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Question	Marking guidance	Mark	Comments
01.1	1. Correct cell drawn ; 2. Shape correct – cell wall + chromosomes + spindle ; 3. Large, clear drawing with smooth lines ;	3	To include connections to adjacent cells Not sketchy
01.2	70 ;	1	Allow answer in range 66 to 73
01.3	Only thymine is found specifically in DNA ; So radioactivity / thymine will (only) enter replicating chromosomes / replicating DNA ;	2	Allow other bases also found in RNA
01.4	23 ;	1	
01.5	6 ;;	2	Allow 2 marks for ecf to answer from question 01.4 Allow 1 mark for $\frac{2 \times [\text{Answer to 01.4}] \times 60}{480} \quad \text{eg} \quad \frac{2 \times 23 \times 60}{480}$ Allow 1 mark for 5.7 / 5.75 / 5.8 Allow 1 mark for 0.096 / 0.1 (hours)

Question	Marking guidance	Mark	Comments
01.6	1. Scientists and students grew different varieties of onion ; 2. At different temperatures ; 3. With different amounts of oxygen supplied ; 4. Only 2 cells / very few cells in anaphase so not representative ; 5. Slight miscounting has large effect;	2 max	} Allow numerical example – eg if 1 cell → time = 3 mins or if 3 cells → time = 9 mins or miscount of 1 cell → 50% error Allow Scientists did not calculate mean from several cycles
01.7	Student deliberately chose an area with many cells in mitosis OR Student sample size in Figure 1 was too small so not representative / not valid / atypical ;	1	Allow student did not select cells at random / not systematically Allow not reliable Allow description – eg slight variation has greater proportional effect

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02.1	To break H-bonds ; To make bases accessible for base-pairing / for binding of primers or To separate the two strands;	2	
02.2	Different base sequences (on the 2 single-stranded DNA molecules) so different complementary base pairing ;	1	
02.3	3 ;	1	
02.4	3.28×10^4 ;;	2	Allow 1 mark for 32 768 / 3.27×10^4 / 2^{15}

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03.1	1. Same volume and concentration of yeast (suspension) for each sugar or same volume of a given yeast suspension ; 2. Same volume and concentration of sugar solution for each sugar; 3. Mixture kept at suitable constant temperature ; 4. Mixture of sugar and yeast drawn into syringe (using plunger) ; 5. Then join syringe to glass tube via rubber tubing ; 6. Adjust (plunger) so that meniscus is on scale / eg at zero ; 7. Measure time taken to displace a set volume OR Measure meniscus position on scale at set time(s) ; 8. Repetitions and calculate mean ; 9. Clean apparatus and rinse with new sugar + yeast mixture ;	6 max	} If same 'amounts' allow 1 mark for mp1 + mp2 In range 20 - 37°C if specified
03.2	Orientation + suitable scales + axes labelled including units ; Plots correct ; Lines = smooth curves ; Lines labelled to identify sugars ;	4	Either ignoring anomaly for glucose at (40,36) or suitable interpolation or straight lines of best fit from time when $y > 0$

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03.3	Does not fit pattern OR Does not lie on curve OR Curve changes direction ;	1	
03.4	Sensible suggestion – eg dirt in glass tube causing meniscus to 'stick';	1	Accept any suitable suggestion eg temperature change / cooling or misread value on mm scale – eg 36 instead of 46 or measured at incorrect time – eg 35 minutes Ignore human error unqualified
03.5	Repeat experiment for glucose ;	1	

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04.1	(2DG has very similar structure to glucose and so...) 2DG fits transporter protein and fits active site of enzyme ; But enzyme cannot catalyse reaction with 2DG due to difference in structure OR -OH group (on Carbon-2) is necessary for reaction / for metabolism OR 2DG fits active site and blocks it so glucose cannot fit in or 2DG acts as a competitive inhibitor;	2	
04.2	Can use increase in radioactivity in muscle/cells as measure of 2DG uptake ;	1	Accept can see if 2DG taken up by muscle/cells
04.3	Same except no TGZ ;	1	Allow same + a placebo
04.4	Pattern described – increases and then levels off / then zero rate ; Data – up to 18-20 hours / up to 2.8-2.85 AU ;	2	
04.5	It remains in the cells (unchanged) or is not converted to other substances / eg CO₂ ; Therefore shows how much 2DG is taken up due to TGZ treatment or so rate of uptake is not changed ;	2	Ignore cannot be metabolised / cannot be broken down Allow cannot be broken down in respiration Allow shows how effective TGZ is for stimulating glucose uptake (since 2-DG can be taken into cells by glucose carriers)
04.6	TGZ had harmful side effects – eg drowsiness / nausea / muscle pain;	1	Allow TGZ caused liver disease

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05.1	1. Light ; 2. Water ; 3. Temperature ; 4. Ions / named example / pH of soil;	3 max	Ignore wind / carbon dioxide / oxygen Allow moisture / rain / humidity Allow nutrients / soil fertility Ignore food
05.2	More representative sample OR so mean is more representative / valid / reliable ; To see if any difference was significant / not just chance OR to make a valid comparison / to draw a valid conclusion ;	2	Allow to reduce the effect of anomalies Allow so can perform a statistical test Ignore so 'results' are significant / valid Ignore accurate
05.3	Randomly OR at regular intervals ; Method of achieving randomness – eg random numbers for coordinates OR Use of transect line ;	2	Reject throwing quadrats
05.4	N-facing: 19 to 49 AND S-facing: 23 to 52 ;	1	

Question	Marking guidance	Mark	Comments
06.1	Turgor / described – 1. for support ; 2. opening and closure of stomata ; Solvent – 3. transport of ions and organic molecules ; 4. medium for chemical reactions ; 5. Hydrolysis – eg for mobilising stored food ; Photosynthesis – 6. light-dependent reaction / photolysis of water ; 7. production of reduced NADP / ATP ; 8. Cooling – by evaporation ;	6 max	Allow other relevant points

Question	Marking guidance	Mark	Comments
06.2	<u>Water entry</u> – 1. Root hairs ; 2. Osmosis / diffusion ; <u>Travel through plant</u> – 3. apoplastic route / described ; 4. symplastic route / described ; 5. role of endodermis ; 6. xylem ; 7. root pressure ; 8. transpiration pull ; 9. importance of H-bonds for cohesion / adhesion; <u>Leaving plant</u> – 10. evaporation ; 11. diffusion of water vapour ; 12. some via cuticle ; 13. mostly through stomata ;	6 max	For full marks, must score at least 1 mark in each of the 3 sections

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06.3	1. Small leaves – eg spines to reduce surface area / to deter herbivores OR Rolled leaves – less exposure to air / lower ψ gradient ; 2. Sunken stomata – less exposure to moving air ; 3. Thick waxy cuticle – waterproofing ; 4. Ridged stems – for casting shade ; 5. Water storage tissue – eg swollen stems in succulent plants ; 6. Extensive root systems – deep to reach water table OR near surface – opportunistic re. brief rainfall ; 7. Reduced aerial part of plant – eg Lithops ;	6 max	Allow fewer stomata

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06	<u>Quality of written communication</u> These are awarded for correct use of scientific terms and the ability to present a clear, logical account. They are not awarded for spelling, punctuation and grammar. <u>2 marks</u> for: an answer in which technical terms are used correctly throughout and the accounts are presented clearly and logically. <u>1 mark</u> for: an answer in which most technical terms are used correctly and most of the accounts are presented clearly and logically. <u>0 marks</u> for: an answer in which few technical terms are used correctly or the accounts are seldom presented clearly and logically.	2	Award mark for overall performance in 06.1, 06.2 and 06.3