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MARK SCHEME for the October/November 2012 series

0438 BIOLOGY (US)

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Paper 2 (Core Theory), maximum raw mark 80

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Question	Mark Scheme	Mark	Guidance
1 (a)	fish; reptile;	[2]	1 st or 2 nd space 1 st or 2 nd space
(b)	mammal; bird;	[2]	2 nd space A – scientific names for the classes R – named examples e.g. shark, dog, etc.
		[Total: 4]	

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Question	Mark Scheme	Mark	Guidance
2 (a)	X – iris; Y – retina; Z – optic nerve;	[3]	
(b)	1 ciliary muscles contract; 2 tension on (suspensory) ligaments less; 3 lens no longer stretched; 4 becomes more convex / curved; 5 refracts / bends light (rays) more; 6 (brings focus) on to the retina / fovea; any four – 1 mark each	[4]	1 R – wrong muscle 1 lg – muscle unqualified 2 A – ligaments less taut / slackened 3 A – under less tension / no tension 4 A – rounded / fatter / wider 5 A – reduces focal length 6 A – yellow spot
(c)	(i) 1 axes correctly labelled with units; 2 suitable scales used and uses at least half of the grid; 3 five points plotted correctly; 4 points joined;	[4]	lg – orientation A – \pm half a square R – line extrapolated to 0.0
	(ii) distance as shown by candidate's graph \pm 1;	[1]	likely to be 15 (cm)
	(iii) age as shown by candidate's graph \pm 1	[1]	likely to be 47 (years)
		[Total: 13]	

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3	(a)	<p>1 blood unable to reach muscle (in shaded region); 2 less / no oxygen / glucose reaches muscle; 3 less / no respiration; 4 less / no energy release; 5 (muscle) cells die; 6 causes a heart attack;</p> <p>any three – 1 mark each</p>	[3]	lg – nutrients
	(b)	<p>1 exercise (regularly); 2 reduce / stop smoking (tobacco); 3 reduce (animal / saturated) fat / cholesterol in diet; 4 lose weight; 5 reduce salt intake; 6 avoid stressful lifestyles; 7 use of medication qualified;</p> <p>any three – 1 mark each</p>	[3]	<p>A – examples of exercise</p> <p>lg – refs to balanced diet</p> <p>lg – refs to visits to doctor</p>
			[Total: 6]	

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4	(a)	(i) A – ovary; B – ovule;	[2]	R – ovum
		(ii) C – style/stigma; D – sepals;	[2]	A – calyx
	(b)	plumule correctly labelled; radicle correctly labelled; testa correctly labelled;	[3]	
	(c)	by animals / mammals / birds; by wind; by water; by explosive mechanisms; any two – 1 mark each	[2]	A – agents or methods
	(d)	oxygen; water / moisture; suitable temperature / warmth; food store; any three – 1 mark each	[3]	lg – refs to light lg – refs to humidity lg – refs to heat / temperature unqualified A – named example
		[Total: 12]		

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5	(a)	(i) respiration;	[1]	
		(ii) combustion;	[1]	A – burning
	(b)	(i) fungi/bacteria;	[1]	A – decomposers
		(ii) moisture / water; warmth / suitable temperature; oxygen; any two – 1 mark each	[2]	A – dampness, humidity lg – refs to light lg – refs to heat unqualified lg – air
	(c)	(i) C;	[1]	
		(ii) water and carbon dioxide; glucose / sugar;	[2]	both for the mark lg – refs to carbohydrates / starch
		(iii) light / sunlight;	[1]	lg – sun / radiation / solar energy
	(d)	1 carbon dioxide trapped in plant / used in photosynthesis; 2 released (as carbon dioxide) during decay / in burning / in respiration; 3 carbon is recycled / reused; 4 light energy trapped (in plant) by Photosynthesis; 5 (light energy) changed to chemical energy; 6 (energy) lost (as heat) to environment / not released as light energy / light cannot be recycled; three – 1 mark each	[max. 3]	A – carbon not lost
			[Total: 12]	

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6	(a)	1 increased muscle activity; 2 increased / faster release of energy / heat; 3 from increased respiration; any two – 1 mark each	[2]	A – muscle movement, contraction only need ref to increase once A – use more energy
	(b)	(i) maintenance of a constant internal environment;	[2]	A – ref to keeping within narrow limits A – in context of named examples
		(ii) 1 sweat secreted (onto surface of skin / body); 2 water evaporates; 3 this process needs heat / energy; 4 ref to latent heat (of vaporisation); 5 body temperature falls; any three – 1 mark each	[3]	A – released A – water and salts lg – refs to sweat A – vapour takes energy / heat with it A – cools the body
			[Total: 7]	
7	(a)	<u>mitosis</u> ; same; diploid; <u>meiosis</u> ; half; haploid; gametes; fertilisation;	[8]	Must be in correct position in sentences
			[Total: 8]	

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8	(a)	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>label number</th> <th>present in both animal and plant cells</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>✓</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>✓</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6</td> <td>✓</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	label number	present in both animal and plant cells	1		2		3	✓	4		5	✓	6	✓		lg – any crosses Four ticks MAX 2 if two are correct Five ticks MAX 1 Six ticks MAX 0
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	(b)	1 chloroplast / 1; 2 carry out photosynthesis / absorb light 3 cell wall / 4; 4 give shape / provides support / protected cell; 5 vacuole / 2; 6 reserve / store of water / salts / provides support; any two pairs – 2 marks each	[4]	correct feature must be stated to award function mark														
	(c)	(i) nucleus;	[1]															
		(ii) carrying / transporting oxygen; contains haemoglobin / large surface area;	[2]	A – ref to no nucleus qualified by idea can contain more haemoglobin / carry more oxygen														
			[Total: 10]															

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9 (a)	food chain shows energy transfer from one organism to next organism;		A – only one organism at each (trophic) level
	food web shows energy transfer through an ecosystem;	[2]	A – can have more than one organism at (trophic) levels A – food web is a network of linked food chains
(b)	(i) snake / lizard / bat / badger / eagle / coyote / mountain lion;		
	(ii) producer – sage brush / prickly pear (cactus) / (desert) flowers;		A – bushes, cactus
	(iii) rabbit / insects / deer (and other grazers) / squirrel (and other small rodents);	[3]	
(c)	(no mountain lions / extinction) leads to increase in numbers of deer (and other grazers); more food for coyotes; leads to increase in numbers of coyotes;	[3]	A – alternative routes that lead from mountain lion to coyotes via deer, producers, insects, lizards, etc. A – less competition for food
		[Total: 8]	