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Cambridge Ordinary Level

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5090 BIOLOGY

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Paper 2 (Theory), maximum raw mark 80

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Mark schemes will use these abbreviations:

• ; separates marking points

∘ / alternatives

o () contents of brackets are not required but should be implied

o **R** reject

• A accept (for answers correctly cued by the question, or guidance for examiners)

AW alternative wording (where responses vary more than usual)

• AVP alternative valid point (where a greater than usual variety of responses is expected)

ORA or reverse argument

o <u>underline</u> actual word underlined must be used by candidate (grammatical variants excepted)

max
 indicates the maximum number of marks that can be given
 tatements on both sides of the + are needed for that mark

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Question	Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
1 (a) (i)	stem;	[1]	
(ii)	phloem;	[1]	
(b)	(photosynthesis) produces glucose/sugar/starch/carbohydrates;		
	changed into <u>sucrose</u> ;		
	passes down the phloem/tissue A;		
	concentration (of sucrose) varies ;		
	highest when photosynthesis rate is highest / AW;	[max. 4]	
(c)	(sucrose/sugar turned to) glucose;		
	used for respiration;		
	to release energy;		R produce/make
	amino acids ;		
	used to make protein ;		
	for growth / repair ;	[max. 4]	
		[Total: 10]	

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Question	Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
2 (a)	B = protein / (poly)peptide ;		
	C = protease or named*;		*A ecf for incorrect substrate
	D = amino acids*;		*A ecf for incorrect substrate
	E = <u>glycogen</u> ;		
	F = urea ;	[5]	R urine
(b) (i)	broken down / converted / changed ;		
	(role of) glucagon / adrenaline ;		
	to glucose;		
	made soluble ;	[max. 2]	
(ii)	respiration;	[1]	

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(iii)	to release energy;	[1]	
	any 3 from: for growth ;	[max. 3]	A production of complex molecules
	mitosis / meiosis / cell division ;		
	active transport ;		
	impulse production ;		
	temperature regulation ;		
	muscular activity / movement ;	[Total: 4]	A named example
		[Total: 12]	

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Question	Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
3 (a) (i)	deeper voice / hair on face or named body part / stronger muscles / sperm production / larger genitalia;	[1]	A broadening of shoulders
(ii)	testosterone;	[1]	
(iii)	testes;	[1]	A testicles / gonads
(b) (i)	F – <u>oestrogen</u> ;		
	G – <u>progesterone</u> ;	[2]	
(ii)	ovulation / release of egg or ovum ;	[1]	
(c)	line drawn at 3 weeks ± 2 squares ;		
	uterus (lining) increasing in thickness ;		
	in preparation for receiving (fertilised) ovum/egg;		A zygote / embryo
	ref. time + menstruation ;	[4]	
		[Total: 10]	

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Q	uestion	Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
4	(a)	0.3–0.4 minutes ;	[1]	A 18–24 s
	(b)	aerobic respiration;	[1]	
	(c)	O ₂ curve not as high at start/finish;		
		O ₂ curve drops more quickly / ORA ;		
		damage to alveoli ;		
		less surface area for O ₂ absorption ;		A uptake / diffusion
		less O ₂ to blood/muscles;		
		lactic acid curve rises sooner/higher / takes longer to return to normal;		
		shorter period of aerobic / longer period anaerobic respiration;		
		more lactic acid build-up ;	[max. 5]	
			[Total: 7]	

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Q	uestion	Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
5	(a)	Incisor / canine ;	[1]	
	(b)	blood vessels or named ;		
		nerves / nerve endings ;	[2]	
	(c)	sugar;		
		ref. bacteria ;		
		(converted) to acid ;		
		dissolves enamel ;		
		teeth not cleaned / build-up of plaque / tartar ;		
		weak enamel / ref. lack of Ca/F/vit. D ;	[max. 4]	
	(d) (i)	reduction in tooth decay ;	[1]	
	(ii)	fluoride occurs naturally / addition in toothpaste ;		
		diet with less carbohydrate ;		
		better education / teeth cleaned more often ;		
		genetic differences / teeth less prone to acid attack;	[max. 3]	
			[Total: 11]	

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Question	Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
6 (a)	continuous variation ;		
	gradual change / range ;		
	between extremes ;		
	genes + environment ;		
	discontinuous variation ;		
	few and distinct differences ;		
	controlled by genes alone ;		
	any correct example of one or the other correctly linked;	[max. 5]	R if one e.g. correct, the other incorrect

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(b)	some variations are advantageous ;		
	competition ;		
	in the organism's habitat/environment;		
	organism survives / differential survival / ORA ;		
	breeds / reproduces ;		
	passes on the advantage/beneficial gene/allele;		
	over many generations / ref. time ;		
	continuous adaptation to the changing environment;		
	evolution / natural selection / AW ;		
	changes that result from the environment not so important;	[max. 5]	
		[Total: 10]	

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7 (a)	structural similarities: long / elongated; providing large surface area; functional similarities: absorption / uptake; active transport / diffusion; ions / salts / minerals / named; water;	[max. 4]	
(b)	structural differences: cell wall / no cell wall; (root hair) part of one cell; (villi) many cells / multicellular; ref. absence of blood vessels/lacteals / ORA; AVP; functional differences: root hairs + absorb from the soil; villi + absorb from the gut; villi + absorb amino acids; villi + absorb glucose; villi + absorb lipids/glycerol/fatty acids;	[max. 6]	
		[Total: 10]	

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8 (a) (i)	in testes / anthers / ovaries ;		
	cell division ;		
	halving of chromosome numbers/haploid;		
	so that <u>diploid</u> number is restored on fertilisation;	[max. 2]	
(ii)	one (either) colour is controlled by a dominant allele;		(all points acceptable on an
	one by a recessive <u>allele</u> ;		annotated genetic diagram)
	one parent heterozygous – (or described, e.g. Rr);		
	one is homozygous recessive (or described);		
	correct ref. to gametes ;		
	gametes correctly identified for both parents;		
	how gametes pair to produce offspring in 1:1 ratio;	[max. 6]	
(b)	mutation;		
	ref to a named mutagen ;		
	possible co-dominance ;		
	ref. to heterozygous plants having pink flowers ;		
	ref. availability of certain ions (as in <i>Hydrangea</i>);	[max. 2]	
		[Total: 10]	

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9 (a)	between guard cells / through stoma ;		
	into intercellular/air space ;		
	dissolving in water (film) ;		
	diffusion ;		
	through cell wall ;		
	of mesophyll cell (or named);		
	to <u>chloroplast</u> ;		
	during photosynthesis ;		
	links with water molecule ;		
	glucose + forms starch ;	[max. 7]	
(b)	little magnesium absorbed ;		
	deficiency in chlorophyll ;		
	less light energy trapped ;		
	photosynthesis inhibited / limiting factor / AW ;		
	less glucose/starch/carbohydrate formed;	[max. 3]	
		[Total: 10]	