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### 3 Biological molecules Answers to practice questions

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1 (a)	two or more atoms; connected by (chemical)	2	
1 (b)	unequal distribution of electrons (across bond / between atoms); (leading to) relatively, positive / negative areas (of molecule);	2	
1 (c)	(water is) liquid; (water is a) polar solvent; <i>e.g.</i> blood and glucose; sap and sucrose;	4	Blood and sap are liquid which is required for movement; glucose and sucrose are polar molecules;
2	filter precipitate; dry; weigh; more precipitate means more glucose; plot calibration curve; use mass of precipitate from unknown solution concentration to estimate concentration;	5	Max 5
3	✓ ✓; ✓ -;;	3	
4 (a)	hydrophilic means attracted to water; phosphate heads are hydrophilic; hydrophobic means repels water; fatty acid tails are hydrophobic;	4	
4 (b)	dissolve sample in alcohol; mix solution with water; shake; cloudy solution is a positive result;	4	
5	non-protein; tightly bound to protein; required for function of protein; metal ion / iron ion, in haem;	4	
6 (a)	A phosphate group; B ribose / pentose / 5C sugar; C nitrogenous base; D phosphodiester bond;	4	
6 (b)	many monomers joined; monomers are nucleotides;	2	
6 (c)	RNA is single stranded / DNA is double stranded; RNA has uracil / DNA has thymine; RNA is shorter;	2	
6 (d) (i)	DNA is double strand held together by hydrogen bonds between bases; adenine binds to thymine; cytosine binds to guanine; all bases, form part of base pair / are bound to another base;	4	
6 (d) (ii)	incorrect base, inserted / deleted / substituted; (leads to) change in sequence of bases; mutation;	3	
7 (a)	as rate of cell division increases the rate or ribosome synthesis increases; linear relationship; figures quoted; <i>idea that</i> trend more closely followed at higher values;	4	
7 (b)	mRNA binds to ribosome; tRNA binds to ribosome; <i>idea that</i> tRNAs positioned to allow binding of amino acids; enzyme that catalyses formation of peptide bond is present in ribosome;	3	
7 (c)	as cell number doubles ribosome synthesis doubles; figures quoted; new cells are (genetically) identical; protein requirements the same for each new cell;	4	
8 (a)	A transcription; B translation;	2	
8 (b)	arrows show information exchange; protein does not code for anything; DNA cannot leave	3	

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	nucleus; DNA needs mRNA intermediate to		
8 (c)	RNA virus; RNA copied into DNA by reverse	2	
9	transcriptase; structure DNA nucleotide deoxyribose sugar / four different bases ATP ribose sugar / one type of base Both three phosphates / one base; function DNA nucleotide part of genetic code; ATP energy transfer:	5	3 marks for structure and 2 marks for function
10	<ul> <li>1 hydrogen bond represented as, horizontal / vertical, dashed line between O on one molecule and H on the adjacent molecule ;</li> <li>2 hydrogen / H, bond label (on any drawn bond between 2 molecules) ;</li> <li>3 (delta positive) δ<sup>+</sup> on each drawn H and (delta negative) (2) δ<sup>-</sup> on each drawn O ;</li> </ul>	3	$δ^+$ H $0$ $δ^-$ H $0$ $\delta^-$
11 (a)	ice floats (ice less dense because) molecules spread out; molecules form, crystal structure / lattice / AW ; ice forms insulating layer / clearly described ; water (below ice), does not freeze / still liquid / remains water / kept at higher temperature ;	P1 P2 P3 P4	If possible, leave them off. If not, yes, we should explain that they are marks related to property linked to survival.
	organisms do not freeze ; animals / organisms, can still, swim / move ; allows, currents / nutrients, to circulate ;	S1 S2 S3	P3 e.g. acts as a barrier to the cold
	solubility ions / named ion, polar / charged ; ions /named ion, attracted to / bind to / interact with, water;	P5 P6	S1 DO NOT ACCEPT die (because 'survival' stated in stem)
	(named) organisms / plants / animals, uptake / AW, minerals / named mineral / nutrients ;	S4	
	correct use of named, mineral / nutrient, in organism ;	S5	S4 ACCEPT obtain / enters / goes in / gets
	temperature stability many / stable, (hydrogen) bonds between molecules ;	P7	S5 needs to be more specific than 'for growth / metabolism' suitable examples include but are not limited to: nitrates for amino acids / protein / (named) nucleic acid / phosphate for ATP / phospholipids / plasma membrane / magnesium
	at lot of energy to, force apart molecules / break bonds ;	P8	tor chlorophyll etc

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	high (specific) heat capacity :	P9	P7 Many hydrogen bonds
	····g·· (-p······) ······· ···p ·····) ,		between molecules = $2 \text{ marks}$
	temperature does not change much /	S6	(gets P7 and H)
	small variation in temperature ;		P8 ACCEPT heat as alternative
			to energy
			P9 DO NOT CREDIT latent heat
			capacity
	effect of temperature on , enzymes / metabolic	S7	S6 could refer to organisms or
	rate;		surrounding water
	gases remain soluble ;	S8	ACCEPT stays cool in summer /
			stays warm in winter
	Award once in any section hydrogen bonds ;	Н	DO NOT CREDIT constant alone
			S7 ACCEPT any reference to
			temperature affecting
		7 max	enzyme activity / metabolic rate
	QWC - Award if you see a P mark and an S	1	DO NOT CREDIT if in incorrect
	mark within the same section ;		context
			(e.g. they are strong bonds)
			Look for the S mark first, then
			award QWC if there is a P
			mark in the same section in the
			mark scheme
11 (b)	hydrolysis / hydrolytic ;	2	ACCEPT phonetic spelling
. ,	hydrophilic ;		throughout
			IGNORE head