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Generic Marking Principles

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptions for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always **whole marks** (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently, e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5: Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).
GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6: Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

Science-Specific Marking Principles

1	Examiners should consider the context and scientific use of any keywords when awarding marks. Although keywords may be present, marks should not be awarded if the keywords are used incorrectly.
2	The examiner should not choose between contradictory statements given in the same question part, and credit should not be awarded for any correct statement that is contradicted within the same question part. Wrong science that is irrelevant to the question should be ignored.
3	Although spellings do not have to be correct, spellings of syllabus terms must allow for clear and unambiguous separation from other syllabus terms with which they may be confused (e.g. ethane / ethene, glucagon / glycogen, refraction / reflection).
4	The error carried forward (ecf) principle should be applied, where appropriate. If an incorrect answer is subsequently used in a scientifically correct way, the candidate should be awarded these subsequent marking points. Further guidance will be included in the mark scheme where necessary and any exceptions to this general principle will be noted.
5	‘List rule’ guidance For questions that require ***n*** responses (e.g. State **two** reasons …): • The response should be read as continuous prose, even when numbered answer spaces are provided. • Any response marked *ignore* in the mark scheme should not count towards ***n***. • Incorrect responses should not be awarded credit but will still count towards ***n***. • Read the entire response to check for any responses that contradict those that would otherwise be credited. Credit should **not** be awarded for any responses that are contradicted within the rest of the response. Where two responses contradict one another, this should be treated as a single incorrect response. • Non-contradictory responses after the first ***n*** responses may be ignored even if they include incorrect science.

6 Calculation specific guidance

Correct answers to calculations should be given full credit even if there is no working or incorrect working, **unless** the question states 'show your working'.

For questions in which the number of significant figures required is not stated, credit should be awarded for correct answers when rounded by the examiner to the number of significant figures given in the mark scheme. This may not apply to measured values.

For answers given in standard form (e.g. $a \times 10^n$) in which the convention of restricting the value of the coefficient (a) to a value between 1 and 10 is not followed, credit may still be awarded if the answer can be converted to the answer given in the mark scheme.

Unless a separate mark is given for a unit, a missing or incorrect unit will normally mean that the final calculation mark is not awarded. Exceptions to this general principle will be noted in the mark scheme.

7 Guidance for chemical equations

Multiples / fractions of coefficients used in chemical equations are acceptable unless stated otherwise in the mark scheme.

State symbols given in an equation should be ignored unless asked for in the question or stated otherwise in the mark scheme.

Mark scheme abbreviations

;	separates marking points
/	alternative answers for the same point
A	accept (for answers correctly cued by the question, or by extra guidance)
R	reject
I	ignore
( )	the word / phrase in brackets is not required, but sets the context
AW	alternative wording (where responses vary more than usual)
underline	actual word given must be used by candidate (grammatical variants accepted)
max	indicates the maximum number of marks that can be given
ora	or reverse argument
mp	marking point (with relevant number)
ecf	error carried forward
AVP	alternative valid point

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<tr><td>1(a)(i)</td><td>all correct for one mark ;

<table><tr><td>palmitic acid</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>linoleic acid</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>stearic acid</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>palmitoleic acid</td><td>1</td></tr></table></td><td>1</td></tr>
<tr><td>1(a)(ii)</td><td>circle drawn around palmitic acid <u>and</u> around stearic acid ;</td><td>1</td></tr>
<tr><td>1(a)(iii)</td><td>COOH / carboxyl (group) / carboxylic acid (group) ;
A carbonyl group and hydroxyl group
R if response includes incorrect groups</td><td>1</td></tr>
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Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)(iv)	*if no ref. to fatty acids, allow one mark for (some) triglycerides may, be saturated / have no double bonds (in hydrocarbon chain,) <u>and</u> (some) may, be unsaturated / have double bonds* **I** 'tails' *any **two** from:* **1** each triglyceride has three fatty acids **;** **2** fatty acids can be, <u>saturated</u> / with no double bonds, <u>and</u>, <u>unsaturated</u> / with double bonds **;** **A** unsaturated fatty acids can have a different number of double bonds **3** fatty acids can have different, (hydrocarbon chain) lengths / number of carbons **;** **4** detail from Table 1.1 to support mp2 or 3 **;** saturated = palmitic / stearic v unsaturated = oleic / linoleic / palmitoleic **or** 1 double bond = oleic / palmitoleic v 2 double bonds = linoleic **or** oleic / linoleic / stearic = 18C v palmitic / palmitoleic = 16C **5** *idea of* a particular fatty acid, can be located at a different position in a triglyceride / can form a bond with any one of the three (functional) hydroxyl groups **;** **6** *ref. to* different environmental conditions of plants grown in different regions **;** e.g. colder conditions and oils having (more triglycerides with) higher proportion of unsaturated fatty acids **7** *idea of* (shared triglycerides) have structures (most) suited as energy stores **;** **A** example e.g. (have fatty acids with) longest hydrocarbon chains easiest to, hydrolyse / release hydrogen atoms have greater energy value than others **8** ref. to ease of, production / synthesis **;** **9** *idea that* shared triglycerides composed of the fatty acids (present) in highest proportions **;** e.g. *using Table 1.1 to determine the most common 2 or 3 fatty acids* 'could all have the same fatty acid combination from oleic acid and / or palmitic acid and/or linoleic acid' (any two)	**2**

Question	Answer	Marks
1(b)	*any **two** from:* **1** water is, a polar molecule / polar / dipolar **;** **A** water is a dipole **A** description e.g. the O atom (of water) has, a slightly negative / δ^-, charge, and the H atoms have a slightly positive / δ^+, charge **2** water can form, hydrogen bonds / H-bonds, with, glycerol / polar substances **;** **ora** = water cannot form H-bonds with, triglycerides / non-polar substances **3** glycerol / polar molecules / ions, interact with water (molecules) / are attracted to water (molecules) / are hydrophilic **;** **A** idea that water, attracts / collects around / AW, ions / charged substances **ora** = triglycerides / non-polar / uncharged, molecules, do not interact with water / repel water / are hydrophobic **I** 'tails'	**2**
1(c)	(phloem) sieve tube element **;** (*question asks for type of cell)* **A** sieve element	**1**

Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)	**I** protective gear / education about transmission / contact tracing / early diagnosis / testing *any **two** from:* practising safe sex / example **;** **A** protected sex / using protection during sex **A** barrier contraceptives **I** use contraceptives screening blood, donated for / before, transfusions AW **or** not taking blood from high risk individuals / AW **;** *idea of* treating donated blood (to inactivate viruses) **;** **A** example e.g. heat / chemical treatment solvent-detergent treatment *in context of drug abusers* avoid sharing, needles / syringes / drug injecting equipment AW **or** use, new / sterile, needles / syringes / drug injecting equipment **;** **A** cookers / sterile containers to mix drugs **A** use needle-exchange schemes / AW **A** use safe injection sites / AW avoid breast feeding / use baby milk products instead of breast milk **;** pre-exposure prophylaxis / PrEP **or** post-exposure prophylaxis / PEP **;** AVP **;** e.g. using sterile equipment for, tattooing ***/*** surgery / dental procedures / body piercing	**2**
2(b)	the number of times larger an image is than actual **;** AW **I** or smaller **A** formula stated in words **A** symbolised I/A *to support a weakly worded answer* **A** *(in context of describing an image)* enlargement / making larger / making bigger / increase in size / AW	**1**

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<tr><td>2(c)(i)</td><td>any one from:

because bacteria have cell walls (only) of, murein / peptidoglycan ;

because chitin is not found in bacterial cell walls ;

A chitin / β-D-glucans, <u>main / major / AW</u> component of fungal cell walls</td><td>1</td></tr>
<tr><td>2(c)(ii)</td><td>
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<tr><th>structural feature of P. jirovecii</th><th>function</th><th>present (✓) or absent (x) in bacterial cells</th></tr>
<tr><td>ribosomes</td><td>protein synthesis</td><td>✓</td></tr>
<tr><td>smooth endoplasmic reticulum</td><td>lipid / cholesterol / steroid, synthesis / metabolism

AVP ; detoxification
I carbohydrate metabolism</td><td>x</td></tr>
<tr><td>Golgi body</td><td>modification of proteins and lipids</td><td>x</td></tr>
<tr><td>mitochondrion / mitochondria</td><td>aerobic respiration</td><td>x</td></tr>
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one mark each correct column ;;;

assume a tick that has been crossed is a cross ✗</td><td>3</td></tr>
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2(d)(i)	*allow squamous cells or squamous epithelial cells or epithelial cells for alveolar cells* *any **two** from:* **1** *gpA* / (*P. jirovecii)* glycoprotein, <u>binds</u> to a, receptor / protein / glycoprotein on (surface of) alveolar cell **or** *gpA* <u>binds</u> to ECM, protein / glycoprotein **; I** receptor **A** idea that ECM proteins are on, surface of / interacting with, (cell surface membrane of) alveolar cells **or** receptor / protein / glycoprotein on (surface of) alveolar cell is a binding site (for gpA) **A** same idea for ECM **2** (gpA) <u>complementary shape</u> **;** *allow ecf mp1 for gpA complementary shape to receptor on ECM* **or** *idea of complementary shape to attach / bind / adhere, to, alveolar cell / ECM* **3** suggestion of adhering by, attractive charges / named bond types, between, gpA and, proteins / glycoproteins, on surface of alveolar cell / of ECM **;** **4** AVP **;** e.g. gpA acts as a <u>ligand</u>	**2**

Question	Answer	Marks
2(d)(ii)	*any **three** from:* **1** alveolar cells / ECM, hindered / surrounded by / AW, *P. jirovecii* cells **;** **A** alveolar wall becomes, thicker / AW **2** diffusion (of oxygen), impaired / decreased / AW **;** **A** distance for diffusion increased **A** reduced surface area for diffusion **;** **3** between, alveolus / alveolar air / alveolar space, and, capillary / blood / red blood cell(s) **;** *allow mp if oxygen is clearly going in the correct direction* **4** less / AW, oxyhaemoglobin formed **;** AW e.g. **A** less oxygen, binds to / taken up by / associates with, haemoglobin **A** less oxygen forms bonds with, Fe^{2+} / iron ion / iron, (in haemoglobin) **5** *idea of* ability of elastic fibres to, stretch / recoil, impaired / AW **;** **A** *idea of* less elastic / decreased elasticity (of alveoli) **6** alveolar air not, refreshed / AW, so decreased diffusion gradient **;** **7** AVP **;** e.g. presence of macrophages hinders diffusion of oxygen *suggestion that P. jirovecii* infection, damages / AW, alveolar capillaries / venules / branches of pulmonary vein *suggestion that* oxygen used up for *P. jirovecii*, metabolism / activity / AW less ability of collagen to provide support to alveoli / AW	**3**

Question	Answer	Marks
2(e)	*any **five** from:* caspofungin / drug, binds to site on, enzyme / glucan synthase, other than active site **;** **A** binds to allosteric site changes shape of active site **;** **A** enzyme changes, shape / tertiary structure, so active site is changed substrates cannot bind to active site / active site no longer complementary to substrates / enzyme-substrate complexes do not form **;** **A** fewer enzyme-substrate complexes form less / no, (1,3- β-D) glucans / products, synthesised / produced **;** cell wall, weakened / synthesis hindered / AW **;** **A** cell wall not formed (leads to osmotic) lysis of, *P. jirovecii* / cell / fungus **;** **A** bursting / cytolysis reduces / prevents, population growth **;** AW e.g. decrease number of *P. jirovecii* **A** decreases ability of *P. jirovecii* to colonise / AW AVP **;** e.g. *in context of lysis ref.* water entry into cell, by osmosis / down water potential gradient / AW (reduced number) increases chance of immune system eliminating the fungus	**5**

Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)	*do not allow 'base' as AW for 'nucleotide'* *any **one** from:* *idea that* phosphodiester bond forms, between nucleotides on the same strand / between adjacent nucleotides / during polynucleotide formation / to form a sugar-phosphate backbone **;** AW *look for understanding that more than one nucleotide needs to be present on the same strand* *idea that* phosphates, shown are only bound to one (pentose) sugars / each phosphate needs to be bound to two (pentose) sugars **;**	**1**

Question	Answer	Marks
3(b)	base / nucleotide, on left identified as guanine and, base / nucleotide, on right identified as cytosine **;** **A** guanine and cytosine *as question has DNA-RNA* **I** cytosine and guanine *unless further qualified* dotted line as hydrogen bond / annotation related to dotted lines as hydrogen bonds / there are three hydrogen bonds between the bases**; A** H-bond *circle is* phosphate **;** *pentagon / pentose, on left is* deoxyribose **;** *also AVP if 'pentose'* double ring / base on left, identified as purine **;** **A** guanine is a purine if mp1 gained single ring / base on right, identified as pyrimidine **;** **A** cytosine is a pyrimidine if mp1 gained AVP **;** e.g. label to any solid line bond as covalent bond phospho-ester bond, labelled / described pentose sugar, label to / described for, deoxyribose / ribose box drawn around one completed nucleotide and labelled 5' and 3' shown annotated ref. to antiparallel nature of base-pair	**4**

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4(a)	replacing cells that are, damaged / destroyed / worn out / old **;**	**1**
4(b)	*any **two** from:* result of mutation **; A** example proto-oncogene to oncogene tumour suppressor gene inactive **I** mutation / mutated, *as a single term* short(er) / fast(er) / many / continuous, cell cycle(s) / cell divisions **;** **A** shorter interphase **A** cells do not stop dividing **I** ref. to mitosis no contact inhibition / mitosis continues beyond space available / cell formation may spread to other nearby areas / AW **;** ref. to normal (cell cycle) checkpoints not occurring **;** **A** *idea that* substances needed for error checking not, available / functioning **A** errors not checked loss of (original / normal) function **; A** example **A** non-functional (cell cycle continues because) fault in / errors in / no response to, cell signalling **;** cells do not carry out apoptosis / no programmed cell death **;** AVP **;** e.g. different cell metabolism increase in telomerase (activity) telomeres do not shorten as quickly formation / presence, of blood vessels (feature of tumour) **A** angiogenesis lack of adhesion between cells ref. metastasis / described e.g. cells travel in, blood / lymph, to form tumours elsewhere in body **I** ref. to tumour spread in blood	**2**

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4(c)	*any **two** from:* *idea that* after each, cell cycle / cell division / DNA replication, telomeres shorten **;** (long telomeres means that DNA) replication can take place more times **;** **A** allows continuous (DNA) replication *context is DNA and not cell replication* *idea that* <u>ends</u> of chromosomes are protected **;** telomeres do not contain, genes / genetic information **;** **A** telomeres are non-coding detail **;** e.g. *idea that* after replication nucleotides at ends of DNA are lost lagging strand replication leads to unpaired nucleotides DNA polymerase cannot continue to end on lagging strand (replication) (long telomeres) allow, <u>long</u> life span / many divisions to occur / many mitoses **;** AVP **;** e.g. prevents chromosome ends from joining otherwise, mitosis could not occur / may lead to cell death	**2**
4(d)	*any **three** from:* differentiation has already started / AW **;** **A** they are not undifferentiated **A** GMP cells are, differentiated / specialised (compared to stem cells) no self-renewal / AW **;** **A** cannot produce a stem cell when they divide cannot form, all blood cell types / correct named **;** (only) forms (immature) neutrophils and monocytes **;**	**3**
4(e)	macrophage/s **; I** mature monocytes / granulocyte / phagocyte	**1**

Question	Answer	Marks
4(f)	antibody / immunoglobulin **;**	**1**
4(g)	*mp2 and 3 need to see knowledge that self-antigens are on, self- / body / own, cells* *any **three** from:* **1** *idea that,* next stage / after thymus, is (T-lymphocyte) release into general circulation / blood **;** **2** (if released) exposure to / activation by, (self-antigens on body) cells **or** (on exposure to self-antigens), immune response occurs against (body) cells **;** **ora** only (T)lymphocytes that will respond only to, pathogens / foreign substances, are, left / released **3** (if released) harm to / destruction of / kills, (body) cells **;** **4** need to prevent / otherwise, formation of memory T-cells **;** **5** AVP **;** e.g. need to prevent / (if released) may cause, autoimmune, disease / response (otherwise) T-helper will release cytokines to, enhance / AW, immune response against (body) cells (if cytokine released) may lead to, phagocytosis of / antibodies produced against, (body) cells (otherwise) T-killer cell will release substance to kill cells *also mp3* (faulty T-lymphocytes) cannot bind to, foreign / non-self, antigens	**3**

Question	Answer	Marks
5(a)	*ovale / malariae* **;** **A** knowlesi must be spelled correctly *if both given, must be correct spelling*	**1**
5(b)(i)	*any **two** from:* *details **;*** pH approx. 7.4 <u>and</u> 37 °C **A** pH7 / neutral pH **A** 36 / 38 °C pH of, plasma / blood **or** body temperature **or** use conditions occurring in, body / plasma / blood / humans **;** *idea that* oxygen uptake / haemoglobin activity / AW, affected by, temperature / pH **;**	**2**
5(b)(ii)	*any **three** from:* *in a person with malaria* **1** <u>affinity</u> of haemoglobin for oxygen, decreases / AW **;** *context is infection so* **R** *in presence of carbon dioxide* **2** lower (percentage) saturation of haemoglobin with oxygen **;** *allow ecf from mp1* **A** less oxygen binds to haemoglobin (in the lungs) **A** haemoglobin loads less oxygen AW **3** *idea that* <u>more difficult</u> to load oxygen in the lungs **; I** slower **4** (as) higher partial pressure of oxygen needed to reach same percentage saturation of, haemoglobin **;** **5** *idea that* oxygen released more readily in respiring tissues **or** in tissues, more oxygen released at any one partial pressure **;** **I** carbon dioxide **but R** if stated that carbon dioxide causes oxygen to be released more readily	**3**

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5(c)	*any **four** from:* **1** (diameter / width) 6–8 μm so able to pass through (lumen of) capillaries **;** **I** small size **2** small size / small diameter / just fits in a capillary / AW, so in a line / one by one / AW, which slows blood flow / maximises time to take up oxygen / reduces diffusion distance for uptake of oxygen **;** **A** gas exchange for oxygen **3** no, nucleus / mitochondria **; A** no organelles **4** so more space for haemoglobin **;** AW *must be linked to mp3* **5** no mitochondria so oxygen is not used within cell (and can be transported) **;** **6** flexible / can squeeze through / can deform / can change shape, to pass through capillary / AW **;** *context of biconcave or property of cell surface membrane* **I** 'squeeze between' unless elsewhere there is ref. to rbc within a capillary **7** biconcave **;** **8** (biconcave, so compared to spherical) increased, surface area / SA:V, for uptake of oxygen / gas exchange / AW **;** **9** (biconcave, so) reduce distance for diffusion of oxygen to, haemoglobin / hb **;**	**4**

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6(a)	*any **four** from:* **1** cell wall, pathway / route / AW **;** **R** crossing membranes / passing through vacuoles / passing through cytoplasm, *in context of passage to endodermis* **I** diffuses / osmosis / active transport **2** movement (also), through intercellular spaces / in spaces between cells **;** **R** intracellular spaces **3** named cell layer in <u>apoplast</u> pathway to endodermis **;** e.g. epidermal cells / root hair cells cells of cortex / cortical cells / parenchyma cells *must be in context of cell walls* **4** cannot cross / stops at, Casparian strip (of endodermal cells) **;** **5** detail **;** made of, suberin **or** described as a, waxy / waterproof / impermeable (layer / substance / material in cell walls) **6** (overall) movement down a water potential gradient **;** **R** ref. to osmosis / active transport *context of across root or from root to xylem (owing to overall root to, leaf / atmosphere, gradient)* **7** AVP **;** e.g. non-living pathway / does not cross membranes, until the endodermis idea that water needs to pass across a cell (surface) membrane to control substances entering xylem	**4**

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<tr><th>net movement of K^+</th><th>membrane protein needed (yes or no)</th><th>ATP used (yes or no)</th><th>name of transport mechanism</th></tr>
<tr><td>against the concentration gradient</td><td>yes</td><td>yes</td><td>active, transport / uptake</td></tr>
<tr><td>down the concentration gradient</td><td>yes</td><td>no</td><td>facilitated diffusion</td></tr>
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one mark each correct column ;;;
if no marks gained, allow one mark for a correct row
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