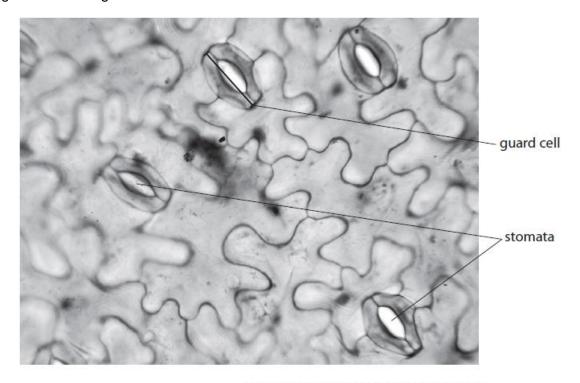
### **Questions**

Q1.

Figure 13 shows guard cells and stomata on the lower surface of a leaf.



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Figure 13

Measure the length of the line on the labelled guard cell in mm.

The actual length of the labelled guard cell is 0.05 mm.

Calculate the magnification of this image.

(3)

magnification .....

(Total for question = 3 marks)

(2)

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Pine trees can live in dry soil.

Use words from the box to complete the sentences.

thickness water light area chlorophyll volume

The pine leaf has stomata in pits to reduce the loss of

.....

The pine leaf is needle-shaped to reduce the surface

(Total for question = 2 marks)

(6)

Q3.

\* Marram grass is a plant that grows on exposed areas of sand dunes.

Figure 19 shows marram grass growing and a cross section through a leaf of marram grass.

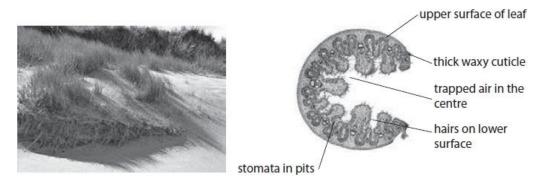


Figure 19

Explain how marram grass is adapted to survive in the hot, windy and dry conditions of a sand dune.

(Total for question = 6 marks)

Q4.

Figure 19 shows examples of two plants growing in a desert environment.







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(Total for question = 6 marks)

### Figure 19

* Explain the adaptations that desert plants have that allow them to survive in this extreme environment.	
	5)

#### Q5.

Figure 14 shows the number of stomata per mm<sup>2</sup> on the lower surface of leaves from plants growing in soils with different water content.

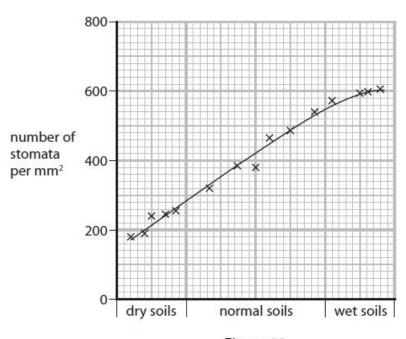


Figure 14

Explain the difference in the number of stomata per mm² on the leaves of the plants grown in dry and wet soils.

(2)
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(Total for question = 2 marks)

Q6.

Figure 12 shows a cross section through a leaf.

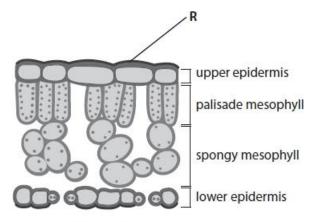


Figure 12

(i) What is the name of the part labelled  ${\bf R}$  in Figure 12?

			(1
1	Α	cell wall	
		cytoplasm	
	С	stomata	
	D	waxy cuticle	

(ii) Figure 13 shows the mass of glucose produced in each layer of a leaf per hour.

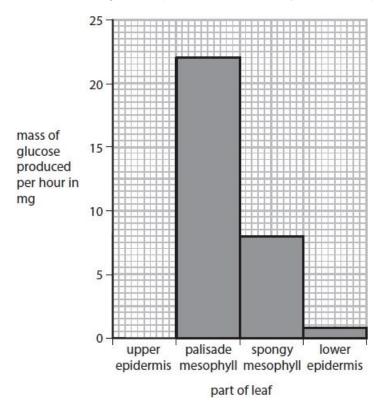


Figure 13

Describe the difference in the mass of glucose produced per hour in the palisade mesophyll and the mass of glucose produced in the spongy mesophyll shown in Figure 13.

(4)
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(Total for question = 3 marks)

Q7.

Answer the question with a cross in the box you think is correct  $\boxtimes$ . If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box  $\boxtimes$  and then mark your new answer with a cross  $\boxtimes$ .

Figure 12 shows how the leaves are arranged on a plant.

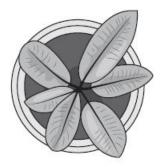


Figure 12

Which reason explains why the leaves are arranged in this way?

A the upper leaves allow more light to reach the lower leaves

B the leaves do not need stomata

C the phloem in the leaves will absorb more water

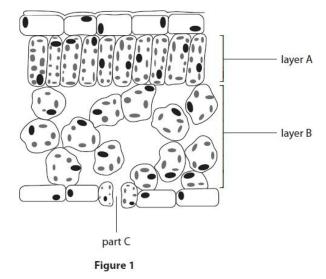
D more insects will be attracted to the plant to eat the leaves

(Total for question = 1 mark)

(Total for question = 5 marks)

#### Q8.

Figure 1 shows a cross section of a leaf.



(1)	vvna	t is the name of layer A?	(1)
×	Α	spongy mesophyll	(-)
	В	palisade mesophyll	
Š	С	upper epidermis	
ķ	D	waxy cuticle	
(ii)	Ехр	lain the function of the spaces between the cells in layer B.	(2)
•••	•••••		
(iii)		plain the function of part C in Figure 1.	(2)

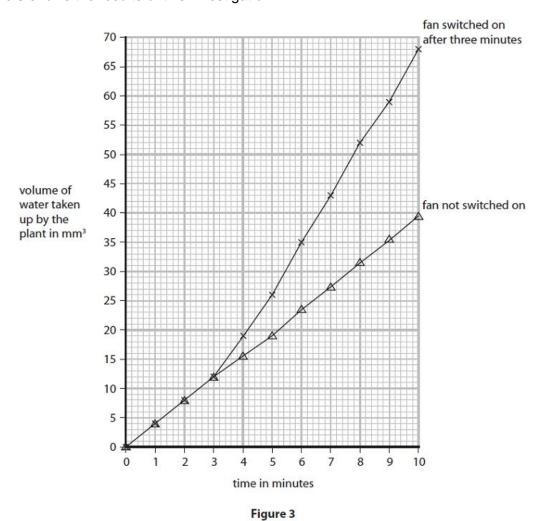
#### Q9.

A scientist investigated how the flow of air affected the rate of transpiration in a plant.

A fan was used to change the flow of air.

The volume of water taken up by the plant was measured.

Figure 3 shows the results of this investigation.



(i) Explain why switching on the fan caused a change in the volume of water taken up by the plant.

(3)
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(Total for question = 6 mar	ks)
mm³ per min	ute
	(2)
$rate of water uptake = \frac{volume of water taken up}{time taken}$	(2)
Use the equation	
(iii) Calculate the rate of water uptake from 8 minutes to 10 minutes when the fan was switched on.	
	( - )
when the fan was not switched on.	(1)
(ii) Give <b>one</b> reason why the volume of water taken up by the plant was also measured	

#### Q10.

A student investigated the width of leaves on nettle plants growing in two areas next to a woodland.

Figure 19a shows a nettle plant and Figure 19b shows a map of the woodland showing area A and area B.

The woodland caused area A to be in the shade.

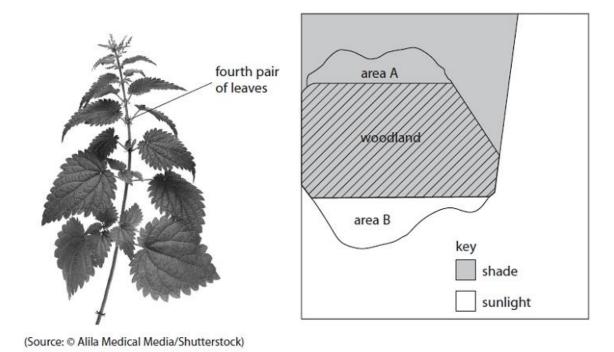


Figure 19a Figure 19b

The student measured the maximum width of leaves on five plants from each area.

The student always measured one leaf from the fourth pair of leaves.

Figure 20 shows the results.

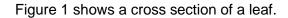
	width of the leaf in millimetres (           area A         area B           45         33           50         25           48         27           52         48           47         28           48         28	n millimetres (mm)	
nettle plant	area A	area B	
1	45	33	
2	50	25	
3	48	27	
4	52	48)	
5	47	28	
mean	48	28	

Figure 20

Wh	ıy did	the student <b>not</b> include the circled width when calculating the mean for area B?	
			(1)
	Α	it has not been measured in millimetres	
1	В	it is an anomalous result	
×	С	it is a repeat result	
	D	it is the mode value	
(ii)	Exp	ain the difference in the mean width of leaves in the shade and those in the sunligh	nt. (2)

(Total for question = 3 marks)

#### Q11.



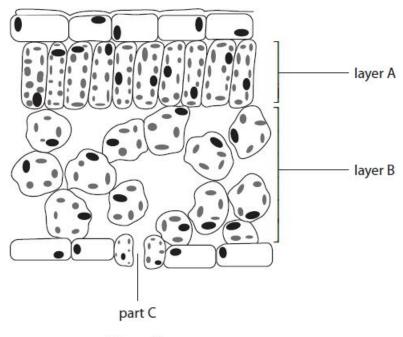


Figure 1

Xerophytes are plants adapted to live in very dry conditions.

State **two** differences between the leaf structure of a xerophyte and the leaf structure shown in Figure 1.

	(2)
1	
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(Total for question = 2 marks)

#### Q12.

Figure 9 shows a cross section through a pine leaf.

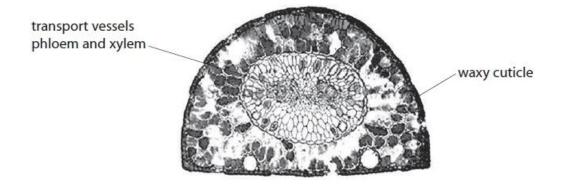


Figure 9

(1)		olain why the waxy cuticle is i	·	
				(2
•••	•••••			
	•••••			
/ii\	Th	e transport vessels are labelle	ed on Figure 9	
(ii)		e transport vessels are labelle		e through the plant?
(ii)		e transport vessels are labellation ich row of the table is correct		e through the plant?
(ii)		·		•
(ii)		nich row of the table is correct	for the movement of sucros	•
	Wh	method of transport of sucrose through the plant	structure through which sucrose is transported	•
	Wh	method of transport of sucrose through the plant transpiration	structure through which sucrose is transported xylem	•

(Total for question = 3 marks)

# **Mark Scheme**

Q1.

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
	measurement		(3)
	20 mm (1)	accept ± 2 mm	
	HOLES OF STREET STREET STREET STREET		AO2.2
	substitution		
	20 ÷ 0.05 (1)	accept	
	20 20	18 to 22 ÷ 0.05	
	evaluation		
	400 (times)	accept 360 to 440	
	31/3d/00004343A0/4497001745H044554	(times)	
		award full marks	
		for answer with no	
		working shown	

# Q2.

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
	water (1) area (1)	Answers must be in the correct order	(2) AO2.1
	accept phonetic spellings		

# Q3.

Question number	Indicative content	Mark
*	Answers will be credited according to candidate's deployment of knowledge and understanding of the material in relation to the qualities and skills outlined in the generic mark scheme.  The indicative content below is not prescriptive and candidates are not required to include all the material that is indicated as relevant. Additional content included in the response must be scientific and relevant.	(6) AO 1 1 AO 2 1
	Plant adaptations     grass is flexible so does not break in the windy conditions     good root structure to prevent being uprooted in the windy conditions     long thin leaves to reduce wind damage / air resistance	
	leaf structure     leaf is rolled to trap air inside     thick waxy cuticle to prevent water loss     by evaporation / transpiration     no stomata on the upper surface to prevent water loss     stomata in pits on the underside of the leaf to retain moist air and reduce water loss     hairs on the lower surface reduce air movement	

Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	No rewardable material.
Level 1	1-2	<ul> <li>Demonstrates elements of biological understanding, some of which is inaccurate. Understanding of scientific ideas lacks detail.</li> <li>Presents an explanation with some structure and coherence.</li> </ul>
Level 2	3-4	<ul> <li>Demonstrates biological understanding, which is mostly relevant but may include some inaccuracies.         Understanding of scientific ideas is not fully detailed and/or developed.     </li> <li>Presents an explanation that has a structure which is mostly clear, coherent and logical.</li> </ul>
Level 3	5-6	<ul> <li>Demonstrates accurate and relevant biological understanding throughout. Understanding of the scientific ideas is detailed and fully developed.</li> <li>Presents an explanation that has a well-developed structure which is clear, coherent and logical.</li> </ul>

# Q4.

Question number	Indicative content	Mark
*	Answers will be credited according to candidate's deployment of knowledge and understanding of the material in relation to the qualities and skills outlined in the generic mark scheme.  The indicative content below is not prescriptive and candidates are not required to include all the material that is indicated as relevant. Additional content included in the response must be scientific and relevant.  AO2 (6 marks)	
	Adaptations  • these desert plants have:  o spines o small leaves o thick waxy cuticles o fleshy/swollen stem	
	plant survival	
	<ul> <li>thick waxy cuticle less water lost by evaporation</li> <li>stem collects and stores water</li> </ul>	(6)

Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	No awardable content
Level 1	1-2	<ul> <li>The explanation attempts to link and apply knowledge and understanding of scientific ideas, flawed or simplistic connections made between elements in the context of the question.</li> <li>Lines of reasoning are unsupported or unclear. (AO2)</li> </ul>
Level 2	3-4	<ul> <li>The explanation is mostly supported through linkage and application of knowledge and understanding of scientific ideas, some logical connections made between elements in the context of the question.</li> <li>Lines of reasoning mostly supported through the application of relevant evidence. (AO2)</li> </ul>
Level 3	5-6	<ul> <li>The explanation is supported throughout by linkage and application of knowledge and understanding of scientific ideas, logical connections made between elements in the context of the question.</li> <li>Lines of reasoning are supported by sustained application of relevant evidence. (AO2)</li> </ul>

# Q5.

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
	An explanation including		(2)
	there are fewer stomata in plants in dry soils	accept as the soils get wetter the number of	AO3.1ab
	<ul> <li>(so) less water is lost by plants in dry soils / (because) plants lose water through stomata</li> </ul>	stomata increases	
	OR		
	<ul> <li>there are more stomata in plants in wet soils (1)</li> </ul>	accept as the soils get wetter the number of stomata increases	
	<ul> <li>(as) more water can be lost by plants in wet soils / (because) plants lose water through stomata (1)</li> </ul>		

### Q6.

Answer	Mark
D waxy cuticle	(1)
1. The only correct answer is D	AO 2 1
<b>A</b> is not correct because R is not the cell wall	
<b>B</b> is not correct because R is not cytoplasm	
C is not correct because R is not the stomata	
	D waxy cuticle  1. The only correct answer is D  A is not correct because R is not the cell wall  B is not correct because R is not cytoplasm

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
(ii)	A description including:		(2)
	more glucose produced in the palisade (mesophyll) layer (1)		AO 3 1a AO 3 1b
	correct manipulation of data     e.g. 14 mg more / 2.75     times more (1)	accept more than double / almost three times more.	

# Q7.

Question Number	Answer	Mark
	A the upper leaves allow more light to reach the lower leaves	(1)
	The only correct answer is A	AO2.1
	<b>B</b> is not correct because the arrangement of leaves does not affect the need for stomata.	
	<b>C</b> is not correct because the phloem does not absorb water and would not explain the leaf arrangement.	
	<b>D</b> is not correct because the leaves would not be arranged to increase the amount of leaf eaten by insects.	

# Q8.

Answer	Mark
B palisade mesophyll	(1)
A. is not correct because spongy mesophyll is layer B	AO1 1
<i>B</i> The only correct answer is B	
<b>C</b> is not correct because the upper epidermis is at the top of the leaf	
<b>D</b> is not correct because the waxy cuticle is above the upper epidermis	
	B palisade mesophyll  A. is not correct because spongy mesophyll is layer B  B The only correct answer is B  C is not correct because the upper epidermis is at the top of the leaf

Question number	Answer	Mark
(ii)	An explanation linking:	(2)
	gas exchange / diffusion (1)	AO1 1
	<ul> <li>so {carbon dioxide / oxygen} can enter the cells / so {carbon dioxide / oxygen / water} can leave the cells (1)</li> </ul>	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
(iii)	An explanation linking two from:		(2)
	part C is stoma (1)	accept stomata	AO2 1
	allows gas exchange (1)	accept correct named gases being exchanged	
	allows water (vapour) to leave (1)		

# Q9.

Question Number	Answer	Mark
(i)	<ul> <li>An explanation including three from:         <ul> <li>fan causes air to move / creates wind / increased air flow (1)</li> <li>water (vapour) removed (from around leaf) (1)</li> <li>increased {rate of diffusion / evaporation / transpiration} (of water vapour from leaf) (1)</li> <li>causing the plant to take up more water (1)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	(3) AO2 2

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
(ii)	to compare (the effect) / as a control	accept to get a baseline measurement	(1) AO2 2

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
(iii)		award full marks for correct answer with no working	(2) AO2 1
	68 - 52 / 16 (1)		
	(16 ÷ 2)		
	8 (mm³ per minute)		
		e.c.f. for incorrect	
~.		graph readings for 1 mark	

# Q10.

Question Number	Answer	Mark
(i)	B it is an anomalous result	(1) AO3 1a
	The only correct answer is B	
	<b>A</b> is not correct because it is measured in millimetres	
	<b>C</b> is not correct because it is not a repeat	
	<b>D</b> is not correct because it is not the mode	

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
(ii)	An answer linking:  the leaves in the {shade / area A} are wider (1)  to give a larger surface area / to absorb more light (1)	accept reverse argument	(2) AO3 2a+2b

#### Q11.

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
	Any two from:		(2)
	leaf becomes a spine / reduced surface area (1)	accept leaf becomes narrower / smaller / thicker	AO2 1
	(waxy) cuticle is thicker (1)		
	stomata are sunk in pits / fewer stomata /smaller stomata (1)		
	leaf is rolled / curled leaves(1)		
	guard cells / stomata close during the day (1)		

### Q12.

Question number	Answer	Mark
(i)	An explanation that makes reference to: identification – knowledge (1 mark) and reasoning /justification – knowledge (1 mark):  it surrounds the pine leaf (1)  so prevents water loss from the pine leaf/prevents dehydration (1)	(2)

Question number	Answer	Mark
(ii)	D	(1)