

## A- LEVEL Biology

BIOL5R – Control in cells and in organisms Mark scheme

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Question	Marking Guidance		Mark	Comments
1(a)			3	
	Function	Name		
	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)	1. Can't form myosir	·	3	Neutral: prevents actin and myosin sliding filament action
	<ol> <li>Can't pull/can't move actin/slide actin past / (myosin) have to be joined/fixed to pull actin;</li> </ol>		2. Accept: myosin can't pull on each other	
	3. Myosin moves /if move;	attached doesn't		
	myosin/	towards each arcomere/between comere/can't pull Z		4. Accept: contract for shorten
	lines together;			

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

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

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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)	<ol> <li>Children of parents who smoke likely to be/are exposed to more SHS/have less expression of gene;</li> <li>(Less expression of gene means) more likely to have allergic reaction;</li> <li>Significant difference because SEs (or 2 x SE) do not overlap;</li> <li>Large sample size, so data reliable;</li> </ol>	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)	<ol> <li>Prevent binding of transcription factor;</li> <li>Prevents RNA polymerase binding/working;</li> <li>Prevents complementary/specific base-pairing;</li> <li>(No transcription, so) no (pre)mRNA made;</li> <li>No/less translation (of mRNA);</li> </ol>	3 max	2. Ignore: references to polymerase bringing in complementary bases 3. Accept descriptions of base pairing – A with U or C with G 3. Accept complementary nucleotides 5. Accept description of translation/no protein synthesis

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5(a)	(Increased pressure)     deforms/changes stretch-mediated     sodium (ion) channel;	3	
	(Sodium channels open and) sodium ions flow in;		2. Accept Na <sup>+</sup>
	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);		2. and 3. Accept converse for blood pressure decreases
	<ol> <li>Sympathetic keeps heart rate up/higher/increases heart rate (as blood pressure increases);</li> </ol>		
	Parasympathetic greatest/greater effect at high blood pressure/sympathetic greatest effect at low blood pressure;		

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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)	<ol> <li>Prevents influx of calcium ions (into pre-synaptic membrane);</li> <li>(Synaptic) vesicles don't fuse with membrane / vesicles don't release neurotransmitter;</li> <li>Neurotransmitter does not diffuse across synapse/does not bind to receptors (on post-synaptic membrane);</li> <li>No action potential/depolarisation (of post-synaptic membrane)/ sodium (ion) channels do not open / prevents influx of sodium ions;</li> </ol>	4	1. Need idea of moving into pre-synaptic membrane/synaptic knob  1. Accept Ca <sup>++</sup> /Ca <sup>2+</sup> 2. Accept vesicles don't release acetylcholine  3. Accept: sarcolemma/muscle membrane for post-synaptic membrane  4. Accept Na <sup>+</sup> 4. Accept prevents depolarisation of muscle cell Ignore: descriptions of events at post-synaptic membrane involving calcium ions and muscle contraction
6(d)	<ol> <li>They won't affect synapses in brain;</li> <li>They won't cause problems with the brain's function/won't damage brain;</li> <li>(So only the) muscle/neuromuscular junctions treated/affected;</li> </ol>	2 max	2. Accept: suitable named problem e.g. hallucination  2. Ignore: unqualified references to 'side effects'  2. Accept: reference to addiction/harm of smoking (cannabis)

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7(a)	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 and tropism a growth (response);		2. Taxis occurs in animals/motile organisms and tropism occurs in plants
7(b)	<ol> <li>Grow in direction of/towards (pull of) gravity;</li> <li>Grow away from salt;</li> <li>Salt has more effect (than gravity);</li> </ol>	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)	<ol> <li>More carriers in (cell) L/lower in R;</li> <li>(So) less IAA in (cell) L/more IAA in (cell) R;</li> <li>(So) more (elongation) growth in L/less (elongation) growth in R;</li> </ol>	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)	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	Accept: PCK1 made (for enzyme made)
	Mutant mice use kidney/intestine (cells) to make glucose;		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

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

9(e)(i)	<ol> <li>For comparison with resistant flies/other (two) experiments/groups;</li> <li>To see death rate (in non-resistant)/ to see effect of insecticide in non-resistant/normal flies;</li> </ol>	2	1. Ignore: compare results/data/no other factors  Accept: 'pesticide' as 'insecticide'  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. Accept: (with inhibitor) die
	<ol> <li>But (with inhibitor) still have greater resistance/die slower than non-resistant flies;</li> </ol>		slower than non-resistant flies

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10(a)	10 (a) The importance of responses to changes in the internal and external environment of an organism.	25	
	Topic areas		
	<b>T -</b> 3.1.3 Transport in and out of cells (of specific substances)		
	I - 3.1.6 Immune response		
	<b>Hb</b> - 3.2.4 Haemoglobin		
	<b>Tr -</b> 3.2.7 Transpiration – response to environmental factors – gas exchange in plants		
	<b>B -</b> 3.2.9 Behaviour		
	A - 3.2.10 Adaptation and selection		
	<b>P -</b> 3.4.8 Changes in populations – selection pressures		
	<b>R -</b> 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		
	<b>Sn -</b> 3.5.1 and 2 Simple reflexes and neurones and synapses		
	<b>Hr -</b> 3.5.2 and 5.4 Hormones and responses		
	<b>C</b> – 3.5.2 Chemical mediators		
	<b>Ho -</b> 3.5.4 Homeostasis – response to changes in internal environment		
	<b>F -</b> 3.5.5 Feedback		
	<b>G</b> - 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		
	<b>A -</b> 3.1.1 Pathogens (and invasion of human tissues) and 3.2.10 Antibiotic resistance – control of bacterial growth		
	<b>Ch -</b> 3.1.3 Cholera		
	I - 3.1.6 Immune response and vaccination (to control growth of pathogens)		
	<b>B</b> - 3.2.11 Human influence on biodiversity		
	<b>Hp -</b> 3.4.1 Human populations		
	<b>Hf -</b> 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		
	<b>G</b> - 3.4.8 Genetics – prediction of inherited conditions		
	<b>Ge -</b> 3.5.7 Control of gene expression – stem cells		
	<b>C -</b> 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		