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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.

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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.

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Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)	A nucleus; B chloroplast; C vacuole;	3
1(b)(i)	label X to any part of xylem area ;	1
1(b)(ii)	label P to any part of phloem area ;	1
1(b)(iii)	transport food substances (from leaves);	1
1(c)	carbon dioxide and water ; (either order)	1
1(d)	any two of muscle contraction ; protein synthesis ;	2
	growth;	
	maintenance of (a constant body) temperature ;	

Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)	(gas X) oxygen / O ² ; (gas Y) nitrogen / N ² ;	2
2(b)(i)	natural gas ;	1
2(b)(ii)	CH⁴;	1
2(b)(iii)	alkane ;	1
2(b)(iv)	carbon dioxide / CO² and water / H²O ;	1

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	Question	Answer	Marks
	2(c)	calcium carbonate / CaCO³;	1
•	2(d)	<pre>(test) (anhydrous) copper ((II)) sulfate ; (result) turns (from white to) blue ; or (test) (anhydrous) cobalt ((II)) chloride ; (result) turns (from blue to) pink / red ;</pre>	2

Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)(i)	weight / gravitational force / (force of) gravity	1
3(a)(ii)	horizontal arrow pointing to right, with one end touching whale	1
3(a)(iii)	500 (N)	1
3(a)(iv)	slows down;	2
	moves upwards ;	
3(b)(i)	force (exerted by the whale);	•
	distance (travelled);	2
3(b)(ii)	chemical potential ;	2
	(to) kinetic;	
3(c)	speed = distance/time or 9000 / 6.0 ; = 1500 (m / s) ;	2

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Question				Answer	Marks
4(a)	One ma	ark each for lines A, B, C, D			4
		letter of structure	name of structure	definition	
		Α	sperm duct	carries sperm (to the urethra/from the testes)	
		В	urethra	carries urine and semen out of the body	
		С	testis/testes	production of male gametes (sperm)	
		D	scrotum	(sac that) holds the testes (outside the body)	
4(b)(i)	uterus I	ining becomes thinner / brea	ks down ;		1
4(b)(ii)	30 days	3;			1
4(b)(iii)	preparir	ng for a fertilised egg / impla	ntation ;		1
4(c)	fusion/	joining ;			2
	of the n	uclei ;			

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Question	Answer	Marks
5(a)(i)	(most) calcium magnesium zinc (least) tin Ca most reactive & Sn least reactive; Mg & Zn in the middle in the correct order;	2
5(a)(ii)	any two from increase temperature; increase concentration (of acid); reduce particle size / use a powder / increase the surface area (of the metal);	2
5(b)(i)	hydrogen / H ² ;	1
5(b)(ii)	gas test ammonia glowing splint	2
	carbon dioxide damp red litmus paper oxygen limewater	
	three correct ;; two or one correct ;	
5(c)	any two from: malleable; (good) heat conductor; (good) electrical conductor;	2

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Question	Answer		
6(a)(i)	X-rays Ultraviolet/ visible micro- radio waves waves	2	
	ultraviolet/UV in correct box ; visible in correct box ;		
6(a)(ii)	ultraviolet can be hazardous / dangerous / harmful / cause damage ; to the retina / eyes / eyesight / cells/skin / may cause cancer ;	2	
6(b)(i)	flow of (electric) charge	1	
6(b)(ii)	R = V/I or R = 2000 / 0.5 ; = 4000 ; ohms / Ω ;	3	
6(c)	idea of water getting into / heat causing damage to devices ;	1	

Question	Answer	Marks
7(a)	oxygen;	1
7(b)(i)	brown; (brick) red;	2
7(b)(ii)	inside the bag ;	1
7(b)(iii)	some / they have moved out of the bag / into the water ; by diffusion / through the membrane ;	2
7(b)(iv)	glucose molecules are small(er) / starch molecules are bigg(er); glucose molecules can pass through (the bag) / starch molecules cannot pass through (the bag);	2
7(c)	carbon dioxide / hormones / ions ;	1

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Question	Answer	Marks
8(a)	(protons) 13; (neutrons) 14;	2
8(b)(i)	electrolysis ;	1
8(b)(ii)	ionic ;	1
8(b)(iii)	It is a finite resource / (they're) running out / will run out / more energy used for extraction / less energy to recycle (than extract) / no need to mine / does not go into landfill;	1
8(c)	copper / Cu is a transition metal / aluminium is not a transition metal ;	1
8(d)(i)	carbon;	1
8(d)(ii)	(copper oxide is) reduced and (explanation) (CuO) loses oxygen ;	1

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Question	Answer	Marks
9(a)(i)	(good) insulator / poor conductor ;	1
9(a)(ii)	to heat up the tube / element / water ;	1
9(a)(iii)	any 2 from	2
	convection; hot water rises; cools then falls;	
9(b)(i)	switch symbol ; fuse symbol + completed circuit ;	2
9(b)(ii)	(fuse would) blow / melt in normal use (with a 3 A current);	1