Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
1(a)(i)	 solution should contain (all) the {mineral / ions} that duckweed needs; 	1 IGNORE nutrients	
	2. at the minimum concentration / eq ;	2 ACCEPT in excess	
	Any two correctly named ion and its corresponding function :	IGNORE carbon dioxide and wrong formulae	
	e.g. {nitrate (ions) / NO $_3^{2-}$ } for {amino acids / protein / nucleic acid /	NOT nitrogen	
	ATP /chlorophyll / eq}	NOT magnesium	
	{magnesium ions / Mg ⁺⁺ } for chlorophyll	NOT calcium	
	{calcium ions / Ca ⁺⁺ } for {cell wall / pectate / middle lamella / eq }	NOT phosphorous	
	{phosphate (ions) / PO_4^{3-} } for { nucleic acid /ADP / ATP /		
	/phospholipid / eq} ; ;		(3)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
1(a)(ii)	 idea of {extrapolation / drawing a line of best fit / eq} (to estimate number of fronds after 10 days) ; read value from graph / eq ; 	NB Apply this mark scheme even if they describe weighing the fronds and calculating the mass increase 2 IGNORE time refs.	
	 idea of subtracting { 50 / 10} from the number of fronds after 10 days ; 		(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
*1(b)	(QWC – Spelling of technical terms must be correct and the answer must be organised in a logical sequence)	QWC with an emphasis on logical sequence	
	1. idea of using {solution of ions / complete medium};		
	 idea of using a {range of / minimum of 5} temperatures ; 	2. ACCEPT 5 quoted temperatures in between 1°C and 70°C IGNORE room temp if 6 or more values given	
	 idea that different temperatures will be achieved using {waterbaths / incubators / eq}; 		
	4. idea of determining growth over a period of time ;		
	 credit appropriate named example of how growth is to be assessed eg {number / size / mass } of {fronds / plants}, length of roots; 	5. IGNORE height / refs to germination	
	 credit named control variable e.g. same concentration of (each) inorganic ions ; 		
	idea of repeats to calculate a {mean / average} ;	7 ACCEPT for reliability	(5)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
2(a)(i)	B – nitrate ;	(1)

Question	Answer	Mark
Number		
2(a)(ii)	B – chlorophyll ;	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
2(b)(i)	 idea of greater mass with calcium nitrate ; difference is significant / error bars do not overlap / eq ; 		
	3. manipulation of data ;		(2)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
Number		-	
2(b)(ii)	 idea of choosing Red Delicious because of greater mass of apples ; idea of choosing Red Delicious because fertiliser has less effect on mass of apples ; idea of data overlap for Red Delicious and Golden Delicious when using calcium nitrate ; 	1. ACCEPT converse argument e.g. not Golden Delicious as lower mass of apples	
	 4. idea of choosing calcium nitrate because of {greater mass of apples / has equal effect on both trees}; 5. manipulation of data; 		(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
2(c)	 idea that there is more contact between cells e.g. fewer spaces, cell shape ; reference to calcium pectate ; middle lamellae holding cells together ; idea that more calcium resulting in more 	1. ACCEPT smaller cells, closer packing	
	 { pectate / middle lamellae } ; 5. idea of { stronger cell structure / less spaces between cells / thicker cell walls } resulting in firmer fruit ; 	5. CCEPT reference to cells being packed closer together	(4)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
3 (a)(i)	 (increasing or doubling nitrate ion concentration) decreased mitosis / negative correlation / eq ; 	
	 manipulation of the data (e.g. by 6 cells (per 500 cells) / reduces by 24%); 	(2)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
3 (a)(ii)	 only two concentrations were used / additional nitrate ion concentrations should be used ; 	
	2. no {trend / eq} (as only 2 data sets) ;	
	 If one of the two sets of data was {anomalous / eq}; 	
	 reference to one with no nitrate ions present ; 	max (2)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
3 (a)(iii)	Two appropriate safety risks given ; ;	
	risks above ;	(3)

Question	Answer	Mark
Number		
3 (b)	 3 + / sensible range of nitrate ion concentrations ; 	
	 reference to repeats (at each concentration) ; 	
	 reference to uniformity of seedlings (e.g. all from same parent plant, same age, same original root length); 	
	 idea that solution used should contain other mineral ions / named mineral ions ; 	
	 mention one other variable maintained / kept constant (e.g. temp, all run for same length of time, light intensity, volume of mineral solution); 	
	 reference to mechanism of judging root {growth /eq} (to measure optimum nitrate concentration); 	max (3)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
4 (a) (i)	 both increase / eq ; qualification of increase e.g. both increase most rapidly between 0 and 100 mg dm⁻³ / 	
	converse / gradient decreases with increase in calcium / eq ;	
	 dry mass {equal / 10.6 g} in both at 150 mg dm⁻³; 	
	 increase in mass very similar in both after 150 mg dm⁻³ / increase higher in pods after 150 mg dm⁻³ / eq ; 	
	5. change in pod mass greater (than shoot) / eq ;	
	 correct comparative manipulation of the data e.g. shoot increased by {8.1 g to 8.3 g} whilst pod has increased by 11 g ; 	maximum (3)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
4 (a)(ii)	{more / larger} cells / more {cell walls / calcium pectate / middle lamella} / helps uptake of other ions / eq ;	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
4 (b)(i)	 positive (relationship / correlation) / as calcium ion concentration increases so does total nitrogen uptake by pods [not other way round] / eq ; 	
	 {non-regular /greatest increase in total nitrogen uptake occurs between 0 and 75 mg dm⁻³ of calcium / eq ; 	(2)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
4 (b)(ii)	nitrate / ammonium / ammonia ;	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
4* (b)(iii) QWC	(QWC - Spelling of technical terms <i>(shown in italics)</i> must be correct and the answer must be organised in a logical sequence)	
	1. {greater / eq} (protein content) ;	
	2. greater nitrogen uptake / eq ;	
	 nitrogen is {part / used in synthesis} of {amino acids / protein} / eq ; 	
	 4. (amino acids) used to synthesise protein / eq ; 	maximum (3)