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- ; separates marking points
- / alternatives
- I ignore
- R reject
- A accept (for answers correctly cued by the question, or guidance for examiners)
- AW alternative wording (where responses vary more than usual)
- AVP any valid point
- ecf credit a correct statement / calculation that follows a previous wrong response
- ora or reverse argument
- ( ) the word / phrase in brackets is not required, but sets the context
- underline actual word given must be used by candidate (grammatical variants excepted)
- max indicates the maximum number of marks that can be given

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1(a)(i)	arrow / (s) from a vena cava through atria and into right ventricle ;	1	
1(a)(ii)	<b>C</b> , aorta ;	1	
1(b)(i)	ventricles relax ; increased volume of ventricles ; higher blood pressure in, the arteries / <b>C</b> , <b>D</b> and <b>E</b> / aorta and pulmonary artery (than in the ventricles) ; <b>ora</b>	1	
1(b)(ii)	stop back-flow (of blood) / ensure (blood) flows one way ;	1	1 pressure changes
1(c)	1 (right) ventricle contracts ; 2 blood pressure increases (in heart) ; 3 higher blood pressure in ventricles than in arteries ; 4 semilunar valve / valve <b>1</b> , opens ; 5 blood flows into, <b>D</b> / <b>E</b> / pulmonary artery ; 6 semilunar valve closes (when blood in pulmonary artery) ; 7 <b>D</b> / <b>E</b> , is a pulmonary artery ; 8 valve <b>1</b> is a semilunar valve ;	4	sequence of events must be in the correct order
1(d)	1 septum ;  <i>either</i> 2 separates oxygenated and deoxygenated blood ; <i>or</i> 3 to allow a double circulation ;	2	

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2(a)	two cotyledons ; broad leaves ; leaves with branching veins ; petioles ; flower parts in multiples of four or five / flower parts not in threes ; pollen with three furrows or pores ; stem vascular bundles in a ring ; roots, develop from radicle ; AVP ;	1	<b>A</b> seed leaves        <b>A</b> not adventitious e.g. secondary growth often present
2(b)(i)	a length of <u>DNA</u> ; that codes for a <u>protein</u> ;	2	
2(b)(ii)	different sequences of amino acids ; composed of different amino acids ; different shapes / folded differently / AW ;	2	
2(c)	<i>mRNA to max 1</i> 1 mRNA carries copy of, gene / DNA / base pair sequence ; 2 goes from nucleus to, ribosome / cytoplasm ; 3 determines the specific, order / sequence, of amino acids ;  <i>ribosome to max 1</i> 4 site of, protein synthesis ; ('protein synthesis' is in question) 5 ribosome assembles amino acids into proteins ; 6 passes through the ribosome / reads mRNA ;	2	
2(d)(i)	1 temperature ; 2 surface area of substrate ; 3 concentration / volume / amount / number, of enzyme (solution) ; 4 concentration / volume / amount, of (named) substrate (solution) ; 5 type of enzyme ; 6 type of substrate ;	2	

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2(d)(ii)	1 increases and decreases ; 2 peaks at / optimum, at pH 4.0 / 0.55 (au) ; 3 no activity beyond pH 6.5 ; 4 curve is symmetrical / AW ; 5 any data quote, e.g. activity is 0.55 (au) at pH 4.0 ;	3	A works best / AW I denatured
2(d)(iii)	1 pH 4 is the <u>optimum</u> (pH) ; 2 pH 7 enzyme is <u>denatured</u> ; 3 enzyme / protein / active site, has changed shape at pH 7; 4 shape of active site is complementary to substrate (4) / not (7) ; 5 <u>enzyme-substrate complexes</u> form (4) / not (7) ; 6 (most) effective collisions (between enzyme and substrate) (4) / none (7) ;	4	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
3(a)	<i>description</i> 1 (stem) cells divide ; 2 by mitosis ; 3 to form, daughter / genetically identical, cells ; 4 nucleus buds off / AW ; 5 digested / broken down, mitochondria ; 6 only one of stem cells specialises / others continue to be stem cells ;  <i>adaptations</i> 7 haemoglobin made prior to, mitochondria / nucleus removed / maturation ; 8 (loss of structures) gives space for, oxygen transport / haemoglobin ; 9 haemoglobin, transports / AW, oxygen ; 10 biconcave shape / described ; 11 large surface area (to volume ratio) ; 12 for diffusion of oxygen / gas(es) ; 13 AVP ;	6	MP1 I reproduce  MP4 A no nucleus (in mature red blood cell) MP5 A no mitochondria (in mature red blood cell)  MP7 must be in correct place in sequence of events MP8 A volume for space, I area MP12 I ref to gas exchange
3(b)	plasma ;	1	

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3(c)	replacement / repair / wound healing ; cells die / are, rubbed off / exfoliated / AW ; growth ;	2	
3(d)(i)	iron / Fe / Fe <sup>2+</sup> / Fe <sup>3+</sup> ;	1	<b>R</b> ion unqualified <b>A</b> vitamin <u>B<sub>12</sub></u>
3(d)(ii)	tired / lethargic / 'no energy' / weakness / AW ; shortness of breath ; chest pain ; fast heartbeat ; frequent infections ; headache / dizziness / light-headedness ; cold, hands / feet ; inflammation / soreness, of tongue ; brittle nails ; unusual cravings for non-nutritive substances, such as ice, dirt or starch ; poor appetite ; tingling or crawling feeling in legs ;	2	<b>A</b> pale skin
3(e)	1 <u>mutation</u> ; 2 change in, base sequence / DNA ; 3 in gene / allele, for haemoglobin ; 4 inherit the <u>allele</u> (for sickle cell anaemia / mutated haemoglobin / Hb <sup>S</sup> ) ; 5 having the recessive allele(s) / being, homozygous recessive / Hb <sup>S</sup> Hb <sup>S</sup> / heterozygous / Hb <sup>S</sup> Hb <sup>A</sup> ; 6 produce, abnormal / AW, haemoglobin ; 7 red blood cells have, sickle shape / described ; 8 AVP ;	4	<b>I</b> references to malaria  <b>MP4 A</b> <u>allele</u> passed down from, a carrier / parent with sickle-cell anaemia

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4(a)	birds / Aves ;  <i>Any two features for max 1 ;</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• feathers</li> <li>• beak / bill</li> <li>• hard-shelled eggs</li> <li>• scaly legs</li> <li>• no teeth</li> <li>• air sacs</li> <li>• light-weight skeletons</li> <li>• AVP</li> </ul>	2	1 wings / four-chambered heart
4(b)	1 (isolated) group of individual animals / AW ; 2 of, one / the same, <u>species</u> ; 3 living in the same, habitat / ecosystem / environment / area / place / location ; 4 at the same time ;	3	
4(c)	1 killed by predators / not able to evade predators / new predators ; 2 not able to find food ; 3 more prone to disease / AW ; 4 poaching ; 5 ref to, low genetic variation ; 6 competition with new species ; 7 idea of no survival instinct /AW ; 8 AVP ; e.g. techniques not as advanced in 1980	2	<b>MP 7 A</b> captive animals unable to 'cope' in wild / too docile / ref to artificial selection / not integrated with wild population of parrots

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4(d)	1 inbreeding / described ; 2 less / little, (genetic) variation ; 3 reduced number of alleles ; 4 increased risk of <u>genetic</u> disease ; 5 cannot reproduce / sterile ; 6 not enough animals to breed ; 7 less likely to, adapt / to evolve to / cope with, (named) change in environment ; 8 cost ; 9 AVP ;;	3	
4(e)	1 to prevent extinction (of many species) / maintain (bio)diversity ; 2 ref to preventing disruption of food, chains / web ; 3 provide, habitats (for shelter / breeding grounds / AW) for many species ; 4 and 5 ecosystems provide, 'service', for humans ; ; 6 idea of areas for, recreation / (eco)tourism / education ; 7 ethical reasons / aesthetic reasons / AW ;	3	<b>MP 1 A</b> saves many species <b>MP 4</b> examples <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ref to flooding / natural disasters</li> <li>• ref to nutrients cycle</li> <li>• ref to maintenance of water cycle</li> <li>• ref to greenhouse gas / carbon storage / carbon sink waste disposal</li> <li>• provide, resources / food / fuel / drugs / raw materials / building materials</li> <li>• provide genes (for selective breeding / genetic engineering)</li> </ul>



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5(a)(i)	72 (%) ;;	2	difference = $724 \text{ g m}^{-2} \text{ year}^{-1}$ = $724 / 1009 \times 100$
5(a)(ii)	1 (fertiliser provides) nutrients / salts / ions / minerals (required by plants) ; 2 (nitrogen / nitrate) needed for making, amino acids / proteins / RNA / DNA / AW ; 3 proteins are used in growth ; 4 (magnesium for) making chlorophyll ; 5 (chlorophyll for) photosynthesis ; 6 AVP ;	3	<b>A</b> original soil lacked minerals
5(a)(iii)	eutrophication ;	1	
5(b)	1 fertiliser decreases species diversity ; 2 at 21 weeks the difference is greater (than other weeks) ; 3 species diversity increases and decreases ; 4 peak at 6 weeks ; 5 week 24 with fertiliser not following the trend / AW ; 6 any data quote including data for both plots with units ;	3	<b>I</b> anomaly  <b>A</b> increases
5(c)	1 some species compete much better than others / better at obtaining (named) resource(s) ; 2 competition for, light / water / nutrients / space / AW ; 3 some species grow faster ; 4 example of grassland, adaptations / fast growth ; 5 better at using ions released by fertiliser ; 6 more 'robust' / less successful at combating disease or pests ; 7 some cannot survive grazing by grassland herbivores / AW ; 8 ref to adaptations ;	2	<b>MP 2 I</b> competition for mates  <b>MP 4</b> examples: taller stems / larger leaves / longer roots

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6(a)	(disease is caused by) a <u>pathogen</u> ; passes from one host to another ;	2	
6(b)	1 <u>electrical</u> signal ; 2 passes along / AW, a, nerve cell / neurone ; 3 in one direction ;	2	1 impulse
6(c)(i)	1 (vaccine contains) harmless / attenuated / dead / AW, form of, (named) pathogen / antigen ; 2 (antigens / vaccine) stimulate an <u>immune response</u> ; 3 ref to lymphocytes ; 4 lymphocytes / white blood cells, make antibodies ; 5 ref to specificity ; 6 production of memory cells ; 7 rapid, immune response / AW, if exposed to same, pathogen / antigen ; 8 gives long-term immunity ; 9 AVP ;	4	
6(c)(ii)	1 bacteria may still be present (in the population) ; 2 in carriers / in people who have no symptoms ; 3 infected people moving into the, country / area / AW ; 4 if few people are, immune / vaccinated, bacterium is more likely to be transmitted ; 5 idea of herd immunity ; 6 some people cannot respond to, antigens / vaccines ; 7 protects people who travel to other countries ; 8 booster vaccinations are sometimes required) / AW ;	2	<b>MP5</b> A new people arriving in a country (who are not vaccinated) <b>MP6</b> e.g. people with HIV / babies / elderly
6(d)(i)	1 antibodies are made of protein ; 2 proteins / antibodies, are digested / denatured, in the alimentary canal ; 3 direct route to site of infection ;	2	

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6(d)(ii)	1 no (active) immune response ; 2 no memory cells ; 3 antibodies are broken down in the body ; 4 antibodies are not made by body's own lymphocytes ;	<b>2</b>	