

# The gas exchange system and Smoking

## Mark Scheme 5

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Grade Boundaries:

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

- 1 (a) *max 1 if no ref. to TB and COPD or if correct definitions given and ref. to TB/COPD incorrect (TB is an infectious disease, COPD non-infectious)*

TB caused by, a pathogen / *Mycobacterium* / *M. tuberculosis* / *M. Bovis* ; ora for COPD

**A** microorganism / bacterium / bacteria **I** virus / fungus / protoctist

**A** infectious disease is caused by a pathogen ora

TB is / COPD is not, transmissible / communicable / can be passed from one organism to another ; *allow detail of TB transmission e.g. droplet infection / in contaminated milk*

**A** infectious disease is transmissible ora

COPD caused by, damage to / irritation of, lung tissue ; AW  
*accept relevant ref. to tobacco smoking*

[2]

- (b) (i) 1 lining / epithelium / wall, is thin / one cell thick / squamous ;  
**I** thin interstitium  
**R** cell walls of alveoli  
**R** alveoli are one cell thick  
**R** endothelium / membrane
- 2 (so) short diffusion distance / only diffuse through two cells ;
- 3 (collectively / many, so) large surface area for diffusion ;  
**R** an alveolus has a large surface area  
**I** high SA:V ratio / increase SA
- 4 surrounded by / many / network of, capillaries ;  
**I** good blood supply
- 5 red blood cells are very close to air (in alveoli) ;
- 6 (so) maintain, diffusion / concentration / partial pressure, gradient(s) ;
- 7 elastin / elastic fibres, allow(s) alveoli to, increase in volume / expand / stretch / stop bursting / recoil ;  
**I** alveoli are elastic  
**R** contract

[max 3]

(ii) *allow microorganisms or named type of microorganism or infectious agent for pathogens*

- 1 recognise, non-self/foreign, antigens, (on pathogen) ;
- 2 receptors (on macrophage) bind antigens (on pathogen) ;
- 3 (or), pathogen/AW, adheres/ 'sticks', to (cell surface) membrane ;
- 4 infolding of (macrophage cell surface) membrane around/engulf/phagocytosis of, pathogen ; **R** engulf antigen
- 5 vacuole/vesicle/phagosome, forms ;
- 6 ref. to lysosomes ;
- 7 hydrolytic/digestive/named, enzymes ;  
e.g. lysozyme/protease/nuclease  
**A** pathogen broken down by enzymes
- 8 hydrolysis of named compound(s) ;
- 9 ref. to destroying/killing, pathogen ;
- 10 ref. to antigen presentation ;  
*accept idea even though does not occur in alveoli*

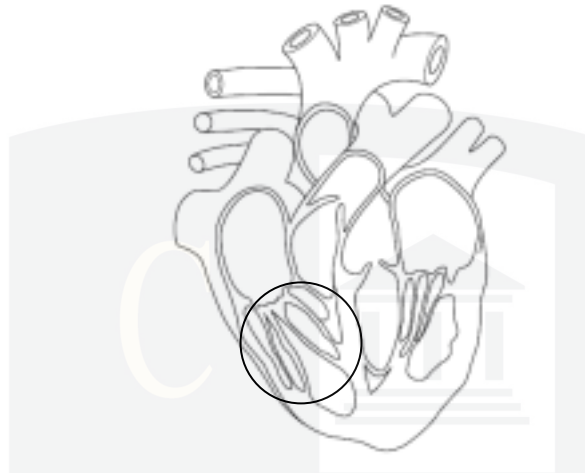
[max 4]

- (c)
- 1 emphysema ;
  - 2 (alveolar walls broken down so) less surface area for, gas exchange/diffusion ;  
**A** impaired/AW, gas exchange/diffusion
  - 3 difficulty in breathing/restriction in air flow/shortness of breath wheezing/rapid breathing ;
  - 4 blood is less well oxygenated/less oxygen reaches, tissues/muscles ;
  - 5 any two other, signs/symptoms ;;
  - 6 e.g. lethargy/tiredness/fatigue/constraints on mobility or activity  
wheezing  
persistent/AW, coughing  
chest tightness ; **R** chest pain  
more prone to/frequent, chest/respiratory, infections  
**A** more frequent colds/influenza ('flu')  
weight loss  
swollen, ankles/feet  
increase in thickness of, right ventricle/right side of heart  
increase in blood pressure in pulmonary artery

[max 3]

**[Total: 12]**

- 2 (a) **W** right atrium labelled in lumen / wall ;  
**X** tricuspid valve labelled ; **A** valve flap / chordae tendinae see *encircled area on diagram*  
**Y** aorta labelled ; [3]



- (b) *needs to be a sequence, not events in the cardiac cycle e.g. I valves*

aorta, body (tissues / blood vessels) / capillaries / systemic circulation, vena cava ;  
**A** body cells  
right atrium and right ventricle ;  
 pulmonary artery (to lungs) ; **R** if blood comes from left ventricle [3]

- (c) *max 2 for structural features*

**I** fast diffusion, efficient diffusion, reduces diffusion distance

*mps 4, 6, 8 and 10 – can be awarded if related structure is not given but is implied*

- 1 many alveoli ;
- 2 large surface area ; **I** high SA:V ratio / increase SA
- 3 many capillaries / network of capillaries ; **I** good blood supply
- 4 (so) maintain, diffusion / concentration / partial pressure, gradient(s) ;
- 5 lining / epithelium / wall, of, alveoli / gas exchange surface, is thin / one cell thick / squamous ; **I** thin interstitium  
**R** 'cell walls of' **R** lungs **R** alveoli are one cell thick **R** endothelium / membrane
- 6 (so) short diffusion distance / only diffuse through two cells ;
- 7 ref. to, elastin / elastic fibres ; **I** alveoli are elastic
- 8 (so) allows alveoli to, increase in volume / expand / stretch / stop bursting / recoil ;  
**R** contract
- 9 (alveolar type II cells secrete) surfactant ;
- 10 (so) reduces surface tension ; [max 4]

[Total: 10]

**3 (a)** look at quoted data to confirm qualitative statements if unclear

- 1 people who never smoked have the lowest percentage of deaths (due to lung cancer) ;  
*must be comparative*
- for age*
- 2 *either*  
the younger / earlier the person starts smoking the higher the percentage of deaths  
*or*  
the older / later the person starts smoking the lower the percentage of deaths  
(due to lung cancer) ;
- for number of cigarettes per day*
- 3 *either*  
increasing / AW, the number of cigarettes smoked per day increases the percentage of deaths  
*or*  
decreasing / AW, the number of cigarettes smoked per day decreases the percentage of deaths ;
- different 'start' ages for the two types of smokers*
- 4 highest percentage deaths is for those with an early start and smoke, 21–39 (cigarettes per day) / the most / AW ;
- 5 greatest difference in percentage deaths occurs in those that start smoking early ; **ora**  
[max 4]

- (b) (i)**
- 1 forms carboxyhaemoglobin ;
  - 2 reduces affinity of Hb for oxygen / Hb has higher affinity for CO than for oxygen ;  
**ignore** 'picks up CO rather than oxygen', if mp3 is given then allow
  - 3 reduces quantity of oxygen transported (in blood) / AW ;  
**R** prevents
  - 4 damages lining of arteries ;  
**A** promotes / AW, atheroma / atherosclerosis / plaque [max 2]
- (ii)**
- raises, heart rate / blood pressure ;  
reduces diameter of arterioles ;  
decreases blood flow to body extremities ;  
increases 'stickiness' of platelets / promotes, blood clotting / thrombosis ; [max 2]

- (iii) *goblet cells*  
enlarge / swell up ;  
**A** become bigger / dilate  
**R** inflamed  
produce more / excess, mucus ;  
**A** lots of  
**AVP** ; e.g. any cellular detail such as more mitochondria / Golgi bodies or vesicles

*cilia*:  
paralysis / destruction ;  
**A** damages **R** kills **ignore** 'tar coats...'  
no / less beating / sweeping (action) / moving mucus ;  
**R** in context of moving air

[max 4]

[Total: 12]

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- 4 (a) **A** - mitochondrion ;  
**B** - post-synaptic membrane ;  
**C** - myelin sheath / Schwann cell ;

[3]

- (b) 1 produces ATP ; (1)  
**R** produces energy  
*any two from*  
2 (for) ACh production ;  
3 (for) vesicle formation ;  
4 (for) vesicle movement ;  
5 (for) exocytosis / described ;  
6 (for) functioning of ion pumps ;  
**R** calcium ions (2 max)

[3 max]

- (c) 1 fits into (membrane) receptors ;  
2 not broken down (by enzymes) ;  
3 (so) action potentials generated for a long time (in post-synaptic neurone) ;  
*ignore ref to increased frequency of action potentials*  
4 AVP ; e.g. causes release of other transmitters / stimulant and depressant / variable response

[2 max]

[Total: 8]

CHEMISTRY ONLINE  
— TUITION —

5 (a) (i) cilia ; **R** cilla **R** ciliated epithelium *mark first on line* [1]

(ii) transport / exchange / AW, oxygen / carbon dioxide ; **R** air [1]

(b) *mark first feature on line if more than one feature given unless nothing written on other line*

smooth / AW, muscle; **A** smooth muscle cells

cartilage ;

connective tissue ; **A** elastic, fibres / tissue **A** collagen fibres

**A** collagen and elastic fibres **A** elastin and collagen fibres

mucous gland ; **A** mucus-secreting cells **R** goblet cells

[max 2]

(c) emphysema ; [1]

(d) 1 no / few / damaged / destroyed / AW, cilia / **A** ; **R** killed / dead  
*allow ecf from (a)(i)*

2 scar tissue ;

3 fewer / damaged / AW, (columnar) epithelial cells / epithelium ;  
**A** ciliated cells *epithelial cells replaced by scar tissue = 2 marks*

4 goblet cells, enlarged / AW ;

5 enlarged mucous glands ;

6 more (smooth) muscle ;

7 large numbers of white blood cells ; **A** macrophages, phagocytes

8 inflammation ; **A** swelling *in context of inflammatory response*

[max 4]

(e) 1 pathogens / AW, enter from, inhalation / external atmosphere / AW ; **R** germs  
2 (sticky) mucus traps pathogens ; AW

3 mucus, accumulates / not swept away (because cilia destroyed) ;

4 pathogens / AW, remain / multiply (in gas exchange system) ;

5 increased time leads to increased opportunity to gain entry into cells / AW ;

[max 2]

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— TUITION —

[Total: 11]