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Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)(i)	the longer the loop of Henle the lower the water potential of the urine ;	<b>1</b>
1(a)(ii)	1 dry environment / AW ; 2 need to conserve water / AW ;	<b>2</b>
1(b)	<i>microvilli:</i> 1 large(r) surface area ; 2 for absorption of, Na <sup>+</sup> / glucose / amino acids ;  <i>many mitochondria:</i> 3 provide, energy / ATP ; <b>R</b> produce energy 4 for, Na <sup>+</sup> / K <sup>+</sup> , pumps ; OR for active transport of, Na <sup>+</sup> / K <sup>+</sup> ;  <i>tight junctions between cells:</i> 5 hold adjacent cells together ; 6 fluid cannot pass between cells / substances must pass through cells ;	<b>6</b>

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2(a)(i)	<p><i>4 correct = 2 marks</i>  <i>2/3 correct = 1 mark</i></p> <p><i>glycolysis:</i>            1 cytoplasm / cytosol / sarcoplasm ;</p> <p><i>link reaction:</i>            2 mitochondrial matrix ;</p> <p><i>Krebs cycle:</i>            3 mitochondrial matrix ;</p> <p><i>oxidative phosphorylation:</i>            4 inner (mitochondrial) membrane / cristae ;</p>	<b>2</b>
2(a)(ii)	<p><i>two from:</i></p> <p>1 too big to pass through (membrane / glucose's protein channel) ;</p> <p>2 polar / AW ;</p> <p>3 no specific, transport / carrier / channel, protein (for phosphorylated glucose) ;</p>	<b>2 max</b>

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2(b)	<p><i>five from:</i>  <i>in anaerobic conditions:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 only, glycolysis / conversion of glucose into pyruvate, occurs ;</li> <li>2 (only) produces 2 molecules of ATP (net) ;</li> <li>3 (only) substrate-linked phosphorylation (occurs) ;</li> <li>4 pyruvate converted to lactate ;</li> <li>5 lactate is energy-rich / AW ;</li> <li>6 oxygen not available as final electron acceptor ;</li> <li>7 electron transport chain / chemiosmosis / oxidative phosphorylation, does not occur ;</li> <li>8 most ATP is produced (in aerobic conditions) in, electron transport chain / chemiosmosis / oxidative phosphorylation ;</li> </ol>	<b>5 max</b>
2(c)	<p><i>three from:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 reference oxygen debt ;</li> <li>2 converts lactate to, pyruvate / glucose ;</li> <li>3 in liver (cells) ;</li> <li>4 re-oxygenate, haemoglobin / myoglobin ;</li> <li>5 meet demands of continued increased metabolic rate / AW ;</li> </ol>	<b>3 max</b>

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3(a)(i)	<p><b>A</b> – aleurone layer ;</p> <p><b>B</b> – endosperm ;</p> <p><b>C</b> – embryo ;</p>	<b>3</b>

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3(a)(ii)	<p><i>six from:</i></p> <p>1 embryo/<b>C</b>, produces/releases, gibberellin ;</p> <p>2 (arrow 1) gibberellin moves into, aleurone layer/<b>A</b> ;</p> <p>3 gibberellin stimulates production of amylase ;</p> <p>4 (arrow 2) amylase moves into, endosperm/<b>B</b></p> <p>5 hydrolyses/breakdown, starch to maltose ;</p> <p>6 (arrow 3) maltose/glucose, moves into, embryo/<b>C</b> ;</p> <p>7 for respiration/to release energy/for ATP production ;</p> <p>8 for, germination/growth ;</p>	<b>6 max</b>
3(b)(i)	<p>3.6 ;</p> <p><math>\mu\text{m min}^{-1}</math> OR <math>\mu\text{m/min}</math> ;</p>	<b>2</b>
3(b)(ii)	<p><i>two from:</i></p> <p>1 auxin binds with receptor (on cell surface membrane) ;</p> <p>2 proton pumps activated ;</p> <p>3 <math>\text{H}^+</math> pumped into cell wall ;</p>	<b>2 max</b>

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3(b)(iii)	<p><i>three from:</i></p> <p>1 expansins activated / AW ; <b>A</b> optimum pH for expansins</p> <p>2 loosens bonds in cellulose microfibrils ;</p> <p>3 K<sup>+</sup> ions enter cells (lower water potential) ;</p> <p>4 (so) cells take in water by osmosis / AW ;</p> <p>5 (increase in turgor causes) cell walls to stretch ;</p>	<b>3 max</b>

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4(a)(i)	<p><i>three from:</i></p> <p>1 reference to limiting factors ;</p> <p>2 (limiting factor) not carbon dioxide ;</p> <p>3 (limiting factor possibly) light intensity / temperature ;</p>	<b>2 max</b>
4(a)(ii)	<p><i>three from:</i></p> <p><i>sugar cane:</i> OR <i>barley</i></p> <p>1 (rate of photosynthesis) higher rate, at lower concentrations of CO<sub>2</sub> / initially ;</p> <p>2 levels off / becomes constant, at lower rate of photosynthesis ;</p> <p>3 levels off / becomes constant, at a lower carbon dioxide concentration ;</p> <p>4 data quote to support mp2 or mp3 ;  e.g. mp2 – sugar cane at 7–7.5 au <b>and</b> barley at 14 au  OR mp3 – sugar cane at 60–70 au <b>and</b> barley at 500 au</p>	<b>3 max</b>

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4(a)(iii)	<p><i>four from:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 sugar cane / C4 plants, can reduce photorespiration ;</li> <li>2 correct ref. to adaptation to reduce photorespiration ; e.g. RuBP and rubisco, in bundle sheath cells / kept away from air OR tightly packed mesophyll cells</li> <li>3 enzymes in, sugar cane / C4 plants, have high(er) optimum temperature ;</li> <li>4 carbon dioxide absorbed by mesophyll cells ;</li> <li>5 carbon dioxide, fixed by PEP carboxylase / combines with PEP ;</li> <li>6 PEP carboxylase has higher affinity for carbon dioxide than rubisco ;</li> </ol>	<b>4 max</b>
4(b)	<p><i>conditions (max two):</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 low light intensity ; <b>A</b> at night / in the dark</li> <li>2 dry conditions ;</li> <li>3 high temperatures ;</li> <li>4 high light intensity ;</li> <li>5 high wind speed / AW ;</li> </ol> <p><i>benefits (max two):</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6 reduce transpiration (rate) ;</li> <li>7 (so) conserves water ;</li> <li>8 retains turgidity of cells ;</li> <li>9 (physical) support of plant / prevents wilting ;</li> </ol>	<b>4 max</b>

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6(a)	46.5 – 47 ;;;  <i>if answer incorrect allow marks for working</i> $q^2 = 0.4$ ;  $p = 0.368$ OR $p = 0.37$ ;	<b>3</b>
6(b)	<i>four from:</i> 1 mutation ;  2 migration (into, or out of, the population) ;  3 non-random mating occurs ;  4 the population is small ;  5 selective pressure occurs against one of the, alleles/genotypes ;  6 reproduction is asexual ;  7 organism is haploid ;	<b>4 max</b>

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7(a)	sensory neurone – receives, input/impulses, from receptor ; relay/intermediate/internuncial, neurone – passes impulses on to motor neurone ; motor neurone – sends impulses/output, to the effector ;	<b>3</b>
7(b)	<i>six from:</i> <b>A:</b> 1 Na <sup>+</sup> cannot enter post-synaptic neurone ; 2 no, depolarisation/action potential, (in post-synaptic neurone) ; <b>B</b> 3 Ca <sup>2+</sup> cannot enter pre-synaptic neurone ; 4 vesicles cannot, move towards/fuse with, pre-synaptic membrane ; <b>C</b> 5 ACh cannot be released ; 6 into synaptic cleft ; <b>D</b> 7 ACh not broken down ; 8 continuous depolarisation/action potential, of post-synaptic neurone ;	<b>6 max</b>

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8(a)	6 ; 18 ;	<b>2</b>
8(b)(i)	<i>three from:</i> 1 inbreeding depression / lack of hybrid vigour ; 2 more chance that harmful recessive alleles may be expressed ; 3 decrease in heterozygosity / increase in homozygosity ; 4 less genetic variation ;	<b>3 max</b>
8(b)(ii)	<i>three from:</i> 1 use sustainable palm oil plantations ; 2 create / leave, corridors between family groups in different parts of the forest ; 3 ban hunting ; 4 create national parks ; 5 educate local people ; 6 re-locate orangutans ; 7 reforestation ;	<b>3 max</b>

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8(b)(iii)	<i>three from:</i> 1 captive breeding ; 2 detail e.g. IVF / ICSI / sperm banks ; 3 education ; 4 release back into the wild ; 5 research ; 6 health monitoring ;	<b>3 max</b>

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9(a)	<p><i>seven from:</i></p> <p><i>ecosystem:</i></p> <p>1 self-sustaining unit ;</p> <p>2 self-contained/defined, area ;</p> <p>3 community of organisms ;</p> <p>4 living and non-living/biotic and abiotic ;</p> <p>5 reference to, interactions/interdependence ;</p> <p>6 reference to, energy flow/food webs ;</p> <p><i>niche:</i></p> <p>7 role of organism/how it fits in, (in an ecosystem) ;</p> <p>8 (including) where it lives ;</p> <p>9 how it obtains its energy/reference trophic level ;</p>	<b>7 max</b>

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9(b)	<p><i>eight from:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 <u>random</u> (sampling) ;</li> <li>2 (frame) quadrat ;</li> <li>3 use cover scale ;</li> <li>4 estimate % cover ;</li> <li>5 species frequency ;</li> <li>6 systematic sampling ;</li> <li>7 line/belt, transect ;</li> <li>8 sample at set distances ;</li> <li>9 mark – release – recapture ;</li> <li>10 method of, capture / marking ;</li> <li>11 returned to habitat and left ;</li> <li>12 population estimate = <math>\frac{\text{no of individuals in first sample} \times \text{no of individuals in second sample}}{\text{no of individuals marked in second sample}}</math> ;</li> <li>13 appropriate mathematical/statistical technique ;</li> </ol>	<b>8 max</b>

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10(a)	<p><i>nine from:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 production of a large number of copies of a length of DNA/amplification of DNA ;</li> <li>2 rapid ;</li> <li>3 only small sample of DNA needed ;</li> <li>4 DNA, denatured/separated into two strands, by heat/at 95 °C ;</li> <li>5 primer (DNA) added ;</li> <li>6 reference to annealing at, 60–65, °C ;</li> <li>7 reference complementary base pairing ;</li> <li>8 DNA/Taq, polymerase ;</li> <li>9 replicates (template) strand at, 70–75, °C ;</li> <li>10 heated again to separate strands/process repeated ;</li> <li>11 Taq polymerase, is heat stable/has high optimum temperature ;</li> <li>12 does not need replacing each cycle ;</li> <li>13 efficient process ;</li> </ol>	<b>9 max</b>

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10(b)	<p><i>six from:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 small/circular, piece of (double-stranded) DNA ;</li> <li>2 replicate independently/multiple origins of replication ;</li> <li>3 high copy number ;</li> <li>4 easy to extract from bacteria ;</li> <li>5 can be cut using restriction, enzyme/endonuclease ;</li> <li>6 gene/DNA, can be inserted ;</li> <li>7 can be taken up by bacteria ;</li> <li>8 may contain genes for antibiotic resistance/can carry marker genes ;</li> <li>9 helps in identifying transformed bacteria ;</li> <li>10 acts as a vector ;</li> <li>11 may carry promoter ;</li> </ol>	<b>6 max</b>