

MARK SCHEME for the May/June 2014 series

0438 BIOLOGY (US)

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Paper 2 (Core Theory), maximum raw mark 80

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	Answer	Marks	Guidance for Examiners
1 (a)	3 pairs of legs/6 legs; body divided into 3 sections [head/thorax/abdomen];	max [1]	
(b)	A = Lilioceris; B = Coccinella; C = Leptinotarsa; D = Otiorhynchus;	[3]	4 correct = 3 marks 2/3 correct = 2 marks 1 correct = 1 mark
		[Total: 4]	
2 (a)	A = oesophagus; B = liver; C = stomach; D = large intestine; E = small intestine;	[5]	A <i>ileum</i>
(b) (i)	circular <i>and</i> longitudinal muscles;	[1]	
(ii)	peristalsis;	[1]	A phonetic spelling
(iii)	antagonistic action / one muscle contracts while other relaxes / AW; in waves / AW OR contraction moves the food along (the alimentary canal) / AW;	[2]	

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(c) (i)	X to be placed anywhere between time 12 minutes and 2 hours;	[1]	A between pH 6.8 and pH 2
(ii)	pH is acidic / pH is decreasing / stomach produces acid / stomach has low pH / AW;	[1]	
(iii)	(pH) 8.0;	[1]	
(d)	small intestine / ileum;	[1]	
		[Total: 13]	

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3 (a)	glucose + oxygen; → (carbon dioxide) + water;	[2]	
(b)	1 respiration; 2 photosynthesis; 3 feeding / eating; 4 death / decay / decomposition; 5 combustion / burning;	[5]	
(c) (i)	<i>cause</i> cutting down trees / deforestation; <i>consequence</i> less photosynthesis / less CO₂ is being 'locked up' in plants / AW / more CO₂ stays in the atmosphere; <i>cause</i> (<i>idea of</i>) use of (more)(named)fossil fuels / trees / AW; <i>consequence</i> burning releases / produces CO₂; unlocks stored carbon (from sink) into atmosphere; <i>cause</i> (<i>idea of</i>) (increased) industry / transport / AW; <i>consequence</i> burning fuel which releases / produces CO₂; <i>cause</i> increase in number of animals / growth in human population; <i>consequence</i> more respiration releases CO₂;	[4]	

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	(ii) re-forestation / plant more trees / stop deforestation; burn less fossil fuel; use biofuels / renewable energy; encourage people to eat less meat / raise fewer animals; AVP ; e.g. more cycle lanes / grants for insulation	max [1]	
		[Total: 12]	
4 (a) (i)	direction of energy transfer / flow / movement (through the food web);	[1]	
	(ii) they represent different amounts of energy AW;	[1]	
(b)	10 000 kJ;	[1]	
(c)	robin + owl;	[1]	must have both either order
(d)	lost to the surroundings as heat; used during metabolism e.g. respiration (of food) / movement / keeping warm; not all eaten;	max [2]	
		[Total: 6]	

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5 (a) (i)	a substance which, speeds up/ alters the rate of, a (chemical) reaction; not changed/ not used up, by the reaction;	[2]	
(ii)	protein;	[1]	
(b) (i)	temperature / pH / concentration of substrate / surface area of substrate;	[1]	
(ii)	<i>for temperature:</i> idea of increase in temperature increases rate / AW; enzyme has an optimum temperature (at which it works fastest); at high temperatures enzyme, stops working / is denatured; at low temperatures enzyme, slows down / becomes inactive; OR <i>for pH:</i> extremes of pH reduces rate of reaction / AW; extremes of pH denatures enzyme / AW; enzyme has an optimum pH at which it works fastest; OR <i>for concentration / area of substrate:</i> higher concentration / increase (surface) area, increases rate of reaction; which results in more collisions; until all active sites are being used;	max [2]	
(c)	25;; 100 – (6 + 32 + 37) = 1mark if answer incorrect / not given	[2]	

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(d) (i)	protease; amino acids;	[2]	
(ii)	to reduce the size / make them smaller; increase their solubility; so they are able to diffuse through membranes;	max [2]	
		[Total: 12]	
6 (a)	have 2 alleles which are, the same / identical / homozygous;	[1]	
(b) (i)	(two or more) alternative / different forms of a gene / AW;	[1]	
(ii)	long is dominant / expresses itself in heterozygote AW; short is recessive / hidden in heterozygote AW;	[2]	
(c) (i)	5;	[1]	
(ii)	3:1;	[1]	
(d)	Aa; A and a X A and a; (either order) AA Aa Aa aa; (any order so long as correct re “lines”) long long long short; (order must match genotypes)	[4]	allow ecf if a mistake is made, but each line must correspond to the previous one
(e)	Aa / heterozygote;	[1]	
		[Total: 11]	

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7 (a)	root hair; xylem;	[2]	
(b)	(nitrate) protein synthesis; (magnesium) to make chlorophyll;	[2]	
(c)	minerals are used for growth and not replaced / minerals are not recycled in this system / AW; plants are getting bigger so need more minerals / AW;	[2]	
(d) (i)	as time increases, uptake increases; initial uptake is rapid / (graph has a) steep gradient; then rate slows down / (graph) levels out / AW;	[2]	
(ii)	yield would be much less / halved / smaller tomatoes / AW; plants take up less potassium / AW; so plants would produce fewer flowers (and fruits) / AW;	[3]	
(e)	(sun) light / light energy; carbon dioxide / CO ₂ ;	[2]	
		[Total: 13]	

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8 (a)	for increased yield / AW; economic reasons; more nutritious potatoes / AW; better taste; better colour; greater disease or pest resistance; faster growth / shorter growing season; drought resistance; need less fertiliser; long storage life; AVP;;	max [2]	
(b) (i)	F + A; D + B;	[2]	
(ii)	meiosis / sexual reproduction; produces gametes; random fertilisation; genetically different / have different alleles;	max [2]	
(c)	genes / alleles / DNA, are all from, one parent / the same; mitosis / asexual reproduction;	[2]	
(d)	<u>genetic engineering</u> ;	[1]	
		[Total: 9]	