:* 1 (increase in ADH results in) aquaporins added to, cell surface membrane / luminal membrane / plasma membrane **;** 2 more water leaves, filtrate / collecting duct **or** more water reabsorbed / more water enters blood or tissue fluid **;** 3 so urine, **volume** decreases / **concentration** increases **;** 4 AVP **;** e.g. ADH binds to receptor / increase in permeability of (cell surface) membrane / *ref. to* water moving, down a water potential gradient or by osmosis **I** descriptions	**3**

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Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)	1 genetic / genotype / alleles **or** example **;** mutation / crossing over / independent assortment / random fertilisation / random mating 2 environmental **or** example **;** climate / disease / food availability / soil pH / selection pressure 3 combination / interaction, of genes <u>and</u> environment **or** example **;** gene (expression) is modified by environment	**3**
2(b)(i)	*any **three** from:* 1 formation of new species from, pre-existing species / common ancestor **;** 2 change in, characteristics / phenotypes **;** 3 over, time / generations **;** 4 <u>natural selection</u> **;** 5 changes in, gene pools / allele frequencies **or** genetic drift **;**	**3**

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Question	Answer	Marks
2(b)(ii)	*any **three** from:* 1 compare sequences (of DNA) **;** 2 the more similar the sequences the more, closely related the species / recent the common ancestor **; ora** 3 over time mutations accumulate **or** less time fewer mutations occurred **;** 4 *ref. to* bioinformatics / software / database **;** 5 AVP **;** e.g. molecular clock / constant rate of mutation e.g. mtDNA has no crossing over e.g. the percentage similarity can be used to build a phylogenetic tree	**3**

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Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)	(gene ***L*** has) four alleles / $\mathbf{L^V}$, $\mathbf{L^T}$, $\mathbf{L^R}$ and $\mathbf{L^r}$ **;** **A** a gene which has more than two alleles	**1**
3(b)	parental genotypes: $\mathbf{L^T\ L^R}$ x $\mathbf{L^T\ L^R}$ gametes: (**L^T**) (**L^R**) (**L^T**) (**L^R**) **;** offspring genotypes: $\mathbf{L^T\ L^T}$ $\mathbf{L^T\ L^R}$ **($L^T\ L^R$)** $\mathbf{L^R\ L^R}$ **;** offspring phenotypes: dfm-a dfm-b (dfm-b) rufipennis **;** linked to genotypes ratio of offspring phenotypes: 1 : 2 : 1 **;** *accept correct phenotype descriptions*	**4**
3(c)	$\mathbf{L^T}$ and $\mathbf{L^R}$ **;** $\mathbf{L^T}$ and $\mathbf{L^R}$ > $\mathbf{L^V}$ > $\mathbf{L^r}$ **;**	**2**
3(d)(i)	(female) $\mathbf{L^V\ L^r}$ and (male) $\mathbf{L^r\ L^r}$ **;** $\mathbf{L^V\ L^r}$ (and $\mathbf{L^V\ L^r}$) **;**	**2**
3(d)(ii)	there are similar numbers of male and female offspring produced (for each phenotype) **or** female metallic offspring are produced **or** if linked to X chromosome no female metallic offspring are produced **;**	**1**
3(d)(iii)	chi-squared test **; A** χ^2	**1**

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Question	Answer	Marks
4(a)	*any **five** from:* 1 a gene codes for a protein which determines the phenotype **;** 2 *F8* gene **;** 3 located on X chromosome / sex-linked **;** 4 *ref. to* recessive allele **;** 5 non-functioning factor VIII (protein) **or** less factor VIII (protein) **or** no factor VIII (protein) **;** 6 (so) blood does not clot quickly enough / excessive bleeding occurs (after an injury) **;** 7 link the phenotype to the genotype **;** e.g. $X^F X^F$ = normal female $X^F X^f$ = normal female $X^f X^f$ = affected female $X^F Y$ = normal male $X^f Y$ = affected male 8 AVP **;** e.g. prevents activation of thrombin / fibrinogen not converted to fibrin / *ref. to* mostly males affected / different mutations cause a range of severity of haemophilia	**5**

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Question	Answer	Marks
4(b)	*any **three** from:* 1 *lele* is, homozygous recessive / two recessive alleles **;** 2 *le* (allele) / *lele*, codes for a non-functional <u>enzyme</u> **;** 3 no, active gibberellin / GA_1 **or** *ref. to* gibberellin inactive **;** 4 no / less, cell elongation **or** no / less, stem elongation / increase in internodal length **;** 5 AVP **;** e.g. *ref. to* GA 3β-hydroxylase / GA3-oxidase / last enzyme in the pathway that produces, active gibberellin / GA_1 *le* allele codes for alanine instead of threonine (in the enzyme)	**3**
4(c)	*any **three** from:* 1 (DELLA proteins) bind to, PIF / transcription factor **;** 2 PIF / transcription factor, cannot bind to, DNA / promoter **;** 3 RNA polymerase cannot bind to <u>promoter</u> **;** 4 no transcription / mRNA not made **;**	**3**

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Question	Answer	Marks
5(a)	1 family history of, breast / ovarian, cancer **;** *plus any **three** from:* 2 (mutation causes) change of primary structure (of tumour suppressor protein) **;** 3 changes, folding / bonding / 3D shape / tertiary structure (of tumour suppressor protein) **;** 4 non-functional (tumour suppressor) protein formed **;** 5 DNA is not repaired / cells with damaged DNA do not die **;** 6 (so) increases number of mutations / mutations accumulate **;** 7 (some mutations) cause uncontrollable, cell division / mitosis (of breast cells) **;**	**4**
5(b)	1 only small amount of DNA available **; A** gene 2 amplify, DNA / (*BRCA1*) gene **;**	**2**
5(c)	6.1×10^4 **;; A** 6.125×10^4 *for two marks* *allow one mark for* 61 250 **or** $\frac{3.5 \times 10^7}{400} = 8.75 \times 10^4$ or 87 500	**2**

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<tr><td>5(d)</td><td>
any two from:

supports:
1 (women with BCRA1) have a higher <u>probability</u> of survival ; ora

2 (for women with BRCA1) the probability of survival decreases less
or
there is a smaller rate of decrease of probability of survival
or
bigger difference between the two groups over time for the probability of survival ;
ora

3 data quote to show differences between the survival of the two groups at a particular time ;

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<tr><th rowspan="2">time / months</th><th colspan="2">probability of survival</th></tr>
<tr><th>with mutation</th><th>without mutation</th></tr>
<tr><td>30</td><td>0.975
range 0.975 – 0.988</td><td>0.85</td></tr>
<tr><td>60</td><td>0.95</td><td>0.75</td></tr>
<tr><td>90</td><td>0.85</td><td>0.675
range 0.675 – 0.688</td></tr>
<tr><td>120</td><td>0.75</td><td>0.63
range 0.613 – 0.625</td></tr>
<tr><td>150</td><td>0.75</td><td>0.55</td></tr>
<tr><td>180</td><td>0.7 / 0.70
range 0.7 – 0.71</td><td>0.475 / 0.474 / 0.47
range 0.46 – 0.475</td></tr>
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4 study carried out for, a long time / 15 years ;

does not support:
5 no statistical test carried out / ref. to sample size ;
</td><td>2</td></tr>
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6(a)	an arrow through phospholipid layer in outer membrane and an arrow through phospholipid layer in inner membrane **;** **R** arrows through proteins or **A**, **B**, **C** or **D**	**1**
6(b)	1 **D** = ATP synthase / ATP synthetase **; R** ATPase 2 **A**, **B** and **C** = ETC / electron transport chain / electron carriers / electron acceptors **;** *plus any **five** from:* *role of, ETC proteins / **A**, **B** and **C*** 3 electrons travel along ETC **;** 4 energy released **;** 5 (use energy released) to pump / actively transport, H^+ / protons, into intermembrane space **;** 6 increases concentration of H^+ / protons (in intermembrane space) / creates proton gradient **;** *role of **D*** 7 H^+ / protons, diffuse through, ATP synthase / **D** **;** 8 (from intermembrane space) to matrix **;** 9 synthesis of ATP from ADP and Pi **;** 10 chemiosmosis **;**	**7**

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Question	Answer	Marks
6(c)	*any **three** from:* 1 (named) enzyme for, Krebs cycle / link reaction **;** 2 ETC <u>proteins</u> / cytochromes / electron carriers / electron acceptors / **A** / **B** / **C** **;** 3 ATP synthase / **D** / described **;** 4 membrane / channel / transport / carrier / structural, **proteins** **;** 5 (make) tRNA / rRNA / ribosomes **;**	**3**

Question	Answer	Marks
7(a)(i)	1 rate of oxygen produced / rate of photosynthesis, is low / stays constant **or** small decrease in, rate of oxygen produced / rate of photosynthesis **;** 2 light <u>intensity</u> was the limiting factor / AW **;** 3 (so) less / little, light energy absorbed / photolysis (of water) / photoactivation (of chlorophyll)/ light-dependent reactions / photophosphorylation **; R** no light energy absorbed	**3**

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<tr><td>7(a)(ii)</td><td>
any three from:

1 rate of oxygen produced / rate of photosynthesis, decreased ;

2 two paired data quotes with units ;

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<tr><th>temperature / °C</th><th>rate of oxygen production / $mm^3\ h^{-1}$</th></tr>
<tr><td>30</td><td>4 / 4.00</td></tr>
<tr><td>40</td><td>2.55</td></tr>
<tr><td>50</td><td>0.65 (A 0.62-0.65)</td></tr>
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3 because, enzyme / ATP synthase / NADP reductase / oxygen evolving complex, <u>denatured</u> ; A rubisco

4 change in active site / fewer ESCs ;
</td><td>3</td></tr>
<tr><td>7(b)</td><td>
any three from:

1 light absorbed by, photosystem II / P680
or
photoactivation / photoionisation (of chlorophyll) ;

2 photolysis (of water) ;

3 water-splitting enzyme / oxygen evolving complex ;

4 water splits into protons, electrons and oxygen ; A equation
</td><td>3</td></tr>
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Question	Answer	Marks
8(a)(i)	receptor **;**	**1**
8(a)(ii)	intermediate neurone **; A** relay neurone / motor neurone	**1**
8(a)(iii)	Schwann **;**	**1**
8(b)	*any **four** from:* *differences* *myelinated neurone* 1 faster (impulse transmission) **; ora** *explanation* 2 myelin (sheath), insulates (the axon) / prevents movement of ions **;** 3 nodes of Ranvier / gaps with no myelin sheath, have voltage-gated channels **or** nodes of Ranvier / gaps with no myelin sheath, allow movement of ions **;** 4 depolarisation / action potential, occurs only at nodes of Ranvier / gaps with no myelin sheath**; ora** 5 action potentials jump from node to node / saltatory conduction **; ora** 6 longer local circuits / local circuits occur between nodes **; ora**	**4**
8(c)(i)	1 **A** voltage-gated <u>and</u> **B** ligand-gated / not voltage-gated **or** **A** opens in response to, depolarisation / arrival of an action potential <u>and</u> **B** opens in response to binding of, acetylcholine / neurotransmitter **;** 2 **A** for calcium ions <u>and</u> **B** for sodium ions **;**	**2**

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Question	Answer	Marks
8(c)(ii)	*any **four** from:* 1 no Ca^{2+} enter (presynaptic, knob / neurone) **;** 2 vesicles do not, move towards / fuse with, presynaptic membrane **;** 3 no, ACh / neurotransmitter, released **or** no exocytosis of, ACh / neurotransmitter **;** 4 ACh / neurotransmitter, does not bind to, receptor / ion channel **B ;** 5 Na^{+} does not enter postsynaptic neurone / ion channel **B** does not open **;** 6 postsynaptic membrane not depolarised **or** no action potential generated **or** impulse not transmitted **;**	**4**
8(c)(iii)	*any **two** from:* 1 inside more negative (charge) **or** membrane hyperpolarised / membrane potential decreases / potential difference increases **;** 2 harder to / cannot, reach threshold **;** 3 no depolarisation of membrane / harder to depolarise membrane **or** no / fewer / harder to generate, action potentials / impulses **;**	**2**

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Question	Answer	Marks
9(a)	*any **four** from:* 1 not predated / predators killed (as toxic) **;** 2 eats / decreases numbers, of, native / local, species **;** 3 disrupts, food web / food chain / ecosystem **;** 4 can spread to other areas / numbers increase rapidly **;** 5 reduces <u>biodiversity</u> **;** 6 can cause extinction (in, native / local**,** species) **;** 7 competes (with native species) for, space / breeding areas / food / water / resources **;** 8 introduces / new, disease **;**	**4**

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Question	Answer	Marks
9(b)	***A*** *eggs for ova / oocytes* *any* ***four*** *from:* 1 (females) given, hormones / FSH, to stimulate maturation of, ova / oocytes **or** (females) given, hormones / FSH, to stimulate superovulation **;** 2 ova / oocyte, collection / harvesting **;** 3 sperm added to, ova / oocytes **or** *ref. to* fertilisation **;** 4 sperm from genetically distant male / AW **;** 5 embryos, checked / selected **;** 6 embryo placed into uterus **;** 7 some embryos can be frozen **;**	**4**

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Question	Answer	Marks
10(a)	negative feedback **;**	**1**
10(b)	*any **three** from:* 1 (blood) glucose concentration decreases due to increased respiration **or** (blood) glucose concentration decreases due to glucose used to generate ATP for, muscle contraction / movement / exercise **;** 2 glucagon released (from pancreas) **;** 3 glucagon acts on liver cells **;** 4 glycogenolysis occurs / description **;** 5 glucose released into blood so (blood) glucose concentration, increases / returns to set point **;** 6 AVP **;** e.g. gluconeogenesis / ref. cell signalling	**3**
10(c)(i)	**A** – gluconic acid / gluconolactone **;** **B** – chromogen **;**	**2**
10(c)(ii)	*any **two** from:* 1 measures, current / direct, blood glucose concentration **;** 2 accurate reading / quantitative / numerical / digital **;** 3 reusable **;** 4 AVP **;** e.g. can use regularly / convenient digital store of data / connected to phone or surgery	**2**

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