

Movement of substances

Mark Scheme 3

Level	International A Level
Subject	Biology
Exam Board	CIE
Topic	Cell Membranes and Transport
Sub Topic	Movement of substances
Booklet	Theory
Paper Type	Mark Scheme 3

Time Allowed : 70 minutes

Score : / 58

Percentage : /100

Grade Boundaries:

A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
>85%	77.5%	70%	62.5%	57.5%	45%	<45%

1 (a) (i) *penalise once if the term genetic material is used instead of DNA*

- 1 no nuclear envelope / no (true) nucleus ;
A no nuclear membrane
A no nucleus envelope
A DNA free in cytoplasm ora
A DNA as nucleoid
- 2 DNA, loop / circular ;
A DNA not linear
- 3 DNA, not in chromosomes / DNA not associated with, histones / proteins ;
A naked DNA
- 4 no nucleolus ;
- 5 (presence of) plasmids ;
- 6 (only) have, 70S / small / 18–20 nm, ribosomes ;
- 7 presence of, capsule / slime layer ;
- 8 ref. small (cell) size / less than 5 μm / (only) 1 μm ;
A ora for eukaryotes

[max 3]

(ii) *plant cell*
cellulose ; *treat as neutral ref. to microfibrils / fibres*

bacterial cell
murein / peptidoglycan ;
A peptoglycan / polysaccharide and amino acid

[2]

- (b) 1 cell contents shrink / cytoplasm shrinks ; **AW**
R cell shrinks *unless clear that the cell wall remains, intact / same size*
- 2 cell (surface) membrane / plasma membrane, peels away / **AW**, from cell wall ;
A plasmolysis occurs / cell becomes flaccid
 - 3 (movement of) water out by osmosis ;
 - 4 down water potential gradient / from high to low water potential / to lower water potential / from less negative to more negative water potential ;
A ψ for water potential

[max 3]

- (c) 1 (mutation involves) change in sequence of, bases / nucleotides (of DNA);
A (mutation leads to) altered, mRNA / codons
A change leads to new alleles
(*genes code for, polypeptides / proteins, so*)
- 2 different, protein structures / proteins, possible / synthesised ;
A different, primary / tertiary / 3-D, structure
 - 3 (so) range of / different, functions possible / **AW** ;

[max 2]

[Total: 10]

- 2 (a) *accept ora*
penalise once if refs. in context of rates e.g. faster
no cells remaining, correct concentration value given (accept up to 0.26%) ;
100% / AW, cells remaining, ref. from 0.86%–0.9% / AW ;
steep increase in percentage cells remaining between 0.5–0.8% ; **A** to 0.7% if next marking point included
steepest increase between 0.7–0.8% ;
comparative data quote to support ref. to increase ; [max 3]
- (b) *max 5 if no mention of water potential anywhere in the answer*
correct use of term osmosis linked to water potential (in context of high to low) ;

0% and 0.7%
(net) water in (to red cells) ;
0%, all cells burst / (haemo)lysis of all cells ;
0.7%, some cells burst ; ora } general ref. to bursting at either concentration ;
cell membrane cannot withstand pressure ;
(0.7%) (remaining) cells swollen / cell volume increases ;
0.7% water potential gradient not as steep as in, water / 0% ;

1.5%
(net) loss of water from cells ;
cells, shrink / AW or cell volume decreases ; **A** descriptions relative to biconcave disc shape [max 6]

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- (c) 4, oxygen molecules / O_2 , per (molecule of) haemoglobin ;
(forms) oxyhaemoglobin (in lungs) ; **A** marking points 1 and 2 as equation
ref. oxygen remains bound until blood in area of low pO_2 / high pCO_2 / high(er)
temperature ; **A** in area of respiring tissues (max 3)
carbon dioxide combines with haemoglobin ;
terminal, amine / amino, group of haemoglobin ; **A** $-NH_2$
carbamino-haemoglobin ; **R** carboxyhaemoglobin
ref. to hydrogen ions from carbonic acid ;
ref. carbon dioxide remains bound until blood in area of low pCO_2 / high pO_2 ; [max 4]

- (d) (i) 19.7 / 20 (%) ;;

allow 1 mark if incorrect answer but correct working shown

$$7.3 - 6.1 / 6.1 \times 100 \quad / \quad 1.2 / 6.1 \times 100$$

[2]

- (ii) partial pressure / P_{O_2} , of oxygen is, low / lower than at sea level ;
haemoglobin less well saturated ;
more red blood cells / more haemoglobin ;
compensates for, smaller volume of oxygen absorbed (per red blood cell) / lower
saturation of haemoglobin ;
A ref. to tissues receiving sufficient oxygen
AVP ; e.g. ref to erythropoietin (EPO) [max 3]

[Total: 18]

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- 3 (a) spherical / ball-shaped / AW ; **A** round(ed) / circular
has tertiary structure ; **R** 3D
hydrophilic / polar, (R) group(s), on outside / face to watery exterior ;
hydrophobic / non-polar, (R) group(s), in centre ;
water soluble ; [max 3]
- (b) (*idea that plant cell walls and fungal cell walls have different components*
fungal cell walls made of, glucans / chitins / fungal cellulose / different components to
plant cell walls ; **A** peptidoglycan / murein
A plant cell walls contain cellulose, but fungi do not
idea of specificity in context of question
enzymes are specific ;
A specificity explained e.g. both substrates not complementary / shape of active site
specific to one substrate [2]
- (ii) 1 (at optimum pH) maximum / peak, activity ; **A** most efficient / works best
2 above / below, optimum, activity declines ;
A description / graph sketched with pH and rate / activity
3 changing pH changes hydrogen ion concentration ;
4 hydrogen / ionic, bonds (between amino acids), break / disrupted ;
5 hydrogen / ionic, bonds, important in maintaining shape of, tertiary structure / active
site ;
R 4 and 5 if refer to disulfide, hydrophobic interactions, peptide
at sub-optimum pH
6 active site / tertiary, shape altered ; **A** enzyme denatured
7 charges at the active site may be affected ;
8 further detail ; e.g. transfer of electrons may not be possible
9 the substrate may be altered by pH changes ; **R** cell wall unqualified
10 (therefore) substrate no longer fits / ES complexes not formed ; [max 3]
- (c) osmosis, defined in terms of water potential / used in correct context ;
0% and / or 0.4%
higher / less negative, water potential outside so water enters ;
0%, higher / less negative, water potential than 0.4%, so cells burst ; *ora*
0.9%
equal / same, water potential inside and outside cells, water in = water out ;
A no net movement of water / ref. to isotonic / no water potential gradient
R 'no osmosis' / no movement of water
1.5% and / or 3.0%
lower / more negative, water potential outside so water moves out ;
3.0%, lower / more negative, water potential than 1.5% so cells, smaller / AW ; [max 4]
- (d) cells, increase in size / burst ; **A** vacuole increases in size **R** becomes turgid
no cell wall to, prevent cell bursting / withstand (turgor) pressure ;
A *idea that* cell membrane alone cannot withstand increase in size / bursting [2]

[Total: 14]

- 4 (a) 1 water lost by, evaporation / transpiration ;
2 no water uptake (by roots) ; [2]
- (b) (i) 1 as water potential increases, oxygen uptake increases ;
must be stated
2 levels off (at 5 kPa / at 225 au) ;
3 figures ; *two water potential plus two oxygen uptake figures plus kPa* [2 max]
- (ii) 1 succinate converted to oxaloacetate ;
2 dehydrogenation / oxidation ;
3 NAD, is reduced / accepts hydrogen ;
4 (hydrogens move to) ETC ;
5 hydrogen splits into protons and electrons ;
6 electrons pass along ETC ;
7 $\text{ADP} + \text{P}_i \longrightarrow \text{ATP}$;
8 oxygen, receives protons and electrons / is final electron acceptor, to form water ; [4 max]
- (c) (i) 1 water leaves mitochondrion ; A other named organelle
2 by osmosis / down water potential gradient ;
3 idea mechanical disruption to membranes ;
4 membranes made of phospholipid (bilayer) ;
5 hydrophilic heads / glycoproteins / glycolipids, form fewer hydrogen bonds with water ;
6 reduces, stability / fluidity (of membrane) ;
7 ref. (proteins with) hydrophilic channels ; [3 max]

- (ii)
- 1 inner membrane (of mitochondrion) / cristae, site of ETC ;
 - 2 fewer carriers held in position ;
 - 3 fewer electrons pass along ETC ;
 - 4 less ATP produced / less energy released ;
 - 5 less oxygen required to act as electron acceptor ;
 - 6 protons can move freely through the damaged inner membrane ;
 - 7 proton gradient not formed ;

accept ora for less damaged membranes for marking points 2–7

[3 max]

- (d)
- 1 extensive / deep, roots ;
 - 2 leaves have small surface area ;
 - 3 leaves, are curled / are waxy / have bulliform cells / have hinged cells ;
 - 4 reduced stomata numbers / stomata in pits ;

[2 max]

[Total: 16]

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