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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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(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • either fruit is soft or seeds, are hard / thick / have a hard / thick / protective covering or testa ; • no enzymes to digest, testa / seed coat / seed ; 	[2]	I refs to teeth																														

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(c)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 wind (dispersal) ; 2 'hairs' / wing(s), on seed / fruit, to aid dispersal ; 3 self- (dispersal) ; 4 explosive, pods / fruits ; 5 water (dispersal) ; 6 float / buoyant ; 	[max 2]	<p>A parachute / light I fur</p> <p>I pollination</p>
(d)	<p>oxygen ; warmth / warm temperature ; water ;</p>	[max 2]	<p>A suitable quoted warm temp, 15–30°C</p> <p>I humidity</p>
(e)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 (cassowaries are large birds) so need large, territory / habitat / feeding area / lots of space ; 2 cannot fly so cannot move easily from one area to another ; 3 need many trees to produce enough fruit ; 4 cassowaries are dependent on many (tree) species ; 5 need suitable nesting areas ; 	[max 3]	
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2 (a) (i)	provides, sufficient energy / energy for needs ; provides, molecules / materials, for metabolism / equivalent ; provides, nutrients / named nutrients i.e. CPFVM H ₂ O fibre ; in correct / right, quantities / proportions / amounts ;	[max 3]	A substances fibre – accept roughage and non-starch polysaccharide. A minimum of any three named nutrients A contains (all the) food, groups / types / classes R ‘substances’ A adequate / sufficient R ‘equal’
(ii)	age ; sex / gender ; activity / exercise; pregnancy / lactation ; growth / body building ; ambient temperature / climate / weather ; disease / medical condition / illness ; allergy / food intolerance ; size / body mass / build ;	[max 3]	A weight I height
(b) (i)	horizontal line at 180 mg per 100 cm ³ ;	[1]	A tolerance of half-square up or down
(ii)	60 to 300 minutes <i>Units essential</i>	[1]	A 240 minutes / 4 hours
(iii)	increases after time when glucose is ingested, decreases, but stays below or touches 180 / line from b(i) throughout ;	[1]	
(c)	insulin secreted / produced / released ; by pancreas ; glucose absorbed (by liver / muscles) ; stored as / converted to , glycogen ;	[max 3]	
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3 (a) (i)	amylase ;	[1]	
(ii)	pH is a factor that influences / affects enzyme activity / AW; to give the optimum pH ; extreme pH could denature enzyme / AW ;	[max 1]	ORA
(b)	<i>idea that</i> protease , would break down, enzymes / enzyme 2 ;	[1]	
(c)	stable at high temperatures / does not denature at 60°C / optimum temperature near 60°C ;	[1]	I bears / tolerates hot temperatures I heat resistant I ref to denatures > 60°C
(d)	<p>1 (bacteria grown in) fermenters ;</p> <p>2 (bacteria provided with) substrate / food (substances) / glucose / minerals / whey / waste substances / nutrients / culture medium / AW ;</p> <p>3 oxygen / aerobic conditions ; A air bubbled through</p> <p>4 (bacteria) grow / reproduce / increase in number ;</p> <p>5 enzymes, secreted / released / AW ;</p> <p>6 enzymes separated from, bacteria / mixture ; A ref to filtration</p> <p>7 AVP ; e.g. conditions – 26°C / pH 5–6</p>	[max 3]	A extracted by crushing bacteria
(e)	extracts more juice / speeds up juice extraction ; pectin converted to sugars ; so juice is sweeter ; cell wall material is removed from juice / pectin digested to soluble product(s) ; so the juice is clearer ; AVP; humans don't produce pectinase i.e. humans can digest the juice.	[max 3]	I easier.....
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4 (a)	<p>1 (red blood cells) get stuck in capillaries / do not flow smoothly / capillaries blocked;</p> <p>2 reduce , supply of, oxygen / nutrients (to tissues / cells / muscles) ;</p> <p>3 reduce , removal of, carbon dioxide / wastes, (from tissues / cells / muscles) ;</p> <p>4 ref to respiration (in tissues) ;</p> <p>5 cause sickle cell crises ;</p> <p>6 pain ;</p> <p>7 increased chance of, thrombosis / blood clotting ;</p> <p>8 death of tissues / cells ;</p> <p>9 AVP ;</p>	[max 4]	<p>ignore less haemoglobin</p> <p>A carries <u>less</u> oxygen / nutrients...</p> <p>A carries <u>less</u> carbon dioxide...</p> <p>I reduced life expectancy</p>
(b) (i)	allele(s) ;	[1]	
(ii)	H^A , H^S + H^A , H^S ; $(H^A H^A$, $H^A H^S$, $H^A H^S$) <u>$H^S H^S$</u> ;	[2]	<p>Could be in Punnett square</p> <p>A just A and S</p> <p>A just S and S</p>
(iii)	0.25 / 25% / $\frac{1}{4}$ / 1 in 4 ;	[1]	I ratios

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(c) (i)	<p>1 malaria, is severe disease / may be fatal ;</p> <p>2 <i>idea that it is the</i> selective agent / ref to natural selection ;</p> <p>3 $H^A H^A$ / homozygous dominant, susceptible to malaria ;</p> <p>4 $H^A H^S$ / heterozygous, resistant ; A $H^S H^S$ resistant ;</p> <p>5 $H^A H^S$ survive / $H^A H^A$ more likely to die before have children ;</p> <p>6 $H^A H^S$ have children and pass on, the allele / H^S ;</p> <p>7 (if $H^A H^S \times H^A H^S$) 1 in 4 chance of, $H^S H^S$ / homozygous recessive ;</p> <p>8 2 in 4 / $\frac{1}{2}$, have advantage of resistance to malaria ;</p> <p>9 AVP ; e.g. ref to malarial parasite /</p> <p>10 AVP ; e.g. ref to transmission of malaria</p>	[max 4]	<p>A sickle cell trait / carrier for $H^S H^A$ throughout the answer</p> <p>R immune</p>
(ii)	<p>1 malaria not very serious / not a severe strain of malaria ;</p> <p>2 people have other genetic protection from malaria ;</p> <p>3 malaria has only recently spread to these areas / no malaria before;</p> <p>4 mutation not occurred in populations of these areas ;</p> <p>5 people with mutation / have sickle cell allele , have not migrated here ;</p> <p>6 (majority of) population in Australia has not lived there for long ;</p> <p>7 came from areas where no malaria, is / was, present ;</p> <p>8 AVP ;</p> <p>9 AVP ;</p>	[max 2]	<p>E.g. Thalassaemia</p> <p>A mutation described I gene, for allele</p>
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5 (a)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 eye, light ; 2 ear, sound / noise ; 3 ear, gravity / acceleration / movement ; 4 tongue, taste / chemicals / flavours in food ; 5 nose, smell / chemicals in the air / odours ; 6 skin, touch / pressure ; 7 skin, temperature ; 8 skin, pain ; 	[max 3]	
(b) (i)	response / reaction , to stimulus ; occurs without having to, think / use the brain / make decision ;	[2]	I reflex A not conscious of action until it has happened
(ii)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 receptor(s) / sensory cells / nerve ending , detects heat / stimulus ; 2 (nervous / electrical) impulses ; 3 generated by (skin) receptor ; 4 travels to spinal cord along sensory neurone(s) ; 5 within spinal nerve ; 6 synapse ; 7 relay / connector / inter-, neurone ; 8 motor neurone to effector / biceps / muscle ; 9 <u>biceps</u> contracts ; 	[max 5]	R messages, signals R spinal cord
(iii)	fast ; automatic ; protective / defensive / avoid injury ; removes (part of) body from source of danger ;	[2]	
(c)	hormones / chemical messengers ; secreted into the blood / which travels in blood ; stimulate target , cells / tissues / organs ;	[max 2]	A endocrines I endocrine system
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6 (a) (i)	amino acid / protein / RNA / DNA / AW;	[1]	A named protein, both plant and animal
(ii)	secondary (consumer) / carnivore / predator ;	[1]	R third / tertiary
(iii)	excretion ;	[1]	
(iv)	nitrification ;	[1]	A oxidation
(b)	<p>1 <i>idea that</i> (fixed) nitrogen is in limited supply ;</p> <p>2 <i>idea that</i> if not recycled is not available for plants to absorb ;</p> <p>3 needed for many biological compounds ;</p> <p>4 (required by organisms to make) amino acids / proteins / DNA / chlorophyll ;</p> <p>5 for growth / for repair / for enzymes / for genes / AW ;</p>	[max 3]	
(c)	<p>1 not ideal habitat / not well adapted to habitat / conditions not favourable ;</p> <p>2 any suitable reason ; e.g. too dry / wrong soil / wrong pH / wider leaves / larger leaf surface (area)</p> <p>3 (seedlings) eaten by impala / herbivores ;</p> <p>4 much tastier than grass / better nutritional content ;</p> <p>5 competition with grasses ;</p> <p>6 for any resource ; e.g. light / nutrients / minerals / water</p> <p>7 slow growing ;</p> <p>9 AVP ; e.g. few seeds produced, lack of suitable pollinators, lack of suitable / required symbiont, soil contains plenty of nitrate (so no advantage to being a nitrogen fixer, because of much animal dung) / poor seed dispersal</p> <p>8 Connection...lightning and nitrogen in soil ;</p>	[max 3]	<p>I competition with self</p> <p>A lack of light / minerals / water</p>

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(d)	<p>1 <i>general idea of</i> energy loss (in food chain) ;</p> <p>2 cheetahs are at a higher trophic level (than impala) / impala are the primary consumers / prey ;</p> <p>3 each cheetah eats many impala;</p> <p>4 large population of cheetahs cannot be sustained / number of impala controls or determines the number of cheetahs ;</p> <p>5 hunted / poached (for skins) ;</p> <p>6 killed by local people as they feed on animals ;</p> <p>7 reference to balanced ecosystem / food chain / food web;</p> <p>8 cheetahs do not eat, all impalas / all parts of an impala</p> <p>9 'lose energy', in respiration / as heat to environment ;</p> <p>10 <i>and in</i> movement / excretion / egestion / reproduction ;</p> <p>11 offspring killed / die (while growing) by other predators / their prey</p> <p>12 AVP ;</p>	[max 4]	
(e)	<p>1 idea of interdependence ;</p> <p>2 if one species is lost others may become extinct ;</p> <p>3 rely indirectly on plants ;</p> <p>4 impala eat a variety of plants ;</p> <p>5 cheetahs eat a variety of other prey animals ;</p> <p>6 <i>idea of</i> conserving habitats ;</p> <p>7 to ensure species continue for future generations to, enjoy / use ;</p> <p>8 biodiversity reference;</p>	[max 3]	<p>A idea of knock-on effect / AW</p> <p>A tourism</p>
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