

Mark schemes

- (a) 0.01 / 0.0105;

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(allow 1 mark for 52 500 / 5 000 000)

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- (b) (at the tissues at low pp oxygen) the shrew's haemoglobin is less saturated with oxygen / has reduced affinity; oxyhaemoglobin dissociates more readily / haemoglobin releases oxygen more readily / more oxygen released; allowing greater demand / respiration rate;

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[5] (a) 0.1 – 0.6 seconds;

2

Volume (in left ventricle) increasing / ventricle filling;

2

- (b) (i) 2 marks for correct answer of 75 (beats) per minute;
1 mark if heart beat correctly identified as lasting 0.8 seconds;

2

(ii) 70 cm³;

1

- (c) Multiply them;

1

- (d) 750;

Accept a small increase – up to 800 cm³

1

- (e) (i) 4 : 1 / 4;
Ratio must be expressed in simplest terms

1

(ii) 18 cm³;

1

[9] (a) B – It is the 2nd contraction / occurs (immediately) after A / occurs after atrium;

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Larger / more force / more pressure;

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(b) $\frac{60}{\text{time for 1 cycle}}$
= 37 to 38

allow 1 mark if correct working shown

max 2

- (c) (i) (Heart rate) reduced; 2
(Stroke volume) no effect;
- (ii) Reduced because $C.O. = H.R. \times S.V.$ / connection argument based on reduced H.R; 1
- (iii) Parasympathetic; 1
- (d) (i) 1. Coordination via medulla (of brain) / cardiac centre;
2. (Increased) impulses along sympathetic (/ cardiac accelerator) nerve
3. To S.A. node / pacemaker;
4. More impulses sent from / increased rate of discharge of S.A. node /pacemaker;
Not "beats"; not "speeds up" 4
- (ii) In exercise – More energy release / more respiration / actively respiring muscles / for aerobic respiration;
Higher cardiac output – Increases O₂ supply (to muscles);
Increases glucose supply (to muscles);
Increases CO₂ removal (from muscles) / lactate removal;
Increases heat removal (from muscles) / for cooling;
If no "increase" – max 2 marks 3
- [15] (a) (i) Pattern described as constant / decrease to 04.00 / 06.00
- 4** then rising; 1
- (ii) Corresponds to ventricles contracting / systole; 1
- (iii) Less / little difference between maximum and minimum / less variation / constant / not pulsed / smoother; pressure in vein lower 2
- (b) (i) The larger the molecule, the less permeable;
Over 68 000 walls not permeable;
- (ii) Plasma proteins / albumin and globulin too large to leave capillary;
Water lost / Increase in concentration of proteins in blood / plasma; 2

2

- (iii) Haemoglobin in red blood cells /
Haemoglobin too large to pass through membrane of RBC /
Red blood cells (containing haemoglobin) too large to pass
through wall;

1

[9] (a) Large surface area to volume ratio;

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For diffusion;
OR
Flat / thin;
So oxygen can reach all haemoglobin / centre rapidly / short pathway;

max 2

- (b) (i) Partially permeable / allows water through but not sucrose;
Accept semi-permeable / selectively permeable.
- (ii) Phospholipid (in membrane) / bilayer dissolved / broken down;
Allows haemoglobin / contents to leak out;

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2

[5

] (a) Structure resulting from aggregation of several polypeptide chains / tertiary structures /

6 eq:

1

- (b) Low pH / (more)H⁺ ; due to (increased) CO₂ (increased) respiration;
(ignore refs to buffering action of haemoglobin)
(increased) dissociation of haemoglobin;
Oxygen diffuses from r.b.c. to tissues;
- (c) Deaminated for use in respiration / used in protein synthesis / suitable e.g.;

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[5] (a)

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	glucose	sodium ions	haemoglobin
Tissue fluid	✓	✓	✗;
Blood plasma	✓	✓	✗;

Mark for each correct row

2

- (b) Hydrostatic pressure higher than osmotic “effect”;
Forces / squeezes / pushes out / water / small molecules / ions / examples; 2

[4] (a) Contain different / more than one tissue / type of cell;

8 1

- (b) 0.8 (s) 1

- (c) 0.4 (s) as events in right ventricle same as in left; 1

- (d) (i) 0 - 0.1 / 0.4 - 0.9 because the volume increasing / ventriclefilling / blood entering; 1

- (ii) from 0.9 / 0.1 – 0.4 because volume decreasing / ventricle emptying / blood leaving;

1 Accept any two figures from within the range.

- (e) Correct answer of 15.75 / 15.8 / 16 = 2 marks
Incorrect answer but clear understanding that 45cm³ is 100% = 1 mark 2

[7] (a) Caused by blood leaving the heart / entering artery;

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As a result of ventricles contracting / systole; 2

- (b) Stretch as pressure increases;
Recoil / spring back as pressure drops;

Do not accept contract and relax in this context.

Allow 1 mark for ‘stretch and recoil’ without reference to pressure.

2

- (c) Both have an endothelium / epithelium / squamous cells; 1

[5] (i) Because there are big differences;

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any correct named example e.g. lung cancer / bronchitis much lower
in women than in men; 2

- (ii) easier to compare if sample size effectively the same;
different numbers of people in each group; 2

[4]

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(a) It is a measure of the concentration of a gas

(in a mixture of gases or a liquid);

1

(b) 37-38%

Accept 36 – 39

(c) muscle contraction causes increased respiration; increased CO₂ production lowering blood pH / lactate released lowering blood pH; increased heat released therefore increased temperature; increased O₂ consumption lowering tissue PO₂;

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(d) haemoglobin has a lower affinity for oxygen; more O₂ for respiration;

2

(e) **3.4 times = 2 marks**

(incorrect answer in which candidate shows amount of oxygen removed at rest is 4.6 and amount removed during exercise is 15.8 = 1 mark)

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(f) Nearly all O₂ is transported by haemoglobin / v. little transported in plasma;

EITHER

Haemoglobin is (nearly) fully saturated with O₂ at the alveoli both at rest and when exercising;

Therefore no (very little) further increase is possible;

OR

Haemoglobin is only 95% saturated with oxygen at the alveoli;

Therefore enriching inspired / air with oxygen will raise this to 100%;

3

(g) increased depth / rate / pulmonary ventilation; increase stroke volume / heart rate / Q increases blood flow rate; arterioles

[Accept artery] supplying the muscles

dilate / vasodilation / greater proportion of blood flow to the muscles;

max 3

[15] (a) (i) 0.4(s);

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1

(ii) $\left\{ \frac{60}{0.8} \right\} = 75;$

1

(iii) 0.26 (between 0.4 – 0.14) × 75 (or from (a)(ii)) = 19.5(s)
OR

0.25 (between 0.4 – 0.15) × 75 (or from (a)(ii)) = 18.75(s)
(no double penalty)(allow rounding only if working shown)

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(b) (ii) right ventricle;
same pattern / description (as left ventricle) but lower (pressure);

2

(c) increase in volume / size of ventricles (*accept heart*) / hypertrophy of heart /
increased strength of heart muscle / increased strength of contraction; more
blood leaves heart in each contraction / increase in stroke volume;

2

[7] (a) slow decrease in speed until reaches arterioles then rapid decrease;

13 increase in total cross-sectional area of blood vessels / more
friction;

2

(b) elastic tissue / fibres / wall; expands / recoils / springs back (to smooth the pressure
surges); (*recoil linked to elastic tissues*)

2

(c) walls / endothelium one cell thick / made of flattened cells; short diffusion pathway

OR

narrow lumen;
reduces rate of flow / more time for diffusion;

OR

gaps / pores between cells (*accept fenestrations between cells*);
increased rate of diffusion / fluid movement out of vessel;

2

(d) larger / wider lumen so greater volume carried;

1

[7]

14 (a) Hb (in A) has greater affinity for O₂; becomes saturated at
low(er) ppO₂ / more saturated at same ppO₂ / unsaturated at very
low ppO₂; able to supply enough O₂ to its tissues;

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(b) fish B has a greater rate of respiration
(*accept more O₂ needed for respiration*);
Hb dissociates more readily (than A); more O₂ supplied;

2 max

[5]

- 15 (a) 1. pressure receptors / baroreceptors / stretch receptors in aorta / carotid arteries / carotid sinus; (*reject carotid body*)
 2. send impulses to cardiovascular centre / medulla / cardio-inhibitory centre; (*reject signals / messages / electronic*)
 3. impulses via parasympathetic nerves / vagus; (*accept inhibitory nerve*)
 4. to SAN;
 5. release of ACh / inhibits SAN / decreases impulses from SAN;
 6. decreases impulses to AVN / decreased stimulation of AVN / decreases impulses from AVN;
(any reference to signals / messages / electronic disqualifies points 3 and 5 only)

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- (b) 1. inhibit impulses in sympathetic nerves / from cardio-acceleratory centre;
 2. SAN not stimulated / noradrenaline not released so heart rate lowers / does not increase;
(accept inhibits / blocks synapses);

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- (a) (i) atrioventricular valve / (bi)cuspid valve / mitral valve;

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1

- (ii) (valves close) due to high blood pressure / when ventricles contract;
 Y prevent valve from being inverted / restricts / stops valve movement;
(allow AV valve, disqualify tricuspid)

2

- (b) (i) B;

1

- (ii) $\underline{5} \times 60 = 37.5 \text{ s}$
 8 correct method

1

correct answer

2

[6] (a) left ventricle;

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1

- (b) (i) (left) ventricle / heart relaxes / diastole / filling / not contracting;

1

- (ii) elastic tissue / wall; recoils / springs back (to maintain pressure);
("contraction / muscle causing recoil" negates second point)

2

(c) correct answer, 666 to 667 *gains 2 marks; allow 1 mark for principle; correct time for 1 heartbeat as 90 (ms) or $630 \div 7$ / $60 \div$ incorrect time identified from graph;*

2

(d) correct answer, 0.03, *gains 2 marks;*

(allow 1 mark for correct working, $16.6 \div 550$, if answer wrong)

2

[8] (a) lymph;

18

1

(b) arrow drawn from right to left . no mark (*if wrong direction disqualify*) correct reference to blood entering capillary having higher hydrostatic pressure;

1

(c) HP forces water out;idea that HP is “higher” than WP; proteins remain in blood (increases WP); idea that WP is now “higher” than HP; water returns by osmosis / along WP gradient; water moves out at arteriole end and back in (at venule end);

4 max

(d) high respiration rate means high demand for oxygen;shrew haemoglobin has lower affinity for oxygen / gives up O_2 more readily;

shrew Hb lower saturation rate than human Hb at same partial pressure / more O_2 released at same pp;

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[9]

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(a) (i) CO_2 is produced (in respiration); forms carbonic

acid / hydrogen ions released;

(lactic acid produced negates both points)

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(ii) low pH because high rate of respiration; cells need more O_2 ; more O_2 released / O_2 released faster;

2 max

(b) (i) high altitudes have a low partial pressure of O_2 ; high saturation / affinity of Hb with O_2 (at low partial pressure O_2); so sufficient / enough O_2 supplied to cells / tissues;

2

(ii) difficult to unload / dissociate O₂ (at tissues);

1

[7]

(a) endothelium / tunica intima (*accept endothelial cells*);

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1

(b) elastic tissue allows recoil

(*reject if wording implies a muscle e.g. contract / relax*)(*ignore expand*);

maintains blood pressure / constant / smooth blood flow

(*not increases blood pressure*);

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(c) measuring radius / 12 mm / 12.5 mm / 1.2 cm / 1.25 cm; correct calculation / 3.14
× 12 × 12 = 452 / 3.14 × 12.5 × 12.5 = 490 / 491;

allow for magnification ÷ 100 = 4.52 / 4.9;

(*allow 1 mark for correct calculation using incorrect radius*)

3

[6] (a) (cells) require oxygen / glucose for respiration / growth

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(cells) require oxygen / glucose to keep cells alive;

(*accept correctly named nutrient*)

1

(b) (i) 65;

1

(ii) fetal haemoglobin has a greater affinity for oxygen;

(*must indicate a comparison or reference to the graph*)

loads oxygen from mother's haemoglobin / blood;

2

[4] (a) (i) in case normal coffee differs in some other way /

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to control concentration of caffeine;

1

(ii) not telling them what the drink contained / purpose of experiment;

1

(b) (i) able to continue for longer; (*not just increases performance*)

(*disqualify if also refers to fatty acids and glycerol*)

1

(ii) breakdown of fats; at increased rate / by mobilisation of fat stores;

2

(c) (i) idea that volumes of oxygen and carbon dioxide the same;

reference to equal moles, or quotient as 1 divided by 1 / or 6 by 6;

2

(ii) glycogen is a carbohydrate / broken down to glucose, linked to RQ;with no caffeine, RQ nearer 1.0 / less carbon dioxide exhaled and more oxygen inhaled (or vice versa) / with caffeine higher proportion of fats / fatty acids respired; increased time to exhaustion suggests slower use of glycogen:

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[10]

(a) 1. rate of respiration increases (in muscle cells);

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2. carbon dioxide concentration increases / pH falls / H⁺ increases / acidity increases;

3. chemoreceptors in aortic / carotid bodies / medulla (*accept reference to aorta / carotid arteries not sinus*);

4. (impulses to) medulla / cardioaccelerator centre;

5. increased frequency of impulses (*award only once*);

6. along sympathetic pathway to sinoatrial node / SAN (*not pacemaker*);

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(b) (i) through cardiac muscle;
to atrioventricular node;
along bundle of His / Purkyne fibres;

2 max

(ii) sinoatrial node in the (right) atrium;trace from healthy person is identical to the trace for the diseased heart in the region of the atria / only differences seen in trace for ventricles;

2

[10] (a) beating / pumping of heart / contraction of ventricles / heart;

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1

(b) (at arterial end) hydrostatic pressure / blood pressure;greater than pressure of water potential gradient / greater than osmotic uptake;

2

(c) removed by lymphatic system / lymph; returned to blood;

2

(d) less protein in blood;water potential gradient is lower (less – ve / higher Ψ).

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[7]

(a) (i) 62

25 ignore units

- 1
- (ii) fetal haemoglobin has higher affinity for oxygen / takes up oxygen (becomes saturated) at lower partial pressure; at partial pressures when adult haemoglobin dissociates fetal haemoglobin takes up oxygen;
- 2
- (b) (i) new 'S' shaped curve draw to the right of the adult curve;
- 1
- (ii) haemoglobin dissociates / unloads more readily / more oxygen delivered to cell / muscles / respiring tissue; at a particular partial pressure more oxygen is released;
- 2
- [6] (a) (i) 0.3 s;

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- (ii) 0.2 - 0.4 s;
- 1
- (b) thicker / more muscle in the left ventricle;
- 1
- (c) Artery
1. thickest wall, enabling it to carry blood at high pressure / withstand pressure surges;
 2. most elastic tissue, which smoothes out flow / maintains pressure;
 3. most muscle which maintains pressure;
 4. muscle in wall to control blood flow;
- Vein
5. thin wall does not have to withstand high pressure;
- Capillary
6. thin wall, allowing diffusion / exchange;
 7. only endothelium present, allowing short diffusion pathway;
- All vessels
8. have endothelium that reduces friction;

6 max

[9]

- (a) (i) arteriole;

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(ii) any two oxygen / glucose / amino acids / fatty acids / glycerol / minerals;

1

1

(b) small diameter / lumen / small mean cross sectional area / increase in (total) cross sectional area;
more surface in contact with blood / greater friction / resistance;

2

(c) (i) artery;

1

(ii) stretches / expands to accommodate increase in blood volume / when ventricle contracts / increase in blood pressure; recoils when blood volume decreases / when ventricle relaxes / blood pressure decreases;

2

[7] (a) less muscle / thin(ner) wall in left atrium;

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(b) (i) pressure of left ventricle higher than pressure of left atrium;

1

1

(ii) closing of the semi-lunar valves / pocket valves;
pressure in artery / aorta is higher than ventricle;

2

[4] (a) (i) curve to right of curve for pH 7.4;

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(ii) more oxygen unloaded / given up / affinity decreased / reduced saturation;
oxyhaemoglobin dissociates at higher oxygen concentration / partial pressure /
more oxygen unloaded at the same ppO_2 ;

1

2

(b) (aerobic) respiration will produce carbon dioxide / anaerobic respiration produces lactate; carbon dioxide dissolves in blood forming acid; increases hydrogen ion concentration;

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[6]

(a) 1. permeable capillary wall / membrane;

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2. single cell thick / thin walls, reduces diffusion distance;
3. flattened (endothelial) cells, reduces diffusion distance;

4. fenestrations, allows large molecules through;
5. small diameter / narrow, gives a large surface area to volume / short diffusion distance;
6. narrow lumen, reduces flow rate giving more time for diffusion;
7. red blood cells in contact with wall / pass singly, gives short diffusion distance / more time for diffusion;

(allow 1 mark for 2 features with no explanation)

4 max

- (b)
1. (hydrostatic) pressure of blood high at arterial end;
 2. fluid / water / soluble molecules pass out (*reject plasma*);
 3. proteins / large molecules remain;
 4. this lowers the water potential / water potential becomes more negative;
 5. water moves back into venous end of capillary (*reject tissue fluid*) by osmosis / diffusion;
 6. lymph system collects any excess tissue fluid which returns to blood / circulatory system / link with vena cava / returns tissue fluid to vein;

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[10]

QWC 1