

# Cell recognition and the immune system 1

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To be used by all students preparing for OCR AS Biology H020 foundation or higher tier but also suitable for students of other boards.

## Mark schemes

1	(a) Virus / fungus / protozoan; <i>Neutral: named example</i>	1
	(b) Produces toxins; <i>Neutral: infects / colonises / invades cells</i>	
	Damages cells / tissues / example given e.g. cell lysis;	2
	(c) (i) (Antibodies) produced from a single clone of B cells / plasma cells; <i>Accept: hybridoma cell line instead of B cell / plasma cell</i> <i>Reject: idea that antibodies are cloned</i>	
	<b>OR</b>	
	(Antibodies) produced from the same B cell / plasma cell;	1
	(ii) (Specific) primary structure / order of amino acids;	
	(Specific) tertiary / 3D structure;	
	(So) Only binds to / fits / complementary to one antigen;	
	<i>Reject: 'active site' for either point 2. or 3. only once</i>	3
	(d) (Rapid) treatment of carriers / infected cattle / disease; <i>Neutral: reference to rapid identification of infected cattle</i>	
	Can isolate / cull carriers / infected cattle / infected (dairy) products not sold / consumed / tracked;	
	Reduces spread of disease / no need to kill / prevents the death of non-infected animals;	
	<i>Neutral: ethical arguments</i>	3
2	(a) 1. Antibody has tertiary structure; 2. Complementary to binding site on protein.	<b>[10]</b>
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	(b) 1. Prevents false negative results; 2. (Since) shows antibody <b>A</b> has moved up strip / has not bound to any <i>Plasmodium</i> protein.	
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	(c) 1. Person is infected with <i>Plasmodium</i> / has malaria; 2. Infected with ( <i>Plasmodium</i> ) <i>vivax</i> ; 3. Coloured dye where antibody <b>C</b> present; 4. That only binds to protein from <i>vivax</i> / no reaction with antibody for <i>falciparum</i> . <i>Person is infected with P. vivax / Plasmodium vivax = 2 marks (MP1 and MP2)</i>	4

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- (a) 1. Outside of virus has antigens / proteins;  
 2. With complementary shape to receptor / protein in membrane of cells;  
 3. (Receptor / protein) found only on membrane of nerve cells.

*Accept converse argument*

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- (b) 1. No more (nerve) cells infected / no more cold sores form;  
 2. (Because) virus is not replicating.

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- (c) Prevents replication of virus.

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- (d) MicroRNA binds to cell's mRNA (no mark)  
 1. (Binds) by specific base pairing;  
 2. (So) prevents mRNA being read by ribosomes;  
 3. (So) prevents translation / production of proteins;  
 4. (Proteins) that cause cell death.

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- 4**
- (a) 1. Vaccine contains antigen from pathogen;  
 2. Macrophage presents antigen on its surface;  
 3. T cell with complementary receptor protein binds to antigen;  
 4. T cell stimulates B cell;  
 5. (With) complementary antibody on its surface;  
 6. B cell secretes large amounts of antibody;  
 7. B cell divides to form clone all secreting / producing same antibody.

5 max

- (b) 1. Active involves memory cells, passive does not;  
 2. Active involves production of antibody by plasma cells / memory cells;  
 3. Passive involves antibody introduced into body from outside / named source;  
 4. Active long term, because antibody produced in response to antigen;  
 5. Passive short term, because antibody (given) is broken down;  
 6. Active (can) take time to develop / work, passive fast acting.

5 max

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- 5**
- (a) (To diagnose AIDS, need to look for / at)  
 1. (AIDS-related) symptoms;  
 2. Number of helper T cells.

*Neutral: 'only detects HIV antibodies' as given in the question stem*

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- (b) 1. HIV antibody is not present;  
*Accept HIV antibodies will not bind (to antigen)*  
 2. (So) second antibody / enzyme will not bind / is not present.

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- (c) 1. Children receive (HIV) antibodies from their mothers / maternal antibodies;  
2. (So) solution will always turn blue / will always test positive (before 18 months).

*Allow 1 mark for the suggestion that the child does not produce antibodies yet so test may be negative*

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- (d) (Shows that)

1. Only the enzyme / nothing else is causing a colour change;  
2. Washing is effective / all unbound antibody is washed away.

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- (a) 1. Rank all STs in ascending order;  
2. Find value with same number (of people) above and below.

*Accept find middle value*

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- (b) Not ethical to fail to treat cancer.

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- (c) Yes since with ipilimumab:

1. Median ST increased by 2.1 months;  
2. Percentage of patients showing reduction in tumours increased from 10.3% to 15.2%;

No because:

3. No standard errors shown / no (Student) t- test / no statistical test carried out;  
4. (So) not able to tell if differences are (statistically) significant / due to chance (alone);  
5. Improvement might only be evident in some patients / no improvement in some patients;  
6. Quality of (extra) time alive not reported;

*If answers relate only to 'Yes' or 'No', award 2 marks max*

4 max

- (d) 1. Faulty protein recognised as an antigen / as a 'foreign' protein;  
2. T cells will bind to faulty protein / to (this) 'foreign' protein;  
3. (Sensitised) T cells will stimulate clonal selection of B cells;  
4. (Resulting in) release of antibodies against faulty protein.

3 max

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- (a)
1. Vaccine/it contains antigen (from HPV);  
*Term 'antigen' may be first mentioned with point 2*
  2. Displayed on antigen-presenting cells;  
*Accept named example, e.g. macrophage/phagocyte/B cells*
  3. Specific helper T cell (detects antigen and) stimulates specific B cell;  
*Accept 'helper T cell with receptor on surface' for 'specific' and B cells with receptor/antibody on surface that bind to antigen for 'specific'*
  4. B cell divides/goes through mitosis/forms clone to give plasma cells;
  5. B cell/plasma cell produces antibody;

4 max

- (b)
1. Two (doses) because got more antibody;  
*Accept more effective in producing antibody*
  2. With three doses, second dose/dose at 1 month doesn't lead to production of any more antibody (than the two-dose group)/get same/similar response;
  3. Three doses would be more expensive/less popular with parents/girls (and serves no purpose);  
*Accept 'less painful'*

2 max

- (c) t-test, because comparing two means;  
*Mark for correct test and explanation correct*  
*Accept 'comparing the mean'*  
*Reject 'to show that the results/means are significant'*

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- (d)
1. Compare (base sequences of) DNA;
  2. Look for mutations/named mutations (that change the base sequence);
  3. Compare (base sequences of) (m)RNA;  
*1 and 3 accept triplet/codon sequences for comparisons*  
*Ignore references to 'introns/non-coding DNA'*

2 max

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(a)

Feature	Bacterium	Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) particle
RNA	✓	✓
Cell wall	✓	
Enzyme molecules	✓	✓
Capsid		✓

1 mark for each correct vertical column

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- (b) 1. (Complementary) nucleotides/bases pair  
**OR**  
A to T **and** C to G;  
*Ignore '(DNA polymerase) forms base pairs/nucleotide pairs'*
2. DNA polymerase;
3. Nucleotides join together (to form new strand)/phosphodiester bonds form;  
*Ignore '(DNA polymerase) forms base pairs/nucleotide pairs'*  
*If clearly writing rote answer about DNA replication **2 max** e.g. helicase or separating strands*

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- (c) 1. DNA double stranded/double helix **and** mRNA single-stranded;  
*Contrast requires both parts of the statement*
2. DNA (very) long **and** RNA short;  
*Accept 'RNA shorter' or 'DNA bigger/longer'*
3. Thymine/T in DNA **and** uracil/U in RNA;
4. Deoxyribose in DNA **and** ribose in RNA;  
***R** Deoxyribonucleic/ ribonucleic acid*  
***Ignore** ref. to histones*  
***Ignore** ref. to helix and straight chain alone*
5. DNA has base pairing **and** mRNA doesn't/ DNA has hydrogen bonding and mRNA doesn't;
6. DNA has introns/non-coding sequences **and** mRNA doesn't;  
***Ignore** ref to splicing*

3 max

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- (a) 1. Virus can't bind (to receptor)/ can't enter cells;  
2. So can't be replicated/ multiply;  
*Accept can't reproduce*  
3. So, doesn't damage cell(s)/tissues (and cause symptoms);  
*Accept no toxins released*

2 max

- (b) 1. Antigen/glycoprotein on Ebola binds to/stimulates (a specific) B cell;  
*Accept correct reference to stimulation of B cells by T cells*  
2. (Binding causes) replication/cloning of B cell;  
*Accept replication/cloning of plasma cell;*  
3. Plasma cells/B cells release/produce antibodies;

2 max

- (c) 1. Lots of antibodies (against Ebola) in recovered patient;  
2. Transfusion/plasma contains antibodies;  
*Ignore reference to cells*  
3. Antibodies (specific so) will bind with (Ebola) antigen;  
4. (In recipient) virus destroyed/cannot enter cell;  
*Antigen destroyed is insufficient*

3 max

- (d) 1. (High mutation rate leads to) antigens change/antigenic variability;  
*Accept (high mutation rate leads to) changes in base sequence coding for antigen;*  
2. Vaccine contains specific antigen;  
3. Antibodies not complementary to (changed) antigen / won't bind to (changed) antigens;

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- (a) 1. Antigen stimulates immune response / activates B/T cells;  
2. B/T cells divide OR antibodies produced;  
3. Antibodies/T cells attack myelin sheaths;  
*Ignore references to antigen binding to myelin*

3

- (b) 1. Fewer cristae/smaller surface area (of cristae);  
2. So less electron transport/oxidative phosphorylation;  
3. (So) not enough ATP produced  
**OR**  
Not enough energy to keep neurones alive;  
1. *Accept 'inner membrane' as 'cristae'*  
2. *Accept fewer ATP synthase enzymes*  
2. *Accept lower rate of electron transfer/oxidative phosphorylation*  
3. *Accept less use/stimulation of neurone leads to death of cell*  
3. *Accept no/less ATP produced/no energy to keep neurones alive*  
3. *Ignore references to glycolysis/ Krebs cycle*

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- (c) (i) (Transmission) electron (microscope) – **no mark**

Need high resolution (to see structure of mitochondria)

*Accept 'scanning electron microscope' /TEM/SEM*

*Accept – optical microscope not high enough resolution*

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- (ii) 1. Took photographs/areas at random;  
2. Counted total number (of normal) and number of unusual mitochondria;  
3. Divided number of unusual mitochondria by total number and multiplied by 100;  
*1. Accept (very) large number of areas/photos/samples*  
*MP 3 = 2 marks (includes MP2)*

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- (a) 1. (Releases) toxins;  
2. Kills cells / tissues.  
*2. Accept any reference to cell / tissue damage*  
*Ignore infecting / invading cells*

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- (b) 1. Water potential in (bacterial) cells higher (than in honey) / water potential in honey lower (than in bacterial cells);  
*Q candidates must express themselves clearly*  
*1. Must be comparative e.g. high WP in cell and low WP in honey*  
2. Water leaves bacteria / cells by osmosis;  
3. (Loss of water) stops (metabolic) reactions.  
*3. Needs a reason why lack of water kills the cell*

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- (a) Any **two** from:  
1. (Decrease linked to) few(er) cases of whooping cough;  
2. (Decrease linked to) risk of / fear of side effects;  
3. Insufficient vaccine available / too expensive to produce / distribute.  
*3. Too expensive unqualified is insufficient for mark*

2 max

- (b) 1. Vaccination rate increases;  
2. Fewer people to spread the disease / whooping cough / more people immune / fewer susceptible.  
*2. Neutral – greater herd effect*  
*2. Allow description of immune*  
*Q Reject 'resistant'.*

2



- (c) 1. More people are immune / fewer people carry the pathogen;  
*If neither point 1 or 2 awarded*  
*Herd immunity = 1 mark*  
*Unvaccinated does not mean infected*  
*1. Q Do not accept disease for pathogen*
2. So susceptible / unvaccinated people less likely to contact infected people.

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- (a) Regulator protein.  
*Accept regulator protein antigen*  
*Reject regulator protein receptor*  
*Ignore regular protein*

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- (b) 1. Lipid soluble / hydrophobic  
 2. Enters through (phospholipid) bilayer  
**OR**  
 3. (Protein part of) LDL attaches to receptor  
 4. Goes through carrier / channel protein.  
*4. Accept by facilitated diffusion or active transport*  
*4. Reject active transport through channel protein*

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- (c) Any **two** from:
1. (Monoclonal antibody) has a specific tertiary structure / variable region / is complementary to regulator protein  
*Do not award MP1 if reference to active site.*
2. Binds to / forms complex with (regulator protein)  
*"It" refers to monoclonal antibody in MP1 and MP2*
3. (So regulator protein) would not fit / bind to the receptor / is not complementary to receptor  
*3. Reject receptor on LDL*

2 max

- (d) 1. Injection with salt solution  
*1. Accept inject placebo in salt solution*
2. Otherwise treated the same.

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(a) QWC

1. (Phagocyte engulfs) to form vacuole / vesicle / phagosome;  
*Accept surrounds bacteria with membrane*
2. Lysosome empties contents into vacuole / vesicle / phagosome;  
*Accept joins / fuses*
3. (Releasing) enzymes that digest / hydrolyse bacteria;  
*Ignore breakdown / destroy / lytic enzymes*

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(b) Two suitable structures;;

Examples,

1. Cell wall;
2. Capsule / slime layer;
3. Circular DNA;  
*Reject "circular chromosome"*
4. Naked DNA / DNA without histones;
5. Flagellum;
6. Plasmid;
7. Pilus;
8. 70s / smaller ribosomes;
9. Mesosome;

2 max

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(a) (i) 1. (Tumour suppressor) gene inactivated / not able to control / slow down cell division;

*Ignore: references to growth*

2. Rate of cell division too fast / out of control.

*1 and 2 Accept: mitosis*

*1 and 2 Reject: meiosis*

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- (ii) 1. (Genetic) code degenerate;  
*Accept: codon for triplet*  
*Accept description of degenerate code, e.g. another triplet codes for the same amino acid*
2. Mutation in intron.  
*Accept: mutation in non-coding DNA*

1 max

- (b) 1. Antibody has specific tertiary structure / binding site / variable region;  
*Do not accept explanations involving undefined antigen*
2. Complementary (shape / fit) to receptor protein / GF / binds to receptor protein / to GF;  
*Ignore: same shape as receptor protein / GF*
3. Prevents GF binding (to receptor).

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- (a) (i) **(Whole-cell vaccine),**  
*Accept converse statements for other vaccine*  
*Reject references to the vaccine being alive or the disease reproducing etc*
1. Heat(ing) supposed to kill bacteria;
2. Some might be alive / active / viable;  
*Accept active pathogens present*
3. (If so) bacteria could reproduce;
4. Bacterium makes or contains toxin;
5. Toxin might not be affected / all destroyed by heat;
6. Bacteria or toxins attacking / killing person's cells;

3 max

- (ii) **(Whole-cell vaccine),**  
*Ignore references to more / greater antigens unqualified. It is the variety of antigens that matters*
1. (Contains) many different / greater range of antigens;
2. Each antigen causes its own immune response / production of / has a specific (type of) antibody;

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- (b) 1. Only patients who had whooping cough have toxin / antibody / immune response;  
*Accept converse e.g. those without antibody had another disease*
2. Toxin is an antigen and is (only) produced by this bacterium;
3. Leading to presence of specific antibody / only 4% had this antibody / 13% did not have antibody;

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- (c) 1. There may not be large rises;
2. Might be the result of wrong diagnosis / reference to difference in figures / 13% diagnosed with whooping cough didn't have it;  
*Ignore reference to new strains or antigenic variability*

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- (a) (i) 1. (Scientists) can't show bias / influence / may have a vested interest / work for the company developing the vaccine;  
*Relates to the scientists*
2. (Volunteers) can't show psychological / mental effects / 'placebo effect' / expectations;  
*Relates to the volunteers*  
*Accept: reduces the 'Hawthorne effect' / demand characteristics*  
*Neutral: so they have no idea what they are taking*

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- (ii) Any **two** suitable suggestions, eg  
*Neutral: refs. to age and health*
1. Amount of nicotine in cigarettes;  
*Neutral: different types of cigarette / different ways / frequency of smoking*
  2. Amount inhaled / absorbed / time since last cigarette;  
*Neutral: absorption by gut / digestion*  
*Accept: absorption by mouth*
  3. (Different) amounts excreted / metabolism / rate of binding (of nicotine) to protein;  
*Accept: broken down (differently)*
  4. (Different) blood volumes;  
*Neutral: different body masses*
  5. Nicotine from passive smoking / other smokers / other sources;
  6. Some volunteers received the vaccine / placebo;  
*Accept: some volunteers would have / would not have the antibodies*

2 max

- (b) (i) 1. Antibodies to nicotine produced / antibodies bind to nicotine;  
**Q Reject:** vaccine contains / produces antibodies  
**Q Neutral:** antibodies digest / kill / fight nicotine
2. (So) nicotine does not bind to protein / does not reach the brain;  
**Q Reject:** any reference to 'active site'  
*Neutral: idea that the antibodies bind to the protein*
3. (So) cigarettes / smoking does not satisfy addiction / reward smokers / release (reward) chemicals;

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(ii) **(Agree):**

1. People choose to smoke / know the risks;
2. Should spend this money on education / preventing people from starting to smoke / treating other health problems / vaccines are expensive;

**(Disagree):**

3. Unethical not to treat;
4. Less money needed to treat the effects of smoking / cancer / smokers pay taxes so are entitled to treatment;

3 max



- (c) 1. High antibody responders have a high % to stop smoking / are more likely to stop smoking;  
*'People producing a high concentration of antibodies' is equivalent to 'high antibody responders'*  
*Accept: reference to values from the table*
2. Only a few may be high antibody responders / no numbers on how many are high / medium / low antibody responders;  
*Neutral: not all people are high antibody responders*
3. Percentage who stopped smoking is similar for placebo group and low / medium responders / some / % of placebo group (still) stopped smoking / placebo has the lowest value / % to stop smoking;  
*Accept: reference to values from the table*
4. Large sample size / double blind **so** reliable / representative;
5. Antibody levels peak at / drop after 5 months / boosters may be needed at / after 5 months;
6. May start smoking again after 5 / 6 months / do not know the percentage who stopped smoking after 5 / 6 months;
7. Nicotine is not the only factor responsible for making people smoke;  
*Must mention nicotine*  
*Do not accept: correlation does not mean causation / could be due to other factors*

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- (a) (i) Substance that causes an immune response / production of antibodies;  
*Ignore foreign / non-self*
- (ii) 1. Not lipid soluble;
2. Too large (to diffuse through the membrane);
3. Antigens do not have the complementary shape / cannot bind to receptor / channel / carrier proteins (in membranes of other epithelial cells);

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2 max

- (b) 1. (Vaccine contains) antigen / attenuated / dead pathogen;  
       1. *Reject if in context of injection of vaccine*
2. T-cells activate B-cells;
3. B-cells divide / form clone / undergo mitosis;
4. Plasma cells produce antibodies;
5. Memory cells produced meaning more antibodies / antibodies produced faster in secondary response / on reinfection;

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- 19** (a) 1. Infected by / susceptible to (other) pathogen(s) / named disease caused by a pathogen (from environment);

*Context is where immune system cannot prevent or stop these events*

*Allow attack / kill*

2. Pathogen(s) reproduce / cause disease (in host);  
       *MPs not given in context of HIV*

3. Damage cells / tissues / organs;

4. Release toxins;

3 max

- (b) (i) 1. (HIV enters cells) before antibodies can bind to / destroy it;  
       *Ignore SAFETY comments*  
       1. and 2. *Relate to antibodies*

2. Antibodies cannot enter cells (to destroy HIV) / stay in blood;

**OR**

3. (Enters cells) before (secondary) immune response caused / before memory cells have time to respond;  
       3. and 4. *Relate to virus*

4. So no antibodies present (to attack HIV);

**OR**

5. Vaccine taken up too quickly to cause immune response;  
       5. and 6. *Relate to vaccine*

6. So no antibodies / memory cells formed;

2 max

- (ii) 1. Antigen (on HIV) changes;  
*Accept mutates*
2. (Specific) antibody / receptor no longer binds to (new) antigen;  
*Ignore SAFETY comments*

**OR**

3. Many different strains of HIV / many antigens present on HIV;
4. Not possible to make a vaccine for all antigens / vaccine may not stimulate an antibody for a particular antigen;

2 max

- (c) 3 suitable suggestions;;;  
*QWC ignore reference to HIV cells*

E.g.

1. Inactive virus may become active / viral transformation;
2. Attenuated virus might become harmful;
3. Non-pathogenic virus may mutate and harm cells;
4. Genetic information / protein (from HIV) may harm cells;
5. People (may) become / test HIV positive after vaccine used;  
*Vaccinated people may develop disease from a different strain to that in the vaccine*
6. This may affect their work / life;  
*May continue high risk activities and develop or pass on HIV*

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- (a) (Micro)organism that causes disease / harm to body / an immune response;  
*Accept: named microorganism that causes disease*  
*Allow infection*

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(b) 1. Phagocyte attracted by a substance / recognises (foreign) antigen;  
*Accept named substance eg chemical / antigen*

2. (Pathogen)engulfed / ingested;  
*Accept: description*

3. Enclosed in vacuole / vesicle / phagosome;

4. (Vacuole) fuses / joins with lysosome;

5. Lysosome contains enzymes;  
*Accept named example of enzyme*

6. Pathogen digested / molecules hydrolysed;  
*Neutral: Destroyed*

4 max

(c) 1. Antigens (on pathogen) are a specific shape / have specific tertiary / 3D structure;  
*1 / 3 Structure alone is insufficient*

2. Antibody fits / binds / is complementary to antigen / antibody-antigen complex forms;  
*Reject - active site*

**OR**

3. Antibodies are a specific shape / have specific tertiary / 3D structure;

4. Antigens (on pathogen) fit / bind / are complementary to antibody / antibody-antigen complex forms;

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(a) Hydrolysis (reaction);  
*Accept phonetic spelling*

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(b) 1. Too big / wrong shape;  
*Wrong charge - neutral*  
*Accept insoluble*

2. To fit / bind / pass through (membrane / into cell / through carrier / channel protein);

3. Carrier / channel protein;  
*Accept carrier / channel protein not present*

3

(c) Foreign / (act as) antigen / non-self;  
*Reject foreign cells*

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- (d) 1. Dose to be given;  
*Accept: interaction with other drugs*
2. No (serious) side effects;
3. How effective;
4. Cost of drug;

2 max

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- (a) Has more than one / four polypeptide chains / made up of polypeptide chains;

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- (b) 1. Antibody / variable region has specific amino acid sequence / primary structure;
2. The shape / tertiary structure of the binding site is complementary to / fits / binds with these antigens;  
*2. Do not accept active site for this point.*
3. Forms complex between antigen and antibody;

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1. Vaccines contain antigens / dead / weakened pathogens / antigens dead / weakened pathogens are injected;  
*Ignore references to T or B cells.*
2. Memory cells made;
3. On second exposure memory cells produce antibodies / become active / recognise pathogens;  
*3. Idea of memory cells responding.*
4. Rapidly produce antibodies / produces more antibodies;  
*4. Production of antibodies must be qualified for mark. Underlined ideas essential.*
5. Antibodies destroy pathogens;  
*5. Accept bacteria / viruses etc but not disease*

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- (a) Nitrification;  
*Accept nitrifying.*  
*Do not accept nitrogen fixing.*

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- (b) 1. Uptake (by roots) involves active transport;  
*Reject all references to bacteria*
2. Requires ATP / aerobic respiration;

2

- (c) (i) 1. Not enough time / fast flow washes bacteria away;  
*"Not enough time for bacteria to convert all the ammonia to nitrate"*  
*gains 2 marks*
2. (Not all / less) ammonia converted to nitrate / less nitrification; 2
- (ii) 1. Algal bloom / increase in algae blocks light / plants / algae die;
2. Decomposers / saprobionts / bacteria break down dead plant materials;
3. Bacteria / decomposers / saprobionts use up oxygen in respiration / increase BOD causing fish to die;
3. *Accept alternatives such as microbes / saprophytes.* 3

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- (a) (i) Protein on (surface of) chlamydia;
- That initiates an immune response (in mice) / causes antibody production;  
*Neutral "foreign protein"*  
*Do not accept glycoprotein.*  
 2. *Accept description of initiating immune response.* 2
- (ii) 1. Antibodies / memory cells against chlamydia (protein / antigen) are present;
2. Protein on heart (muscle) similar to chlamydia protein / antigen so T cells / antibodies (attack heart muscle cells);
2. *Look for idea that both proteins are similar*
2. *Detail of what is attacking the heart muscle cells* 2

(b) **FOR**

1. Prevents / reduces heart disease / attacks;
2. Cheaper to vaccinate than treat heart disease;

**AGAINST**

3. Vaccination costly;
4. Don't know frequency of chlamydia infection;
5. Research in mice might not be replicated in humans / humans might have a different protein;
6. Vaccine could cause heart disease or immune response against heart (muscle);

*2 max for arguments against*

*Accept other valid answers*

3 max

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(a) (i) Antibiotics kill other bacteria / *Clostridium* is resistant;

Less / no competition so (*Clostridium*)  
reproduces / replicates / multiplies / increases in number;

*Reference to bacteria being 'immune' negates first marking point.*

*Reference to mitosis negates second marking point.*

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(ii) Immune system less effective / more likely to have other  
infections / been in hospital;

*Accept: 'Weak / lower' immune system'.*

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(b) Attaches to active site (of enzyme);  
(Methicillin) is a competitive inhibitor / prevents monomers / substrate  
attaching (to enzyme);

*'Competes for active site' = 2 marks.*

*Neutral: 'Prevents monomers joining / attaching to each other'.*

*Allow one mark max for answers relating to non-competitive  
inhibitor changing active site / preventing substrate attaching.*

*Do not penalise Methicillin forms an enzyme / substrate complex.*

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(c) (i) Have other illness / medical condition / 'weak' immune system / disease /  
infection;

*Reject: Due to 'other factors', 'are smokers', 'are obese' unless  
related to disease or illness.*

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(ii) Increase up to 2006 / 20 (per 100 000) then decreases;

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(iii) Correct answer in range of 52 – 59.1% = two marks;

Incorrect answer but shows change as between 4.8 – 5.2 / shows correct subtraction giving this change e.g. 14 – 9 = one mark.

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- 27** (a) 1. Phagocyte attracted to bacteria by chemicals / recognise antigens on bacteria as foreign;
2. Engulf / ingest bacteria;
3. Bacteria in vacuole / vesicle;
4. Lysosome fuses with / empties enzymes into vacuole;
5. Bacteria digested / hydrolysed;
1. Accept names chemical e.g. toxin
2. Allow description of engulfing
3. Accept: bacteria in phagosome
5. Neutral: Break down
5. Accept digestive enzymes destroy bacteria
5. Do not accept “destroy bacteria” as it is in question stem

4 max

- (b) 1. Microvilli provide a large / increased surface area;
2. Many mitochondria produce ATP / release or provide energy (for active transport);
3. Carrier proteins for active transport;
4. Channel / carrier proteins for facilitated diffusion;
5. Co-transport of sodium (ions) and glucose or symport / carrier protein for sodium (ions) and glucose;
6. Membrane-bound enzymes digest disaccharides / produce glucose;
1. Reject villi on epithelial cells
1. Accept brush border
2. Accept large SA:vol ratio
3. Need idea of “lots”
4. Reject: energy produced
5. Accept  $\text{Na}^+\text{K}^+$  pump
6. Neutral: Channel proteins
7. Accept named example

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- (a) Straight lines point to point as not possible to predict intermediate values / values between points; 1
- (b) Increases then levels / falls;  
Maximum antibody production 180 units / at dose of 0.25 g per kg; 2
- (c) Two marks for correct answer of 57.14 / 57.1;;  
One mark for incorrect answer in which candidate clearly divides difference in antibody production / 60 by 105; 2
- (d) Takes into account different masses of mice / allows comparison;  
*Accept different weights of mice.*  
*Do not accept different size.* 1
- (e) Sheep red blood cells have antigens (on their surface);  
Antigens are proteins foreign to mice / are non-self;  
Stimulate B cells to produce antibodies; 3
- (f) Response only observed in mice;  
Disease organisms not investigated;  
Not all disease caused by pathogens / cured by antibodies;  
*i.e. not tested on humans* 2 max

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- (a) (i) To show whether immune response occurred / because cats are (genetically) related to cheetahs;  
*Ignore reference to control.* 1
- (ii) To show that rejection did not normally occur / skin could (successfully) be grafted; 1
- (b) (i) Rapid rejection between unrelated (domestic) cats / cats are **not** genetically similar;  
Rapid rejection between (domestic) cat and cheetah / cats and cheetahs are not genetically similar;  
Slow / no rejection in cheetahs / cheetahs are genetically similar; 3
- (ii) Sample size small;  
Time observed was short; 1 max
- (iii) Similar (antigens on all cheetahs);  
*Accept same / not very different* 1

- (iv) Protein / antigen production determined by alleles / genes / base sequence on DNA;  
The more similar the proteins the more similar their alleles / genes / base sequence on DNA / the more they are genetically similar;

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- 30** (a) Girls are not sexually active / not likely to carry HPV / vaccine may not work if already infected / few girls sexually active (at this age);

*Neutral: girls are not sexually mature*

*Neutral: to provide better protection*

*Accept: provides immunity before sexually active*

*Neutral: girls are less likely to have 'it' as could mean the vaccine from the question stem*

1

- (b) Other (HPV) types have different antigens;

No memory cells for other types / memory cells not activated / antibodies cannot attach to antigen / correct antibodies not produced / antibodies are not complementary;

*Accept: refs. to antigenic variability*

*Accept: B cells for memory cells*

*Accept: memory cells cannot recognise antigen for 'not activated'*

*Accept: examples of memory cell activation*

2

- (c) More antigen;

More memory cells;

So more antibodies produced / antibodies produced quicker (if infected);

*Accept: 'many' / 'enough' instead of 'more'*

*Neutral: primary / secondary response*

*Accept: T cells / B cells / plasma cells instead of 'antibodies'*

*Reject: the idea that vaccines contain antibodies*

**Q** *Reject: antibodies 'fight' / 'antibiotics'*

2 max

- (d) Cancer takes years to develop / develops later in life;

Takes time for females to become sexually active / females must become sexually active to obtain data;

Few people / only teenagers vaccinated;

*Neutral: will take time to vaccinate 80% of young girls*

*Accept: do not develop cancer instantly*

2 max

- (e) (Cervical cancer) can be caused by other types of HPV / other factors / example given;

**OR**

(Some) women may have been infected (with HPV) before receiving the vaccine;

**OR**

(As a precaution) in case vaccine does not work / a way of monitoring if the vaccine has worked;

*Accept: 'caused by other types of HPV' in the context of mutation*

*Neutral: to check for abnormal cells / that they are immune to the virus*

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- (f) Virus cannot replicate / is destroyed / is not carried (in vaccinated people);

Non-vaccinated people more likely to contact vaccinated people;

*Neutral: 'do not spread virus' as in question stem*

*Must be in context of the individual and not the population as in question stem*

**Q** *Do not allow 'disease is destroyed'*

*Neutral: 'herd effect' as given in the question stem*

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- (a) (yes):

Many women (with cervical cancer) have HPV 16 (18 & 31);

(no):

Few women (with cervical cancer) have HPV 6 / 11;

(HPV infection does not mean causation because):

Could be caused by another factor / example given / may be due to coincidence;

No control group / did not study HPV in healthy women / did not study all HPV types / having cancer may increase susceptibility to HPV / does not add up to 100% / not all women with cancer have HPV / individual may have more than one HPV type;

*Neutral: correlation between HPV (16) and cervical cancer*

*Reject: many women with HPV 16 (18 & 31) have cervical cancer / not all women have cancer*

*Accept: figures from graph for 'many' and 'few'*

*Accept: minor errors in reading HPV frequencies from graph*

*Reject: does not mean HPV vaccine causes cancer;*

*Neutral: refs. to sample size and factors that should have been kept constant*

3 max



- (b) (i) Protein / glycoprotein / glycolipid / polysaccharide;

Causes immune response / antibody production;

*Accept: B / T cell production*

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- (ii) Memory cells produced / remain / stored (from previous infection);

*Neutral: antibodies produced / remain*

(When individual) comes into contact with virus / antigen (again);

*Neutral: 'cell' instead of 'virus'*

*Reject: 'bacteria' once only*

Rapid / secondary / greater response / many or more antibodies produced;

*Accept: B cells / T cells*

Destroys virus / antigen before it can cause harm / symptoms / cancer;

*Reject: if destroys the virus / antigen in the vaccine before it can cause harm*

**Q** Do not allow 'fights HPV'

**Q** Do not allow 'memory cells remember'

3 max

- (c) HPV destroyed in males / prevents males being carriers of HPV;

*Neutral: prevents males catching HPV*

Prevents males passing on HPV (to unvaccinated females) / HPV may cause (other) cancers in males;

*Accept: reference to herd effect protecting the population*

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- (a) 1. Foreign protein;  
           *Accept glycoprotein / glycolipid / polysaccharide*
2. (that) stimulates an immune response / production of antibody;

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- (b) 1. A protein / immunoglobulin specific to an antigen;
2. Produced by B cells

**OR**

Secreted by plasma cells;

2

- (c) 1750(%)

1

- (d) 1. Sample 1 / before vaccination no antibody released because patients not yet encountered vaccine / antigen / virus;  
           *Accept 'produced' for 'released'*
2. (Sample 2 / primary response / after first dose) activation / clonal selection / expansion of B cells into plasma cells;
3. Plasma cells release antibodies;
4. (Sample 3 / secondary response / after second dose) memory cells produce more antibodies / produce antibodies more quickly;

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