

GCSE BIOLOGY

Topic Paper: 3.1 Transport in cells
Part 1 & 2 Mark Scheme

MARK SCHEME



74 Marks



M1. (a) *correct names of cell components are required*
it = cell in sugar solution

any **two** from:

accept reverse only if clearly stated answer refers to cell in distilled water

smaller vacuole

smaller / less cytoplasm

allow protoplasm for cytoplasm

cell membrane / cytoplasm not (fully) against cell wall

accept plasmolysed / flaccid / less turgid

or

cell membrane / cytoplasm (partly) pulled away from cell wall

ignore reference to nucleus / water

ignore explanations

or

space / liquid / sugar solution between cell membrane / cytoplasm and cell wall

2

(b) water passed / moved out (of cell) by osmosis / diffusion

accept reverse answer if clearly refers to cell in distilled water

1

more concentrated (solution) outside

assume reference to

concentration refers to solute

concentration unless answer refers to water concentration

or

less concentrated (solution) inside

or

lower water concentration outside

*accept references to hypertonic / hypotonic solutions **or** water potential*

or

higher water concentration inside

1

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M2. (a) guard (cell)

ignore stoma / stomata

1



(b) Species A:

stomata open in dark / at night **or** close in light / in day 1

stomata closed during warm(est) period **or** open when cool(er) 1

heat (energy) / warmth increases evaporation / transpiration
must give explicit link between heat and transpiration 1

reduces water loss / evaporation / transpiration
ignore photosynthesis
allow converse points for species B 1

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M3. (a) (i) glucose **and** galactose 1

(ii) any **three** from:

Evidence:

absorption reduced by cyanide
allow converse

absorb faster (than other sugars)

Explanation:

active transport needs energy

less / no energy available / released if cyanide is there
or less / no energy if no / less respiration

allow energy produced

ignore cyanide prevents respiration 3

(b) all / the sugars / they can be absorbed when gut poisoned / with cyanide **or** when no respiration 1

(diffusion) does not need an energy supply 1

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M4. only 24 students tested **or** only one test **or** reference to lack of controls eg gender / age 1



students could drink as much water as they wanted

or

some students drank more water than others

or

some students drank water and beer

1

differences only slight

ignore effects of beer or promotion of beer drinking

1

[3]

M5. (a) (i) movement of atoms / molecules / ions

accept particles

allow dissolved substances

ignore reference to membranes

1

(substance) moves from high to low concentration

allow down the gradient ignore

across / along / with a gradient

1

(ii) any **two** from:

movement of molecules / ions

accept particles

allow dissolved substances this point once only in (a)(i) and (a)(ii)

from low to high concentration

allow up / against the gradient

ignore across / along / with a gradient

requires energy / respiration

accept requires ATP

2

(b) **filtration** of blood **or**

described re small (molecules)through / large not

ignore diffusion

1



max **four** from:

reabsorption / substances taken back into blood

(reabsorption) of all of the sugar / glucose

(reabsorption) of some of ions / of ions as needed by body

(reabsorption) of some of water / of water as needed by the body

urea present in urine

accept urea not reabsorbed

reabsorption of water by osmosis / diffusion **or** reabsorption of sugar / ions by active transport

4

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M6. active transport needs energy **or** diffusion is not energy-dependent

1

any **three** from:

(energy from) aerobic respiration

more respiration with O₂ **or** more energy release with O₂

(aerobic) respiration / energy release occurs in mitochondria

*do **not** allow anaerobic*

xylose / other sugars absorbed by diffusion / not by active transport

allow active transport is selective / specific

***or** active transport can distinguish glucose and xylose*

3

[4]

M7. (a) both parents **Aa**

*accept other upper and lower case letter without key **or** symbols with a key*

allow as gametes shown in Punnett square

1

aa in offspring correctly derived from parents

or

aa correctly derived from the parents given

ignore other offspring / gametes

for this mark parents do not have to be correct

1



offspring **aa** identified as having cystic fibrosis

*may be the only offspring shown **or** circled / highlighted / described*

1

(b) (i) any **one** from:

accept converse if clear, eg if you (only) took one it might have cystic fibrosis / might not be fertilised

(more) sure / greater chance of healthy / non-cystic fibrosis egg / embryo / child

accept some may have the allele

reference to 'suitable / good embryo' is insufficient

greater chance of fertilisation

1

(ii) **advantages**

to gain 3 marks both advantage(s) and disadvantage(s) must be given

max 3



any **two** from:

ignore references to abortion unless qualified by later screening

greater / certain chance of having child / embryo without cystic fibrosis / healthy

child with cystic fibrosis difficult / expensive to bring up

cystic fibrosis (gene / allele) not passed on to future generations

disadvantages

any **two** from:

operation dangers / named eg infection

ignore risk unqualified

ethical or religious issues linked with killing embryos

accept wrong / cruel to embryos accept right to life argument

ignore embryos are destroyed

(high) cost of procedure

possible damage to embryo (during testing for cystic fibrosis / operation)

plus

conclusion

a statement that implies a qualified value judgement

eg it is right because the child will (probably) not have cystic fibrosis even though it is expensive

or

eg it is wrong because embryos are killed despite a greater chance of having a healthy baby

***note:** the conclusion mark cannot be given unless a reasonable attempt to give both an advantage and a disadvantage is made*

*do **not** award the mark if the conclusion only states that advantages outweigh the disadvantages*



(c) any **three** from:

osmosis / diffusion

*do **not** accept movement of ions / solution by osmosis / diffusion*

more concentrated solution outside cell / in mucus

assume concentration is concentration of solute unless answer indicates otherwise or accept correct description of 'water concentration'

water moves from dilute to more concentrated solution

allow correct references to movement of water in relation to concentration gradient

partially permeable membrane (of cell)

allow semi / selectively permeable

3

[11]

M8. (a) (i) diffusion is down the concentration gradient

for a description of diffusion

ignore along / across gradients

1

to enter must go up / against the concentration gradient

accept by diffusion ions would leave the root

or

concentration higher in the root / plant

or

concentration lower in the soil

1

(ii) active transport

allow active uptake

1

(b) (i) (root hairs →) large surface / area

1

(ii) (aerobic) respiration

*do **not** allow anaerobic*

1

releases / supplies / provides / gives energy

accept make ATP (for active transport)

*do **not** allow 'makes / produces / creates' energy*

1



- (iii) starch is energy source / store (for active transport)
allow starch can be used in respiration
*do **not** allow 'makes / produces / creates' energy*

1

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M9. (a) **B**

*no mark for "B" alone, the mark is for B **and** the explanation.*

- large(r) surface / area **or** large(r) membrane
accept reference to microvilli
ignore villi / hairs / cilia
accept reasonable descriptions of the surface eg folded membrane / surface
*do **not** accept wall / cell wall*

1

- (b) (i) any **one** from:

- (salivary) amylase
- carbohydrase

1

- (ii) many ribosomes
*do **not** mix routes. If both routes given award marks for the greater.*

1

- ribosomes produce protein
accept amylase / enzyme / carbohydrase is made of protein

or

(allow)

- many mitochondria (1)

- mitochondria provide energy to build / make protein (1)
accept ATP instead of energy

1

[4]

- M10.** (a) water enters (funnel / sugar solution) **or** water diffuses in (to the funnel)
*do **not** accept if diffusion of sugar*

1

- membrane partially / selectively / semi permeable **or** by osmosis
allow description

1



because concentration (of sugar) greater
inside funnel than outside / water / in beaker

*assume 'concentration' refers to sugar unless candidate indicates
otherwise
the position of the solutions may be implied*

1

(b) (level / it) rises more slowly **or** levels out earlier **or** does not rise as much

*accept inference of less steep gradient (of graph)
allow less / slower osmosis / diffusion / less water passes through
or less water enters funnel
allow water enters / passes through slower*

1

less difference in concentration (between solution / funnel and water / beaker)

accept due to lower diffusion / concentration gradient / described

1

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M11. (a) solution in soil is more dilute (than in root cells)

concentration of water higher in the soil (than in root cells)

1

so water moves from the dilute to the more concentrated region

*so water moves down (its) concentration gradient **or** water moves
from a high concentration of water to a lower concentration*

1

concentration of ions in soil less (than that in root cells)

1

so energy needed to move ions

or

ions are moved against concentration gradient

*the direction of the concentration gradient must be expressed
clearly*

*accept correct reference to water potential or to concentrations of
water*

1

(b) any **three** from:

movement of water from roots / root hairs (up stem)

via xylem

to the leaves

(water) evaporates

via stomata

3



(c) (i) 0.67/0.7

accept 0.66, 0.666666... or $\frac{2}{3}$ or 0.6

correct answer gains 2 marks with or without working

if answer incorrect allow evidence of $\frac{100}{150}$ for 1 mark

do not accept 0.6 or 0.70

2

(ii) during the first 30 minutes

any **one** from:

it was warmer

it was windier

it was less humid

there was more water (vapour) in the leaves

1

so there was more evaporation

ignore 'water loss'

or

stomata open during first 30 minutes **or** closed after 30 minutes (1)

so faster (rate of) evaporation in first 30 min **or** reducing (rate of) evaporation after 30 min (1)

1

[11]

M12. (a) oxygen / O₂

allow O₂

do not accept O²

or

carbon dioxide / CO₂

allow CO₂

do not accept CO²

1



(b) any **four** from:

ignore references to tail used for locomotion

ignore reference to nostrils

because structure X / gills has threads / filaments **or** is thin **or** tadpole has longer tail

there is an increased surface area

there is a shorter diffusion pathway

therefore an increase in exchange

ignore food

eyes (now visible in older tadpole)

so that food / danger etc can be seen

accept reference to a good blood supply

accept increased water flow over gills / tail will increase diffusion of gases

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