

A-LEVEL Biology and Human Biology

BI/HB/3X Mark scheme

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BI/HBI/3X: Task 1

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments	
1(a)	Measured the temperature of the water every 2 minutes/regularly;	1	Accept any given regular time interval	
1(b)	Adding hot water;	1	Accept heating with the (Bunsen) burner Ignore adding cold water/removing (Bunsen) burner	
2	 Same amount (of Benedict's) to react / keeps this variable constant / it is a confounding/control variable; Same (potential for) colour change / allows comparison; 	2	Ignore references to fair test / 'so only independent variable affects dependent variable' / standardise procedure 2. Accept same (potential for) precipitate forming	
3	Qualitative: Non-numerical / doesn't tell you the concentration / is a description; Subjective: Results depend on interpretation/judgement;	2	Ignore unqualified references to 'not quantitative' Accept 'different people see colours differently'	
4(a)(i)	 <u>Maltose;</u> Water; 	2	2. Accept H ₂ O	
4(a)(ii)	Condensation;	1		
4(b)	(No) both (might) give the same result/colour/reaction;	1	Accept (No) (some) disaccharides don't react;	
Total		10		

BI/HBI/3X: Task 2

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
5	 "Drink" in the first column; Three fully descriptive column headings – <u>drink</u>, colour after Benedict's test, estimation of glucose concentration; Colour correctly converted into numerical data; Units given as g dm⁻³ and only used in column heading for numerical data; At least two readings for each drink; 	5	 2. 'Colour with Benedict's' insufficient, accept colour after heating with Benedict's. If no column for colour then cannot award mp2 or mp3. 4. Allow g/dm³ for g dm⁻³
6	 Graph has drink on x-axis and concentration of glucose on y-axis; Y-axis labelled Glucose concentration/g dm⁻³ and x-axis labelled Drink; Appropriate scale selected for y axis; Bars plotted accurately; Bars drawn equal width and not touching; 	5	 Allow ECF from table Allow g/dm³ for g dm⁻³ Accept a single line for a bar Bars should be equally spaced
Total		10	

BI/HBI/3X: Written Test Section A

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
7	Colour (of juice) makes it difficult to see result;	1	
8(a)	 Use more (intermediate) concentrations; More colours for comparison/interpretation; 	2 max	 Reject references to extending the range of concentrations Mark as pairs of statements. Accept: Use a colorimeter; Reject calorimeter Use a calibration curve; Accept: measure mass of precipitate;
			2. Use a calibration curve;
8(b)	 No (no mark) 1. Likely to give same colour; 2. Unlikely to change (estimated) concentration much; OR Yes (no mark) 1. (More glucose present so) colour may be more yellow/brown/orange/red; 2. Could give higher concentration estimate; 	2	Mark as pairs
9(a)	1.1 (g);	1	
9(b)	300(%);	1	

10(a)	 Add iodine/potassium iodide <u>solution;</u> Blue-black colour (with starch); 	2	 Reject if heated Accept black Ignore purple
10(b)	 <u>Hydrolysed</u> by enzymes / <u>hydrolysed</u> by amylase/maltase; Produces glucose (in the gut); Small enough to cross the gut wall (into the blood) / monomers/monosaccharides (can) cross the gut wall (into the blood); 	3	 If named enzyme given, it must relate to the correct substrate Accept cell membrane<u>s</u>/epithelium/cells for 'gut wall'
10(c)	 Time how long it takes to go brick red; Weigh precipitate; Dilute glucose samples / use smaller volume of glucose samples / use greater volume of Benedict's reagent; 	1 max	Ignore references to colorimeter
11	 Specific (to glucose); Reference to the practicality of doing Benedict's at home; Idea of colour of blood masking the colour change (with Benedict's); More sensitive / (may) provide more accurate information (on concentration); 	2 max	
TOTAL		15	

BI/HBI/3X: Written Test Section B

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
12	Easy to take a blood sample/more complicated/dangerous to take brain cell sample;	1	Accept 'No uptake into brain cells'
13	 Reading scientific books/journals; Asking other scientists; From earlier investigations; 	1 max	
14	(GLUT1 deficiency) is rare;	1	
15	 Not all with reduced uptake had the mutation OR some/one who had the mutation had normal uptake; Reduced glucose uptake could be due to another disease/condition; Only one study done/more investigations needed; 	1 max	1. Accept some had reduced uptake but no mutation.
16(a)	 Antibodies/lysosomal enzymes are proteins; Fewer phagocytes/B cells/T cells/lymphocytes/plasma cells/memory cells/antibodies/lysosomes; 	2	
16(b)	 High fat intake (likely to) increase <u>blood</u> cholesterol; (Raised cholesterol) linked to atherosclerosis/CVD/CHD/atheroma; (Increased risk of/can lead to) myocardial infarction; 	3	 Accept (raised cholesterol) linked to blockage of coronary artery or to thrombosis Ignore unqualified reference to heart disease

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
17(a)	 Other treatments were working better; Found it difficult to follow the diet/did not like the diet; Saw no improvement; They died / relocated; They developed high blood cholesterol; 	2 max	
17(b)	 (Yes) many of the children had fewer than 50%/90% of the original number of seizures per day after the diet; (No) some children were still having over 90% of the original number of seizures per day after the diet; (No) the number/percentage of children having over 90% of the original number of seizures per day increases after three years compared to one year; (No) only 58.7/59% of the children were still following the diet after one year / only 55.3/55% of the children were still following the diet after three years; Information about seizures per day is only given for two time points/study stops after three years / information only in 3 seizure percentage categories; 	3 max	 3. Accept (No) the number/percentage of children having under 50%/having 50-90% decreases from one year to three years; 5. Accept idea that we do not know if children now had no seizures or if some children now had more seizures than original;
18	 They were having fewer seizures; If they went off the diet, they might have a higher rate of seizures; Might improve over the next year/might take more than a year to show the full effect; Other treatment options might have even less effect; 	1 max	
TOTAL		15	