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Question	Expected Answers	Mks	Additional Guidance
1 (a) (i)	a correlation between carbon monoxide concentration and number of cars / as the number of cars increases so does the carbon monoxide concentration	[1]	
(ii)	results can be repeated (by other scientists) / more data can be obtained	[1]	allow: causal link found
(b) (i)	second nitrogen monoxide molecule on left; two carbon dioxide molecules on right	[2]	
(ii)	$2\text{CO} + 2\text{NO} \rightarrow \text{N}_2 + 2\text{CO}_2$	[1]	do not allow ecf from (b)(i)
(iii)	it causes acid rain; that attacks crops	[2]	allow: other correct damage from acid rain
	Total	[7]	
2 (a) (i)	73 to 77	[1]	
(ii)	$(77+76+73+74+75)/5$; = 75	[2]	allow one mark for 77
(b)	mean of polymer A does not lie in range of polymer B;	[1]	allow: ranges do no overlap
(c) (i)	make chains longer / add cross linking	[1]	allow: increased crystallinity
(ii)	increases forces between chains; more energy is needed to separate chains	[2]	
	Total	[7]	
3 (a)	they carry out carry out risk assessments; to find the safe levels of chemicals in food	[2]	
(b)	pesticide chemicals may get into organic food from other sources; e.g. blow from other farms / in water supply	[2]	allow: soil may contain pesticides from previous use
(c)	moulds/bacteria/microbes grow on food in storage (and release toxic chemicals); toxic chemicals may be formed during cooking; toxic chemicals may be produced by a plant as it grows; chemicals in the plant may cause an allergic reaction	[2]	any two
	Total	[6]	

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4 (a)	(clouds of) gas; and dust; over long periods of time; (condensed under gravity)	[2]	Any two points
(b) (i)	Distance light travels in a year	[1]	
(ii)	300 000	[1]	
(c) (i)	above atmosphere; no light pollution; no clouds; no atmospheric distortion	[2]	Any two points
(ii)	For: increase human knowledge; find new planets; find life on other planets; find new home for mankind in future Against: very expensive project; unlikely to succeed; money would be better spent on (another more worthwhile project) e.g. health	[2]	One mark for a 'for' argument and one mark for an 'against' argument.
	Total	[8]	
5 (a) (i)	X-rays and gamma radiation	[1]	Both needed (either order)
(ii)	Damage cells/DNA/nuclear material; breaks up molecules and makes them reactive / causes mutations/cancer	[2]	allow: will kill cells
(b) (i)	Risk: skin cancer and benefit: look and feel good/vitamin D production; Reason: Benefit outweighs risk	[2]	allow: risk is small
(ii)	put on sunblock/cover up with (cotton) clothing <u>because</u> it absorbs/reflects UV	[1]	
	Total	[6]	
6 (a) (i)	$370 + 800 + 380 + 310 + 500 = 2360 \mu\text{Sv}$	[1]	
(ii)	Calculates 800 divided by own answer to (a)(i) or compares 800 to $\frac{1}{2}$ of own answer to (a)(i); draws appropriate conclusion	[2]	Correct total in (a)(i) gives the answer no.
(iii)	$(1600 + 2360 = 3960)$ $100 \times 1600/3960 = 40.4\%$.	[1]	Allow ecf for own answer to (a)(i)
(b)	alpha all absorbed by body; absorbed by lungs (which are delicate); radon stays in lungs, as it is heavy; gammas mostly pass through without effect;	[2]	Any two points allow ionisation more for alpha than gamma
	Total	[6]	

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7 (a)	male: XY; female: XX	[2]	
(b)	controls development of sex organs; ref to ovaries (female) or testes (male)	[2]	
(c)	may sack him / may no longer employ him; may not promote him / he may be discriminated against; it is an invasion of privacy	[2]	Any two
(d) (i)	to see if he will develop the condition when older; to see how likely it is condition will be passed onto his offspring;	[2]	
(ii)	may cause him stress / may cause him to become depressed / may affect his mental health / it is an invasion of privacy / he may have problems getting life insurance / the test may give a false positive result	[1]	
	Total	[9]	
8 (a)	poor diet / stress / cigarette smoking / excess alcohol intake / high saturated fat intake / high salt intake / lack of exercise	[2]	any two
(b) (i)	F	[1]	
(ii)	C and D	[1]	
(iii)	E	[1]	
(c)	takes time for heart disease to develop / incidence of disease is low / takes account of other factors involved	[1]	
(d)	1816/66000; 2.75	[1]	allow 2.8
	Total	[7]	
9 (a)	sun	[1]	
(b)	horseshoe crab and diamondback terrapin	[1]	either order
(c)	(striped bass population will) increase because: fewer turtles to eat the crabs; larger population of crabs; more food for the bass	[2]	any two reasons no marks for increase alone
	Total	[4]	