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Question	Expected Answers	Mks	Additional Guidance
1 (a)	sperm / <u>male</u> sex cells (1)	[1]	
(b)	may not work / low success rate / embryo may not develop (1)	[1]	
(c) (i)	any two from: need both alleles to get cystic fibrosis / each parent can pass on recessive allele (1) high risk (1 in 4) of offspring having cystic fibrosis (1) process will allow removal of embryos with two recessive alleles (1)	[2]	first marking point is for explaining 'carrier'
(ii)	unethical / kills embryos / embryo is a living human being / not natural (1)	[1]	
	Total	[5]	
2 (a) (i)	A: artery and B: vein (1)	[1]	
(ii)	<i>artery:</i> thick wall (1) to withstand high pressure (1) or small lumen / narrow (lumen) (1) blood at high pressure / fast flowing (1)	[2]	
(b) (i)	fat / lipid / cholesterol (1)	[1]	
(ii)	less oxygen reaching the heart (1) heart tissue dies (1)	[2]	
(c) (i)	factor: smoking and outcome: heart disease (1)	[1]	
(ii)	poor diet / stress / excessive alcohol intake / lack of exercise / high blood pressure / obesity (1)	[1]	allow description of poor diet, e.g. high salt intake / too much junk food
(iii)	as the amount of smoking increases, the risk of heart disease also increases / alternative wording	[1]	allow 'there is a <u>positive</u> correlation between amount of smoking and risk of heart disease' amount of smoking could refer to number of cigarettes / length of time
	Total	[9]	

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3	(a)	seagull sand eels / small sea fish plankton / plants	[2]	all 3 correct = 2 marks 2 correct = 1 mark
	(b)	increase: B D decrease: A C E	[2]	all 5 correct = 2 marks 4 correct = 1 mark
	(c) (i)	extinct	[1]	allow endangered
	(ii)	dodo / dinosaur	[1]	allow any extinct species if endangered is answer to (c)(i), allow any endangered species here
	Total		[6]	
4	(a) (i)	increases (1)...increases (1)	[2]	allow decreases...decreases (2)
	(ii)	(positive) correlation	[1]	
	(b) (i)	very small pieces of solid / carbon	[1]	allow dust
	(ii)	fuel burns (1) in a limited supply of oxygen / by incomplete combustion (1)	[2]	
	(c)	any two from: increase provision of/encourage people to use public transport (1) design more efficient car engines (1) have legal limits to emissions (1)	[2]	allow other valid answers
	Total		[8]	
5	(a) (i)	1704 / 6 (1); = 284 (1)	[2]	
	(ii)	279 to 289	[1]	
	(b)	<i>HDPE because:</i> tensile strength is higher (1) so rope will not break easily (1)	[2]	if LDPE chosen = 0 marks
	(c)	polymerisation	[1]	
	Total		[6]	
6	(a)	any two from: to give the food a brighter colour (1) to replace colour lost in processing (1) make them look more attractive / to attract people to the product / to make people buy them (1)	[2]	do not allow 'to colour the food' unqualified

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(b)	identifying beta-carotene, lycopene & tartrazine as natural / others as synthesised (1) colourings from a natural/plant source do not cause hyperactivity / colourings that may cause hyperactivity are synthesised (1)	[2]	
(c)	<i>government</i> : carry out risk assessment / set limits to concentrations in foods / ban some colourings (1) <i>individuals</i> : look at labels / choose food that does not have potentially harmful colourings (1)	[2]	
	Total	[6]	
7 (a)	any part of the crust except heavy line (1) end of line within light grey region (1)	[2]	
(b) (i)	any one from: similar fossils (1) fit of continents (1) similar rock (layers) (1)	[1]	
(ii)	any one from: too different from own ideas (1); Wegener was an outsider (1); there were simpler explanations (1); no mechanism thought possible (1)	[1]	
(c) (i)	3.0 to 3.9	[1]	allow any value in range
(ii)	data get 10× smaller in each row/for each magnitude (1) expect 7.0–7.9 to be about 13 (1)	[2]	one mark for spotting the pattern of decrease and one for coming up with a number
	Total	[7]	

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8 (a)	electromagnetic (1) photons (1)	[2]	
(b) (i)	any two from: food absorbs microwaves (1) molecules (of water) in food vibrate (1) vibration heats food (1)	[2]	
(ii)	metal walls / door screen (to reflect back microwaves)	[1]	
(c)	<i>benefit:</i> social acceptance / ability to ring home in emergency / able to contact people quickly (1) <i>risk management:</i> only use text / keep for brief calls and emergencies / use hands-free set (1)	[2]	
	Total	[7]	
9 (a)	count (for same time) with each absorber (1) passes through paper and aluminium but not lead (1)	[2]	ignore any reference to background radiation.
(b) (i)	B	[1]	
(ii)	C	[1]	
(c)	risk of damage to cells is small (1) benefit is being cured of the cancer (1)	[2]	'benefit outweighs risk' = 2 marks
	Total	[6]	