The immune system

Mark Scheme 2

Level	International A Level		
Subject	Biology		
Exam Board	CIE		
Topic	Immunity		
Sub Topic	The immune system		
Booklet	Theory		
Paper Type	Mark Scheme 2		

Time Allowed: 47 minutes

Score : /39

Percentage : /100

Grade Boundaries:

A*	А	В	С	D	E	U
>85%	'77.5%	70%	62.5%	57.5%	45%	<45%

(a (i) X - (ciliated) epithelium; Y - red blood cell/erythrocyte; [2] (ii) cilia beat to move mucus (up the bronchiole/towards the mouth/away from the lungs/AW); mucus as a barrier to entry into (epithelial) cells; mucus traps, pathogens/bacteria/microbes; accept in context of goblet cells capillary/blood vessel, brings, phagocytes/macrophages (to engulf bacteria); [max 3] (b) (i) J – phagocytosis / endocytosis / described in terms of engulfing or forming phagosome; [1] (ii) digestion of bacteria/described; to destroy bacteria/pathogen; A to prevent spread through the body antigen, presentation/display on cell surface; idea of selection of specific, B cells/T cells; A recognition/binding of/activation of, appropriate B/T cells [max 2] (c) 1 faster; in context of whole secondary response 2 memory cells; in context of production during the first response 3 idea that there are many more cells specific for this pathogen; 4 (so) increases chances of encountering pathogens more quickly/AW; fast(er) production of, B lymphocytes/plasma cells/antibodies/helper (T) cells/cytotoxic T cells/cytokines; greater concentration of antibodies (in, blood/lymph) or greater numbers of, B/plasma, cells; 6 A more, antibodies/plasma cells/B cells 7 pathogen, removed/killed, faster; person does not become ill/no symptoms; A pathogen does not, spread through the body/infect cells/AW [max 3]

(d) (i) little/no/slower/weak, immune response;
 stated function of T-lymphocytes, does not occur/occurs slowly;
 e.g. release of cytokines/stimulating macrophages/stimulating B cells/killing infected cells
 high susceptibility to infectious diseases;

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[max 1]

(ii) pathogen not recognised, as non-self/foreign; pathogen is recognised as self; A non-foreign ignore antigen concealment

[max 1]

(iii) no, antibodies/plasma cells/memory (B) cells, produced; no humoral response; no antigen presentation by B cells;

[max 1]

[Total: 14]



(a 5/6 correct = 3 marks 3/4 correct = 2 marks /2 correct = 1 mark hint: use green blobs for correct

infectious disease	name of causative organism(s)	type of causative organism	main mode of transmission	
HIV/AIDS	human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)	virus	sexual contact	
cholera	Vibrio cholerae	bacterium A bacteria	ingestion of contaminated water and food	
tuberculosis	Mycobacterium, tuberculosis or M. bov	bacterium	/droplet infection A described A airborne droplets R air droplets alone	
measles	Morbillivirus ; A morbillivirus A Morbilivirus A Morbilli	virus	aerosol/droplet, infection	
malaria ;	Plasmodium vivax or P. malariae or P. falciparu or P. ova	protoctist ; A protozoa A protist(a)	feeding/sucking blood/ AW , by Anopheles/ mosquito; A mosquito/ Anopheles, bite A mosquito/ Anopheles, is vector	

(b) responses do not have to be presented as a table or confined to any one column

for each numbered mark point, accept point either in left hand column or right hand column

A femidom for condom where relevant

A prophylactic for condom

factors to consider	vocemmendations	
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(geographical) availability of condoms	condoms should be available (in all relevant locations);	
where available, insufficient stock of condoms	condoms should be stocked in sufficient quantities;	
condoms (available but) unaffordable	free/affordable, condoms (should be provided); A condoms should be provided	
low level/no, advertising campaigns for condom use	ref. advertising campaigns for, condom use/safe sex/protective sex;	
poor condom storage (idea of deterioration)	safe storage of condom supplies (to avoid deterioration);	
is spread/other relevant	condoms/proper use of condoms	
low level of (interest in) condom use or, religious/cultural, objections A few people use condoms	ref. changing perception of people to encourage use (of condoms);	
identifiable, high risk/named high risk, groups e.g. sex workers, (male) homosexuals, multip partners, IV drug abusers (in context of sexual activity)	idea of targeting, high risk/named high risk, groups; e.g. sex workers, homosexual male multiple partners, IV drug abusers IV drug abusers (in context of sexual activity)	
low rate of male circumcision	encourage circumcision procedure/train health personnel;	
poor treatment of sexually transmitted infections	treatment of sexually transmitted infections (as risk of contracting HIV increases);	
no/poor/ AW , antiretroviral therapy	ref. antiretroviral therapy reducing risk of sexual transmission;	
ref. extent of contact tracing	ref. to contact tracing;	
	where available, insufficient stock of condoms condoms (available but) unaffordable low level/no, advertising campaigns for condom use poor condom storage (idea of deterioration) lack of education in, use of condoms/how HIV is spread/other relevant R low level of awareness of HIV/lack of education about HIV low level of (interest in) condom use or, religious/cultural, objections A few people use condoms identifiable, high risk/named high risk, groups e.g. sex workers, (male) homosexuals, multip partners, IV drug abusers (in context of sexual activity) low rate of male circumcision poor treatment of sexually transmitted infections no/poor/AW, antiretroviral therapy	

[max 4]

(c) (i) correct sequence;

mark sequentially from first stated process as this is a cycle

growth DNA replication

DNA replication or growth mitosis cytokinesis cytokinesis

[1]

(ii) this may be answered in one of two ways ora

mp	because normally T _h cells so,	without/with fewer, T _h cells	
1	release/ AW , cytokine/lymphokine/interleukin;	no/less,cytokine/lymphokine/interleukin ased/ AW ;	
2	stimulate/ AW , humoral/B-lymphocyte/B-cell, response; humoral/B-lymphocyte/B-cell, response not stimulated;		
	R beta-cells		
3	(stimulate B-cell response so) antibodies produced; A secreted/released R if antibodies from T-cells	poor/AW, antibody production/AW; A no antibodies A secrete/release R if antibodies from T-cells	
4	stimulate/AW, A (result in) angry macrophages A make macrophages more active (in phagocytosis)	macrophages/phagocytes, not stimulated/AW; A fewer/no, angry macrophages A macrophages less active (in phagocytosis)	
5	remain in circulation for second encounter with antigen ; AW	none remain in circulation for second encounter with antigen ; AW	

[max 3]

[Total: 11]

3 **(a)**

name of disease	type of causative organism	name of causative organism
cholera	bacterium / bacteria	Vibrio cholerae
HIV / AIDS	virus	human immunodeficiency virus;
malaria	protoctist; A protozoa / protista A apicomplexa / sporozoa	Plasmodium, vivax / ovale / falciparum / malariae; A Plasmodium (spp)
tuberculosis (TB)	bacterium / bacteria;	Mycobacterium tuberculosis

[4]

[1]

- (b) (i) cholera;
 - (ii) antibiotics / antibacterials / antimicrobial and one reason;
 e.g. kill / inhibit, bacteria
 bacterial infection / caused by bacterium
 do not kill humans
 A harmless to human / AW

[1]

- (iii) 1 vaccinated children, are immune / AW; ignore resistant
 - 2 herd effect;
 - 3 explained; e.g. sufficient / AW, vaccinated / immune, to prevent spread (to susceptible individuals)
 - example of another factor that became effective; e.g. less money spent on drugs so more for better diet
 prevention method described to avoid, food / water, contamination
 [max 2]
- (c) (i) 1 bacterial (surface) antigens / epitopes, act as, non-self / foreign antigens;
 - 2 human cells have self antigens:
 - 3 (antigens are), proteins / polysaccharides;
 - 4 (non-self antigen) will trigger phagocytosis / phagocytes have receptor (only) for, bacterial / non-self, antigens / proteins; **ora** for self antigens
 - ref. to non-self and self antigens containing different sequences of amino acids / self antigens are products of body's genotype / AW;
 - 6 *idea that* phagocytes bind to antibodies complexed with (non-self) antigens (and human cells will not have bound antibody); [max 3]
 - (ii) any reasonable; e.g.

mechanism to prevent, phagosome formation / lysosome fusion with phagocytic vacuole able to withstand attack by (hydrolytic) enzymes contain enzyme inhibitors able to degrade (hydrolytic) enzymes protective capsule [max 1]

(iii) reduction in numbers of T (h) lymphocytes; **A** CD₄ (cells) macrophages ref. to role of T(h) cells e.g. enhanced humoral response, increase macrophage action; lowered immune system / poor immune response / AW; e.g. unable to produce sufficient T/B cells / insufficient stem cells available [max 2]

[Total: 14]

