Question Number	Answer	Mark
1(a)(i)	The only correct answer is B - lipid and protein	
	A is incorrect because water does not contain carbon	
	<i>C</i> is incorrect because water does not contain carbon	
	D is incorrect because water does not contain carbon	(1)

Question	Answer	Mark
Number		
1(a)(ii)	The only correct answer is A - bacteria and fungi	
	B is incorrect because viruses are not decomposers	
	<i>C</i> is incorrect because maggots are not microorganisms	
	D is incorrect because viruses are not decomposers	(1)

Question Number	Answer		Additional Guidance	Mark
1(b)(i)	1.	<pre>(high temperatures) { kill microorganisms / denature enzymes / changes shape of active site / eq } ;</pre>	1 DO NOT ACCEPT {enzymes start to / microorganisms} denature	
	2.	therefore enzymes { will not be released / will be inactive / eq} ;	2 ACCEPT substrate can no longer bind to active site	
	3.	therefore bonds between {organic molecules / eq} will not be broken down / eq ;	3 ACCEPT named bonds and named organic molecules	(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
1(b)(ii)	1. no oxygen (available for microorganisms);	1 IGNORE less oxygen	
	2. therefore no aerobic respiration ;	2 ACCEPT (only) anaerobic respiration	
	 therefore no energy for { chemical reactions / growth of microorganisms } / eq ; 	3 ACCEPT less energy	(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
1(b)(iii)	 (vinegar) { is an acid / is acidic / has a low pH } ; 		
	 enzymes are denatured / active site has changed shape / eq ; 	2. DO NOT ACCEPT {enzymes start to / microorganisms} denature	
	 due to {ionisation of the R groups / changes in bonding within active site / eq}; 		(2)

Question	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
Number			
1(b)(iv)	 idea that presence of salt draws water out of the microorganisms ; 	1. IGNORE out of food	
	2. by osmosis (out of food or microorganism);	2. IGNORE references to water concentration DO NOT ACCEPT incorrect references to water potential etc	
	 dehydrating the microorganisms / no solvent for enzymes / eq ; 		(2)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
2(a)(i)	The only correct answer is C – oxygen	
	A is incorrect because GALP is produced in the light-independent reaction	
	B is incorrect because hydrogen ions form reduced NADP	
	D is incorrect because water is used not produced	(1)

Question	Answer	Mark
Number		
2(a)(ii)	The only correct answer is - D	
	Reduced NADP ATP	
	 A is incorrect because carbon dioxide does not come from the light-dependent reaction B is incorrect because the NADP is reduced C is incorrect because carbon dioxide does not come from the light-dependent reaction 	(1)

Question	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
Number			
2(b)(i)	product } ;	 IGNORE amount e.g. glucose, oxygen, GALP, GP, CO₂ 	
	eq;	3. ACCEPT explanation of calculating extent of reaction in one second	(3)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
2(b)(ii)	1. as nitrates (from soil) ;	Penalise {wrong form of nitrogen / formula} once 1. ACCEPT ammonium (ions)	
	2. taken up (by roots from soil) by active transport ;	2. IGNORE diffusion	
	3. {transported / eq} in the {xylem / transpiration stream};		(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
2(b)(iii)	 (nitrogen / nitrates) used to make {chlorophyll / amino acids}; more chlorophyll results in more light absorption / eq; 	ACCEPT ribulose bisphosphate carboxylase throughout	
	 amino acids used to make RUBISCO ; RUBISCO catalyses {carbon fixation / eq} ; 	4 . ACCEPT description of carbon	
	 (the more nitrogen) the more RUBISCO, the faster the rate of photosynthesis / eq ; 	fixation e.g.binding of carbon dioxide to RuBP 5. PIECE TOGETHER ACCEPT a description on increased rate of photosynthesis	(3)

Question	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
Number			
3(a)(i)	mutation in bacteria (present in sharks) / (resistant) bacteria		(1)
	taken up (from the water) / eating contaminated food / eq ;		(1)

Question Number	Answer Additional Guidance M	/lark
3(a)(ii)	 idea that (resistant) bacteria can be consumed (in shark meat); 	
	 increasing the number of resistant bacteria in human population / eq ; 	
	 idea that { genes for resistance can be spread to other bacteria / resistant bacteria will outcompete non- resistant bacteria } ; 	
	 idea that these bacteria cause disease because they cannot be treated (with antibiotics); 	(2)

Question	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
Number			
3(b)	<pre>{ sulfamethoxazole / bacteriostatic antibiotics } prevent the growth of bacteria and { gentamicin / bactericidal antibiotics }</pre>	ACCEPT multiplying / reproducing - equiv to growth	
	kill bacteria / eq ;	destroy - equiv to kill	
		IGNORE modes of action given	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
3(c)(i)	 mRNA will not {bind / eq} to ribosomes ; 		
	 {tRNA will not be able to bind / wrong tRNA will bind / eq} to codons (on mRNA); 		
	3. { wrong / no / eq } amino acids will line up ;	3. ACCEPT translation will not take place / error in translation / incorrect	
		translation / eq	(2)

Question	Answer	Mark
Number		
3(c)(ii)	The only correct answer is C – peptide	
	A is incorrect because ester bonds form during lipid synthesis	
	B is incorrect because glycosidic bonds form during carbohydrate synthesis	
	D is incorrect because phosphodiester bonds do not form during translation	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
3(c)(iii)	 idea that {human ribosomes are different from bacterial ribosomes / antibiotics cannot bind to human ribosomes}; 	e.g. human cells have 80S and bacteria have 70S ribosomes, antibiotics bind to only 70S ribosomes	
	 idea that enzymes in human cells are different from those in bacteria ; 		
	3. idea that these antibiotics cannot enter human cells ;		
	 idea that human cells have enzymes that can break down these antibiotics ; 		(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
3(d)	1. sulfamethoxazole has a similar structure to PABA / eq ;	ACCEPT description of similarity e.g. both have an H ₂ N group attached to a ring structure	
	 therefore binds to dihydropteroate synthetase / reacts with dihydropteroate diphosphate ; 	2 ACCEPT PABA cannot bind DO NOT ACCEPT dihydropteroic acid	
		 PABA and sulfamethoxazole join together (by condensation reaction / by a peptide bond); 	
		 4. and this structure cannot {bind to dihydropteroate synthetase / react with dihydropteroate diphosphate}; 	,
	5. therefore no dihydropteroic acid made ;		
	 idea that there is no {substrate / dihydropteroic acid} to synthesise folic acid ; 	6. ACCEPT idea that a different molecule will be mad that cannot be converted to folic acid	(3)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
3(e)	The only correct answer is D – peptidoglycan	
	A is incorrect because amylopectin is in starch	
	B is incorrect because cellulose is present in plant cell walls	
	<i>C</i> is incorrect because glycogen is a storage molecule	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
4(a)	<pre>1. (total number of squirrels) = 2 500 000 + 140 000</pre>		
	2. (percentage) = 5 / 5.3 / 5.303 (%);	2 ACCEPT ecf for (140 000 × 100) ÷ 2 500 000 = 56 (%)	
		NB If no working is shown: 5 / 5.3 / 5.303 (%) scores 2 marks 56 (%) scores 1 mark	(2)

Question	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
Number			
4(b)		IGNORE refs to numbers of squirrels throughout	
	 idea that areas occupied by red squirrels (in 1945) are occupied by grey squirrels (in 2010) ; 		
	 idea that areas occupied by red squirrels (in 1945) are occupied by both squirrels (in 2010) ; 		
	 idea that areas occupied by both squirrels (in 1945) are occupied by grey squirrels (in 2010); 		
		ACCEPT (overall) an increase in	
		distribution of grey squirrels if no	
		other mark points awarded	(3)

Question Number	Answer Addi	tional Guidance Mark
4(c)(i)	IC 2. competition for { space / habitat / shelter / territory / 2. A	CCEPT description SNORE nutrients CCEPT description SNORE niche, mates
		O NOT ACCEPT same niche CCEPT grey squirrels are
	pred	lators (2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
4(c)(ii)	In the grey squirrels:		
	1. antibodies {bind/eq} to virus ;		
	2. (antibodies binding to virus) will result in phagocytosis ;	2. ACCEPT opsonisation, agglutination,	
	3. macrophages destroy virus with enzymes / eq ;		
	 (antibodies binding to virus) will {inactivate virus / prevent the binding of virus to host cells / eq}; 	<pre>4. DO NOT ACCEPT antibodies {kill / destroy} virus</pre>	
	In the red squirrels:		
	5. idea immune system is weaker ;		
	6. no plasma cells to produce antibodies ;	6. DO NOT ACCEPT B cells	
	 idea that the virus will be able to {infect / destroy / eq} host cells ; 		
	8. no killer cells to destroy infected cells / eq ;		(4)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
*5(a)	 DNA sample taken from parents using {blood / hair / skin / faeces / claw / eq}; 	QWC emphasis on logical sequence 1. IGNORE method of taking DNA from dead tiger	
	 amplification of the DNA from all three tigers using { PCR / polymerase chain reaction } / eq ; credit details of PCR ; 	3. e.g. primers added, different temperatures used for different stages	
	 4. DNA cut into fragments using restriction enzymes / eq ; 5. reference to (gel) electrophoresis ; 6. credit details of (gel) electrophoresis ; 	 6. e.g. electric current applied, use of agarose gel 	
	7. comparison of the DNA bands from the three tigers ;		(6)

Question Number	Answer Additional Guidance	Mark
5(b)(i)	1. body temperature measured on discovery / eq ;	
	2. body temperature decreases (with time after death); 2. ACCEPT body loses heat	t
	3. (body temperature of dead animal) depends on {ambient temperature / position of body / wounds / eq};	
	 idea of {working backwards to estimate time of death / using a cooling curve for appropriate ambient temperature}; 	(3)

Question	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
Number			
5(b)(ii)		NB each set of mps can be credited anywhere in the answer	
	1. (state of) rigor ;	1. ACCEPT rigor mortis / muscle contraction	
	2. idea of looking at the degree of rigor ;	Degree of rigor mortis = 2 marks	
	 idea that (ambient / body) temperature has to be taken into account ; 		
	4. idea that this method has time limitations ;	4. e.g. changes in rigor occur in first few hours	
	OR		
	5. (stage of) decomposition ;		
	6. idea that decomposition occurs in a specific sequence ;		
	 idea that ambient temperature has to be taken into account ; 		
	8. credit details or what would be looked for ;	8. e.g. {decomposers / insects} arrive in specific sequence, body	
	OR	becomes bloated	
	9. (forensic) entomology / the study of insects ;		
	10.idea that insects colonise the body in a specific sequence ;		
	11.stage in life cycle depends on ambient temperature ;	12. e.g description of life cycle, eggs	
	12.credit details of what would be looked for;	collected and hatched for identification	(3)

Question Number	Answer Additional Guidance	ce Mark
6(a)	 (atherosclerosis results in) coronary artery being blocked / reduced blood flow in the coronary artery / eq ; 	
	2. heart {cells / tissue / muscle} die as a result of a lack of oxygen / eq ; results infarction	ions become in heart attack /
	3. resulting in lack of oxygen to the brain / eq ;	(2)

Question Number	Answer Additional Guidance M	lark
6(b)	1. idea that less air can enter {lungs / alveoli / air sacs}; 1. ACCEPT less oxygen	
	 therefore the oxygen concentration gradient (between lungs and blood) is lower / eq ; 	
	 therefore diffusion of oxygen into the blood is reduced / eq ; 	(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
*6(c)	 HIV reduces the activity of the immune system ; because the virus destroys {T helper / CD4 } cells ; 	 QWC emphasis on clarity of expression 1. ACCEPT weakened immune system / reduced T cell count 2. ACCEPT T killer cells destroy infected T helper cells 	
	 idea that TB is resistant to destruction by macrophages ; idea that antigen presentation to T helper cells is impaire (further) ; 	3. ACCEPT macrophages destroyed	
	 5. therefore { B / T killer } cells cannot be activated / eq ; 6. no antibodies (from plasma cells) for {opsonisation / agglutination / eq} ; 	6. DO NOT ACCEPT kills TB	
	 7. no {perforins / enzymes / eq} (from T killer cells) to dest virus-infected cells ; 8. idea that TB is an opportunistic infection ; 	roy	
	9. credit description of how TB results in death ;	9. e.g. high fever, lung damage, organ failure	(6)

Question	Answer	Mark
Number		
7(a)(i)	The only correct answer is B – 3	
	A is incorrect because statements 1, 2 and 4 relate to topography	
	<i>C</i> is incorrect because statements 1, 2 and 4 relate to topography	
	D is incorrect because statements 1, 2 and 4 relate to topography	(1)

Question	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
Number			
7(a)(ii)			
	endemic (species);	ACCEPT endemism	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
7(b)(i)	1. 3 210 x 27 ÷ 100 ;	1. ACCEPT 866.7 / 867	
		IGNORE 866	
	2. 0.6 / 0.58 / 0.577 ;		
		NB If no working has been shown,	
		0.6 / 0.58 / 0.577 = 2 marks	
		866.7 / 867 = 1 mark	(2)

Question	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
Number			
7(b)(ii)		Descriptions of sowing seeds or planting small plants can score these mps	
	 use of a transect / measuring at (minimum 5) different altitudes ; 	1. ACCEPT long rope	
	2. from {sea level / 0m} to above 2000 m ;		
	 systematic sampling (at points along transect) / eq; 	'sample at 0, 500, 1000, 1500, 2000 and 2500m' = mark points 1, 2 and 3	
	4. measuring the height (of the Binara);	4. ACCEPT record height / count number that are 1m high	
	5. of as many (Binara) plants as possible ;	length for height	
	 idea that other areas would be looked at if no plants at 1 m in height are found ; 		(5)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
7(b)(iii)	1. (soil) pH ;		
	2. (soil) sample removed ;		
	 credit use of { indicator solution / pH probe / pH meter} ; 	ACCEPT inserting probe into soil for 2 marks	
	OR		
	4. (soil) mineral ion content ;	4. ACCEPT salinity	
	5. (soil) sample removed ;		
	6. credit use of chemical testing kits ;		
	OR		
	7. (soil) water / moisture ;		
	8. (soil) sample removed ;		
	9. description of determining water content ;	9. e.g. moisture {probe / meter}, weighing soil then drying and	
	OR	ACCEPT inserting probe into soil for 2 marks	
	10.air spaces (in soil);		
	11.(soil) sample removed ;		
	12.description of measuring { drainage rate / volume with and without air } ;		

OR		
13. (soil) {structure / type} ;		
14. (soil) sample removed ;		
15. description of measuring {size of soil particles / extent of sand and clay / humus content / eq};		
OR		
16. (soil) temperature ;		
17. soil <i>in situ</i> measured / eq ;		
18. description of measuring temperature ;	18. ACCEPT inserting {temperature probe / thermometer} into soil = 2	
	marks	(3)

Question Number	Answer Additional Guidance	Mark
8(a)	1. GPP increases and then starts to {level off / increase more slowly / eq} / eq ; 1. ACCEPT GPP increases (throughout) but at different rates	
	2. R increases (throughout) / eq ; 2. DO NOT ACCEPT linearly / steadily	
	3. NPP increases and then decreases / eq ;	(3)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
8(b)(i)	 idea that tree is increasing in size so more { ATP / energy } is needed ; credit example of what energy is needed for ; 	 2. e.g. active transport / chemical reactions / mineral ion uptake / new cells / cell division / metabolism IGNORE growth 	(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
8(b)(ii)	1. idea that the number of leaves is increasing ;	1. ACCEPT more / larger leaves	
	2. therefore greater surface area to absorb more light ;	2. ACCEPT more chlorophyll / chloroplasts to absorb light	
	 more {ATP / reduced NADP} generated in the light- dependent reaction / eq ; 	3. ACCEPT (non-cyclic) photophosphorylation	
	4. more GALP made in the light-independent reaction / eq ;	4. ACCEPT Calvin cycle	
	 so more {organic matter / protein / biomass / cellulose} synthesised from {GALP / sugar / glucose} / eq ; 	5. ACCEPT more energy converted into {biomass / organic matter}	(3)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
8(b) (iii)	 NPP = GPP - R / eq ; GPP increase is {steady / slow / eq} but R is increasing faster ; idea that R (continues to) increases as the tree is larger ; idea that a larger tree requires more { ATP / energy } ; idea that although there are more leaves GPP is not 	2. ACCEPT (with time) increase in R is greater than increase in GPP	
	increasing (very much) ; 6. because the top leaves are shading the lower leaves ;		(4)

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