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These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptors for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always **whole marks** (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

Mark scheme abbreviations

;	separates marking points
/	alternative answers for the same point
R	reject
A	accept (for answers correctly cued by the question, or by extra guidance)
AW	alternative wording (where responses vary more than usual)
underline	actual word given must be used by candidate (grammatical variants accepted)
max	indicates the maximum number of marks that can be given
ora	or reverse argument
mp	marking point (with relevant number)
ecf	error carried forward
I	ignore
AVP	alternative valid point

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1(a)(i)	<p><i>any two from:</i></p> <p>1 <i>idea of stopping heat (from lamp) reaching plant ;</i></p> <p>2 (so) <u>temperature</u> does not change ;</p> <p>3 (because) <u>temperature</u> affects, the rate of photosynthesis / enzymes (involved in photosynthesis) ;</p>	2
1(a)(ii)	to provide carbon dioxide ;	1
1(a)(iii)	<u>oxygen</u> ;	1
1(b)(i)	<p>as light intensity increases the rate of photosynthesis increases / ora ;</p> <p>data quote (two values of rate of movement of air bubble plus two values of distance of lamp from pond, plus units) ;</p>	2
1(b)(ii)	<p>light intensity is no longer a limiting factor ;</p> <p>temperature / carbon dioxide (concentration), could be the limiting factor ;</p>	2

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1(c)	<p><i>any five from:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1 ref. to (only) photosystem 1 / P700 ;2 light <u>energy</u> absorbed by, chlorophyll <u>a</u> / primary pigment / reaction centre ;3 electrons, excited / move to higher energy level ;4 (electron) emitted by, chlorophyll <u>a</u> / primary pigment / reaction centre ;5 (to) electron, carrier / acceptor ;6 passes along, <u>electron transport chain</u> / <u>ETC</u> ;7 chemiosmosis / description ;8 (leading to) ATP synthesis ;9 electron returns to, photosystem 1 / P700 / chlorophyll <u>a</u> / primary pigment / reaction centre ;	5

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2(b)(i)	5 hours ;	1																								
2(b)(ii)	20 hours ;	1																								
2(b)(iii)	<u>negative feedback</u> ;	1																								

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2(b)(iv)	lipids / fatty acids ; ignore fats amino acids / protein ;	2

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3(a)	<p>any three from:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 binds to <u>DNA</u> ; 2 at, promoter / enhancer ; 3 allows, RNA polymerase / other transcription factors, to bind (to, DNA / gene / promoter) ; 4 regulates / initiates / inhibits, gene expression / transcription ; A switches genes, on / off 5 (so that genes are expressed) at the correct time / in the correct context / in the correct cell type / in the correct order ; 	3

Question	Answer	Marks
3(b)	<p><i>any five from:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 base substitution / mis-sense mutation ; 2 changes, triplet / codon ; 3 base, deletion / insertion ; 4 (results in) frame shift / description ; 5 change in, protein primary structure / amino acid sequence ; 6 protein folds incorrectly / changes tertiary or 3-D structure ; 7 changes protein function / prevents protein function / makes protein unstable; 8 <i>idea of</i> new STOP codon ; 9 only, short / first part of / no, protein is produced ; 	5
3(c)	<p><i>any three from:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 BLIMP-1, is not synthesised / is non-functional / has changed function ; 2 expression of the <i>c-Myc</i> gene, is not reduced / continues ; 3 synthesis / concentration, of <i>c-Myc</i> (protein), is maintained / increases ; 4 (B-lymphocytes continue to) divide by mitosis / proliferate ; A clonal expansion 5 differentiation / specialisation, prevented ; 	3

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3(d)(i)	<p><i>any four from:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 mRNA extracted from cells (of interest) ; 2 (mRNA) used (as template) to synthesise cDNA ; 3 cDNA is tagged with a fluorescent dye ; 4 (fluorescent) cDNA, binds to / hybridises with, probe ; 5 each probe is unique to a different gene / AW ; 6 fluorescence indicates gene is expressed ; 7 AVP ; e.g. detail of probe / use of UV light 	4
3(d)(ii)	<p><i>any two from:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 BCL6 / transcription factors, regulate expression of genes ; 2 (microarray) can detect expression of genes ; 3 <i>idea of</i> difference in, fluorescence / gene expression, between two samples ; 4 difference in gene expression indicates regulation by BCL6 ; 	2

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4(a)	<p>any four from:</p> <p>1 frequency of, omnivore-type and carnivore-type / extreme, phenotypes remain high or frequency of intermediate phenotypes decreases ;</p> <p>2 <u>disruptive</u> selection ;</p> <p>3 selection pressure is food availability ;</p> <p>4 omnivore-type and carnivore-type / extreme, phenotypes, are more likely to survive / have a selective advantage or intermediate phenotypes, less likely to survive / selected against ;</p> <p>5 (because they are) good at / poor at, accessing available food ;</p> <p>6 ref. to competition ;</p> <p>A omnivore-type = phenotype score 3 A carnivore-type = phenotype score 7</p>	4
4(b)	<p>$\frac{0.58}{1.1} (\times 100)$;</p> <p>52.7 / 53 ;</p>	2
4(c)(i)	<u>directional</u> ;	1

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4(c)(ii)	<p><i>any two from:</i></p> <p>1 omnivore-type, die / decrease, because they, run out of food / are eaten by carnivore-type ;</p> <p>2 carnivore-type, survive / increase, because they eat, omnivore-type / fairy shrimps ;</p> <p>3 selection pressure acts against omnivore-type / ora ;</p> <p>A omnivore-type = phenotype score 3 A carnivore-type = phenotype score 7</p>	2
4(d)	grow quicker so develop into adults, in shorter time / faster ;	1

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5(a)(i)	<p><i>in USA unless otherwise stated</i></p> <p><i>any two from:</i></p> <p>1 can afford GM crops ;</p> <p>2 (technology) developed in USA ;</p> <p>3 more land available (to grow crops) ;</p> <p>4 fewer laws restricting GM crops / more widespread (public) approval ;</p> <p>5 climate conditions more suitable for GM crops ;</p>	2

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5(a)(ii)	<p>any three from:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 initially / in 2004–2006, India uses smaller area (than China) / ora ; 2 area in China remains (almost) constant ; 3 area in India increases (throughout) ; 4 area in India is greater (than China) after 2006 ; 5 comparative figures (one area from India and one from China for two different years plus units) ; 	3
5(b)(i)	<p>any two from:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 increase yield ; 2 increase quality ; 3 less / no, pesticide / insecticide, needs to be used ; 4 (so) less / no, money spent on, pesticides / insecticides ; A cheaper 	2
5(b)(ii)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 contains gene from, <i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> / bacterium ; 2 produces, (Bt) toxin / compound, harmful to insects ; 	2

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5(c)(i)	<p><i>any two from:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1 resistance (to insects) may be transferred to wild plants ;2 contamination of food marketed as organic ;3 may kill, useful insects / pollinators ;4 decrease in biodiversity ;5 potential health risks of humans (eating GM crops) ;6 insects may become resistant (to toxin) ;	2
5(c)(ii)	<p><i>any one from:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1 education / awareness ;2 reasons for objections have not been proven ;3 consumption of GM foods shows no ill effects ;4 entire generation grown up in GM era ;	1

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6(a)	<p><i>any four from:</i></p> <p><i>inheritance is through mtDNA:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1 MELAS syndrome is not inherited from affected males ;2 all offspring of a female with MELAS syndrome also have MELAS syndrome ;3 ref. to numbered individuals to support mp1 or mp2 ; <p><i>if X-linked:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">4 males more likely to be affected ;5 (because) males inherit only one X chromosome (from mother) ;6 (however) more females affected than males ;7 there are no, heterozygous / carrier, females ;	4

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6(b)	<p>any three from:</p> <p><i>in mitochondrial DNA:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 mutations occur at constant rate ; 2 mutations occur at faster rate than, nuclear / chromosomal, DNA ; 3 not protected by histone proteins ; 4 no enzymes to repair DNA mutations ; 5 many copies of mtDNA per cell ; 6 no mixing of DNA at fertilisation (as only inherited from mother) <p>or</p> <p>circular DNA, so no crossing over (all sequence changes are mutations) ;</p>	3

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7(a)(i)	<p>any three from:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 because there is a faster rate of (aerobic) respiration (than in phase A) ; 2 (because) in phase B, ADP is present so oxygen concentration decreases faster ; 3 ADP is needed for ATP synthesis ; 4 oxygen used, as final electron acceptor / for oxidative phosphorylation / for aerobic respiration ; 	3
7(a)(ii)	ADP / Pi / oxygen / pyruvate, becomes limiting / runs out ;	1

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7(b)	<p><i>any five from:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 low concentration of oxygen in water ; 2 ref. to aerenchyma / description ; 3 gases diffuses (through aerenchyma) down to root cells ; 4 allows aerobic respiration ; 5 some leaves trap air underwater due to ridges on leaves ; 6 ethanol produced from respiration under anaerobic conditions ; A alcoholic fermentation 7 (root cells) can tolerate ethanol ; 8 (root cells) produce, alcohol / ethanol, dehydrogenase (to break down ethanol) ; 9 some varieties of rice have high rate of respiration under anaerobic conditions to generate more ATP ; 	5

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8(a)	<p><i>any three from:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 variation (with)in, ecosystems / habitats ; 2 number / variety, of (different) species ; 3 relative abundance of each species ; 4 genetic variation within each species ; 	3

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9(a)	<p><i>any seven from:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1 calcium ions released from sarcoplasmic reticulum ;2 calcium ions bind to troponin ;3 troponin changes shape and moves tropomyosin ;4 exposes binding site on actin ;5 myosin <u>head</u>, binds to site / forms cross bridge ;6 myosin <u>head</u> tilts ;7 pulls actin / power stroke ;8 myosin <u>head</u>, has ATPase / hydrolyses ATP ;9 myosin <u>head</u> lets go of actin ;10 myosin <u>head</u> goes back to previous orientation / myosin <u>head</u> re-cocks ;11 process repeated ;12 sarcomere shortens ;	7

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9(b)	<p><i>any eight from:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 FSH secreted by anterior pituitary ; 2 stimulates, development / growth, of follicle (cells in ovary) ; 3 dominant / Graafian, follicle, secretes oestrogen ; 4 oestrogen stimulates repair of endometrium ; 5 oestrogen inhibits further release of FSH ; 6 (large) increase oestrogen, day 14 / midpoint ; 7 stimulates secretion of LH from anterior pituitary ; 8 LH stimulates, ovulation / release of oocyte ; 9 LH stimulates development of corpus luteum ; 10 corpus luteum secretes progesterone ; 11 progesterone continues build-up of endometrium or maintains endometrium ; 12 progesterone, inhibits secretion of, LH / FSH ; 13 corpus luteum degenerates so concentration of progesterone falls ; 14 endometrium breaks down ; 	8

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10(a)	<p>1 ref. to organisms change over time ;</p> <p><i>plus any six from:</i></p> <p>2 organisms produce many offspring ;</p> <p>3 more than is necessary to maintain population ;</p> <p>4 (but) population size is constant (over time) ;</p> <p>5 within a species there is variation (in phenotype) ;</p> <p>6 due to genetic variation ;</p> <p>7 caused by mutation ;</p> <p>8 individuals compete for survival / survival of the fittest ;</p> <p>9 ref. to selection pressure(s) ;</p> <p>10 some individuals, are better adapted to survive / have advantageous alleles / have selective advantage ;</p> <p>11 pass on (advantageous) alleles to offspring ;</p> <p>12 changes allele frequency ;</p> <p>13 ref. to speciation ;</p>	7

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10(b)	<p><i>any eight from:</i></p> <p><i>meiosis (max seven):</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 chiasma / crossing over ; 2 between <u>non-sister chromatids</u> ; 3 of, homologous chromosomes / bivalent ; 4 in prophase 1 ; 5 exchange of, genetic material / DNA ; 6 linkage groups broken ; 7 new combination of alleles ; 8 random / independent, assortment of, homologous chromosomes / bivalents (at equator) ; 9 (during) metaphase 1 ; 10 random / independent, assortment (of, sister chromatids / chromosomes) at metaphase 2 ; 11 possible (chromosome) mutation ; <p><i>fertilisation:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12 random mating ; 13 random, fusion / fertilisation, of gametes ; 	8