

1. (a) water uptake / AW; **R** *water used* 1
- (b) 1 cut (healthy) shoot under water (to stop air entering xylem vessels);
 2 cut shoot at a slant (to increase surface area);
 3 check apparatus is full of water / is air bubble free / no air locks;
 4 insert shoot into apparatus under water / AW;
 5 remove potometer from water and ensure , airtight / watertight,
 joints around shoot;
 6 dry leaves / AW; max 4
 7 keep , condition(s) / named condition(s) , constant;
 8 allow time for shoot to acclimatise / AW;
 9 shut screw clip;
 10 keep ruler fixed and record position of air bubble on scale;
R *'move bubble to end' ideas*
 11 start timing and, measure / calculate, distance moved per unit time
 / AW; max 3
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2. (i) 103; **R** *decimals* 1
- (ii) plant A
 hairs around stoma;
 trap, moisture / water vapour;
 reduces the water potential gradient;
 so transpiration rate is reduced; max 3
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3. (a) (i) 5:1; 1
 (ii) 7 [\times smaller]/AW; 1
- (b) 0.5; 1
- (c) surface area relative to volume too small/AW;
 diffusion too slow/AW; *idea of speed needed*
 distance too great/some cells deep in body/not all cells in contact with
 environment/AW; **R** *large if unqualified*
 insufficient/AW, oxygen/(named) nutrient, supplied/(named) waste removed;
 idea of linking (named) areas; *look for 'from...' 'to...' with an*
implication of organs, not just 'all over body'
 (may be,) more (metabolically) active/AW/, homoiothermic;
R *just 'need more energy'* 3 max
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4. (i) potometer; **R** *'transpirometer'* 1
- (ii) transpiration is the loss of water, vapour/by evaporation;
 (apparatus) measures water uptake;

to replace loss;
 assumes all uptake is lost/AW; or some may be used
 explanation of how some uptake may be used e.g. used to regain
 turgor/used in photosynthesis;
 uptake by detached shoot may not be same as whole plant/AW; 3 max

- (iii) cut shoot under water/insert into apparatus under water/AW;
 cut shoot at a slant;
 no, airlocks/bubbles/AW in, plant/apparatus, **or** airtight/watertight, joints;
 dry off leaves/AW; use a healthy/undamaged/AW, shoot; **A** *fresh*
 allow time to acclimatise/AW;
 keep (named) condition(s) constant; **R** *'control' conditions if unqualified*
 measure per unit time;
 AVP; e.g. reference to scale, qualified – note position/fix scale
R *'set at 0'*
 qualified reference to reservoir
R *repeat readings – gives reliable results not valid readings* 4 max

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5. (i) 1 temperature increased;
 more KE/energy/AW;
 more evaporation/faster diffusion; **R** *transpiration max 3*
- 2 light (intensity) increased; **A** *sunlight* but **R** *'sun'* but ecf
 stomata opened (wider);
 allowed more water vapour out/AW;
must be linked to stomatal point above
 temp increase linked to light; *max 3*
- 3 humidity dropped/air less saturated/AW;
 internal spaces c. 100% saturated/AW;
 steeper water potential gradient/AW; **A** *diffusion gradient*
R *concentration gradient max 3*
- 4 wind (increased);
 removed, saturated air/diffusion shells/AW;
 steeper water potential gradient/AW;
A *diffusion* **R** *conc gradient max 3*
- Score the first two explanations given to a max of 4* 4 max

- (ii) 1 **P** has, many/more, leaves;
 (so total) area (of leaves) greater;
 (so) more, area for transpiration/evaporation/stomata;
- or**
- 2 **P** has more stomata;
 idea that stomata are (main) site/AW, of transpiration/evaporation;
- or**
- 3 **Q** has a stated xerophytic modification;
R *Q is a xerophyte, if unqualified*
R *Q has smaller/AW leaves*
 explanation of modification; needs how it reduces transpiration
 e.g. hairs – wind barrier/stops water vapour removal
 sunken stomata – traps water vapour/AW
 thick cuticle/wax/AW reduces loss/AW **R** *stops all loss*
 curled leaves – trapping water vapour idea

2 max

Apply ora throughout.

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6. (a) **C**;
E; 2
- (b) large surface area (to volume) / many;
 low water potential; **A** ref to low solute potential
R refs to water concentration
A refs to (high) solute concentration
 thin wall / short diffusion path;
 uncutinised / permeable / unlignified / AW;
 rapid, growth / replacement; 2 max

- (c) **1** osmosis in correct context;
look for across membrane, or, into / out of, cell / root
- 2** moves down a water potential gradient / from high to low
water potential;
R along / across **R** concentration / diffusion gradients
- 3** most negative / lowest, in the xylem;
- 4** (uptake of) ions / minerals / solutes, into xylem / root hair;
in context of WP gradient
- 5** tension in xylem / transpiration pull / cohesion-tension;
relate to pathway in root
- 6** (moves) via the cell walls;
- 7** (moves) via, cytoplasm / vacuoles;
- 8** passage via the plasmodesmata; *look for linking cytoplasm / through wall*
- 9** Casparian strip / suberin / waxy / fatty / AW, blocks,
cell wall route / apoplast; **A** waterproof
- 10** water, crosses membrane / enters, cytoplasm / vacuole / symplast;
- 11** AVP; e.g. pits in xylem / passage cells / aquaporins /
protein channels / capillarity in cell wall (spaces) max 6

credit points from diagram

QWC – legible text with accurate spelling, punctuation and grammar; 1

- (d) 1 for feature and 1 for role in each section **except lignin** but max 2 for features and max 2 for functions
apply AW throughout

lignin / AW;

(allows) adhesion / waterproof / stops collapse (under tension);

A two functions

rings / spirals / thickening / AW; **A** thick wall / rigid sides

prevents collapse (under tension); **R** strong / support / stops bursting

no cytoplasm / lack of contents / hollow / (empty) lumen / AW;

R “dead” unqualified

less resistance to flow / ease of flow / AW / more space (linked to lack of contents);

lack of end walls / continuous tube; **A** long tube idea

less resistance to flow / ease of flow; **A** continuous columns idea

pits / pores, inside walls; **A** holes **R** gaps

lateral movement / get round air bubbles / supplies(water) to cells or tissues / water in or out; **R** “just let things in and out” unqualified

develop as a continuous water-filled column / AW;

allows tension to pull water up / AW;

narrow lumen / AW;

idea of more capillary rise;

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7. (i) to take account of variation / AW ;
reliable or representative / smaller SD or % uncertainty ;
ignore “accurate”, “precise”
so result not skewed by, anomalies / extreme or unusual results ;
to ensure statistical significance ;

2 max

- (ii) permanent record ;
avoid, heating effect / light, of microscope lamp ;
stomata size may change (under microscope) ;
photograph can be enlarged ;
measuring can be done at leisure ;
AVP ; e.g. system or method of measuring

2 max

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8. **G**;
I;

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9. (i) evaporation of water / water vapour lost (from plants);
diffusion,
 into atmosphere / out of leaf / down a water potential gradient /
 via stomata;
A high to low water potential references
*stop if / when candidate says transpiration is 'upward movement of
 water in plant'* 2 max
- (ii) linked to gas exchange / AW; **A** refs to **both** oxygen and carbon
 dioxide unqualified carbon dioxide for photosynthesis;
 open stomata;
 large area; *can apply to leaf area or pore area*
 moist mesophyll to (relatively) dry air / water potential gradient / AW;
 AVP; e.g. ref to some cuticular transpiration inevitable / AW
 link open stomata to daytime when it is hottest / AW 3 max
- (iii) hairs trap water vapour; **R** water unqualified / water particles **A** molecules
 reduces water potential gradient / stops wind removing vapour /
 more humid air around leaf; *ecf* for water
 so less transpiration / AW;
 AVP; e.g. ref reflective nature of hairs in context
 ref to need of xerophytes to conserve water in dry habitat 2 max
10. 1 in the xylem vessels; **A** tracheids
 2 down a, water potential / Ψ , gradient;
R 'along' **A** refs to high to low water potential
 3 most negative, at the leaf / in the atmosphere;
ora must refer to water potential
 4 transpiration sets up a gradient / AW; *any valid gradient*
 5 (places) water (in xylem) under, tension / suction / negative pressure /
 pull / hydrostatic pressure gradient / AW;

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- 6 cohesion;
 7 description of cohesion;
 8 ref to hydrogen bonding;
 9 (continuous) water columns / AW;
 10 mass flow;
 11 root pressure, in context / described;
 12 adhesion described / capillarity;
treat refs to osmosis and descriptions of passage through root as neutral 6 max
QWC – legible text with accurate spelling, punctuation and grammar; 1

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11. (i) stem; 1
 (ii) **B**; 1

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12. (a) sucrose; 1
 (b) (i) **P** = companion (cell);
Q = sieve (tube) element / sieve tube cell; **R** sieve tube / sieve cell 2
 (ii) *ecf - do not penalise sieve tube here*
 1 sieve elements / **Q**, end to end *or* sieve plates perforated /
 sieve pores , for ease of flow / AW;
 2 companion cells / **P**, metabolically active / have many mitochondria /
 produce ATP / release energy / AW; **R** make energy
 3 (active) loading into, companion cell / **P**; **A** into, sieve elements / **Q**
 4 ref to proton pump;
 5 ref to co-transporter;
 6 role of plasmodesmata (between **P** and **Q**); **R** pores
 7 sieve element / **Q**, has few organelles / AW, for, ease of flow /
 more sucrose / AW;
 8 ref to, unloading mechanism / (hydrostatic) pressure gradient;
 9 ref to one role for sieve plate e.g. electro-osmosis or stops
 ‘bulging’; 3 max

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16. 3 to 5 armed star of xylem with phloem more or less between;
R if star too close to the edge
 xylem and phloem correctly labelled;
ecf - if stem drawn, credit correct xylem and phloem labels 2 [2]
17. lack of contents / no cytoplasm / hollow / lumen / continuous / AW;
A lack of end walls
 less resistance to flow / more space linked to idea of lack of contents / AW;
treat large as neutral
 thickening / rings / spirals / lignin (in the wall); *treat cellulose as neutral*
 prevents collapse / gives support / adhesion of water;
R strength / rigid, unqualified **R** ideas on resisting positive pressure
 pits / AW; **A** pores / holes (in side walls)
 allow lateral movement / AW; **R** 'let things in or out' unqualified 4 max [4]
18. (i) *source* – leaf / storage organ / named storage organ; **A** root qualified
sink – root / tuber / storage organ / (young) growing region / leaf
 qualified / flower / bud / fruit / seed;
R individual cells but **A** tissue areas such as mesophyll 2
- (ii) *max 2 if no reference to diagram*
 water will enter source;
 by osmosis;
 down / AW, a water potential gradient;
 increase in (hydrostatic) pressure;
 as source / sink cannot expand / AW;
 force / AW, solution along (tube to sink);
 AVP; e.g. explanation of mass flow 4 max [6]
19. (i) ATP involved / respiration involved / many mitochondria in companion
 cells / reduced by metabolic inhibitors / oxygen dependent / temperature
 dependent / loading against a concentration gradient / AVP;
if evidence not given here look for it and credit it in part (ii) 1

- (ii) loading, into companion cell / from transfer cell / into sieve tube / into phloem – implied;
 H ions / protons, pumped out of, companion cell / sieve tube / phloem;
 diffuse back in with sucrose;
 protein carrier / co-transporter;
 possible active unloading by reverse mechanism;
 AVP to cover alternative mechanisms;;;
 e.g. electro-osmotic theory
 K⁺ pump
 via companion cell
 electrochemical gradient
 sieve pores provide a capillary bed / AW

3 max

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20. (i) cut shoot under water;
 insert into apparatus under water / AW;
 full of water / no extra bubbles / no airlocks; *applies to plant / apparatus*
 cut shoot at a slant;
 dry off leaves / AW;
 ensure , air- / water- , tight joints / AW;
 use a , healthy / AW , shoot :
 allow time to acclimatise / AW;
 keep , condition(s) / named condition(s) , constant;
 measure per unit time / AW;
 shut screw clip;
 ref to scale; e.g. note where bubble is at start / keep ruler fixed
R 'move bubble to end' ideas

4 max

- (ii) water uptake / AW; **R** water used

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21. (a) (i) 103; **R** decimals

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- (ii) **R** refs to water or water particles

- 1 boundary layer / saturated air / water vapour / AW, around, leaf in still air / **A**;
- 2 (which) fan / wind , removes / reduces;
ecf wrong ref to water
- 3 ref steeper water potential gradient;
R concentration gradient
- 4 (therefore) faster / greater / more / AW, evaporation / diffusion;
must be linked to above

3 max

- (b) set up in same, (environmental) condition(s) / named condition;
 calculate the rate per unit area of leaf / idea of getting same area
 of leaf in both;
 detail of how this could be done; e.g. draw round all leaves on graph paper
 replicates;
 both picked at same time / same degree of turgidity / AW;
 run for the same time / AW; 2 max [6]

22. water moves down a water potential gradient / AW;
 by osmosis;
 (ref to roots being below -50 kPa means) water will enter (the root); 2 max [2]

23. *function must match adaptation, adaptation can stand alone*
assume answer is about water vapour unless clearly wrong e.g. water droplets
 covered in hairs;
 reflect heat *or* water vapour, trapped / not blown away;
 thick, waxy layer / cuticle / AW;
 reduces loss (via the epidermis) / reflects heat; **R** no loss
if cuticle related to reflective nature, 'thick' not needed
 small / AW , leaves; **A** no leaves (e.g. cacti) / needles / spines / spikes **R** thorns
 reduced surface area for loss / reduces number of stomata;
R ref to spines etc related to preventing consumption by herbivores

sunken stomata / AW; **A** substomatal chamber hairs as an alternative here
 water vapour, trapped / not blown away;

rolling up of leaves / curled leaves;
 less surface area / stomata on inside *or* water vapour, trapped / not blown away;

small air spaces in the mesophyll;
 quickly become fully saturated / reduced area for loss;

stomata, shut in day / open at night / AW;
 day hotter / night cooler;

AVP; e.g. reduced stomatal number plus reason
 AVP; timed leaf fall
 rosette of leaves close to ground

4 max [4]

24. (a) stem; 1
 (b) phloem; **R** sieve tube, phloem vessel, single cell type 1
 (c) **C**; 1

- (d) *feature and role must match for 2 marks
 mark for feature may be awarded even if role is incorrect
 both marks may be given in right hand column.*

Feature

how it helps

either D or E

living;

allows active process / AW;
 stops escape of metabolites;

hydrogen pump / co-transporter;
 plasmodesmata / connections between
 sieve tube and companion cell;

(role in) loading / AW;
 allow exchange / AW;

D / companion cell

(many) mitochondria
 much respiration / metabolically active;
 nucleus;

provide, energy / ATP;

controls functioning of both cells;

E / sieve tube

clear of most organelles /
 organelles at edge / little cytoplasm / AW;

less resistance / ease of transport
 / AW / more space for transport;

R empty

*(if specific organelles given, need
 at least 2)*

long / elongated / AW;

less resistance / ease of
 transport / AW;

sieve plate / (sieve) pores;

connects elements / lets
 materials through / AW;
A reduces resistance

joined end to end;

continuous / long distance,
 transport;

bi-directional flow;

allows sugar to go to sink
 both up and downward / AW; 6 max

25. mark for transpiration / evaporation is not freestanding, in each case it must be related to the feature in each section

- (a) transpiration / evaporation / AW, occurs via stomata; **R** water loss (generally) warm(er) in day;
more evaporation / transpiration will occur (in context);
ref. to steeper water potential gradient;
shutting, stops / reduces, this loss;
ora for open at night 2 max
- (b) small surface area;
less transpiration / evaporation / AW (in context);
R water loss **R** no transpiration
fewer stomata / AW;
protection against grazing / AW; 2 max
- (c) hairs trap, water vapour / moisture in air; **R** just moisture
prevent wind effect / AW;
reduces water potential gradient;
less, transpiration / evaporation / AW (in context);
R water loss **R** no transpiration
correct ref. to condensation of water vapour; 2 max

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26. (i) loss, of water vapour / by evaporation;
diffusion into, atmosphere / air / environment / out of plant;
via stomata *or* from, leaves / aerial parts;
max 1 if response starts with 'transpiration is the upward movement of water' 2 max
- (ii) *Descriptions*
1 increases then decreases / peaks / higher by day / lower by night;
2 correct ref to figures to support e.g. highest at 1400 / lowest at midnight / ref to one rate with units;
- Comparisons*
3 (rate of) transpiration greater, in day/ when hotter / 6 to 16 hours; ora
4 (rate of) transpiration less, at night / when cooler / 16 to 6 hours; ora
5 rates equal at 6 and 16 hours;
6 both peak, at the same time / at 14 hours / accept midday; / AW;
7 both lowest at, same time / midnight;
8 transpiration rise is steeper; ora
9 transpiration fall is steeper; ora
10 any one figure quote for rate with units that supports comparison points above; 4 max

- (iii) *award two marks if correct answer (58) is given – must be rounded up 58 (%);;*
max 1 if not whole number, award calculation mark for getting 14 hours
ecf If wrong time period read, but correct % calculated from it = 1 mark

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27. loss of water from mesophyll;
cell walls;
more drawn from, cytoplasm / cell / AW;
cohesion of water molecules;
hydrogen / H, bonds;
water under tension / ref to hydrostatic pressure gradient implied;
A water 'pulled' / 'drawn' **R** sucked
via, symplast / apoplast / vacuoles / description / AW;
(water from) xylem / xylem vessels;
ref to water potential gradient;

4 max

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