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Subject details: Chemistry Standard level paper 3 Markscheme

Candidates are required to answer **ALL** questions in Section A **[15 marks]** and all questions from **ONE** option in Section B **[20 marks]**. Maximum total = **[35 marks]**.

- **1.** Each row in the "Question" column relates to the smallest subpart of the question.
- **2.** The maximum mark for each question subpart is indicated in the "Total" column.
- 3. Each marking point in the "Answers" column is shown by means of a tick (\checkmark) at the end of the marking point.
- **4.** A question subpart may have more marking points than the total allows. This will be indicated by "**max**" written after the mark in the "Total" column. The related rubric, if necessary, will be outlined in the "Notes" column.
- **5.** An alternative word is indicated in the "Answers" column by a slash (/). Either word can be accepted.
- **6.** An alternative answer is indicated in the "Answers" column by "**OR**". Either answer can be accepted.
- 7. An alternative markscheme is indicated in the "Answers" column under heading **ALTERNATIVE 1** etc. Either alternative can be accepted.
- **8.** Words inside chevrons **« »** in the "Answers" column are not necessary to gain the mark.
- **9.** Words that are underlined are essential for the mark.
- **10.** The order of marking points does not have to be as in the "Answers" column, unless stated otherwise in the "Notes" column.
- 11. If the candidate's answer has the same "meaning" or can be clearly interpreted as being of equivalent significance, detail and validity as that in the "Answers" column then award the mark. Where this point is considered to be particularly relevant in a question it is emphasized by **OWTTE** (or words to that effect) in the "Notes" column.
- **12.** Remember that many candidates are writing in a second language. Effective communication is more important than grammatical accuracy.
- 13. Occasionally, a part of a question may require an answer that is required for subsequent marking points. If an error is made in the first marking point then it should be penalized. However, if the incorrect answer is used correctly in subsequent marking points then **follow through** marks should be awarded. When marking, indicate this by adding **ECF** (error carried forward) on the script.
- **14.** Do **not** penalize candidates for errors in units or significant figures, **unless** it is specifically referred to in the "Notes" column.
- **15.** If a question specifically asks for the name of a substance, do not award a mark for a correct formula unless directed otherwise in the "Notes" column. Similarly, if the formula is specifically asked for, do not award a mark for a correct name unless directed otherwise in the "Notes" column.
- **16.** If a question asks for an equation for a reaction, a balanced symbol equation is usually expected, do not award a mark for a word equation or an unbalanced equation unless directed otherwise in the "Notes" column.
- 17. Ignore missing or incorrect state symbols in an equation unless directed otherwise in the "Notes" column.

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Section A

(Questi	ion	Answers	Notes	Total
1.	а	i	concentration «of vitamin C» ✓	Do not accept "vitamin C" alone. Do not accept "pasteurization".	1
1.	а	ii	187 «μg cm ⁻³ » √	Accept values in the range of 180–200 «µg cm ⁻³ ».	1
1.	а	iii	«average rate = 40 µg cm ⁻³ / 56 days =» 0.71 «µg cm ⁻³ day ⁻¹ » ✓	Accept values in the range of $0.62-0.73 $	1
1.	а	iv	no <i>AND</i> «average» gradients of both lines are the same <i>OR</i> no <i>AND</i> both lose 35-40 «µg cm ⁻³ » «in 56 days» <i>OR</i> no <i>AND</i> same concentration change «in time period» ✓	Accept "yes AND a mention of the «slightly» different concentration «for the same time period»". Accept "yes AND pasteurization has slightly lower/different rate". Accept "no AND same trend".	1

C	Questi	ion	Answers	Notes	Total
1.	a	v	pasteurized <i>AND</i> same «absolute» uncertainty divided by smaller value ✓	Accept numerical examples. Accept converse argument. Accept "error" for "uncertainty". Accept answers where the deduction may be inferred via any reasonably expressed mathematical perspective eg. "pasteurized AND larger percent uncertainty as it has lower concentration of vitamin C".	1
1.	b	i	UV/ultraviolet ✓		1
1.	b	ii	«does not reach pathogens as UV» is absorbed by other chemicals/vitamin C/sugars/vitamins/aromatic ring/suspended particles OR absorption coefficient affected by turbidity OR «does not reach pathogens as» viscosity/density varies «affecting depth of light penetration» ✓	Accept "orange juice is not transparent «as it contains some fibre and oils», hence UV will not penetrate it". Do not accept "UV waves too small to eliminate bacteria/make an impact". Do not accept arguments based on why other wavelengths would be effective.	1
1.	b	iii	Any two of: lower temperature ✓ seal under vacuum / put in a sealed container / absence of air/oxygen / store under a protective atmosphere/an inert gas ✓ add antioxidant/reducing agent ✓ store in dark «bottles» / limit exposure to UV/ultraviolet/light ✓	Accept "pasteurize" if answer to 1a iv is yes. Accept correct compound for antioxidant OR reducing agent. Do not accept just "adding additives".	2 max

C	uesti	on	Answers	Notes	Total
1.	b	iv	oxidized preferentially «to cells/DNA/living tissue/nutrients» OR «powerful» reducing agent OR donate electrons «more easily» OR removes free radicals «as electron donor» ✓	Do not accept "reacts with oxidizing agents" OR "reacts with oxygen" alone. Do not accept acid-base explanations.	1
1.	С		yes <i>AND</i> correlation coefficient is −0.7 «which is a moderate correlation» OR yes <i>AND</i> orange is an outlier OR no <i>AND</i> orange has the greatest concentration of vitamin C and intermediate pH ✓	Accept "yes/no AND any valid reason supporting the correlation or not, either mathematically OR qualitatively outlined from the data". Do not accept "yes/no AND negative/weak/moderate/strong correlation" alone. Do not accept "yes AND correlation coefficient is -0.7 and therefore weak".	1
1.	d	i	iodate/IO₃⁻«aq» ✓		1

C	uesti	on	Answers	Notes	Total
1.	d	ii	equivalence point was not reached OR reaction «between iodine and ascorbic acid» is slow/not complete OR stirring not sufficient ✓	Accept "iodine evaporated". Do not accept "iodine oxidized". Do not accept "I ₂ turned to 2I".	1
1.	d	iii	lower/decrease ✓	Accept "as end point increases, concentration of vitamin C increases" and vice-versa. Do not accept general definitions of an end point.	1
1.	d	iv	«starch-iodine complex is» same colour «as blueberry juice» OR end point colour obscured ✓	Do not accept "cannot determine end point" without reference to colour.	1

Section B

Option A — Materials

Q	uestic	on	Answers	Notes	Total
2.	а		« % ionic character = » 40% ✓	Accept range 34–44%.	1
2.	b		base <i>AND</i> «hydride ion is a» proton/H⁺ acceptor ✓	Accept appropriate equation.	1
2.	С		Any two of: large surface area ✓ cage-like structure ✓ inexpensive ✓ plentiful ✓ higher selectivity «for calcium ions over sodium ions» ✓ non-toxic ✓	Do not accept "environmentally friendly" alone.	2 max

(Question	Answers	Notes	Total
3.	а	«dipole» influenced by an «external» electric field ✓ change orientation ✓		2
3.	b	Good conductors along the tube: pi/delocalized electrons move freely «within electron cloud along tube» OR atoms bonded/in contact ✓ Poor conductors across the width of the tube: pi/delocalized electrons/electron cloud does not extend across walls/tubes OR atoms not bonded ✓		2
3.	С	Any three of: spark ✓ «produces some» free e ⁻ AND Ar ⁺ «gaseous ions» ✓ charged particles oscillate back and forth ✓ using alternating/high frequency current OR «oscillating» electromagnetic/magnetic field OR high frequency radiowaves ✓ collisions create more plasma/Ar ⁺ and e ⁻ ✓		3 max

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C	uesti	on		Ansv	vers	Notes	Total
3.	d	i	Extensive covalent cross-links:	Physical properties hard/rigid/high melting point/cannot be reshaped/more brittle/higher heat resistance ✓	Example «thermoset» Bakelite/HDPE/epoxies/ polyurethane ✓	Accept any correct example. eg. billiard balls for thermoset. Accept "resins" for thermoset. Accept other valid examples.	4
			Few covalent cross-links:	flexible/able to return to shape/can be recycled ✓	«thermoplastics» rubber/PVC/polystyrene/nylon/ polypropene/polyethene ✓	Accept "polyester" for either thermoset or thermoplastic for both. Do not accept same physical property argument for both eg. higher mp for thermoset, lower mp for thermoplastics.	4
3.	d	ii	Any one of: transport ✓ melting ✓ washing ✓ drying ✓ contaminant rem separation ✓	noval/sorting √			1 max

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C	Question		Answers	Notes	Total
3.	d	iii	3 AND contains hazardous chemicals/chlorine OR 4 AND single use plastic bags clog recycling machinery OR 6 AND difficult to melt/breaks down/energy intensive OR 7 AND can be mixture/does not melt ✓	Accept "expense involved" as a reason for any of the stated RIC. Accept any specific valid example. Accept "7 AND can represent a wide variety of plastics" only if a specific plastic and issue are stated.	1

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С	Question		Answers	Notes	Total
4.	а		copper/Cu«s» lost when drying cathode OR copper/Cu«s» falls from cathode to bottom of beaker «during electrolysis» ✓	Answer must specify electrode.	1
4.	b			Accept 96,613 «C mol ⁻¹ ». Do not accept 96,500 «C mol ⁻¹ ». Award [2] for correct final answer.	2
			$ \frac{900.0 \text{ C}}{9.32 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol e}^{-}} = \text{ » } 96,600 \text{ «C mol}^{-1}\text{» } / 9.66 \text{ x } 10^{4} \text{ «C mol}^{-1}\text{» } \checkmark $		

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Option B — Biochemistry

	Question		Answers	Notes	Total
5.	а		covalent «bonding» OR peptide «bond» OR amide «bond» ✓	Do not accept "amino acid sequence".	1

Answers	Notes	Total
Any three of: break down/hydrolyse polypeptide «to amino acids using HCl» ✓ sample spotted on paper/stationary phase AND solvent moves up the paper OR continuous cycles of adsorption and desorption/dissolution OR analyte moves when in solvent AND does not move when on paper ✓ components «in mixture» have different attractions to mobile phase AND stationary phase/paper OR	Notes No marks awarded for separation based on electrophoresis.	Total 3 max
OR «amino acids» separated based on solubilities in/affinity to the two phases OR separated based on polarities/polar attractions/molar masses «of amino acids» ✓ developed with ninhydrin/reagent/locating agent OR identified with ultraviolet/UV «light» ✓ calculate R _f /retention factor of each spot OR compare R _f /retention factor to known values ✓	R∉/retention factor must be stated explicitly.	3 max
	Any three of: break down/hydrolyse polypeptide «to amino acids using HCl» ✓ sample spotted on paper/stationary phase AND solvent moves up the paper OR continuous cycles of adsorption and desorption/dissolution OR analyte moves when in solvent AND does not move when on paper ✓ components «in mixture» have different attractions to mobile phase AND stationary phase/paper OR «amino acids» separated based on solubilities in/affinity to the two phases OR separated based on polarities/polar attractions/molar masses «of amino acids» ✓ developed with ninhydrin/reagent/locating agent OR identified with ultraviolet/UV «light» ✓ calculate R _f /retention factor of each spot OR	Any three of: break down/hydrolyse polypeptide «to amino acids using HCl» ✓ sample spotted on paper/stationary phase AND solvent moves up the paper OR continuous cycles of adsorption and desorption/dissolution OR analyte moves when in solvent AND does not move when on paper ✓ components «in mixture» have different attractions to mobile phase AND stationary phase/paper OR «amino acids» separated based on solubilities in/affinity to the two phases OR separated based on polarities/polar attractions/molar masses «of amino acids» ✓ developed with ninhydrin/reagent/locating agent OR identified with ultraviolet/UV «light» ✓ calculate R _r /retention factor of each spot OR

	Question		n	Answers	Notes	Total
5.	b		ii	H ₃ N — CH—COOH H ₃ C—CH—CH ₂ —CH ₃ ✓	Positive charge must be on N for mark. Penalize incorrect bond connectivity or missing hydrogens once only in Option B.	1
					В.	

C	uestion	Answers	Notes	Total
6.	а	O	Accept protonated phosphate/serine.	
		$H_2C - O - C - C_{17}H_{33}$	Accept phosphodiester located in top or centre position also.	
		HC—O—C—C ₁₇ H ₃₃	Penalize incorrect bond connectivity or missing hydrogens once only in Option B.	
		H ₂ C—O—P—O—CH ₂ CHCOO ⁻ NH ₂	Do not accept R, unless specifically identified.	2
		phosphodiester correctly drawn ✓ both ester groups correctly drawn ✓		
6.	b	stearic acid <i>AND</i> stronger London/dispersion/«instantaneous» induced dipole-induced dipole forces ✓	Accept "stearic acid AND stronger intermolecular/van der Waals/vdW forces" for M1.	
		saturated/no C=C bond		
		OR	Accept "greater surface area/electron density" for M2.	_
		molecules pack closer together	Do not accept "no double bond" alone.	2
		OR no kinks in the chain ✓	Do not accept arguments based on size/molar mass/molecular mass of molecule.	
			Do not award ECF for linoleic acid in M2.	

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C	uestion		Α	nswers		Notes	Total
6.	С	Site of reactivity Conditions that favour reaction	ester «group»/ -OCO- «high» moisture OR acid «conditions» OR enzymes/lipases/ bacteria	Oxidative C=C/carbon to carbon double bond/alkene ultraviolet/ UV/light OR metal ions OR O ₂ /oxygen/ air	√√	Award [1] for any two correct answers. Award [2] for all four correct. Do not accept "temperature change/heat" as a condition. Do not accept "double bond" alone for site of oxidative rancidity. Do not accept "enzymes" for oxidative rancidity.	2
6.	d	energy storage thermal insulation	on 🗸				1

C	Question		Answers	Notes	Total
7.	a	į	CH ₂ OH OH H OH H OH H OH H OH OH H OH OH OH	M1 is scored for C-O-C in glycosidic link. Do not penalize for position of hydrogens in glycosidic link. Penalize incorrect bond connectivity or missing hydrogens once only in Option B.	2
7.	а	ii	Type of bond: «1,4-» glycosidic «bond» ✓ Type of reaction: condensation «reaction» ✓	Accept ether for M1.	2
7.	b		rickets OR osteoporosis/weak bones/osteomalacia ✓		1

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C	Questio	Answers	Notes	Total
8.	а	chemicals found in an organism/environment/organic substances that are foreign/not normally present ✓	Do not accept an answer based around the biomagnification of the xeonbiotic.	1
8.	b	«both» selectively bind/bond OR «both can» bond non-covalently OR reversible ✓	Do not accept "specifically bind" as this is rare for synthetic host molecules.	1
8.	С	removal of radioactive isotope/Cs-137/heavy metals OR removal of aromatic amines OR removal of N-nitroso compounds OR removal of PCB's/polychlorinated biphenyls OR removal of dioxins ✓	Accept "removal of radioactive caesium/material". Accept "removal of caesium". Accept other reasonable example. Do not accept "removal of plastic".	1

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Option C — Energy

C	Questi	on	Answers	Notes	Total
9.	а		no bound nucleons ✓	Accept "1/one proton AND 0/zero neutron" Do not accept "1/one proton" OR "0/zero neutron" alone.	1
9.	b		4 × binding energy per nucleon (BEN) 4 He − (2 × BEN 2 H + 3 × BEN 3 H) OR 4 × 7.1 «MeV» − (2 × 1.1 «Mev» + 3 × 2.8 «MeV») ✓ «28.4 − 2.2 − 8.4 =» 17.8 «MeV» ✓	Accept answers in range 17.4–18.2 «MeV». Award [2] for correct final answer. Do not penalize a negative sign. Award [1 max] in range 2.9-3.5 «MeV».	2
9.	С	i	$\frac{193.4 \text{ MeV} \times 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ MJ MeV}^{-1} \times 6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mols}^{-1}}{235 \text{ g mol}^{-1}} =_{\text{w}}$ $7.93 \times 10^{4} \text{ «MJ g}^{-1} \text{»} \checkmark$		1
9.	С	ii	specific energy <i>AND</i> low density OR specific energy <i>AND</i> a small mass occupies a large volume ✓	Do not accept "specific energy AND gas/gaseous" alone.	1

Q	Question		Answers	Notes	Total
9.	d	i	$^{235}_{92}\text{U} \rightarrow ^{231}_{90}\text{Th} + ^{4}_{2}\text{He} \checkmark$	Accept "α" for helium-4 species in equation.	
				Do not penalize missing atomic numbers.	1
				Penalize incorrect atomic numbers.	
9.	d	ii	Alternative 1:	Award [2] for correct final answer.	
			$ \frac{1}{0.03125} = 2^n \mathbf{w} $		
			n = 5 «half-lives» ✓		
			«25.5 × 5 half-lives = » 127.5 «hours» ✓		
			Alternative 2:		2
			$t = t_{\frac{1}{2}} \times \frac{\ln\left(\frac{N_0}{N}\right)}{\ln 2} \checkmark$		

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Q	Question		Answers	Notes	Total
10.	а	i	Carbon dioxide: absorbs infrared radiation/IR ✓ bending/stretching/vibration «of bonds» ✓	Do not accept "traps" for "absorbs".	
			Chlorophyll: absorbs visible light ✓ electron excitation/promotion/release ✓	Do not accept "reflects «green» visible light" for M3.	4
10.	а	ii	Carbon dioxide: 10 ⁻⁴ to 10 ⁻⁶ «m» AND Chlorophyll: 400 to 700 «nm» ✓	Accept any range inside the given range. Accept Carbon dioxide: infrared/IR AND Chlorophyll: visible/Vis. Ignore incorrect or missing units.	1
10.	b		infrared/IR «radiation» from earth's surface absorbed «by bonds of greenhouse gasses» in the «lower» atmosphere ✓ lower amounts «of re-radiated IR» reach upper atmosphere ✓	Do not accept "heat for infrared/IR" in M1. Do not accept "greenhouse gases trap infrared/IR radiation" alone for M1.	2

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C	Questio	n Answers	Notes	Total
11.	а	reduction/loss of oxygen/gain of hydrogen ✓	Accept "decomposition".	1
11.	b	methane/CH₄ «(g)» √		1
11.	С	Advantage: Any one of: cleaner combustion/less soot/ash ✓ less CO₂ per unit of heat ✓ lower carbon footprint ✓ higher specific energy ✓ Disadvantage: Any one of: highly combustible/explosive ✓ emits greenhouse gas/methane/CH₄ if leaks occur ✓ lower energy density ✓ transported under pressure ✓ difficult to detect leaks ✓	Do not accept converse of stated advantage for disadvantage. Accept "easy to transport/no need to store locally" as an advantage. Do not accept vague answers such as "less pollution" OR "clean fuel" OR "less CO2 produced" for Advantage or "hazardous" for Disadvantage. Accept "odourless" as a Disadvantage.	2 max

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Q	uestion	Answers	Notes	Total
11.	d	coal more plentiful «than crude oil»		
		OR		
		«can be» produced from renewable source		
		OR		
		«can be» carbon neutral		
		OR		
		can undergo liquefaction to form octanes		1
		OR		
		«can be» produced by gasification underground		
		OR		
		coal gasification produces other usable products/slag 🗸	Accept "easy to capture/store «to not release CO ₂ to the atmosphere».	
			Accept "carbon capture as part of the process".	

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Option D — Medicinal chemistry

Q	Question		Answers	Notes	Total
12.	а		Site of action: «at the» source/«site of» pain/injury ✓ Mode of action: interferes with the production of substances that cause pain/swelling/fever OR blocks the production/formation of prostaglandins OR cyclooxygenase enzyme/COX inhibition ✓		2
12.	b	i	«melts» over a «larger» range of temperatures ✓ observed «melting point» is lower than accepted value ✓	Do not accept "different than accepted value" for M2.	2
12.	b	ii	3200–3600 «cm ⁻¹ » ✓	Accept any value/range within the range.	1

C	uestion	Answers	Notes	Total
12.	С	drugs broken down/metabolized from digestive system OR not all «of the drug is» absorbed ✓	Accept "drugs not easily absorbed from digestive system" OR "oral drugs have slower absorption and distribution than IV drugs" OR "drugs affected by acid" OR "pass through digestive system".	1
			Do not accept "IV administration has 100% bioavailability AND oral administration does not" - reason must be stated.	
12.	d	Any two of:	Accept "heroin" for "diamorphine".	
		morphine has «two» hydroxyl «groups» AND diamorphine has «two» ester/ethanoate/acetate «groups» ✓	Accept formulas. Accept "hydroxy" for "hydroxyl" but not "hydroxide". Accept "acyl" for "ester «groups»".	
		morphine is more polar than diamorphine OR groups in morphine are replaced with less polar/non-polar groups in diamorphine ✓	Do not accept just "diamorphine is non-polar" for M2.	
		morphine is «more» soluble in blood «plasma» OR diamorphine is «more» soluble in lipids OR	Accept "morphine soluble in water «medium»" for M3.	2 max
		diamorphine is more soluble in non-polar environment of CNS/central nervous system than morphine ✓	Accept "fats" for "lipid".	
		diamorphine crosses the blood–brain barrier/BBB in greater concentration/more rapidly/easily ✓	Do not accept "diamorphine crosses blood-brain barrier/BBB" alone without reference to rate or concentration.	

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C	uestion	Answers	Notes	Total
13.	a	inhibits the secretion of stomach acid/H⁺ ✓ «active metabolites» bind «irreversibly» to «receptors of the» proton pump ✓	Accept "PPI/proton pump inhibitor" for M2. Accept "specific H+/K+ATPase inhibitor" for M2. Do not accept "binds to H2/histamine receptors" for M2. Accept "H+/K+ ATPase" for "proton pump".	2
13.	b	NaHCO ₃ (aq) + HCl (aq) \rightarrow H ₂ O (l) + CO ₂ (g) + NaCl (aq) \checkmark	Correct state symbols must be included. Accept net ionic equation. Accept "H+ (aq)" for "HCl (aq)". Do not accept "H ₂ CO ₃ (aq)".	1
13.	С	no AND «mode of action is to» inhibit acid production OR no AND «mode of action» does not neutralize acid ✓	Do not accept answers that only describe binding to H2 receptors.	1

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Question		on	Answers	Notes	Total
14.	а	i	inhibit/bind neuraminidase «found on surface of influenza virus» ✓ prevents virus from leaving «host» cell ✓	Accept "enzyme" for "neuraminidase". Do not penalize the writing of "flu" instead of "virus" as "flu viruses" stated in question. Do not award M2 if response also states "prevents virus from entering cell".	2
14.	a	ii	genetic engineering of bacteria «to produce shikimic acid» OR extraction/isolation «of shikimic acid» sourced from pine needles/other sources OR suspension cultures of «Indian» sweetgum tree ✓ «synthesis no longer depends on» star anise «which is» in limited supply OR less waste/energy/«organic» solvents/steps OR improves atom economy ✓	Accept "sourced from pine needles/other sources" OR "sourced from «Indian» sweetgum tree".	2
14.	b	i	beta-lactam «ring» ✓		1

Q	Question		Answers	Notes	Total
14.	b	li	Any two of: ring is «sterically» strained OR angles of 90° instead of 109.5/109/120° angles OR angles smaller than 109.5/109/120°/tetrahedral/trigonal planar/triangular planar angle ✓ ring breaks up/opens/reacts «easily» OR amido/amide group «in ring» is «highly» reactive ✓ «irreversibly» binds/bonds to enzyme/transpeptidase OR inhibits enzyme/transpeptidase «in bacteria» that produces cell walls ✓ prevents transpeptidase/enzyme from catalyzing the cross-linking «in the cell wall» OR weakens bacterial cell wall ✓	Accept arguments using correct descriptions of hybridization for M1. Do not accept "breaks/binds to cell walls" – a reference to the enzyme is needed for alternatives 1 and 2 for M3. Do not accept "cell membrane" for "cell wall" in M3 or M4.	2 max
14.	b	iii	current medication ineffective OR new antibiotic/drugs must be developed ✓	Accept "creation of superbugs". Do not accept answers related to health effects OR costs.	1