

A-LEVEL Biology BIOL5R – Control in cells and in organisms Mark scheme

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Question	Marking Guidance		Mark	Comments
1(a)	Function	Name	3	
	Attaches to Z line at the end of the sarcomere	1. Actin;		
	Breaks down ATP	2. ATPase / myosin (head);		2. Accept water
	Covers binding site on actin in relaxed myofibril	3. Tropomyosin;		3. Accept troponin
1(b)	 Can't form myosin Can't pull/can't m past / (myosin) ha to pull actin; Myosin moves /if move; Can't move actin 	n/thick filaments; ove actin/slide actin ave to be joined/fixed attached doesn't towards each	3	Neutral: prevents actin and myosin sliding filament action 2. Accept: myosin can't pull on each other
	other/middle of sa myosin/ can't shorten sard lines together;	arcomere/between comere/can't pull Z		

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
2(a)	 Stimulates/causes ovulation/ /(secondary) oocyte(s); Stimulates/causes formation of corpus luteum; Stimulates/leads to production/release of oestrogen/progesterone; 	2	 Accept release of egg/ovum Ignore references to follicle Ignore: references to testosterone
2(b)	 Inhibition of hypothalamus so less GnRH; Inhibition of pituitary/less GnRH so less LH <u>and</u> FSH; So no stimulation of testes to make testosterone; 	3	Ignore references to negative feedback 1 and 2 must include all the statement 1 and 2 Accept none = less
2(c)	 Keeps/makes/causes high testosterone; So (keeps) inhibition of GnRH/LH/FSH; 	2	 Must have idea of high or higher Accept: inhibits hypothalamus/pituitary gland Accept less/no GnRH/LH/FSH

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3(a)(i)	 (Tumour suppressor) gene inactivated/not able to control/slow down cell division; Rate of cell division too fast/out of control; 	2	Ignore: references to growth 1 and 2 Accept: mitosis 1 and 2 Reject: meiosis
3(a)(ii)	 (Genetic) code degenerate; Mutation in intron; 	1 max	 Accept: codon for triplet Accept description of degenerate code, e.g. another triplet codes for the same amino acid Accept: mutation in non- coding DNA
3(b)	 Antibody has specific tertiary structure/binding site/variable region; Complementary (shape/fit) to receptor protein/GF/ binds to receptor protein/to GF; Prevents GF binding (to receptor); 	3	Do not accept explanations involving undefined antigen 2. Ignore: same shape as receptor protein/GF

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
4(a)	Two suitable suggestions;; E.g. Parents/students might lie (about smoking)/don't know how much parents smoke / don't know what parents smoke / don't know strength of cigarettes parents smoke	2 max	Ignore: unqualified reference to bias / reference to sample size/ only one study/ not completing form correctly
4(b)	 Children of parents who smoke likely to be/are exposed to more SHS/ have less expression of gene; (Less expression of gene means) more likely to have allergic reaction; Significant difference because SEs (or 2 × SE) do not overlap; Large sample size, so data reliable; 	3 max	 Accept converse for parents who do not smoke Ignore: references to correlation and causation Reject: results significant Ignore: ref. to SDs
4(c)	 Prevent binding of transcription factor; Prevents RNA polymerase binding/working; Prevents complementary/specific base-pairing; (No transcription, so) no (pre)mRNA made; No/less translation (of mRNA); 	3 max	 Ignore: references to polymerase bringing in complementary bases Accept descriptions of base pairing – A with U or C with G Accept complementary nucleotides Accept description of translation/no protein synthesis

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
5(a)	 (Increased pressure) deforms/changes <u>stretch-mediated</u> sodium (ion) channel: 	3	
	 (Sodium channels open and) sodium ions flow in; 		2. Accept Na⁺
	 Depolarisation (leading to generator potential); 		3. Accept correct description of depolarisation
5(b)	Value between 2.17:1 and 2.29:1;;	2	Accept rounding up to 2.2 or 2.3
			Accept: number without : 1
			Correct working showing answer but incorrect rounding in answer line = 1
	Values between 117 to 119 and between 52 to 54 found but ratio wrong way round = 1 mark		Wrong way round gives answer between 0.35:1 and 0.46:1
5(c)	 Parasympathetic greater effect than sympathetic; 	3 max	Ignore: descriptions of graph
	 Parasympathetic keeps heart rate down/lower/decreases heart rate (as blood pressure increases); 		blood pressure decreases
	 Sympathetic keeps heart rate up/higher/increases heart rate (as blood pressure increases); 		
	 Parasympathetic greatest/greater effect at high blood pressure/sympathetic greatest effect at low blood pressure; 		

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
6(a)	 One suitable suggestion; explained; Eg 1. Action potentials travel more slowly/don't travel; 2. So delay in muscle contraction/muscles don't contract/muscles contract slow(er); OR 3. Action potentials/depolarisation 'leaks' to adjacent neurones; 4. So wrong muscle (fibres) contract; 	2 max	 Accept: fewer/no saltatory movement of potentials Accept: neurones not insulated
6(b)	Lipid-soluble / pass through phospholipid bilayer;	1	Not just 'pass through membranes'
6(c)	 Prevents influx of calcium <u>ions</u> (into pre-synaptic membrane); (Synaptic) vesicles don't fuse with membrane / vesicles don't release neurotransmitter; Neurotransmitter does not diffuse across synapse/does not bind to receptors (on post-synaptic membrane); No action potential/depolarisation (of post-synaptic membrane)/ sodium (ion) channels do not open / prevents influx of sodium <u>ions;</u> 	4	 Need idea of <u>moving into</u> pre-synaptic membrane/synaptic knob Accept Ca⁺⁺/Ca²⁺ Accept vesicles don't release acetylcholine Accept: sarcolemma/muscle membrane for post- synaptic membrane Accept Na⁺ Accept prevents depolarisation of muscle cell Ignore: descriptions of events at post-synaptic membrane involving calcium ions and muscle contraction
6(d)	 They won't affect synapses in brain; They won't cause problems with the brain's function/won't damage brain; (So only the) muscle/neuromuscular junctions treated/affected; 	2 max	 Accept: suitable named problem e.g. hallucination Ignore: unqualified references to 'side effects' Accept: reference to addiction/harm of smoking (cannabis)

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
7(a)	1. Similarity – directional response (to a stimulus)/movement towards/away from a stimulus;	2	2. Must be clear which one, taxis or tropism, they are referring to
	2. Difference – taxis (whole) organism moves <u>and</u> tropism a growth (response);		2. Taxis occurs in animals/motile organisms <u>and</u> tropism occurs in plants
7(b)	 Grow in direction of/towards (pull of) gravity; Grow away from salt; Salt has more effect (than gravity); 	3	 Accept: tropism for growth Ignore: pulled by gravity 1. Accept: positively geotropic/gravitropic 2. Accept: negatively chemotropic/halotropic 1 and 2. Ignore: references to bends/moves 3. Accept: converse statement for gravity Note: all three points may appear in one sentence
7(c)	 More carriers in (cell) L/lower in R; (So) less IAA in (cell) L/more IAA in (cell) R; (So) more (elongation) growth in L/less (elongation) growth in R; 	3	Accept: left for L and right for R/side nearer salt for L 2. Accept: more IAA moves out of L/less IAA moves out of R 3. Accept: less inhibition of growth in L/more inhibition of growth in R;

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8(a)	1. Release of glucagon;	3	
	 Leads to formation of glucose in liver (cells); 		2. Reject: glucagon breaks down glycogen, or any other biological molecule
	 From non-carbohydrates/amino acids/fatty acids; 		3. Accept: gluconeogenesis/references to glycogen as source of glucose
8(b)	 Mutant mice (mRNA suggests) make a lot of (the) enzyme; 	3	1. Accept: PCK1 made (for enzyme made)
	 Mutant mice use kidney/intestine (cells) to make glucose; 		2. Accept: use other organ (than liver)
	 Normal mice do this much less/normal mice use liver cells; 		
8(c)	1. Differences significant;	2	Reject: references to results being significant once
	2. Probability of difference being due to chance less than 0.01/1%/1 in 100 / probability of difference not being due to chance more than 0.99/99%/99 in 100;		2. Ignore: references to 0.05/5%/5 in 100

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
9(a)	 Cut (DNA) at same (base) sequence/(recognition) sequence; (So) get (fragments with gene) R/required gene; 	2	 Accept: cut DNA at same place Accept: 'allele' for 'gene'/same gene
9(b)	 Each has/they have a specific base sequence; That is complementary (to allele r or R); 	2	2. Accept description of 'complementary'
9(c)	 Fragments L from parent rr, because all longer fragments/195 base pair fragments; Fragments N from parent RR, because all shorter fragments/135 base pair fragments; (M from) offspring heterozygous/Rr/ have both 195 and 135 base pair fragments; 	3	Ignore: references to fragments that move further/less, <u>require</u> identification of longer/shorter or 195/135 1 and 2 Accept: A3 for 195 and A4 for 135 1. Accept: (homozygous) recessive 2. Accept: (homozygous) dominant 3. Accept: have both bands/strips Reject: <u>primer</u> longer/shorter
9(d)	 (Cells in mitosis) chromosomes visible; (So) can see which chromosome DNA probe attached to; 	2	

9(e)(i)		2	
	 For comparison with resistant flies/other (two) experiments/groups; 		1. Ignore: compare results/data/no other factors
	 To see death rate (in non-resistant)/ to see effect of insecticide in non- 		Accept: 'pesticide' as 'insecticide'
	resistant/normal flies;		2. Accept to see that insecticide worked/to see effect of enzyme
9(e)(ii)	(PM must be involved because)	4 max	
	 Few resistant flies die (without inhibitor); 		
	More inhibited flies die than resistant flies;		
	 (PM) inhibited flies die faster (than resistant flies); 		
	(Other factors must be involved because)		
	4. Some resistant flies die;		5 Accort: (with inhibitor) dia
	 But (with inhibitor) still have greater resistance/die slower than non-resistant flies; 		slower than non-resistant flies

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
10(a)	10 (a) The importance of responses to changes in the internal and external environment of an organism.	25	
	Topic areas		
	T - 3.1.3 Transport in and out of cells (of specific substances)		
	I - 3.1.6 Immune response		
	Hb - 3.2.4 Haemoglobin		
	Tr - 3.2.7 Transpiration – response to environmental factors – gas exchange in plants		
	B - 3.2.9 Behaviour		
	A - 3.2.10 Adaptation and selection		
	P - 3.4.8 Changes in populations – selection pressures		
	R - 3.5.1 Responses to stimuli – plants and tropisms – control of heart rate		
	Tk - 3.5.1 Taxes and kineses		
	Rc - 3.5.1 Receptors		
	H – 3.5.2 Control of Heart Rate		
	Sn - 3.5.1 and 2 Simple reflexes and neurones and synapses		
	Hr - 3.5.2 and 5.4 Hormones and responses		
	C – 3.5.2 Chemical mediators		
	Ho - 3.5.4 Homeostasis – response to changes in internal environment		
	F - 3.5.5 Feedback		
	G - 3.5.7 Gene expression as part of response		

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
10(b)	10 (b) The importance to humans of the control of growth, reproduction and development of organisms, including themselves.	25	
	Topic areas		
	A - 3.1.1 Pathogens (and invasion of human tissues) and 3.2.10 Antibiotic resistance – control of bacterial growth		
	Ch - 3.1.3 Cholera		
	 I - 3.1.6 Immune response and vaccination (to control growth of pathogens) 		
	B - 3.2.11 Human influence on biodiversity		
	Hp - 3.4.1 Human populations		
	Hf - 3.4.5 Humans and farming practices – and 3.2.3 selective breeding		
	F - 3.4.6 Use of fertilisers and pesticides		
	S - 3.4.7 Succession – control of		
	G - 3.4.8 Genetics – prediction of inherited conditions		
	Ge - 3.5.7 Control of gene expression – stem cells		
	C - 3.5.7 Regulation of gene expression – prevention, treatment and cure of cancer – and 3.2.5 Mitosis and cancer		
	Gc - 3.5.8 Gene cloning and transfer		
	Gt - 3.5.8 Gene therapy		