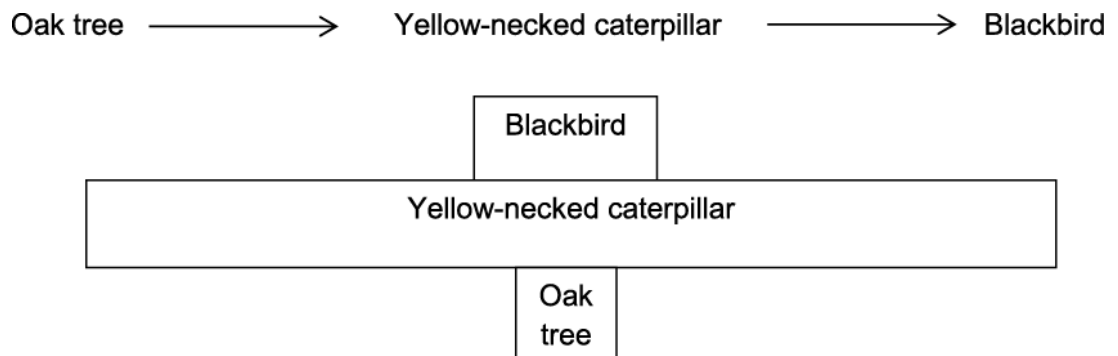


1(a). Sundip considers different options for displaying data about the organisms found in a woodland ecosystem.

One option is a pyramid of numbers for the simple food chain, as in the example below:

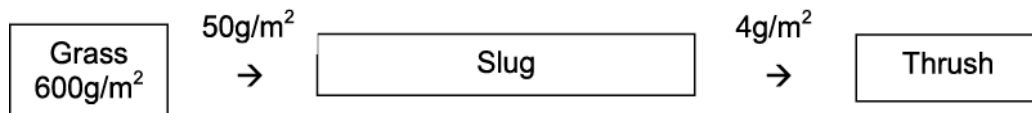


Draw a pyramid of biomass for this food chain in the space below.

[1]

(b). Biomass in an ecosystem can be measured in g/m^2 .

Values for a different food chain in the same woodland ecosystem as in (a) are shown below.



(i) Calculate the percentage of the biomass from the grass that is passed on to the thrush.

Show your working. Give your answer to two decimal places.

----- Biomass = % [1]

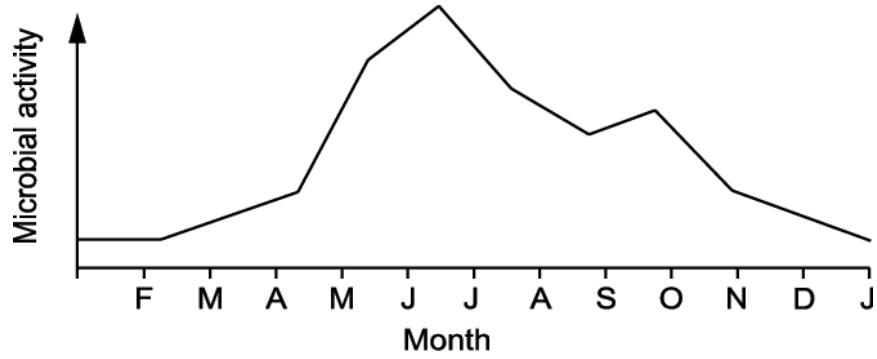
(ii) Give **one** reason why so little biomass from the grass is passed on to the thrush.

1

----- [1]

(c). Decomposers are also an important part of ecosystems.

The graph below shows the activity of decomposers in a woodland ecosystem during a year, from January to December.



(i) Describe the pattern of microbial activity shown in the graph above.

[2]

(ii) Explain the pattern you have described in c) (i).

[2]

2. The rainforests are a valuable resource for everyone.

Timber is harvested from rainforests by local people.

Describe the impact of removing timber from the rainforests and explain why many people feel that this should be done in a sustainable way.

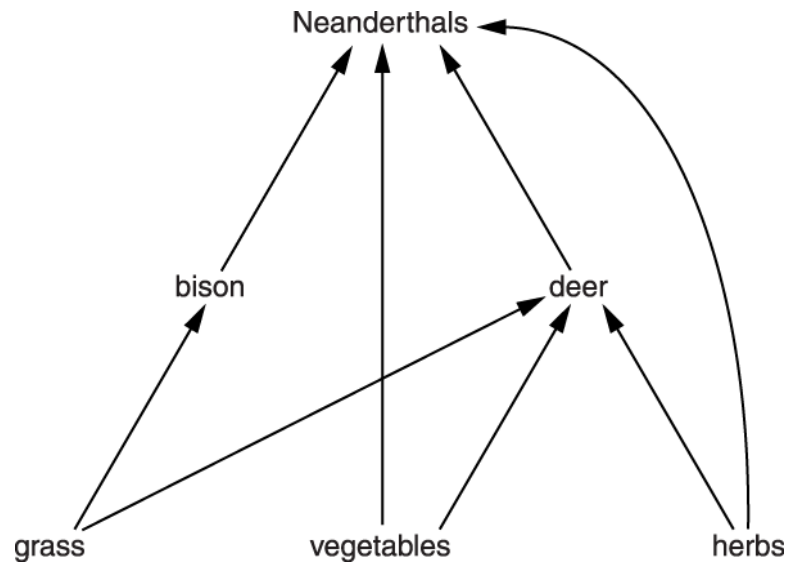
You should consider the needs of different groups of people in your answer.



The quality of written communication will be assessed in your answer.

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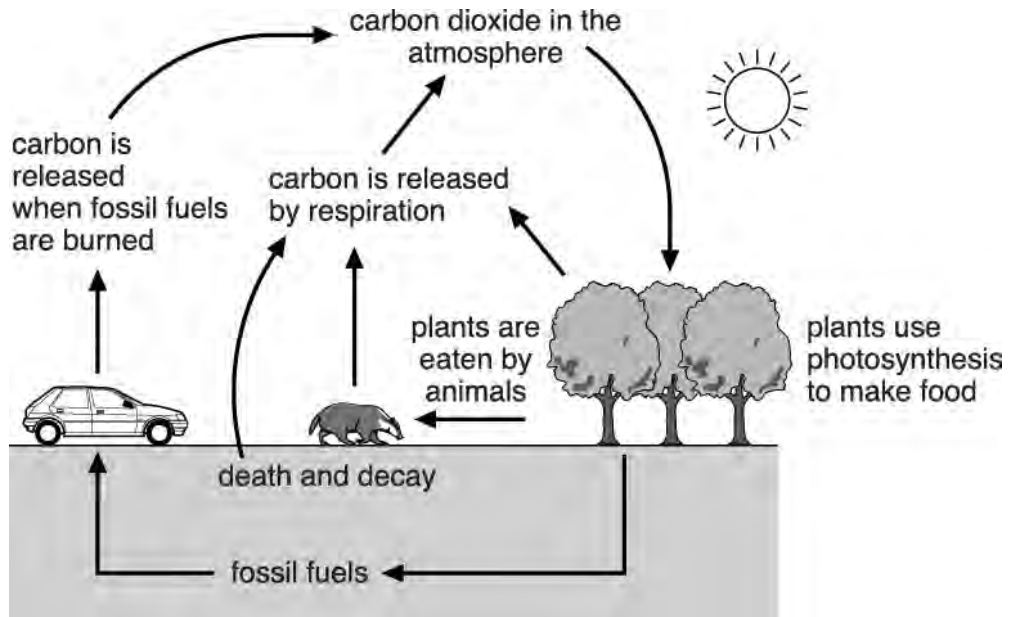
3. The diagram shows part of the Neanderthals' food web.



Use the food web to explain why the sizes of the bison population and the deer population are interdependent.

[3]

4(a). Look at the diagram of the carbon cycle.



Some students think that the carbon cycle is a closed-loop system.

Use ideas about carbon atoms and energy to suggest reasons for and against this conclusion.

[3]

(b). Rainforests are sometimes called stable ecosystems.

Why are they described as stable?

[1]

5. Organisms in an ecosystem are dependent on each other.
A farmer sprays a crop with an insecticide to kill insect pests.

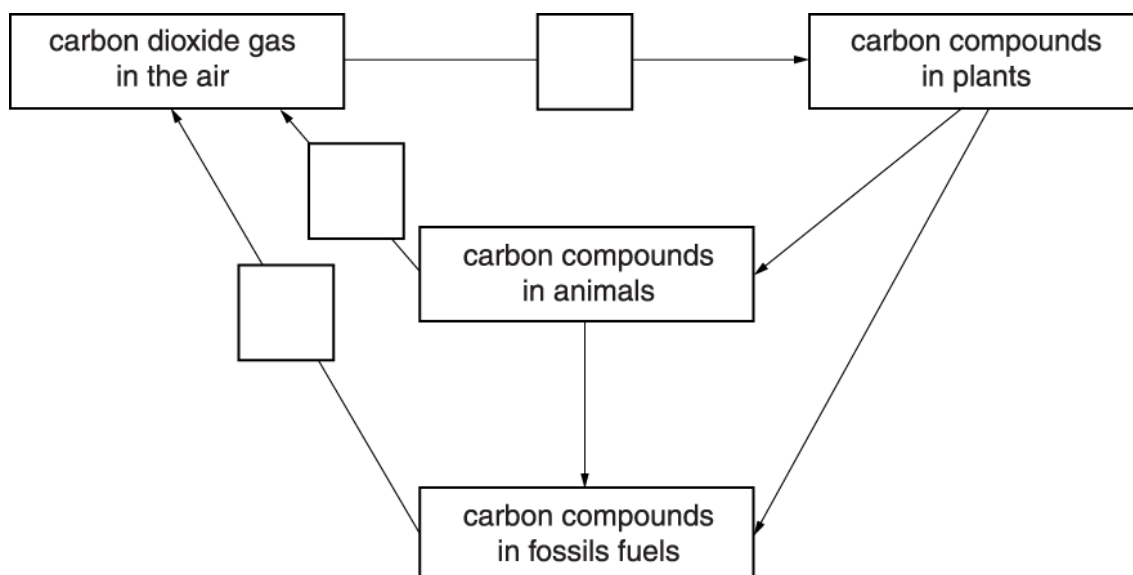
Explain how insecticides can have harmful effects on other organisms in an ecosystem.



The quality of written communication will be assessed in your answer.

[6]

6(a). The diagram shows some of the processes involved in the carbon cycle.



Look at the following processes:

- A Combustion
- B Excretion
- C Feeding
- D Photosynthesis
- E Respiration.

Write the correct three letters, A, B, C, D or E, in the correct boxes to complete the diagram.

[3]

(b). Explain the role of detritivores in the carbon cycle.

[2]

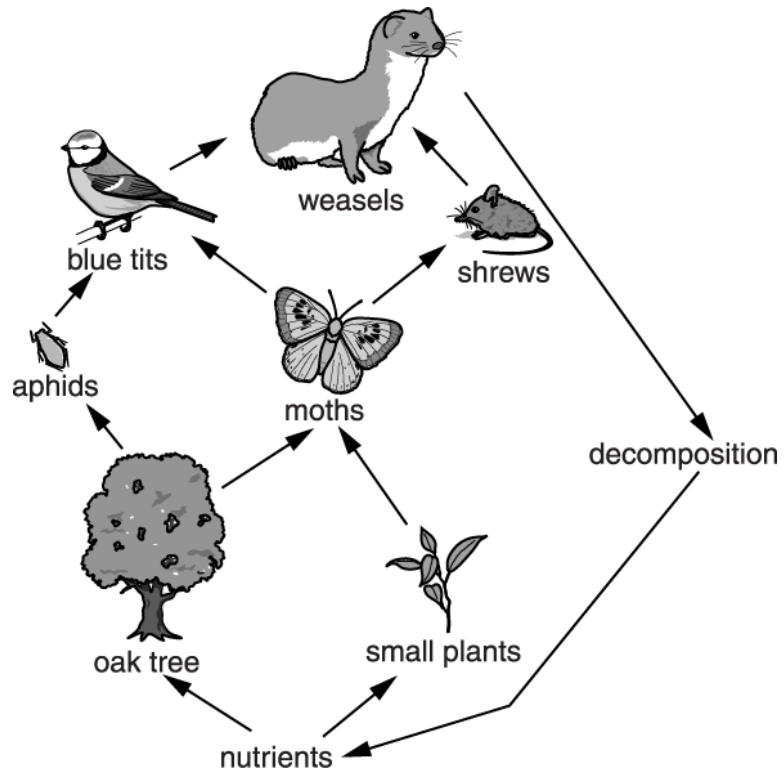
7. Natural ecosystems are a type of closed loop system.
Describe what is meant by a closed loop system and give examples to explain how human activity can unbalance ecosystems so that they no longer work effectively as closed loop systems.



The quality of written communication will be assessed in your answer.

[6]

8(a). The diagram shows the flow of nutrients through a food web.



Which of the following are shown by the diagram?

Put ticks (✓) in the boxes next to the correct answers.

The diagram shows...

... competition.

... evolution.

... natural selection.

... part of an ecosystem.

... transfer of nutrients.

... selective breeding.

... interdependence.

[3]

- (b). Microorganisms are part of an ecosystem.
Microorganisms can reproduce very rapidly.

- (i) If a single microorganism divides into two every 20 minutes, how many microorganisms will there be after 3 hours?
Show your working.

number of microorganisms = [2]

- (ii) Some microorganisms are decomposers.
Suggest why this ability to reproduce so rapidly is important.

.....
..... [1]

- (iii) There are many different species of microorganisms in an ecosystem.
Write down **two** processes that are involved in the production of a new species.

1
.....
2
.....

[1]

9. Nitrates enter plant roots from the soil.

Plants use the nitrogen in nitrates to make some chemicals.

Which nitrogen-containing chemicals do plants make?

Put a **ring** around the **two** correct answers.

amino acids

cellulose

enzymes

oxygen

starch

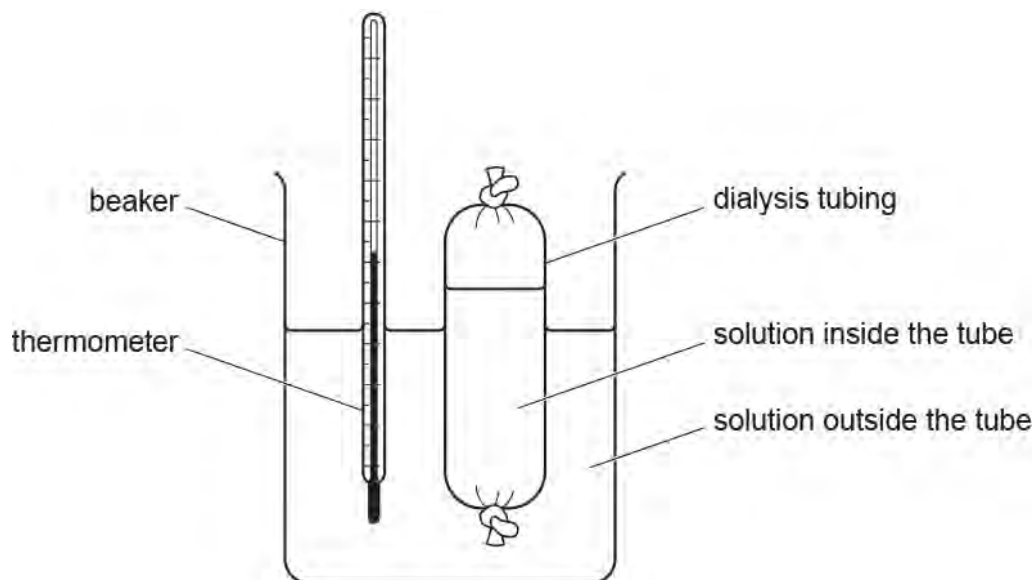
water

[2]

10(a) Eve sets up three experiments using dialysis tubing.

Dialysis tubing is a partially-permeable membrane.

Each experiment is set up as shown in the diagram:



Eve sets up the solutions as shown in Table 2.1.

Amylase is an enzyme.

Experiment	Solution inside the tube	Solution outside the tube
1	starch + tap water	tap water
2	glucose + tap water	tap water
3	starch + amylase + tap water	tap water

Table 2.1

After 3 minutes she removes a small sample of each solution.

Describe how she could test each sample for the presence of glucose.

(b). She also uses iodine solution to test each sample for the presence of starch.

Her results are shown in Table 2.2.

Experiment	Sample from inside the tube		Sample from outside the tube	
	Test for starch	Test for glucose	Test for starch	Test for glucose
1	positive	negative	negative	negative
2	negative	positive	negative	positive
3	positive	positive	negative	positive

Table 2.2

(i) What conclusions can you make from Eve's results?

(ii) Eve repeats experiment 3, but this time she boils the amylase before using it.

Write a testable prediction for this repeat of experiment 3.

Explain the science behind your prediction.

Prediction

Explanation

[3]

(c). Eve sets up one more experiment as shown in Table 2.3.

Experiment	Solution inside the tube	Solution outside the tube
4	starch + tap water	tap water + iodine solution

Table 2.3

The molecules of iodine in the iodine solution are smaller than molecules of glucose.

Eve watches this experiment for 5 minutes.

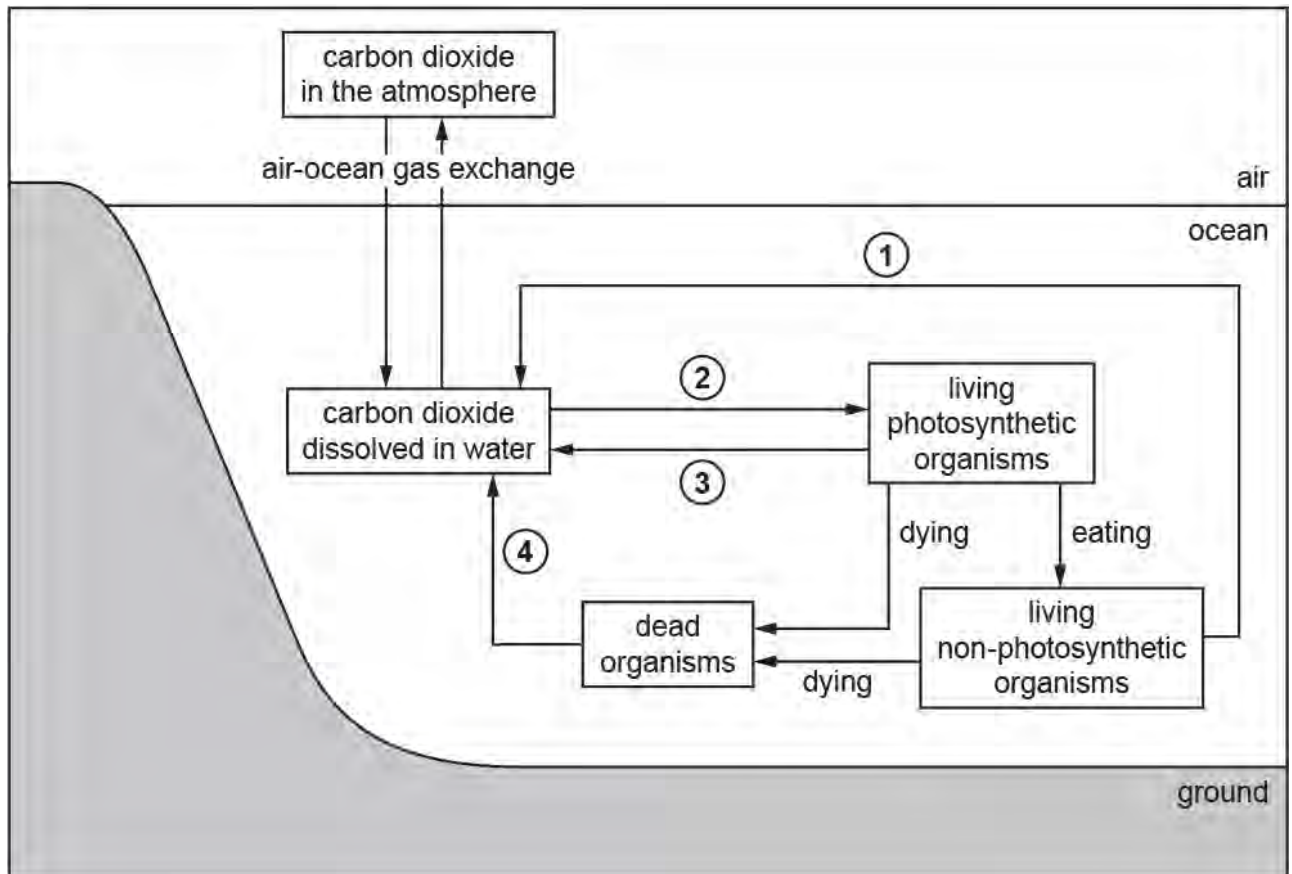
Describe and explain the changes she is likely to observe during the 5 minutes.

[4]

11. Oceans cover two thirds of the Earth's surface and absorb one third of the carbon dioxide created by human activities.

Oceans play a very important part in cycling carbon.

The diagram shows the parts of the carbon cycle that take place in the ocean.



- (i) Write down the names of the processes that have been labelled 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the diagram.

1

2

3

4

[3]

(ii) Explain the roles of microorganisms in the ocean carbon cycle shown in the diagram.

[3]

(iii) The processes shown in the diagram cycle carbon relatively quickly.

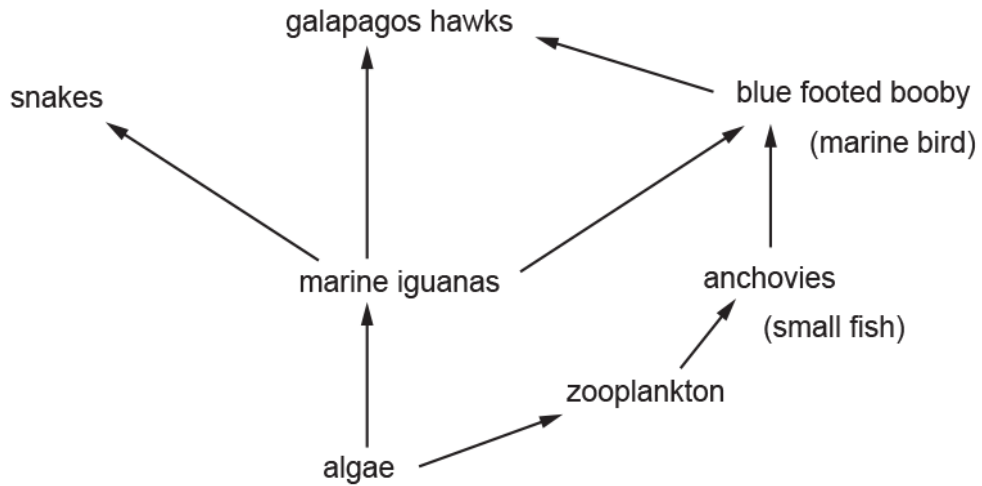
Carbon in the ocean is also cycled back to the atmosphere very slowly via another set of processes.

Describe these other processes and explain why this way of cycling carbon is very slow.

[2]

12. The Galapagos Islands are a group of 13 islands found in the Pacific Ocean.

The food web shows the feeding relationships of some Galapagos Islands species.



(i) A weather event called El Niño occurs every three years. This causes the population of algae to decrease.

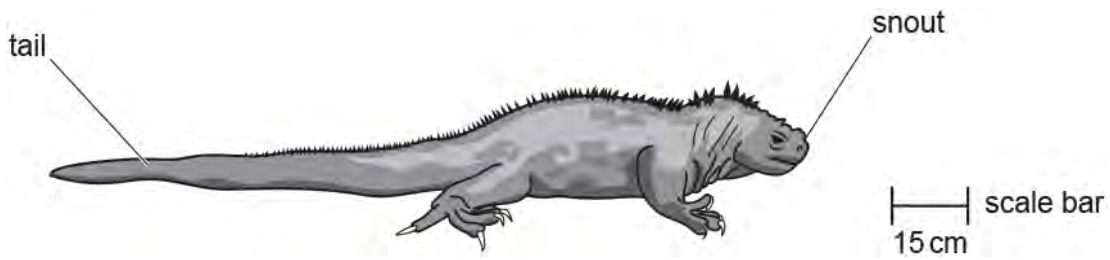
Explain what effect this could have on the population of marine iguanas.

[2]

(ii) Scientists have discovered that during this event the marine iguanas can shrink in size.

The length of the marine iguana is determined by measuring the distance from the snout to the end of the tail.

Below is a drawing of a marine iguana.



Use the scale bar to calculate the actual length of this marine iguana in metres.

Length of marine iguana = m [2]

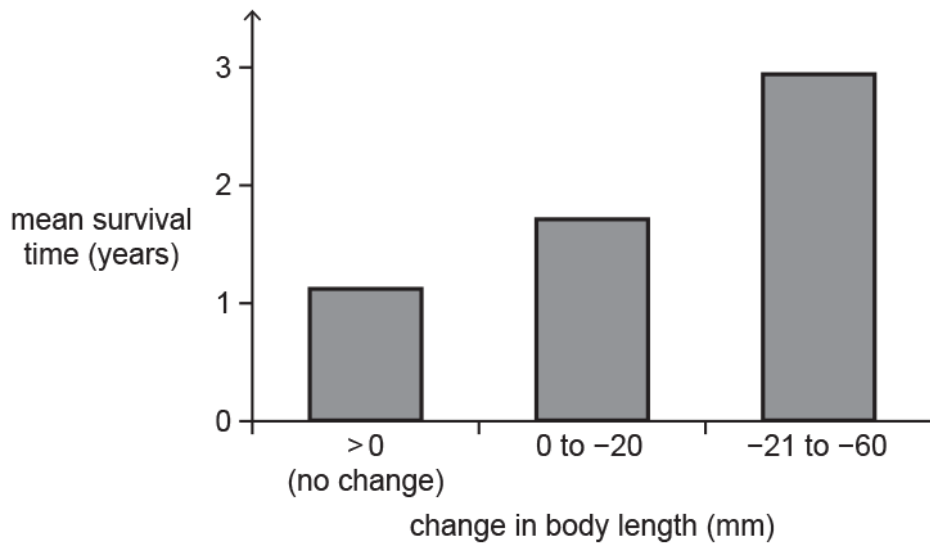
(iii) Some marine iguanas can shrink by up to 20% of their original length.

Calculate the length of this marine iguana after maximum shrinkage.

Length after maximum shrinkage = m [1]

Scientists calculated the change in body length of the iguanas and measured how long they survived during the El Niño event.

The results are shown in the graph.



(iv) What can be concluded from the data?

Tick (✓) **two** boxes.

The marine iguanas that decreased in size the least survived longer.

The change in body length made no difference to the survival time of the marine iguanas.

The marine iguanas that decreased in size the most on average lived for a greater length of time.

The marine iguanas that did not decrease in size survived for approximately 2 years less than the marine iguanas that decreased in size by up to 60 mm.

The marine iguanas that decreased in size by 20 mm survived more than double the length of time than those that did not change in size.

[2]

END OF QUESTION PAPER

Question			Answer/Indicative content	Marks	Guidance
1	a		Would have biggest bar at bottom, then next biggest with smallest at top ✓	1	DO NOT ALLOW if bars are not labelled
	b	i	$(4 / 600) \times 100 = 0.67\%$ ✓	1	
		ii	Any one from Not all of the biomass is eaten e.g. roots ✓ Biomass is used in respiration (by other organisms) ✓	1	DO NOT ALLOW biomass egested by grass
		ii	Biomass is egested (by slugs / thrush) ✓		
	c	i	Any two from Activity starts to rise in spring ✓ Activity is at its peak in the summer months ✓ Activity falls in autumn ✓ Activity is low in the winter ✓	2	
		ii	Any two from (Rise in spring) as more water is available ✓ (peak in summer) as this is when it is warmer / when the temperature is higher ✓ (Fall / low in autumn / winter) as this is when it is colder / when the temperature is lower ✓ <i>Idea of a link between more enzyme activity and more decomposer activity</i> ✓	2	
			Total	7	

Question	Answer/Indicative content	Marks	Guidance
2	<p>[Level 3] Includes some indicatives points from all three areas. Quality of written communication does not impede communication of the science at this level. (5 – 6 marks)</p> <p>[Level 2] Includes some indicative points from two areas. Quality of written communication partly impedes communication of the science at this level. (3 – 4 marks)</p> <p>[Level 1] Includes some indicative points from one area Quality of written communication impedes communication of the science at this level. (1 – 2 marks)</p> <p>[Level 0] Insufficient or irrelevant science. Answer not worthy of credit. (0 marks)</p>	6	<p>This question is targeted at grades up to A-B</p> <p>Indicative scientific points referring to sustainability may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Idea of replace / replant what is taken • Impact on food chain or web / damages ecosystem ignore habitat • Reduces biodiversity / fewer species / extinction <p>Indicative scientific points concerning world community may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides medical resources • Provides oxygen ORA • Removes carbon dioxide ORA • Ref to Timber • Global warming /climate change <p>Indicative scientific points for local community may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fuel • Sale of resources / income / jobs • Room to grow crops / livestock • Idea of slash and burn effects eg smoke /pollution / erosion / desertification / floods <p>Use the L1, L2, L3 annotations in RM Assessor; do not use ticks.</p> <p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>Good answers included points from three different areas. Examiners were looking to credit answers that referred to the ecosystem and biodiversity, answers that referred to the world community such as climate change and production of oxygen, and answers that referred to the local community such as erosion and local jobs. Most candidates scored at least four marks on this question.</p>
	Total	6	

Question		Answer/Indicative content	Marks	Guidance
3		<p>Max 3 from:</p> <p>idea that the size of the deer population depends upon (or is affected by) the size of the bison population / ORA (1)</p> <p><u>competing / competition</u> for the same resources(e.g. food) (1)</p> <p>relevant example (2)</p>	3	<p>accept idea that if the size of the deer / bison population increases the other will decrease / ORA</p> <p>do not credit "eat / have the same food" without reference to competition</p> <p><i>e.g.:</i> if Neanderthals eat more bison, they will eat fewer deer, so deer population increases (2 marks)</p> <p><i>e.g.:</i> if deer population increases, there will be less grass for the bison, so bison population decreases (2 marks)</p> <p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>Candidates who could explain, within the context of the question, a meaning of the term interdependence and use the available food web to give examples scored the highest marks.</p>
		Total	3	

Question		Answer/Indicative content	Marks	Guidance
4	a	<p><i>Max 2 from one area</i></p> <p><i>For -</i> Carbon not (shown) entering / leaving the system; Energy is not (shown) entering or leaving the system; Idea of recycled / no waste;</p> <p><i>Against -</i> Fossil fuels lock carbon away for a long time; Carbon entering the atmosphere faster than leaving it; Fossil fuels used up faster than replaced; Sunlight / energy entering or leaving system;</p>	3	<p>Ignore any reference to energy being recycled / not wasted.</p> <p>Do not credit “no recycling”</p> <p>Examiner' Comments</p> <p>Better responses to this question referred specifically to the diagram and gave arguments both for and against it being a closed loop system. Good answers referred to carbon being recycled by being released from the burning fossil fuels and then reabsorbed by plants through photosynthesis. Arguments against it being a closed loop system included fossil fuels taking a very long time to be produced and subsequently burnt and that carbon dioxide was being released faster than plants could reabsorb it.</p>
	b	<p>Outputs / losses = inputs / gains; OR Completely supported by what they produce;</p>	1	<p>Ignore closed loop</p> <p>Examiner' Comments</p> <p>Simply stating that outputs or losses equalled inputs or gains, was sufficient to score this mark.</p>
		Total	4	

Question	Answer/Indicative content	Marks	Guidance
5	<p>[Level 3] Explanation of how build-up of insecticide occurs. Quality of written communication does not impede communication of the science at this level. (5 – 6 marks)</p> <p>[Level 2] Idea that the higher up the food chain insecticides build-up in individuals. Quality of written communication partly impedes communication of the science at this level. (3 – 4 marks)</p> <p>[Level 1] Vague account that insecticides kill organisms other than insect pests. The effect of insecticides on the food web. Quality of written communication impedes communication of the science at this level. (1 – 2 marks)</p> <p>[Level 0] Insufficient or irrelevant science. Answer not worthy of credit. (0 marks)</p>	6	<p>This question is targeted at grades up to A</p> <p>Indicative scientific points at Level 3 may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • explanation of how concentration increase happens i.e. each step of food chain eats more of the individuals below them. • numbers at top of pyramid fewer so insecticides more concentrated • insecticides concentration reaches lethal levels <p>Indicative scientific points at Level 2 may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • idea of bioaccumulation • insecticides gets more concentrated higher up the food chain • may build up • low dose does not kill insects • organisms may eat these (contaminated) pests <p>Indicative scientific points at Level 1 may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • insecticides kill organisms other than pests • may kill pollinators / useful insects • idea of disruption to food chain / web <p>Ignore reference to eutrophication</p> <p>Use the L1, L2, L3 annotations in Scoris; do not use ticks.</p> <p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>This was the second level of response, six mark question. It was targeted at candidates up to grade A.</p>

Question			Answer/Indicative content	Marks	Guidance
					Lower level answers simply referred to the effect of insecticide on the targeted insects and how their removal would influence the food chain. Better answers stated how the insecticide would be passed on through the food chain. The best answers referred to the build-up of insecticide to lethal levels due to top carnivores eating a larger number of organisms lower down the food chain.
			Total	6	
6	a		from top of diagram: D E A	3	<u>Examiner's Comments</u> Most candidates were able to give the 3 correct responses required.
	b		Any 2 from: consumption / digestion / eats / breakdown waste material or dead matter (1) increase the surface area of waste so decomposers can decay faster (1) idea of recycling of carbon via respiration / production of carbon dioxide (1)	2	ignore ref to bacteria as detritivores ignore reference to decay linked to detritivores. <u>Examiner's Comments</u> This was a challenging question. Responses had to include the importance of recycling carbon as well as describe a transfer process.
			Total	5	

Question	Answer/Indicative content	Marks	Guidance
7	<p>Level 3 (5–6 marks) Includes a correct reference to closed loop AND explanation AND example of human activity. Quality of written communication does not impede communication of science at this level.</p> <p>Level 2 (3–4 marks) Includes a correct reference to closed loop AND explanation. OR includes a correct reference to closed loop AND example of human activity. OR includes a correct reference to explanation AND example of human activity. Quality of written communication partly impedes the communication of science at this level.</p> <p>Level 1 (1–2 marks) Includes a correct reference to closed loop OR explanation OR example of human activity. Quality of written communication impedes the communication of science at this level.</p> <p>Level 0 Insufficient or irrelevant science. Answer not worthy of credit.</p>	6	<p>This question is targeted at grades D to A</p> <p>Relevant points include:</p> <p>Closed loop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no waste • idea of output from one part becomes input for another part • sustainable • example given <p>Examples of human activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fishing • emission from burning fossil fuels • palm oil / soya plantations • slash and burn / deforestation • waste / pollution • any good example <p>Explanation of how it becomes (open loop)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • consequence of removing biomass • consequence of introducing waste • reason why not sustainable <p>Use the L1, L2, L3 annotations in Scoris; do not use ticks.</p> <p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>This question was anticipated that the vast majority of candidates would score at least two or three marks on this question and this did indeed prove to be the case. The stronger candidates went on to score the full six marks. Examiners were looking for a good explanation of what a closed loop system is; an example of how human activity can make this system go open loop; and finally an explanation of the consequences of going open loop. Good answers stated that a closed loop had no waste and that the output from one organism became the input for another organism; that deforestation or fertiliser run-off, were examples of humans affecting the environment; and finally the consequence</p>

Question			Answer/Indicative content	Marks	Guidance
					was that land became desertified or fish died because of lack of oxygen. Examiners were pleased to see some full and very good answers to this question.
			Total	6	

Question		Answer/Indicative content	Marks	Guidance
8	a	...competition. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ...evolution. <input type="checkbox"/> ...natural selection. <input type="checkbox"/> ...part of an ecosystem. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ...transfer of nutrients. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ...selective breeding. <input type="checkbox"/> ...interdependence. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	4 correct = 3 marks 3 correct = 2 marks 2 correct = 1 mark Examiner's Comments This was quite a difficult question, as candidates were not informed of the number of correct responses. Only the most able had the confidence and understanding to realise that there were four correct responses and scored full marks. Most candidates scored two marks on this question with very few failing to score at least one mark.
	b	i	512;	2 If answer is not 512 then working must show $256 = 1$ mark OR $1024 = 1$ mark $512 = 2$ marks Examiner's Comments This should have been a simple mathematical problem however almost half of the candidates failed to score. This was even though examiners credited one mark for answers of 256 or 1024. Correct answers of 512 scored two marks.
		ii	<i>any one from:</i> quickly take advantage of available food / competition; decomposition rate can be enhanced / quickly; microorganism are very small compared to dead animal or plant so need large numbers;	1 NB do not give 'quickly' for reference to reproduction only. Examiner's Comments Correct answers here included speeding up the rate of decomposition, or that microorganisms are very small in comparison to the organisms that they decay. Weaker candidates failed to relate their answer to decomposition.

Question			Answer/Indicative content	Marks	Guidance
		iii	<i>any two from:</i> mutation; environmental change; natural selection; isolation;	1	2 correct = 1 mark Examiner's Comments This should have been an easy recall question. However it was clear that candidates had failed to learn the four standard answers to this question, namely mutation, environmental change, natural selection, or isolation. All too often answers referred to artificial selection or reproduction.
			Total	7	
9			amino acids (1) enzymes (1)	2	Examiner's Comments A surprisingly large number of candidates failed to recognise amino acids and enzymes as nitrogenous compounds. Many other options were unfortunately selected, with no particular pattern.
			Total	2	

Question		Answer/Indicative content	Marks	Guidance	
10	a	<p>add Benedict's solution ✓</p> <p>look for a red-brown precipitate ✓</p>	2 (AO 2.2)	<p>ALLOW glucose testing strip with correct colour change</p> <p>DO NOT ALLOW red solution</p> <p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>Candidates were very unsure of the correct reagent to use and the resulting colour to test for glucose. (Benedict's (reagent) with the resulting red precipitate).</p> <p>Exemplar 3</p> <p><i>She could use ice cubes and warm hot water. Putting hot water in when the temperature is starting to decline and ice cubes in when the temperature is too high.</i> [1]</p> <p>This response although not specifying 'water bath', does have an acceptable description of one, possibly reflecting the method that they have used in the laboratory. It gained 1 mark.</p>	
	b	i	<p>glucose (molecules) can diffuse through the tubing/membrane ✓</p> <p>starch (molecules) too large to diffuse/move/fit through the tubing/membrane ✓</p> <p>amylase breaks down starch ✓</p> <p>starch is broken down into (molecules of) sugar ✓</p>	4 (AO 3.2b × 4)	<p>NO MARKS FOR DESCRIBING THE RESULTS</p> <p>ALLOW go through the tubing/membrane</p> <p>ALLOW maltose/glucose</p> <p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>One of the problems encountered here was that candidates did not follow the rubric (conclusion) and described the results. Another problem here and also in (ii) & (e) was the incorrect references to osmosis when diffusion was required.</p>

Question	Answer/Indicative content	Marks	Guidance
ii	<p><i>Prediction:</i> the tests for glucose will be negative ✓</p> <p>Any two from: <i>Explanation:</i> the amylase/enzyme has been denatured ✓</p> <p>has (permanently) changed the shape (of the active site) ✓ by the high temperature /boiling ✓</p> <p>no longer works/cannot bind ✓</p>	<p>3 (AO 2.1) (AO 1.1 ×2)</p>	<p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>The first mark required a testable prediction to be stated. Very few candidates did so, some merely stating that glucose would not be present. A considerable number also stated that boiling the enzyme would make the reaction work at a faster rate and did not link the information about amylase and the effect that high temperature would have on it.</p> <p>Exemplar 4</p> <p>(ii) Eve repeats experiment 3, but this time she boils the amylase before using it. Write a testable prediction for this repeat of experiment 3. Explain the science behind your prediction. Prediction Only starch will be present outside the test tube. Neither glucose nor starch will be present outside the tube. Explanation ... because of a high temperature which will probably denature the enzyme amylase. It will therefore not break down starch as its active site shape will change and the enzyme-substrate complex will be unable to form. Neither starch nor glucose will be present outside the tube as the starch will not be allowed to pass through the membrane and no glucose is present. Therefore no diffusion can occur.</p> <p>This response answers the explanation part well but the prediction is not testable. It gained 2 marks.</p>
c	<p>Any four from:</p> <p>at the start, the solution outside the tube will be pale brown/red ✓</p> <p>at the start, the solution inside the tube will be colourless ✓</p> <p>the solution inside the tube will start to turn black / blue/black ✓</p> <p>starting from the edges ✓</p> <p>because iodine can diffuse through the tubing/membrane (molecules small enough)✓</p>	<p>4 (AO 2.2 × 4)</p>	<p>Must be clear whether inside or outside of tube</p> <p>Refers to colour of iodine</p> <p>DO NOT ALLOW 'through osmosis'</p> <p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>The table in this question clearly had two places, inside the tube and outside the tube. Also it required the candidate to take</p>

Question	Answer/Indicative content	Marks	Guidance						
			<p>into account the start as well as the final observations. Very few candidates described the situation at the start, and limited the marks available. Most marks that were credited were for the colour change from brown to (blue) black inside the tube. There was some confusion as to the correct colour change that should occur.</p> <p>Exemplar 5</p> <p>(e) Eve sets up one more experiment as shown in Table 2.3.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1010 647 1460 696"> <thead> <tr> <th>Experiment</th> <th>Solution inside the tube</th> <th>Solution outside the tube</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>starch + tap water</td> <td>tap water + iodine solution</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Table 2.3</p> <p>The molecules of iodine in the iodine solution are smaller than molecules of glucose. Eve watches this experiment for 5 minutes.</p> <p>Describe and explain the changes she is likely to observe during the 5 minutes.</p> <p>At the start of the 5 minutes inside the solution will be clear. However, as time passes, the starch will absorb iodine will diffuse into the solution inside the tube as its concentration falls lower. As it does so the solution will turn blue-black as starch is present and iodine turns blue-black when starch is present. At the end of the experiment, the tube will be blue-black and outside will be a pale orange-brown (less concentrated with iodine solution). The starch does not move as its molecules are too big to pass across the partially permeable membrane. [4]</p> <p>This response answers all four of the five available mark points available and gained 4 marks</p>	Experiment	Solution inside the tube	Solution outside the tube	4	starch + tap water	tap water + iodine solution
Experiment	Solution inside the tube	Solution outside the tube							
4	starch + tap water	tap water + iodine solution							
	Total	13							

Question		Answer/Indicative content	Marks	Guidance
11	i	<p>1 (cellular) respiration 2 photosynthesis 3 (cellular) respiration 4 decomposition</p>	<p>3 (AO 1.1 × 3)</p>	<p>check for answers written on diagram four correct = 3 marks three correct = 2 marks one or two correct = 1 mark IGNORE anaerobic in mp1 & 3 & decay In mp 4</p> <p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>Most candidates were aware of the different processes in this version of the carbon cycle, however the correct terminology for process 4 (decomposition), was often wrongly stated.</p>
	ii	<p>Any three from: some microorganisms remove carbon dioxide from the ocean/water when they photosynthesise ✓</p> <p>all microorganisms add carbon dioxide (to the ocean/water) when they respire ✓</p> <p>some microorganisms/decomposers add carbon dioxide (to the ocean/water from respiration) when they decompose dead organisms ✓</p>	<p>3 (AO 2.1 × 3)</p>	<p>Must be carbon dioxide not carbon in mark points 1, 2 & 3 ALLOW correct formula for carbon dioxide</p> <p>IGNORE decay/rot/breakdown IGNORE microorganisms/decomposers dying</p> <p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>Candidates were required to link the processes in the diagram (respiration, decomposition & photosynthesis) to the production or use of carbon dioxide. The role of respiration and decomposition was explained by some candidates but very few recognised the role of photosynthesis in this situation.</p>
	iii	<p>Any two from: dead organisms (sediment and then) are turned into fossil fuels ✓</p> <p>which are burnt/combusted (by humans) releasing carbon (dioxide) into the atmosphere ✓</p> <p>formation of fossil fuels takes millions of years ✓</p>	<p>2 (AO 1.1 × 2)</p>	<p>ALLOW examples of fossil fuels</p> <p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>This question was asking about the production of fossil fuels and their subsequent combustion. Some higher ability candidates recognised the link.</p>

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12	i	<p>number of iguanas decrease ✓</p> <p>due to a shortage of food ✓</p>	2 (AO 2.1 x 2)	<p>ALLOW they will starve</p> <p>DO NOT ALLOW (they will have) no food</p> <p><u>Examiner's Comments</u></p> <p>It was pleasing to see that candidates were able to interpret food webs to consider the impact of events on the population of groups of species. The majority of candidates correctly stated that this event would result in the reduction in numbers of iguanas, some candidates did not score this mark for stating there would be no iguanas left. Many candidates took the idea of reduced numbers forward to explain that this resulted from a lack of food, or even in some cases an increase in competition for food. Those that lost this second mark generally did so for making absolute statements, for example, there will be no food left. Centres could help candidates to decode the questions more successfully by drawing their attention to the words used in the stem of the question, in this instance, the use of the word decrease when discussing the effect of El Nino on algae population should cue candidates into moving away from absolute statements. It is also worth using this as an opportunity to consider that the food web only shows some of the feeding relationships and how this therefore determines the answers that will therefore be acceptable.</p>
	ii	<p>FIRST CHECK THE ANSWER ON ANSWER LINE</p> <p>if answer = 1.5 (m) award 2 marks</p> <p>iguana drawing measures 10 cm</p> <p>$10 \times 15 = 150$ ✓</p> <p>$150 \text{ cm} \div 100 = 1.5 \text{ (m)}$ ✓</p>	2 (AO 2.2 x 2)	<p>ALLOW working mark if measured incorrectly derived from length (cm) \div 100</p>

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		iii	$(1.5 \div 100) \times 80 = 1.2$ (m)	2 (AO 1 x 2.2)	ALLOW ECF from (c) (ii)
		iv	<p>The marine iguanas that decreased in size the most on average lived for a greater length of time ✓</p> <p>The marine iguanas that did not decrease in size survived for approximately 2 years less than the marine iguanas that decreased in size by up to 60 mm ✓</p>	2 (AO 3.2b x 2)	<p><u>Examiner's Comments</u></p> <p>Questions 1(c)(ii), (iii) and (iv) were well answered by candidates. These were questions targeting maths skills and most candidates were credited some if not all the marks for these questions.</p>
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