

## Mark schemes

**1**

- (a) 1. Similarity – directional response (to a stimulus) / movement towards / away from a stimulus;
2. Difference – taxis (whole) organism moves and tropism a growth (response).  
*Must be clear which one, taxis or tropism, they are referring to*  
*Taxis occurs in animals / motile organisms and tropism occurs in plants*

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- (b) 1. Grow in direction of / towards (pull of) gravity;  
*Accept: tropism for growth*  
*Ignore: pulled by gravity*  
*Accept: positively geotropic / gravitropic*
2. Grow away from salt;  
*Accept: negatively chemotropic / halotropic 1 and 2. Ignore: references to bends / moves*
3. Salt has more effect (than gravity).  
*Accept: converse statement for gravity*  
*Note: all three points may appear in one sentence*

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- (c) 1. More carriers in (cell) **L** / lower in **R**;  
*Accept: left for **L** and right for **R** / side nearer salt for **L***
2. (So) less IAA in (cell) **L** / more IAA in (cell) **R**;  
*Accept: more IAA moves out of **L** / less IAA moves out of **R***
3. (So) more (elongation) growth in **L** / less (elongation) growth in **R**.  
*Accept: less inhibition of growth in **L** / more inhibition of growth in **R**;*

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- [8]** (a) 1. (Taxis is) movement towards / away from a stimulus / a directional response /

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movement (to a stimulus);

2. (Move towards) temperature they were used to / cultured in;  
*Movement towards temperature they were used to = 2 marks*

**2** max

- (b) 1. Hungry, so seeking food / in absence of food respond to temperature;  
*Ignore references to temperature and enzymes*  
*Must be stated not inferred from other statements*
2. Move towards temperature they were used to / cultured in;

3. Associate (this temperature) with food;

*Accept they think food is here*

*Stated not inferred*

4. (Then) stay in this temperature;

3 max

- (c) 1. (Dim) worms live in soil / dark / affected by bright light / dim light is like normal environment / what they are used to;

2. (Even) because worms might move towards / away from bright light / to avoid creating light gradient / prevent worms showing phototaxis / all parts of surface exposed to same light;

*Accept to avoid kinesis due to light*

3. (Dim light) ensures heat from light not a variable / heat from lamp could kill / dry out worms;

*Not just to control variables / factors*

2 max

[7] (a) Push – legume

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Pull – grass;

*Both needed for mark*

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- (b) 1. Set up tape measures on two sides of the plot / make grid of plot;

*Allow 'Number each plant'. With this approach mp3 cannot be awarded.*

2. Use random number table / calculator / generator; *Allow 'Select from a hat' idea.*

3. To generate coordinates;

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- (c) 1. To prevent competition between the maize and the grass; 2. For light / nutrients / water;

**OR**

3. Idea of limits movement of pest (between grass and maize);

4. Only eating / damaging grass;

2 max

- (d) 1. Nitrogen-fixing bacteria convert nitrogen (in the air) into ammonium compounds (in the soil) which are converted into nitrates / nitrification occurs;

*Accept 'ammonia' for 'ammonium compounds'.*

2. Maize uses nitrates (in soil) for amino acid / protein / ATP / nucleotide production;
  2. *Must be in the context of maize.*
  - Ignore ionic formulae unless only these are given.*

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- (e)
1. Reduced % damage to maize plants / increased maize grain yield;
  2. Calculation to justify mp 1;
  3. Standard deviation shows no overlap but need stats to show significance of this difference;
  4. More profit / net income / greater income than additional cost (with push-pull);
  5. \$322 extra / 408% more / \$401 v \$79 profit;
    - Accept '\$350 extra income compared to \$28 extra spend'.*
    - Mp5 gains credit for both mp4 and 5*

3 max

[11] (a) Three changes described;;;

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*Neutral nucleus shrinks, since it doesn't*

Eg

1. Formation / growth of vacuole;
2. Formation of starch grains / amyloplasts;
  2. *Accept starch grains get bigger*
3. Movement of grains / amyloplasts towards bottom of cell; *Note – list rule applies*
4. Cells get longer / wider / larger;

3 max

- (b)
1. Grows sideways before starch grains form;
    - Q
  2. Bending starts when / as grains form;
  3. More bending as grains increase in number;
    3. *Ignore starch grain growth references*
  4. More elongation (of cells) / growth (of roots) downwards as starch grains increase / move;
  5. Bending starts before grains move down;
  6. Could be related to vacuole;
    6. *Ignore references to nucleus*

- (c) 1. (IAA) at bottom of root / where IAA concentration high inhibits expansion /elongation (of cells);

*2 and 3 need reference to expansion / elongation, not just growth*

2. (IAA) at top of root / where IAA concentration low leads to expansion /elongation (of cells);

*2. Accept less inhibition*

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- [8] (a) 1. (Seedlings) respond to light / are phototropic;

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*Reject: roots are positively phototropic / grow towards light*

**OR**

*Neutral: 'to control a variable'*

2. (Only) measuring the effect of gravity / response to gravity;

*Neutral: light affects growth / results*

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- (b) 1. (Cells in) root tip detect gravity / respond to gravity;

*Must refer to root tip and not just the root*

**OR**

2. IAA / auxin is produced in the root tip;

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- (c) (i) 1. IAA / auxin moves to lower side / more IAA / auxin on lower side;

*Accept: references to 'cell elongation' instead of 'growth'*

2. Lower side grows less / slower / upper side grows more / faster / inhibits growth on lower side;

*Note: if auxin is placed at upper side, mark point 2 can still be awarded*

*Need idea of 'less / slower' or 'more / faster' for mark point 2*

2

- (ii) 1. Less IAA / auxin (produced);

2. Lower side grows more / faster / less inhibition of growth on lower side;

*Must refer to the lower side*

2

- [6] (a) Diffusion;

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*Ignore references to simple / facilitated*

*Accept active transport*

- (b) 1. Causes plant to bend / grow towards light / positive phototropism;  
2. (Light) required for photosynthesis;

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- (c) 1. More kinetic energy / faster movement of molecules;  
2. More diffusion;

*Ignore references to opening stomata.*

*Answer should be in context of more but comparative statement only necessary once.*

2

- (d) (i) 1. Thick cuticle on upper surface / thin cuticle on lower surface / few stomata on upper surface / no stomata on upper surface;

2. More diffusion / shorter diffusion pathway (on lower surface);

1. *Ignore cuticle only on upper surface. Ignore references to more or less waxy.*

2. *If candidate writes about stomata accept ref to greater area for diffusion.*

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- (ii) Different species have different (qualified) properties;

*Eg cuticle thickness*

*Leaf size*

*Number of stomata*

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[8]

- (a) 1. Gives rise to new plants / plantlets;

2. So must be able to develop into different tissues / other specialised cell types / differentiate;

1. *Ignore references to leaves / callus*

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- (b) Two marks for 5 : 1/50 : 10/1 : 0.2;;

*One mark for ratio correctly identified but expressed incorrectly as 1 : 5 / 10 : 50 / 0.2 : 1;*

2

- (c) (i) 1. Meiosis / independent assortment / crossing over;

2. (Fusion of) genetically different gametes / random fertilisation;

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- (ii) Will be clones / produced by mitosis / will be genetically identical / less variation / all plants will have desired characteristics;

*If the reference is to identical must be genetically identical, but allow less variation without the reference to genetical.*

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[7

1 (a) Decrease (woodlice turning in opposite direction to forced turn with increasing distance

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between turns) then more rapid decrease;

(Rapid decrease) when distance between turns is 9cm / 80% woodlice turning in opposite direction;

*Accept 'after 9cm' or between 9 and 10cm' but not at 10cm*

2

(b) No (no mark)

Equal numbers / 50% turn each way;

(Would expect this) by chance / at random;

2

(c) 1. Keep distance same;

2. Increase time / delay woodlice / decrease speed of woodlice

3. (Increase time) between forced and second turns;

*Allow one mark for measure time taken for stated / set distance*

3

(d) Short distances result in more (woodlice showing) turn alternation;

Keeps woodlice going in one direction / stops them going round in circles;

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[9]

(a) Time to establish humidity to that required / time for substance to absorb water;

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So that behaviour typical of humidity;

Woodlice no longer affected by handling;

*Allow acclimatisation idea*

2 max

(b) Correlation does not show causal link;

May be due to other factors / named factor;

*Do not accept casual*

2 max

(c) 1. It is a line of best fit;

2. Variation in woodlice / a named difference in woodlice;  
*E.g. age, species, sex*
3. Variation in environmental conditions / change in a named environmental condition;  
*E.g. Temperature / vibration / sound / light*

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[7] (a) 11.1;;

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Allow one mark for calculating loss in mass as 0.02g and calculating a percentage;

*Accept 11.11 / 11 but not 11.0*

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- (b)
1. (More mass loss) linked to losing more water;
  2. Gills (more) exposed to air / covered (less) by other woodlice so greater surfacearea (exposed);
  3. (Not clumped) so lower humidity (around each woodlouse) so greater evaporation / diffusion (of water);

*Assume 'They' refers to woodlice in group B*

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- (c) Initial masses different;

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[6] Low humidity results in more woodlice moving;

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So increased movement increased chance of leaving dry / unfavourable environment so reduce water loss / reduce evaporation;

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- (a) (i) Taxis;

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*Ignore references to positive and negative, and prefixes such as photo-  
Accept taxes / tactic  
Allow phonetic spelling*

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- (ii) Moves towards stimulus / towards light;

*Direction must be correct.*

1 (b) Gravity;

Antennae involved;

Doesn't show light is involved / doesn't respond to light as they are unable to see / as eyes are covered;

- (c) Helps them to leave the soil / ground / reach the surface;  
Disperse / produce new colonies;  
Avoid competition;

2 max

[7] (a) Recognition of same species;

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- Stimulates release of gametes;
- Recognition of mate / opposite gender;
- Indication of sexual maturity / fertility;

2 max

- (b) (i) Internal fertilisation / fertilisation occurs in pouch / limited area;  
*Q The term fertilisation is not required in the answer but must be implied.*

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- (ii) Protection from predators (developing in pouch);

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- (c) (i) Less stress caused to seahorse / quicker / more accurate method / body is curved / head is linear;  
*Q Do not accept "easier" unless qualified.*

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- (ii) Head length proportional to body length / or described;

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- (d) Positive correlation between head / body lengths of male and female / female and male with similar head / body lengths pair together;

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- (e) Use line of best fit;  
And extrapolate / extend line as required;

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- (f) (Compare) DNA;  
Sequence of bases / nucleotides;  
Compare same / named protein;  
Sequence of amino acids / primary structure;

Immunological evidence – not a mark

Inject (seahorse) protein / serum into animal;

(Obtain) antibodies / serum;

Add protein / serum / plasma from other (seahorse) species;

Amount of precipitate indicates relationship;

**Q** *The marks awarded for reference to DNA and sequence of bases / nucleotides must be in a different context to DNA hybridisation.*

6 max

[15] (a) kinesis;

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*(ignore 'ortho-' / 'klino-', allow 'thermo-', reject 'photo-' / 'chemo-' / etc)*

*random movements = 1 mark, eg*

*/ degree of turning / number of turns depends on strength of stimulus / on temperature / allow specific ref. to more turning at 35° than at 30° / non-directional stimulus / response;*

*ignore 'speed'*

2

- (b) stays longer in warmer area / at 35° / tends to leave cooler area / to leave 30° / stays in favourable conditions ;

remains near food source / on host;

2

[4]

- (i) kinesis;

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movement is random / rate of turning changes / does not move towards / away from light;

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- (ii) advantage related to light / shade;  
e.g. remains in shade so avoids predators

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[3] (a) *two environmental or developmental variables and explanation;*

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*examples,*

all plants of the same age, so same time for cell divisions / differentiation; all plants given the same watering, so same amount of water for cell expansion;

*(reject reference to photosynthesis)* all plants given same light, so same rate of photosynthesis; same temperature, so enzymes / named metabolic process at optimum

temperature; same named ion / minerals in soil(e.g. nitrate),  
so same available for a named function,  
(e.g. amino acid / protein synthesis);

2 max

- (b) count cells using microscope; count number of cells in cell division / where chromosomes visible; and then the total number of cells in field of view;

2 max

- (c) only cells at tip have ability to divide / cells further back don't divide; cells further back differentiating / named example of (*accept reference to loss of totipotent cells*) differentiated tissue / too old / reduction in plant hormone; cell wall too thick / vacuole too large to allow division;

2 max

- (d) new cells added at tip; cells increase in volume / larger; increase in length (of cells); as vacuoles get larger; due to uptake of water (by osmosis);

3 max

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- (a) 1. automatic (adjustments to changes in environment) / involuntary;

2. reducing / avoiding damage to tissues / prevents injury / named injury e.g. burning;

3. role in homeostasis / example;

4. posture / balance;

5. finding / obtaining food / mate / suitable conditions;

6. escape from predators;

*(ignore 'danger' or 'harm' unless qualified)*

3 max

- (b) (i) 1. (impulse causes) calcium ions /  $\text{Ca}^{++}$  to enter axon;  
2. vesicles move to / fuse with (presynaptic) membrane;  
3. acetylcholine (released);  
4. (acetylcholine) diffuses across synaptic cleft / synapse;  
5. binds with receptors on (postsynaptic) membrane;

*(reject active sites, disqualify point)*

6. sodium ions /  $\text{Na}^+$  enter (postsynaptic) neurone;

7. depolarisation of (postsynaptic) membrane;

8. if above threshold nerve impulse / action potential produced

6 max

- (ii) neurone to neurone and neurone to muscle; action potential in neurone and no action potential in muscle / sarcolemma; no summation in muscle; muscle response always excitatory (never inhibitory); some neuromuscular junctions have different neurotransmitters; (*penalise 'nerve' once*)

2 max [11]

**18**

- (a) *one mark for conclusion:*

maggots move to / respond to / prefer / like / red rather than green;  
*(reject 'most prefer red')*

maggots move to / prefer / like areas of lower light intensity (except green);  
maggots respond more to colour than light intensity / do not respond to  
differences in light intensity;

*(reject conclusion relating to single result)*

*one mark for: evidence*

*matching conclusion:*

more in red than green, but light intensity the same; more in  
segments with lower light intensity; more differences in different  
colours, little difference in light intensity; large difference in number  
of maggots on segments with 25 a.u. light intensity;

**2 max**

- (b) valid statement expressed as null hypothesis, i.e. in negative form, e.g. no  
difference in response to different colours / light intensities;

*(must relate to a possible hypothesis)*

**1**

- (c) rotate box (so segments in different direction) / change order of  
coloured segments;

place magnets around box / create alternative magnetic field;

**1 max**

**[4]** (a) (i) majority of larvae move to sectors on opposite side to lamp;

**19**

*(reject largest number / most in sector 19)*

**1**

- (ii) use heat filter in front of lamp (*allow lamp  
not too close*); rotate card and lamp to  
*eliminate magnetic field; alter direction of  
larval head when releasing;*

*(reject general references to keeping variables constant)*

**1 max**

- (iii) wide beam from lamp; variability of  
organisms; positioning of larvae variable;

**1 max**

- (b) idea of middle value; method of determining middle value in rank  
order, e.g. sector in which 300 / 2 occurs;

**2**

**[5]** (i) arc shows 3 neurones;

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*(3 distinct neurones, one of which is in the grey matter, with correct route through dorsal and ventral roots and indication of synapses. Ignore position of cell bodies.)*

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|--|---|
|  | 1 |
| (ii) neurones labelled sensory, relay / intermediate, motor; | 1 |
| (iii) muscle labelled as effector;                           | 1 |

**[3]**