

# Lipids

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To be used by all students preparing for Edexcel Biology A Level 9BN0 foundation or higher tier but also suitable for students of other boards.

## Mark schemes

- 1** (a) (Omega-3 concentration) falls more rapidly at first;  
Levels out at 140 days / concentration of 0.4%; 2
- (b) (i) Two marks for correct answer of 0.04 or 0.043;;  
One mark for incorrect answer which clearly identifies total fall of 1.7; 2
- (ii) To take into account variation in fat content of milk / fat content varies from cow to cow;  
Allows comparison; 2
- (iii) The graph shows a decrease with time feeding on corn;  
No control group;  
Might have fallen anyway / might decrease with time rather than with time spend feeding on corn;  
Other factors / other named factor might also have changed;  
Only one investigation so might not be representative; 4 max
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- 2** Standard deviation shows there is overlap of the 2 data sets;  
Small sample of wild salmon so may not be representative of population; [2]
- 3** (a) ATP 1
- (b) (i) 2.57:1/2.6:1/18:7;  
Correct answer however derived scores two marks  
72:28 scores one mark  
Correct working from wrong figures scores 1 mark  
*Accept*  
0.4 / 0.39 / 0.389 / 0.3889 2 max
- (ii) Low intensity;  
At low intensity/below 40% mainly fat used / at high intensity/  
above 40% mainly carbohydrate used;  
Long duration exercise;  
Percentage fat used increases with time / percentage  
carbohydrate used decreases with time; 3
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- 4** (a) Student was measuring change in pH  
**OR**  
Buffer would maintain a constant pH. 1 max
- (b) 1. Volume of suspension of lipids;  
2. Concentration of suspension of lipids;  
3. Volume of lipase solution;  
4. Temperature; 2 max
- (c) Boiled lipase solution; 1
- (d)  $-0.34 = 2$  marks  
 $0.34 = 1$  mark 2
- (e) 1. Fatty acids produced;  
2. Curve levels off as all substrate used up.  
*accept the lower pH inactivates / denatures the enzyme* 2
- (f) 1. Faster fall in pH **and** levels off at same point;  
2. More enzyme = substrate complexes formed;  
3. Same amount of fatty acids produced / product 3
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- 5** (a) 1. Dissolve in alcohol, then add water;  
2. White emulsion shows presence of lipid. 2
- (b) Glycerol. 1
- (c) Ester. 1
- (d) **Y** (no mark)  
Contains double bond between (adjacent) carbon atoms in hydrocarbon chain. 1
- (e) 1. Divide mass of each lipid by total mass of all lipids (in that type of cell);  
2. Multiply answer by 100. 2



- (f) Red blood cells free in blood / not supported by other cells so cholesterol helps to maintain shape;

*Allow converse for cell from ileum – cell supported by others in endothelium so cholesterol has less effect on maintaining shape.*

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- (g) 1. Cell unable to change shape;  
2. (Because) cell has a cell wall;  
3. (Wall is) rigid / made of peptidoglycan / murein.

2 max

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- (a) **Two** suitable suggestions;  
E.g.

1. (Are mammals so) likely to have same physiology / reactions as humans;
2. Small enough to keep in laboratory / produce enough milk to extract;
3. (Can use a) large number.

*Ignore references to ethical issues*

2 max

- (b) 1. Hydrolysis of lipids produces fatty acids;  
2. Which lower pH of mixture.

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- (c) 1. (Bile-activated lipase / it) increases growth rate (of kittens);  
2. Results for formula with lipase not (significantly) different from breast milk / are (significantly) different from formula milk alone;  
3. Showing addition of (bile-activated) lipase is the likely cause (of increased growth);  
4. Lipase increases rate of digestion of lipids / absorption of fatty acids.

3 max

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- (a) Hydrolysis (reaction);

- (b) 1. (Phosphate required) to make RNA;  
2. (Phosphate required) to make DNA;

*1 and 2. If neither DNA or RNA are named allow one mark for nucleotide/nucleic acid/phosphodiester bonds/sugar-phosphate backbone.*

3. (Phosphate required) to make ATP/ADP;
4. (Phosphate required) to make membranes;

*Ignore: phospholipids without reference to membranes.*

5. (Phosphates required) for phosphorylation;

*Accept: as additional mark points any named biological molecule containing phosphate e.g. NADP, AMP, RuBP.*

2 max

- (c) Accept answer in range from 3.7 : 1 to 4.1 : 1;  
*Reject any ratio not : 1.*

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- (d) 1. Seeds/embryo remain dormant/inactive in winter/cold  
**OR**  
Growth/development of seed/embryo during winter/cold;  
*Ignore: hibernate.*  
*Accept: 'seed survives winter/cold'.*  
*Reject: plant develops or seed germinates during winter/cold.*
2. Seeds/plants develop in spring/summer  
**OR**  
Seeds/plants develop when temperature/light increases;  
*Accept: seeds/plants develop when more light or when temperature is higher.*  
*Accept: seed germinates/'sprouts' during spring/summer or when temp/light increases.*
3. Plant photosynthesise (in spring/when warm);
4. Produce (more) seeds/offspring in spring/growing season;

3 max

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- 8** (a) 1. Fewer children / less likely that children with asthma eat fish;  
*Accept converse.*
2. Fewer children / less likely that children with asthma eat oily fish;  
*MP1 and 2 – Allow use of numbers.*
3. Little / only 2% / no difference in (children with or without asthma who eat) non-oily fish.  
*Do not accept arguments related to amount of fish eaten*

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- (b) 1. (Shake with) ethanol / alcohol;  
*1. Accept named alcohol*
2. Then add (to) water;  
*2. Order must be correct*
3. White / milky / cloudy (layer indicates oil).  
*3. Ignore forms emulsion as in stem*  
*3. Ignore precipitate*

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- 9** (a) pH goes down and levels out;  
after 30 min / pH 6.5;

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- (b) Enzyme not used up in reaction;

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- (c) Curve will be less steep:

*Only accept answers relating to curve **not** rate of reaction*

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- 10** (a) Any **one** from:
- Numerical readings / not subjective / colour change subjective / gives quantitative data / not qualitative / gives continuous data;
  - Greater accuracy;  
*Accept greater precision*
- 1 max**
- (b) Fatty acids produced; **1**
- (c) 1. No more (fatty) acids produced;
2. All triglycerides/fat/lipids/substrate used up / enzyme denatured; **2**
- (d) 1. Line starting at same point and falling above original line;
2. Levels off at same pH, but later;  
*Accept the line still falling at 4 minutes*  
*Do not credit if levels off at higher pH* **2**
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- 11** (a) (i) (Molecule) made up of many identical / similar molecules / monomers / subunits;  
*Not necessary to refer to similarity with monomers.* **1**
- (ii) Cellulose / glycogen / nucleic acid / DNA / RNA; **1**
- (b) (i) To keep pH constant;  
A change in pH will slow the rate of the reaction / denature the amylase / optimum for reaction; **2**
- (ii) Purple / lilac / mauve / violet;  
*Do not allow blue or pink.* **1**
- (iii) Protein present / the enzyme / amylase is a protein;  
Not used up in the reaction / still present at the end of the reaction; **2**
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- 12** (a) (i) in case normal coffee differs in some other way /  
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: 3

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- (a) 1. In phospholipid, one fatty acid replaced by a phosphate;  
*Ignore references to saturated and unsaturated*  
*Accept  $\text{P}/\text{PO}_4^{3-}$  / (P)*  
*Reject P/Phosphorus*  
*Accept annotated diagrams* 1
- (b) 1. Add ethanol, then add water;  
*Reject ethanal/ethonal*  
*Accept 'Alcohol/named alcohol'*
2. White (emulsion shows lipid);  
*Accept milky – Ignore 'cloudy'*  
*Sequence must be correct*  
*If heated then DQ point 1*  
*Reject precipitate* 2
- (c) Saturated single/no double bonds (between carbons)  
**OR**  
Unsaturated has (at least one) double bond (between carbons);  
*Accept hydrocarbon chain/R group for 'between carbons' for either*  
*Accept Sat = max number of H atoms bound*  
*'It' refers to saturated* 1



- (d) 1. (Fat substitute) is a different/wrong shape/not complementary;  
**OR**  
Bond between glycerol/fatty acid and propylene glycol different  
(to that between glycerol and fatty acid)/no ester bond;
2. Unable to fit/bind to (active site of) lipase/no ES complex formed;  
*If wrong bond name given (e.g. peptide/glycosidic), then penalise once*

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- (e) It is hydrophilic/is polar/is too large/is too big;  
*Ignore 'Is not lipid soluble'*

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- (a) 1. Crush / grind;
2. With ethanol / alcohol;
3. Then add water / then add to water;  
*2. Water must be added after ethanol for third mark.*
4. Forms emulsion / goes white / cloudy;  
*4. Do not accept carry out emulsion test.*

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- (b) (i) 4 / four;

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- (ii) 1. Phosphate /  $\text{PO}_4$ ;  
*"It" refers to phospholipid.*
2. Instead of one of the fatty acids / and two fatty acids;  
*1. Accept minor errors in formula. Do not accept phosphorus / phosphorus group.*

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- (iii) 1. Double bonds (present) / some / two carbons with only one hydrogen /  
(double bonds) between carbon atoms / not saturated with hydrogen;  
*Answer refers to unsaturated unless otherwise clearly indicated.*  
*May be shown in appropriate diagram.*

2. In (fatty acid) **C** / 3;

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(a) Double bond(s);

(Bonds) between carbon;

*C=C bond(s) = 2 marks*

*'No' C=C bond(s) disqualifies 1 mark only*

*Accept: does not contain maximum number of H for 1 mark*

*Neutral: contains C=O bonds*

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(b) Graph shows negative correlation / description given;

Correlation does not mean causation / prevention / shows lower risk not prevention;

May be due to another factor / example given;

*Neutral: refs. to methodology e.g. sample size / line of best fit*

**Q:** *Do not allow 'casual' relationship*

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(c) (i) Glycosidic;

*Accept: if phonetically correct*

*Reject: ester bond*

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(ii) Contains glycerol / three fatty acids / forms three ester bonds;

*Neutral: contains less fatty acids*

*Answers must refer to a triglyceride*

*Ignore refs. to incorrect bond names*

*Neutral: olestra has eight fatty acids / R groups*

*Reject: contains three glycerols*

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(iii) 9;

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(a)

✓	✓	✓	
			✓
		✓	✓

*One mark for each correct column*

*Mark ticks only and ignore crosses*

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- (b) 1. Two marks for box round two hydrogens and one of the oxygens from OH groups on carbons 1 and 4;;
2. One mark from incorrect answer involving any two hydrogens and an oxygen from carbons 1 and 4;

*Do not award marks if all atoms concerned are on same carbon atom or are on carbon atoms other than 1 and 4 or where the answer does not have two hydrogen and one oxygen*

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- (c) (i) 1. Holds chains / cellulose molecules together / forms cross links between chains / cellulose molecules / forms microfibrils, providing strength / rigidity (to cellulose / cell wall);

2. Hydrogen bonds strong in large numbers;x

*Principles here are first mark for where hydrogen bonds are formed and second for a consequence of this.*

*Accept microfibrils*

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- (ii) Compact / occupies small space / tightly packed;

*Answer indicates depth required. Answers such as "good for storage", "easily stored" or "small" are insufficient.*

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- Fatty acids used to make phospholipids;  
Phospholipids in membranes;  
More phospholipids more membranes made;

2 max

- Fatty acids respired to release energy;  
More triglycerides more energy released;  
Energy used for cell production / production of named cell component;

*Do not allow credit for 'making' energy*

2 max

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- The different diet of the fish;  
Omega-3 fatty acids used in respiration / as a source of energy;  
Wild trout are more active / use more energy;

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- (a) Two marks for correct answer of 64.285 / 64.3 / 64;  
*(allow 1 mark for (8100 / 100 × 30) / 37.8)*

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- (b) dissolve in / add ethanol then mix with water;  
emulsion / white colour indicates triglycerides present;

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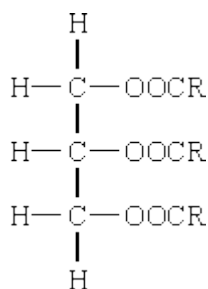
- (c) (i) increase the surface area for absorption;  
*(ignore wrong ref. to name)* 1
- (ii) **R** = tissue fluid / interstitial fluid / extracellular fluid / intercellular space;  
**S** = lymph(atic) vessel / lymph capillary / lacteal; 2
- (iii) proteins are synthesised by **U**;  
involvement of ribosomes;  
protein isolation / transport (inside RER);  
vesicle formation; 2 max
- (iv) exocytosis / description of;  
because of size / too large to leave by other methods; 2
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- (a) (i) condensation; 1
- (b) (i) **D**; 1
- (ii) **C**; 1
- (iii) **A**; 1
- (c) absence of a double bond;  
in the (hydrocarbon) chain;  
unable to accept more hydrogen / saturated with hydrogen; 2 max
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- (a) 3 fatty acids attached;  
ester bond correct;
- (H on glycerol component, O attached to carbon, R at other end)*



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(b) not made of monomers / many repeating units;

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(c) (many) mitochondria present in brown fat cells;  
mitochondria release heat / energy; (*ignore ATP*)  
white fat cells for fat storage / reduced fat storage in brown fat cells;

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