

GCSE BIOLOGY

Topic Paper: 5 Homeostasis and response Section 2
Part 1 & 2 Mark Scheme

MARK SCHEME



83 Marks



M1. (a) (concentration high) in the hepatic portal vein is blood with glucose absorbed from the intestine

1

concentration is lower in the hepatic vein because insulin

1

(has caused) glucose to be converted into glycogen

1

or

allows glucose into liver cells

(b) (i) (after 6 hours) most of the glucose has been absorbed from the intestine **or** from food into the blood

1

(ii) because glucagon (made in the pancreas) causes
if biological terms incorrectly spelt they must be phonetically accurate
do not accept glucagon made / produced by the liver

1

glycogen to be converted into glucose

1

glucose released into blood
allow the liver maintains the correct / constant level of glucose in the blood

1

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M2. (a) (i) thermoregulatory centre
allow thermoregulation centre
allow hypothalamus

1

(ii) it has receptors
ignore receptors in skin

1

reference to temperature of blood
allow plasma for blood

1

(b) muscles contract
ignore relax / expand

1

increased respiration **or** more heat released
allow more heat produced
if more not given allow respiration releases / produces heat

1



- (c) (i) (blood vessels / arteries / arterioles) dilate / widen
do not accept capillaries dilate
ignore blood vessels get bigger / expand
do not accept idea of blood vessels moving 1
- (ii) more blood close to / near surface
allow blood is closer to the surface
do not accept idea of blood vessels moving 1
- more heat lost **or** heat lost faster **or** cools faster
do not allow for idea of evaporation 1

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- M3.** (a) (i) A 1
- (ii) (protein molecule is) too large to pass
 through the filter / cannot pass through the filter 1
- (b) RBC is too big to / cannot pass through filter 1
- haemoglobin released when RBC bursts
or
 haemoglobin inside RBC in a healthy person 1
- haemoglobin is small enough to / can pass through filter
or
 haemoglobin diameter < pore diameter
or
 haemoglobin only 5.5 nanometres 1

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- M4.** (a) any **two** from
- reference to role of thermoregulatory centre detecting rise in
 temperature (of blood or skin) **or** / causing increase in sweating
- more evaporation
need to refer to more at least once to gain both marks
- more cooling / heat loss
*without reference to more only award max 1 mark if both ideas
 given, eg cooling alone gets no marks* 2



- (b) blood vessels supplying (skin) capillaries
do not accept capillaries / veins 1

or

arteries

or

arterioles 1

dilate / widen

allow vasodilation

do not accept idea of blood vessels moving

note: marks are awarded independently

accept shunt vessels close for 2 marks 1

- (c) (i) muscle contraction
ignore relaxing
do not allow vasoconstriction 1

(ii) respiration

(respiration) releases / produces heat

reference to respiration is required for this mark 1

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- M5.** (a) any **two** from:
allow 2 correctly named substances for 2 marks
ignore water

urea

ions / salt(s) / correct named example

ignore minerals

second correct named example

hormones / named example

allow ammonia

allow creatinine

allow uric acid

allow bile pigment

2



- (b) (i) glucose filtered (into kidney tubule)
accept Bowman's capsule 1
- glucose reabsorbed **or** glucose taken back into blood 1
- all glucose taken back into blood / all reabsorbed 1
- (ii) not all glucose reabsorbed 1
- because not enough time / length **or** too high
a concentration in tubule / not enough carriers 1

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- M6.** (a) in rainforest:
accept converse
- (water from) sweat does not evaporate (as much)
max 1 if not clear whether desert or rainforest 1
- any **one** from:
- (due to) less wind / higher moisture / humidity
less cooling effect
ignore references to temperature 1
- (b) blood vessels supplying capillaries dilate / widen **or** vasodilation
*do not award mark if candidate refers only to blood vessels dilating
or to capillaries dilating.
accept 'arteries' or 'arterioles' for 'blood vessels supplying,
capillaries' but do not accept 'veins'.
ignore expand / get bigger / relax / open
do not accept idea of blood vessels moving* 1

more blood (through skin / surface capillaries) leads to greater heat loss 1

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- M7.** (a) proteins are not filtered 1



glucose is filtered and (re)absorbed
allow glucose (completely) reabsorbed 1

ions are filtered and some (re)absorbed
allow some ions are reabsorbed 1

urea is filtered [and some / none (re)absorbed]
allow some / no urea is reabsorbed 1

(b) more / a lot of sweating occurred
accept converse arguments for cold day 1

more / a lot of water loss (by sweating) 1

more / a lot of water reabsorption / more water absorption by the kidney 1

lower volume of urine
allow less urine / less water in urine 1

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M8. (a) (i) defence against **or** destroy pathogens / bacteria / viruses / microorganisms
*do **not** allow 'destroy disease'*
accept engulf pathogen / bacteria / viruses / microorganism
accept phagocytosis
accept produce antibodies / antitoxins
allow immune response 1

(ii) they are small fragments of cells 1

(b) liver
in this order only 1

kidney(s) 1



(c) any **two** from:

- that it doesn't cause an immune response **or** isn't rejected / damaged by white blood cells
- whether it is a long lasting material / doesn't decompose / corrode / inert
- if it is strong (to withstand pressure)
- it will open at the right pressure
- that it doesn't cause clotting
- that it doesn't leak **or** it prevents backflow
- non toxic

ignore correct size

2

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M9. (a) if body temperature too high blood vessels supplying skin (capillaries) dilate / widen
*do **not** accept capillaries / veins dilate/constrict*

1

if body temperature is too low blood vessels supplying skin (capillaries) constrict / narrow

*do **not** accept idea of blood vessels moving (through skin)*

1

ignore expand

accept arteries / arterioles for 'blood vessels'

if no reference to skin allow blood vessels dilate and blood vessels constrict for one mark

so more / less blood flows through skin (capillaries) or nearer the surface of the skin
must correctly relate to dilation or constriction

1

so more / less heat is lost (from the skin by radiation)

must correctly relate to dilation or constriction

1

(b) sweat released

1

cannot evaporate because of high humidity / all the water vapour in the air

1

so less heat lost / less cooling

or

it is evaporation of sweat that cools the body

1

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M10. (a) (i) **A**

1

(ii) (protein) molecule is large
ignore letters

1



cannot pass through filter

(protein is) too big to get through the filter = 2 marks

1

- (b) **B** is taken back into the blood **or**
B is reabsorbed

1

reabsorbed completely

or reabsorbed after filtration

1

- (c) RBC is too big to pass through filter

1

Haemoglobin is inside red blood cells

or haemoglobin released when RBC bursts

1

Haemoglobin is small enough to pass through filter

or haemoglobin diameter < pore diameter

1

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- M11.** (a) (i) 1 hour 15 mins / 1.25 hours / 75 mins
allow 1:15
ignore 1.15 hours

1

- (ii) increase in (core / body) temperature
ignore numbers

1

(due to an) increase in respiration **or** more muscle contraction

1

releasing energy (as a waste product)

allow produces 'heat'

*do **not** allow making energy*

1

skin temperature decreases

1

(because there is) sweating

1

(which) evaporates and cools the skin

ignore references to vasodilation or vasoconstriction

1



(iii) (there is) dilation of vessels (supplying skin capillaries)
allow vasodilation
allow blood vessels widen
ignore expand
 do **not** accept dilating capillaries or moving vessels

1

(so) more blood flows (near skin) (surface) **or** blood is closer (to the skin)
ignore ref to heat

1

(c) pancreas detects (low) blood glucose

1

produces glucagon
 do **not** allow glucagon made in the liver

1

(so) glycogen is converted to glucose
allow adrenaline released which increases conversion of glycogen to glucose
or
reduced insulin production so less glucose into cells / less glucose converted to glycogen
for 1 mark

1

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M12. (a) Pancreas
allow phonetic spelling

1

(b) any **three** from:
max 2 if any one process goes on in wrong organ
 (amino acids) broken down
 (amino acids) form urea
 (amino acids broken down / converted **or** urea formed) in liver
 (urea / broken down amino acids) removed / filtered by kidney
 do **not** allow amino acids filtered / removed by kidney
 (urine / urea / broken down amino acids) stored / held in bladder
 do **not** allow amino acids stored / held in bladder

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