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Subject Details: Biology HL Paper 2 Markscheme

Candidates are required to answer **all** questions in Section A and **two** out of **three** questions in Section B. Maximum total = **72 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 semicolon (;) 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 brackets () 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.

Section B

Extended response questions – quality mark

- Extended response questions for HLP2 each carry a mark total of [16]. Of these marks, [15] are awarded for content and [1] for the quality of the answer.
- [1] for quality is to be awarded when:
 - the candidate's answers are clear enough to be understood without re-reading.
 - the candidate has answered the question succinctly with little or no repetition or irrelevant material.

Section A

C	Question		Answers	Notes	Total
1.	а		5 °C;	Units required. Accept answers in the range 4.5 to 5.5 °C	1
1.	b		Accept one similarity: a. both rise and then fall / both fall with hibernation and rise with activity b. both reach minimum during hibernation and maximum during activity; c. both lowest in January/February / both rise from January/February;		
			Accept one difference: d. one peak of ambient temp but body temp has two peaks / OWTTE; e. body temp remains maximal for longer/plateaus whereas ambient peaks; f. body temperature is always higher than ambient temperature; g. ambient range is greater than body temperature range / OWTTE;		2 max
1.	С		 a. decreased/slower heart rate because bears less active/use less energy; b. less (cell) respiration / lower (rate of) metabolism; c. less oxygen/glucose required / less CO₂ produced/needing to be removed; d. less muscle contraction/muscles require less blood; a. e. conserves energy; 		2 max
1.	d		porosity increased in humans <u>and</u> decreased in bears;	Both needed	1
1.	е		6 %;	Accept answers in the range 6.0 to 6.5%. Percentage sign required	1

(Question 1 continued)

C	Question	Answers	Notes	Total
1.	f	a. to allow comparison of bears and humans;b. bears have a different life span to humans / bears do not live to 80 years;c. because they age at different rates;		1 max
1.	g	a. resorption/breaking down occurs <u>and</u> formation/rebuilding occurs; b. at similar rates / more resorption at most times; c. no/little (overall) change (in bone mass); d. lag between bone resorption rising and formation rising / OWTTE; e. bone resorption rising towards end as formation dropping / OWTTE;		2 max
1.	h	a. more <u>resorption</u> than <u>formation</u> ; b. PICP/bone formation (always) lower (than in bears); c. ICTP/bone resorption (always) higher (than in bears); d. ICTP above PICP by a greater amount in humans (than in bears);		1 max
1.	i	250 % (Allow 240 to 260%)		1
1.	j	 a. (hypothesis supported by) positive/direct correlation/direct relationship (between parathyroid hormone and osteocalcin) OR osteocalcin rises as parathyroid hormone rises/vice versa; b. no evidence for causal link / causal link cannot be assumed / correlation does not prove causation; OR no evidence that parathyroid hormone causes change in osteocalcin; OR other factors may cause change in osteocalcin; 		2

(Question 1 continued)

C	uestion	Answers	Notes	Total
1.	k	 Accept one reason for the studies being helpful: a. (helps us understand how)) bears avoid osteoporosis; b. bone structure of bears and humans is similar / both are mammals; c. suggests that hormones/osteocalcin/parathyroid hormone might be a (preventative) treatment; Accept one reason for the studies not being helpful: d. humans do not hibernate / are not inactive for long periods; e. humans live for much longer; 		2 max

2.	а	0.87	Accept values from 0.8 to 0.9	1
2.	b	a. short-term reading could show global temperatures falling while the trend is rising; b. fluctuations from year to year may not show long-term trend;		1 max
2.	С	 a. short wave radiation from sun passes through atmosphere/is not absorbed by CO₂; b. infrared/long wave (radiation)/heat emitted from/released from (surface of) Earth; c. CO₂ in the atmosphere absorbs infrared/long wave (radiation) / heat cannot pass through the greenhouse gases; d. this results in warm/increased temperatures on Earth/global warming; 		3 max

uestion	Answers	Notes	Total 1
а	0 mV;	Accept answers in the range of –10 mV to +10 mV. Units required.	
b	sodium channels (start to) open; depolarization/(axon) begins to depolarize; action potential occurs;		1 max
С	Na $^+$ /sodium ions diffuse into the axon/neuron in the first half/part of t ; K $^+$ /potassium ions diffuse out of the axon/cell/neuron in the second half/part of t ;		2
d	 a. (impulses) passed to another neuron at a <u>synapse/across synaptic gap/cleft;</u> b. (depolarization causes) Ca²⁺/calcium ions to diffuse into the (presynaptic) neuron/axon; c. <u>neurotransmitter</u> released / <u>neurotransmitter</u> crosses synaptic gap; d. (neurotransmitter) binds to receptors on postsynaptic neuron/membrane; e. if the threshold potential is reached an action potential occurs/sodium gates open (in the postsynaptic neuron); 		3 max
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4.	а	quaternary / fourth level;	1
4.	b	 a. <u>alpha helix</u> / <u>α helix</u> b. type of secondary structure / second level of protein structure; c. maintained by hydrogen bonds; d. between C=O group and an N–H group; 	2 max
4.	С	a. decoding/translation (of the genetic code/RNA base sequence); b. carries/brings one amino acid/a specific amino acid/the amino acid (corresponding to codon/anticodon); c. tRNA has an anticodon which pairs with mRNA/is complementary to a codon (on mRNA);	2 max

C	Question		Answers	Notes	Total
5.	а		cause opposite movements / pull in opposite directions / when one <u>contracts</u> the other <u>relaxes</u> ;		1
5.	b		a. flexor/flexion; b. bends/flexes the leg/limb/joint;		2
5.	С		insect muscle is attached inside (the skeleton) and human muscle outside (the skeleton); insect muscle is attached to exoskeleton and human to endoskeleton/bones;		1 max
5.	d		a. calcium released from sarcoplasmic reticulum; b. calcium binds to troponin; c. causes tropomyosin to move; d. uncovers binding sites; e. myosin heads bind to the actin forming cross bridges;		3 max

Section B

Clarity of communication: [1]

The candidate's answers are clear enough to be understood without re-reading. The candidate has answered the question succinctly with little or no repetition or irrelevant material.

Q	uestic	on	Answers	Notes	Total
6.	а		 a. hydrogen bonds hold water molecules together/make water molecules cohere; b. evaporation requires breaking of hydrogen bonds / heat needed to break hydrogen bonds c. water has a high heat of vaporization/high latent heat; d. evaporation of water/sweat removes heat from/cools the skin/body; 		3 max

(Question 6 continued)

C	uestio	n Answers	Notes	Total
6.	b	a. water (vapor) lost by transpiration /through storage ; b. transpiration/loss of water from leaves causes transport of water (in xylem); Temperature: c. faster/more water loss/transpiration/transport in hotter weather; d. more heat for evaporation; Humidity: e. slower/less water loss/transpiration/transport in more humid weather; f. faster diffusion of water (vapor) out of the leaf/through the stomata with low humidity outside; OR no evaporation if air is saturated with water vapor/with 100% humidity; Wind g. faster/more water loss/transpiration/transport in windy/windier weather; h. wind/air movement carries away water vapor from around the leaf/stomata; i. high winds can cause stomatal closure and so reduce transpiration; Drought j. drought causes stomata to close so reduces loss/transport;		5 max

(Question 6 continued)

C	uestion	Answers	Notes	Total
6.	C	a. thirst; b. more water drunk / more water reabsorbed from feces (in the colon/large intestine); c. osmoreceptors in the hypothalamus detect dehydration/high solute concentration in blood; d. ADH secreted; e. by the pituitary gland; f. ADH signals to collecting duct/DCT (cells) to increase permeability to water; g. more aquaporins (in plasma membranes of collecting duct/distal convoluted tubule cells); h. more water reabsorbed from filtrate (in collecting ducts/distal convoluted tubules); i. reabsorption by osmosis / reabsorption due to medulla being hypertonic; j. reabsorbed water passes into the blood/reduces the solute concentration of blood; k. smaller volume/more concentrated/hypertonic urine formed; l. less sweating;		7 max

Q	uestion	Answers	Notes	Total
7.	а	 a. unspecialized/undifferentiated stem cells can divide/differentiate along different pathways; b. (stem cells are accessible as they) come from embryos/bone marrow/umbilical cord blood/adult tissue; c. (stem cells) can regenerate/repair/regrow diseased/damaged tissues in people; d. valid specific example; e. drugs can be tested on stem cells (in laboratories to see if they are harmful); 		3 max
7.	b	 a. mice/rabbit/small mammal injected with one type of antigen; b. cells from the spleen/antibody-producing cells are removed; c. plasma cells that produce antibodies (are used); d. myeloma/tumor cells that divide endlessly (are used); e. fusion of plasma cells with tumor/myeloma cells / fusion produces hybridoma cells; f. selection of hybridoma cells / medium used that only allows growth of hybridoma cells; g. fused cells/hybridoma cells are cultured/grown in tissue culture/grown in a fermenter; h. (hybridoma) cells divide endlessly and produce the desired antibodies; 		5 max

(Question 7 continued)

Q	uestion	Answers	Notes	Total
7.	С	 a. electron transport chain performs chemiosmosis / chemiosmosis generates ATP; b. receives energy/electrons from oxidation reactions/from Krebs cycle/glycolysis; c. receives electrons from reduced NAD/NADH/reduced FAD/FADH; d. energy released as electrons pass from carrier to carrier (in the chain); e. release of energy (from electron flow) coupled to proton pumping; f. protons pumped into intermembrane space; g. creates proton gradient; h. protons diffuse back/move down the concentration gradient (across membrane); i. protons pass through ATP synthase; j. protons return to the matrix; k. flow of protons provides energy for generating ATP; l. electrons transferred to oxygen at end of electron transport chain; 		7 max

Question		n Answers	Notes	Total
8.	а	a. <u>ribose</u> a. <u>ribose</u> drawn as a pentagon and labelled; b. <u>base</u> linked correctly (to C ₁) of ribose and labelled; c. <u>phosphate</u> linked correctly (to C ₅) of ribose and labelled;		3
8.	b	a. DNA sample is collected from the child and its (potential) parents; b. from saliva/mouth swab/blood/other body cells; c. PCR used to amplify/produce more copies of the DNA; d. short tandem repeats/genes consisting of a repeating sequence of bases repeats copied/used; e. number of repeats varies between individuals; f. unlikely that two individuals have same number of repeats for every gene included; g. gel electrophoresis used to separate DNA fragments according to length/number of repeats; h. gel electrophoresis generates a unique pattern of bands i. DNA profile is the pattern of bands / diagram showing pattern of bands as in a DNA profile; j. all bands in the child's profile must be in one of the parents' profiles / OWTTE;		5 max

(Question 8 continued)

Question		Answers	Notes	Total
8.	C	a. environment affects height; b. nutrition/malnutrition affects growth rate / other example of environmental factor affecting height; c. genes/alleles affect height / height is partly heritable; d. polygenic / many genes influence height; e. continuous variation; f. normal/bell-shaped distribution of height; g. some alleles (of these genes) increase height and some reduce it; h. many possible combinations of alleles of these genes; i. specific gene mutations/alleles cause dwarfism/extreme height; j. meiosis generates variation (in height); k. mutations generate variation (in height); l. males tend to be/are on average taller than females; m. loss of height during aging;		7 max

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