Assessment Schedule – 2019

Biology: Demonstrate understanding of biological ideas relating to micro-organisms (90927)

Evidence Statement

Q	Achievement	Merit	Excellence
ONE	 Describes (single, simple ideas): how fungi feed / respire / excrete OR how bacteria feed / respire / excrete decomposition carbon cycle. Examples of possible description include: Fungi / bacteria feed through the process of extracellular digestion. Fungi / bacteria secrete digestive enzymes through the hyphae walls. Fungi / bacteria decompose dead material through the life process of feeding / nutrition. Fungi / bacteria respire using oxygen (aerobic fungi) and the products of digestion to release energy for other life processes / word or symbol equation. Fungi / bacteria cycle carbon by respiring (aerobically) releasing carbon dioxide as a waste product / word or symbol equation. Excretion products described (lactic acid, oxygen, alcohol). Anaerobic respiration describe / equation. 	 Explains (gives reasons how or why and provides examples): explains how fungi feed / respire / excrete explains the role of fungi in the carbon cycle. Examples of possible explanation include: Fungi / bacteria feed through the process of extra-cellular digestion. They do this with enzymes from the hyphae, so that the food material, e.g. the dead log is broken down into molecules small enough to be re-absorbed (or diffused) through the hyphae wall. One of the products of digestion, glucose, is used in respiration to release energy (ATP) for the fungi to use for other life processes. The glucose containing carbon, is broken down in the process of respiration, and the carbon becomes carbon dioxide, which is excreted into the air through the hyphae walls. Explain carbon cycle breaks down food / nutrients that can be recycled because otherwise would remain 'locked up'. 	Discusses (makes links between explanations): Links the life processes to their importance in carbon cycling. Examples of possible discussion include: • Fungi / bacteria feed through the process of extra-cellular digestion. They do this by releasing enzymes through the hyphae wall / cell membrane so that the food material, e.g. a dead log, is broken down into molecules small enough to be reabsorbed through the hyphae wall / cell membrane. The process of extra-cellular digestion (and the reabsorption of the products of digestion) are important to cycling carbon because this process is what breaks the food down into molecules, e.g. carbon, so that it can be recycled. Recycling of carbon would not be possible without this life process of fungi / bacteria because the carbon would remain locked up and inaccessible. One of the products of digestion, glucose, is used in respiration to release energy for the fungi / bacteria to use for other life processes. The glucose (digested food) containing carbon, is broken down in the process of respiration, and the carbon becomes combined with oxygen to make carbon dioxide. The process of respiration in bacteria and fungi is important in cycling carbon because it breaks down the products of digestion even further to release the carbon, which is then combined with oxygen to make carbon dioxide.

NØ	N1	N2	A3	A4	M5	M6	E7	E8
No response / no relevant evidence.	ONE relevant idea given.	TWO relevant ideas given.	THREE relevant ideas given.	FOUR relevant ideas given.	Explains ONE relevant idea.	Explains TWO relevant ideas.	Links ONE life process to its importance in carbon cycling.	Links TWO life processes to their importance in carbon cycling.

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TWO	Describes (single, simple ideas): • structure of fungi (can be labelled diagram) (hyphae, food source, reproductive reference) • Structure of bacteria (can be labelled diagram) (capsule/slime coat, cell wall, genetic material/RNA/DNA) • function of fungi / bacteria structures. Examples of possible ideas include: Food source	Explains (gives reasons how or why and examples): • the role of agar • the links between structure and function of fungi / bacteria • explains the effect of temperature on the life processes of fungi / bacteria. Examples of possible explanations include: • Agar is an important part of the culturing process for fungi / bacteria. This is because it provides a source of food or nutrients, which are added to the agar. This enables bacteria / fungi to feed and therefore respire to release energy for other life processes such as growth. • Agar provides nutrients (food) for microbes, sterilised surface, so growth is consistent. • In order to feed, bacteria / fungi secrete enzymes onto the substrate (in this case agar) outside their bodies / cell membrane / hyphae where the food is digested and the smaller food molecules are reabsorbed. This process is called extracellular digestion. • Explains cold temperatures will not kill bacteria only slow the growth / reproduction because of enzymes. • Explains at hot temperatures enzymes denature and this stops reproduction / growth.	 Discusses (makes links between explanations): Links the effect of temperature on the rate respiration feeding / reproduction / growth. Examples of possible discussions include: We can see from the graph and the photographs that the ideal temperature for the growth of colonies of fungi and bacteria is "warm". The photo shows us that in "warm" temperatures, the colonies are bigger and there are more of them, and the graph reflects this. This is because life processes that occur in the microbes rely on enzymes, and enzymes work most quickly and effectively at optimal temperatures. For example, the life process of feeding relies on the enzymes digesting the food extra-cellularly. The enzymes work most efficiently at warm temperatures, allowing food to be digested more quickly. This means that more food can be reabsorbed more quickly and the microbe will then have the materials required for respiration or energy release more quickly, enabling the process of respiration (also enzyme dependent) to occur efficiently. In order to feed, bacteria / fungi secrete enzymes onto the substrate (in this case agar) outside their bodies / cell membrane / hyphae where the food is digested and the smaller food molecules are re-absorbed. This process is called extra-cellular digestion. Temperatures effect how enzymes work. Cold temperatures will not kill bacteria only slow reproduction (life process) because of enzymes AND hot temperatures denature enzymes and this stops/slows reproduction / growth.

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microbes.	
Describes microbes grow best at optimal temperatures/ideal temperatures.	

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Q Achievement Merit Excellence **Explains** (gives reasons how or why and examples): **THREE** Describes (single, simple ideas) **Discusses** (makes links between explanations): • reproduction of viruses • viral reproduction • reasons for the effect of antibiotics on bacteria • causes of the symptoms of chickenpox • parts of the virus and their function • reasons why antibiotics are ineffective against viruses. • why they are easily spread • structure and function of a virus. **Examples** of possible discussions include: • why / how antibiotics are effective against bacteria. **Examples** of possible ideas include: • Antibiotics are effective against bacteria, but not **Examples** of possible explanations (gives reasons for viruses. This is because antibiotics are effective only how or why) include: against living things, and bacteria are living carrying • To reproduce, the **virus** attaches itself to a specific out the life processes of MRS GREN. Antibiotics kill host cell (the cell in which it will **reproduce**), in this living bacterial cells, while leaving human cells case human cells. The virus is therefore able to inject alone. This is because, although there are similarities its genetic material into the host cell so that the host between bacteria and human cells, there are many cell can be made to produce new viruses. This causes differences as well. Antibiotics work by affecting the living cell to die and open up, releasing the new things that bacterial cells have but human cells don't. GENERAL DIAGRAM OF A VIRUS LIFECYCLE viruses, so that they can be spread to cells and For example, human cells do not have cell walls, organisms. while many types of bacteria do. The antibiotic, e.g. Viruses, such as the one that causes chickenpox, are penicillin, works by keeping a bacterium from easily spread and transferred from person to person building a cell wall. The bacterium cannot function because they are airborne or travel in the air. So if a without a cell wall because it is responsible for person infected with the virus is in the same room as providing structure to the bacterial cell and other people, it may spread from the one person to maintaining the contents of the cell. Bacteria and many others. Another reason they are easily spread is human cells differ in that human cells do not have a because a person may be infected and contagious cell wall, and also in the structure of their cell before they realise they have the disease. This is membranes and the machinery they use to build • Chickenpox symptoms are caused by the virus because it takes a number of days for the symptoms proteins or copy DNA. reproducing in the body cells. to show. • Antibiotics can kill bacteria by damaging the cell • Viruses need living cells (attached to host cell) to • The virus has a number of structures that allow it to wall and preventing life processes (reproduction / reproduce. reproduce quickly. growth) without causing harm to a person. • A vaccine causes the body to make antigens / protects Explains how vaccines work and identifies for • Antibiotics damage the cell membrane of just against the actual disease. treatment this occurs before getting the viruses, e.g. bacterial cells, preventing life processes, but not vaccine is weakened form of viruses and causes the • A vaccine is made from a weakened form of the virus. human cells. body to make antigens. • Viruses are not living and only carryout reproduction • Antibiotics affect protein-building or DNA-copying • Explains the function of antibiotics, e.g. antibiotics therefore (antibiotics) 'nothing' to kill. machinery that is specific to bacteria, whereas viruses prevent the growth of bacteria reproduction by • Antibiotics 'work' on bacteria because they are living. are not living, and therefore cannot have their life preventing the cell wall formation. • Describes how viruses spread. processes disrupted. (Must refer to chickenpox context for E8) • Antibiotic block / stop bacteria from carrying out any life processes.

• Antibiotics do not 'work' on viruses because they have
no cell wall (for attachment).

•	Describes how viruses reproduce, e.g. viruses inser	rt
	genetic material and cell makes new viruses.	

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Cut Scores

Not Achieved	Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
0 – 7	8 – 13	14 – 19	20 – 24