

MARK SCHEME for the October/November 2013 series

0610 BIOLOGY

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(Core Theory), maximum raw mark 80

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Mark schemes will use these abbreviations

- ; separates marking points
- / alternatives
- **R** reject
- **A** accept (for answers correctly cued by the question)
- **I** ignore as irrelevant
- **ecf** error carried forward
- **AW** alternative wording (where responses vary more than usual)
- **AVP** alternative valid point
- underline actual word given must be used by candidate (grammatical variants excepted)
- () the word / phrase in brackets is not required but sets the context
- **D, L, T, Q** quality of: drawing / labelling / table / detail as indicated
- max indicates the maximum number of marks

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance for Examiners												
1 (a)	1 carbohydrates / glucose formed; 2 from raw materials / named materials; 3 needs light (energy); 4 occurs in green plants / only in plants;	Max [3]	1 A – sugar A – ref to chloroplasts / chlorophyll												
(b) (i)	converted into sucrose / made soluble; transported via phloem / sieve tubes; ref to translocation / description of translocation;	Max [2]	A – ref to glucose												
(ii)	may allow plant to survive adverse growing conditions; provides source of food for re-growth (before new leaves develop); ref to starch being insoluble;	Max [1]	A – description of condition												
(c)	<table><tr><td>plant</td><td>storage organ</td></tr><tr><td>Allium;</td><td>A;</td></tr><tr><td>Colocasia</td><td>E;</td></tr><tr><td>Cassava;</td><td>D;</td></tr><tr><td>Zingiber;</td><td>B;</td></tr><tr><td>Solanum;</td><td>C;</td></tr></table>	plant	storage organ	Allium;	A;	Colocasia	E;	Cassava;	D;	Zingiber;	B;	Solanum;	C;	Max [4]	
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2 (a) (i)	aorta;	[1]	
(ii)	coronary artery;	[1]	A – coronary vessel R – coronary vein
(iii)	no oxygen getting to heart muscle; severe pain / heart attack occurs / heart muscle dies;	Max [1]	A – description of heart attack
(iv)	wall / muscle of left ventricle much thicker / stronger than wall / muscle of right ventricle; L.V. has to force blood all round body / must create more force / pressure;	[2]	A – ref LV valve 2 flaps, RV valve 3 flaps – 1 mark A – ORA
(b)	select suitable / named position (of artery); press on artery with fingers; count number of beats per minute / unit time;	Max [2]	R – thumb A – ref to pulse / heart rate meter
		[Total: 7]	

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3 (a) (i)	11 years old;	[1]	
(ii)	need for control very early on;	[1]	A – idea of better processing of stimuli / learning
(iii)	13 and 18;	[1]	A – ranges within this overall range A – 13 to 18
(b) (i)	testosterone;	[1]	
(ii)	oestrogen;	[1]	R – progesterone
(iii)	1 (long) bones of limbs; 2 shoulder / pectoral girdle; 3 rib bones; 4 skeletal muscles; 5 larynx / voice box; 6 hair follicles / hair suitably qualified;	Max [2]	NB – structures NOT functions 2 A – shoulders broaden 3 A – chest broadens 4 A – limb muscles e.g. pubic, facial hair etc A – skeleton if MP1, 2, 3 are not awarded
(c)	1 length of stride increased; 2 muscle size / power / strength increased; 3 increased vital capacity / depth of breathing; 4 aggression / competition;	Max [2]	
		[Total: 9]	

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4 (a)	1 seed develops from the zygote; 2 formed by fusion of two gametes / fertilisation; 3 gametes genetically different; 4 male gamete / pollen (grain) may come from different plant; 5 fruit pod formed from tissue of parent / female plant / carpel; 6 fruit (coat) genetically identical to female parent;	Max [3]	4 A – gametes come from different plants
(b) (i)	A – plumule; B – radicle;	Max [2]	A – shoot and root for 1 mark
(ii)	suitable temperature; (supply of) oxygen; (supply of) water;	[3]	A – temperature qualified / warmth A – moisture
(c)	<i>growth</i> – permanent increase; in size / dry mass; in cell size / number; <i>development</i> – increase in complexity / differentiation / specialisation;	Max [3]	
		[Total: 11]	

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5 (a) (i)	A – iris; B – pupil; C – cornea; D – retina;	[4]	A – aqueous humour I – sclera, conjunctiva A – rods / cones
(ii)	to carry (nerve / electrical) impulses to the brain;	[1]	A – signal I – messages, information
(iii)	there are no light sensitive cells there / forms no nerve impulses / cannot detect light;	[1]	A – ref to no rods and cones / no retina
(b)	1 ciliary muscles contract / form a smaller circle; 2 reduces tension in suspensory ligaments / ligaments are slackened; 3 (elastic) lens becomes more convex / curved; 4 lens bends light rays more / brings rays to focus;	Max [3]	1 A – shorten 2 A – loosened 3 A – more rounded, more spherical 4 A – focal length decreased
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6 (a)				No mark for B
	function	letter		
	<i>helps to prevent dehydration of the body</i>	<i>B</i>		
	<i>detects changes in the external temperature</i>	H;		
	<i>dilates when body temperature rises</i>	E;		
	<i>prevents most heat loss from the body</i>	F;		
	<i>produces a fluid to help the body lose heat</i>	G;		
			[4]	
(b)	X – hair;		[1]	
			[Total: 5]	

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7 (a)	web shows a number of linked food chains / the food chains in an ecosystem; shows the flow of energy through the ecosystem;	[2]	A – feeding relationships between members / organisms of an ecosystem
(b) (i)	(brown) bear;	[1]	
(ii)	an animal that feeds / gets its energy from other animals;	[1]	A – only eats meat I – organisms R – plants
(iii)	1 energy is lost (at each level) from a food chain; 2 by respiration / movement etc.; 3 needs a large number of organisms at lower levels to support one top carnivore / OWTTE; 4 not enough energy at top of food chain to support more / OWTTE;	Max [2]	2 A – excretion
(c)	<i>arctic foxes</i> – lose one of their food sources; must feed on more pikas / arctic hares; numbers may fall; <i>arctic hares</i> – have more lichen to feed on so numbers increase; OR more eaten by (brown) bears / (snowy) owls / (arctic) foxes so numbers fall;	Max [3]	A – more competition for pikas / hares A – logical suggestions following on from number change of foxes in (i)
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8 (a)	suitable scale selected; three points correctly plotted; other two points plotted correctly; line drawn;	[4]	
(b) (i)	1.8 (t ha ⁻¹);	[1]	A – 1.3 times
(ii)	77 - 78 (kg ha ⁻¹);	[1]	Check against candidate's graph
(iii)	yield drops (above this level); risk of wastage (because of run-off); fertiliser is expensive / waste of money;	Max [2]	A – crop damaged / growth reduced (above this level) A – any other suitable explanation
(iv)	all on one field of two yield is 7 + 3 (t / ha ⁻²); spread over two fields yield is 2 × 4.8 (t / ha ⁻²); (decision is to put all fertiliser on one field)	[2]	A – 10 (t / ha ⁻²); A – 9.6 (t / ha ⁻²); No mark for decision
(c)	1 nitrogen / nitrates is needed to form amino acids; 2 amino acids formed into proteins; 3 proteins needed to form new cells / for growth; 4 larger plants produce heavier crops / more seeds / higher yield;	Max [3]	A – nitrogen / nitrates needed to form protein if neither MP1 or 2 awarded A – faster growth
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9 (a) (i)	carbon dioxide; sulfur dioxide;	[2]	A – lead, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, dust / smoke particles
(ii)	1 combustion / burning produces carbon dioxide; 2 this is released in fumes / from vehicle; 3 increases pollution further;	Max [3]	A – any other named gas / carbon monoxide / sulfur dioxide / carbon particles / oxides of nitrogen
(b)	babies (in prams) nearer / more exposed to exhaust fumes; lungs etc. not yet fully developed; sulfur dioxide irritates airways; may lead to bronchitis; coughing etc may put extra strain on heart; increased risk of asthma attacks;	Max [2]	A – weak lungs
		[Total: 7]	