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BIOLOGY



MARK SCHEME

B5.4 WHY DO WE NEED TO MAINTAIN A CONSTANT INTERNAL ENVIRONMENT? (FOUNDATION)

SCORE	PERCENTAGE
/27	%

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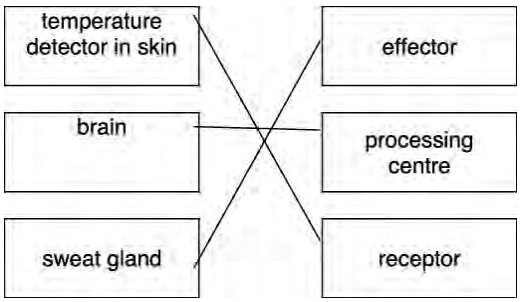
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Question			Answer/Indicative content	Marks	Guidance
1	a		Increase; Decrease / Reduce;	2 2	**accept** cools down **Examiner's Comments** Well answered question, many candidates gaining both marks.
	b		*Any two from:* Dehydration; Reduced sweating; Increase in body temperature;		**Examiner's Comments** Many candidates showed that they had a good knowledge of thermoregulation and gained both marks.
	c			2	3 lines correct = 2 1 or 2 lines correct = 1 **Examiner's Comments** This good knowledge continued here again with most candidates achieving both marks.
			Total	**6**	
2	a		B; C; A;	2	3 correct = 2 marks 2 or 1 correct = 1 mark **Examiner's Comments** Was very well answered, with many of those who did not gain both marks picking up at least 1 mark. This suggests that Centres have done a good job preparing candidates to use and interpret scientific models.
	b	i	homeostasis;	1	**Examiner's Comments** Was in contrast very poorly answered. Only a small number of candidates were able to name homeostasis as the process, and many responses named an organ of the body rather than any process.

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		ii	nervous; hormonal / endocrine;	2	**accept** either way round **Examiner's Comments** Was also very poorly answered, with such marks as were scored being for nervous system; hormonal system was almost never mentioned. It was particularly disappointing to see so many candidates either fail to offer a response, or to offer the name of an organ or even two organs in response to a question that asked them to name systems, and perhaps the hierarchy of tissues, organs and systems needs to be emphasised to future candidates.
	c	iii	*any two from:* it will have to filter more blood; it will produce more urine; it will take longer; it will produce u	2	**Examiner's Comments** Was not well answered, largely because candidates seemed to ignore the question about what the effect would be on the remaining kidney and give answers about the implications for kidney failure. Such credit as could be given was mainly for a generalisation that the kidney would need to work harder rather than making any of the specific points listed in the mark scheme.
			As age increases… → …the risk decreases at a faster rate. At a certain age… → … the risk stays the same. The younger you are… → … the risk increases.	1	Do not give the mark if more than 1 line is drawn. **Examiner's Comments** Very often had the correct response of the top left box joined to the bottom right box, and nearly as often did not score the mark since other boxes were joined by lines despite the clear instruction to draw **one** line. Candidates might be encouraged to read questions carefully for this type of instruction.

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		ii	it is only an isolated / single case;	1	Examiner's Comments Was looking for a generalisation that a single case is not evidence of a trend. This was very poorly answered as candidates made specific points rooted in the scenario e.g. “Ranjit's brother was 55 his age made him likely to have kidney failure.”
			Total	9	

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3			[Level 3] Comments refer to some processes and some ideas. Quality of written communication does not impede communication of the science at this level. (5–6 marks) [Level 2] Comments refer to a process and ideas. Quality of written communication partly impedes communication of the science at this level. (3–4 marks) [Level 1] Comments refer only to processes or to ideas. Quality of written communication impedes communication of the science at this level. (1–2 marks) [Level 0] Insufficient or irrelevant science. Answer not worthy of credit. (0 marks)	6	• cold water causes heat loss • heat less should equal heat gain • heat released from respiration / shivering • thick fat layer • thick fur • basking • vasoconstriction Process may include: • brain / hypothalamus monitors (core) body temperature • body temperature is targeted up to grade E • skin sends impulses to processing centre • no reference to cooling or lowering body temperature. • brain sends impulses to effectors eg Ideas may include: • activity increases respiration, increases heat released • lots of insulation (to prevent heat loss) • mentions negative feedback / homeostasis • sun warms / heats seal up • reduces blood flow to surface / less heat lost from blood Use the L1, L2, L3 annotations in Scoris; do not use ticks. Examiner's Comments This extended writing question was well answered by many candidates with approximately 70% being awarded a level 2 or 3 mark.
			Total	6	

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4			**Level 3 (5–6 marks)** Includes detailed explanation of both heating **and** cooling, **OR** homeostasis **and** correct difference(s) from aquatic mammal. Quality of written communication does not impede communication of science at this level. **Level 2 (3–4 marks)** Includes explanation of either heating **or** cooling **and** correct difference(s) from aquatic mammal **OR** explanation of heating **AND** cooling **OR** Homeostasis but no correct differences with aquatic mammal Quality of written communication partly impedes communication of science at this level. **Level 1 (1–2 marks)** Includes limited explanation of either heating OR cooling Quality of written communication impedes communication of science at this level. **Level 0** Insufficient or irrelevant science. Answer not worthy of credit.	6	This question is targeted at grades up to C **Relevant points include:** *General* • should include too hot, too cold and how aquatic mammals may differ *Specific* **Homeostasis** • hypothalamus / receptors / effectors **Too hot** • vasodilation / blood flow near surface of skin increases • more heat radiated away • sweating • heat lost by evaporation / latent heat **Too cold** • vasoconstriction / blood flow near surface of skin decreases • heat stored in body core / less heat radiated away • shivering / increased respiration rate • generates heat **Differences** • e.g. aquatic mammal lives in water so sweat will not work / has (thick) fur / hair / waterproof do not look for layer of fat / blubber as this is not on the specification. **Use the L1, L2, L3 annotations in Scoris; do not use ticks.** **Examiner's Comments** In this six-mark extended-writing question most candidates managed to relate some ideas about temperature control in

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					humans. However many misconceptions were apparent, such as blood vessels moving up and down in the skin. Very few candidates were able to make comparisons with aquatic mammals and again a number of candidates thought that these were cold blooded and that fish were mammals.
			Total	6	

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