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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
- **ORA**   or reverse argument
- <u>underline</u>   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

		Answer	Marks	Guidance for Examiners
1	(a)	segments ; antennae / 'feelers' ; projections over whole of the body / AW ; *idea of* heads / tails ; **A** not parasitic / free living / AW ;	max [3]	**A** 'sections' / 'divisions' / 'rings' / 'parts' / 'sub-parts' **A** bristles / chaetae / hairs **R** feet / legs / AW
	(b)	genus / generic (name) ;	[1]	**A** 'genus part of species name'
	(c) (i)	(all the) organisms / community ; in a given area / AW ; and non-living factors / abiotic factors AW ; *idea of* interacting together ;	max [3]	**A** place / location / region / habitat **R** ecosystem i.e. physical factors / named e.g. feeding (*ignore* feeding on each other)
	(ii)	arrows point from food → feeder ; organisms in correct sequence ; plankton → annelid / named → wading bird(s) → bird of prey = 2 marks	[2]	
	(iii)	shows complex feeding relationships / AW ; all organisms in the ecosystem ; **A** (many) more / part of / wide range of each species has more than one food source / AW ; each species has more than one predator / AW ; AVP ; e.g. shows possible chain reaction to an animal's population change	max [2]	**A** all possible connections

(d)	many, sperm and eggs / gametes, released at the same time **;** increases chances of gametes fusing **;** (many individuals so more genetic) variation **;** may occur at a time when food is available **;** for development of, young / offspring **;** or when there are currents to disperse young **;** smaller proportion of, eggs / zygotes / embryos, eaten by predators **;** AVP **;**	max [3]	**R** fewer predators
(e)	*assume answer is about meiosis unless told otherwise* *mark differences between meiosis and mitosis to max 3* 1 two divisions **;** 2 four, cells / nuclei / gametes, produced **;** 3 halves chromosome number **;** 4 (diploid to) haploid **;** 5 variation (between cells / nuclei / gametes) **;** 6 gametes have different <u>alleles</u> **;** 7 gives (more) variation in offspring **;** 8 so chromosome number remains the same in next generation **;**	max [4]	*ignore* quoted numbers of chromosomes **R** genes **A** number does not double with each generation / full pairs of chromosomes when fertilized / AW **A** *ora* for mitosis
		[Total:18]	

2	(a)	(i)	light <u>intensity</u> ; constant ; **A** control(led) variable ref to limiting factor ; intensity / amount of light, will affect (rate of) photosynthesis	max [2]	**ignore** refs to temperature change
		(ii)	raw material for / 'is needed for' / AW, photosynthesis ; maintain suitable concentration ; carbon dioxide, concentration / AW, is / could be / wasn't a limiting factor ;	max [2]	**A** 'amount' for concentration, **A** fixed quantity
	(b)		*rate of photosynthesis ('it')* general description – increases and decreases ; peak / maximum rate, at 30 °C ; optimum temperature is 30 °C ; use of two figures from the table to illustrate, including units ;	max [3]	**ignore** droplet movement unqualified
	(c)		if no enzymes then rate should increase as temperature increases ; but rate decreases, above 30 °C / at high temperatures ; enzymes are denatured ; ref to active site destroyed ; substrate no longer fits into active site ; reaction not catalysed / AW ;	max [4]	**A** (30 °C) optimum temperature / described
	(d)		ref to fewer limiting factors ; higher temperatures / hot temperatures; higher rates of photosynthesis ; more food for, growth / reproduction ; no, grazers / animals to feed on it ; more suitable habitats / more fertile soils / more nutrients ; no disease ; fewer / no, competitors ; AVP ;	max [2]	This MP is dependent on making point 3. **A** no predators **R** space
				[Total:13]	

3	(a)	A – controls the cell / contains DNA / contains genes ; B – makes protein / makes insulin / respiration / storage / contains the insulin (that will be released) ; C – controls movement of (named) substance(s), in / out, of cell ;	[3]	**A** contains code for insulin / controls cell development ***ignore*** just … provides protein
	(b)	glucose is soluble, glycogen is insoluble ; glucose in blood would, lower water potential / AW e.g. (cause) hyperglycemia ; water leaves cells ; by osmosis ; much larger quantities can be stored ; can be stored for (much) longer ; glucose would not be reabsorbed in the kidney ; (and would be) excreted / lost, in the urine ; AVP ;	max [2]	**A** affect water potential / affect blood glucose concentration / AW **A** urinated
	(c) (i)	*stimulates liver cells* to break down glycogen <u>and</u> release glucose ;	[1]	**A** glycogen → glucose *for breakdown*
	(ii)	(in the) blood / plasma / circulatory system ;	[1]	**A** via hepatic portal vein
	(d)	oestrogen ; progesterone ; testosterone ;	max [2]	

(e)	**(i)**	grow faster so keep animals for shorter time **;** can provide less food (for animals)**;** better economic return **;** *however expressed* less waste / described **;** fewer problems with waste disposal / described / example **;**	[2]	**R** more meat (in Q)
	(ii)	cattle produce, methane / carbon dioxide (greenhouse gases) **;** (if more food converted to meat), less is excreted / egested / less waste / less carbon dioxide / less methane **;** if eat less food, then less emissions **;** if growth rate is higher, do not to keep them for as long **;** fewer cattle means that less methane is released **;**	max [2]	if 'less methane' award mp1 too
(f)		health risk / hormones may have adverse effect, in humans **;** any e.g. **;** faster growth rate / early puberty / cancer ref to animal welfare / kill animals **;** harm to animals of fast growth rates **;** any likely health issue in animals **;** AVP **;** e.g. protect European farmers	max [2]	**A** ill / sickness / increased mass **A** men's gender effect **R** bacteria (that make the hormone) making cattle / humans ill
			[Total:15]	

4	(a)	(i)	red blood cell ;	[1]	
		(ii)	plasma ;	[1]	
		(iii)	capillary ;	[1]	
	(b)		oxygen ; carbon dioxide ; water ; glucose ; sodium ions ; amino acids ; urea, (named) hormone(s) ; AVP ;;; e.g. lactic acid	max [3]	
	(c)	(i)	1150 (%)	[1]	look in the space for working if answer is not in table
		(ii)	increase in energy demand in muscle ; for contraction (of muscle) ; increase in respiration in muscle ; *increase in blood flow supplies* more oxygen ; for aerobic respiration ; more glucose ; more, fat / fatty acids ; *increase in blood flow removes* carbon dioxide ; lactate / lactic acid ; from anaerobic respiration ;	max [5]	**A** lot of energy **A** lot of oxygen **A** conversion of lactic acid

	(iii)	*max 3 for increase blood flow* vasodilation **;** muscle in wall relaxes **;** arterioles / arteries **;** widen / dilate **;** more blood flows to capillaries **;** *max 3 for decrease blood flow* vasoconstriction **;** muscle in wall contracts **;** arterioles / arteries **;** narrow / constrict **;** less blood flows to capillaries **;**	max [4]	**R** 'blood vessels' once only *allow ecf* for 'blood vessels'
		[Total:16]		
5 **(a)**		pollen (grain) germinates / pollen (grain) grows pollen tube **;** pollen tube grows down the style **;** reaches the ovule **;** (tip of) pollen tube breaks open **;** male gamete(s) travels down the pollen tube **;** male gamete(s) / (male) nucleus / nuclei, enter ovule **;** (male gamete) fuses with female gamete / ovum **;** zygote forms **;**	max [3]	**A** pollen grain gametes / nucleus **A** fertilization / fusion, occurs inside the ovule

(b)	*protection* (amnion / uterus / amniotic fluid) 1 provides protection against, mechanical damage / 'knocks' **;** 2 provides sterile environment / no entry of pathogens **;** 3 backbone provides protection against, jolts / AW **;** 4 placenta provides a barrier to (named) pathogen(s) / AW **;** 5 placenta prevents mixing of blood between fetus and mother *constant temperature* 6 ref to blood flow to the, uterus / placenta / amnion **;** 7 brings heat from elsewhere in mother's body **;** 8 removes heat from amniotic fluid **;** 9 fetus enclosed inside, any named structure / the mother's body **;** 10 named structure(s), acts as insulators / reduces heat loss **;** *nutrients* 11 across placenta / through placenta **;** 12 diffusion / active transport **;** 13 between mother's blood and fetal blood / into fetal blood**;** *excretion of metabolic waste* 14 across placenta / through placenta **;** 15 diffusion of, urea / carbon dioxide **;** 16 from fetal blood to mother's blood / into mother's blood **;** *nutrients / excretion* **A** once only 17 umbilical cord transports, nutrients / excretory products **;**		**max 3** from each section **A** baby for fetus **R** amniotic sac as insulator **R** absorbed by placenta
		max [8]	
	[Total:11]		

6	(a)		group of organisms of the <u>same species</u> ; in the same area / at the same time ;		[2]	**A** 'of a kind' / <u>a</u> species **A** same habitat / ecosystem / community
	(b)	(i)	greater predation by owls / more predators / more owls; lack of food / starvation / more competition for food ; adverse (named) weather condition (s) ; disease / sickness / illness; emigration ; AVP ; habitat destruction		max [3]	**R** climate change
		(ii)	1 owl population increases, after / AW, vole population increases ; 2 owl population crashes (in year 7) ; 3 immediately after crash in vole population ; 4 vole population crashes / decreases (in year 6) ; 5 when there are most owls ; 6 if owls ate (much) other prey there would not be a close relationship / AW ; 7 ref to numbers of owls from the graph ;		max [2]	**if MP1 and MP2** not given accept the idea that 'owl population follows changes in vole population' if answer does not refer to the increase or decrease
					[Total:7]	