

**5.1 Energy transfers in and between organisms (A-Level Only)**  
**Photosynthesis 1 Mark schemes**

**Q1.**

- (a) 1. Osmosis does not occur;  
 2. Chloroplast / organelle does not burst / lyse / shrivel / shrink;  
     1. *Accept: osmosis would occur if water potentials were not the same.*  
     1 and 2, *Accept: correct reference to osmotic lysis for 2 marks.*  
     2. *Accept: chloroplast would burst / lyse / shrivel / shrink if water potentials were not the same.*  
     2. *Reject: 'cell bursts/shrivels'*  
     2. *Ignore: damage to chloroplasts on its own is not enough for a mark.*  
     3. *Reject: becomes turgid / flaccid.* 2
- (b) 1. To show light does not affect DCPIP;  
 2. To show chloroplasts are required;  
     *Ignore: comparison with other tubes.* 2
- (c) 1. Reduction of DCPIP by electrons;  
 2. (From) chlorophyll / light dependent reaction;  
     1. *Accept: hydrogen / H for electrons but not protons / hydrogen ions / H\* on their own.*  
     2. *Accept: from chloroplasts / photosystems / water.* 2
- (d) Provides a standard / reference point  
**OR**  
 Can compare different chemicals/weed-killers  
**OR**  
 Can compare different concentrations of chemicals / weed-killers;  
     *Accept: decolourises quicker than 100% or saves time waiting for complete decolourisation.*  
     *Note: comparisons must be qualified.*  
     *Accept: find the most effective weed-killer or the most effective concentration.*  
     *Accept: answers relating to cost effectiveness.* 1
- (e) 1. Less / no ATP produced;  
 2. Less / no reduced NADP produced;  
 3. Less / no GP reduced / converted to TP;  
     2, *Accept: less / no NADPH / NADPH<sub>2</sub> / NADPH + H*

2 max

**Q2.**

- (a) 7.7(%); 1
- (b) 1. No error bars / SD;
2. To show if overlap occurs so difference (in means) is not significant / due to chance  
**OR**  
 To show if no overlap occurs so difference (in means) is significant / is not due to chance.  
*Do not accept 'no statistical test performed' as Chi squared / Spearman's rank would be inappropriate.*  
*Ignore references to sample size as it can be assumed that scientists completed the study using appropriate methodology.* 2
- (c) 1. Reduced transfer of protons across thylakoid membrane  
**OR**  
 Reduced chemiosmotic gradient / proton gradient across thylakoid membrane;
2. (So) less ATP produced;
3. (So) less reduced NADP produced;  
*Accept NADPH / NADPH<sub>2</sub> / NADPH<sup>+</sup>*  
*Reject reduced NAD*
4. (So) light-independent reaction slows / stops;  
**OR**  
 Less reduction of GP to triose phosphate. 4
- (d) Idea that energy is released from high energy / excited electron/s (that were lost from chlorophyll) 1

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**Q3.**

- (a) 1. Oxygen produced in light-dependent reaction;
2. The faster (oxygen) is produced, the faster the light-dependent reaction. 2
- (b) 35–36  $\mu\text{mol}$  Oxygen per mg chlorophyll.  
*Correct difference at 500  $\mu\text{mol photons m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$  or incorrect difference but division by 4 shown = 1 mark.* 2

- (c) At all light intensities, chloroplasts from mutant plants:
1. Have faster production of ATP and reduced NADP;
  2. (So) have faster / more light-independent reaction;
  3. (So) produce more sugars that can be used in respiration;
  4. (So) have more energy for growth;
  5. Have faster / more synthesis of new organic materials.

*Accept converse points if clear answer relates to non-mutant plants*

4 max

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**Q4.**

- (a) Stroma (of chloroplasts);

*Reject: stoma.*

*Reject: stroma of chlorophyll or any reference to chlorophyll.*

*Accept: stroma of chloroplasts.*

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- (b) (i) (Less) RuBP combines with carbon dioxide;

*Accept: binds/joins.*

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- (ii) 1. Temperature is a limiting factor/below optimum;
2. Light is a limiting factor/below optimum;  
*Accept: limited by reduced NADP or ATP.*
3. Limited by RuBP (available/produced);  
*Accept: RuBP will always give 2 GP (at high CO<sub>2</sub>).*
4. Limited by enzyme;  
*Accept: limited by Rubisco.*

2 max

- (c) 1. (Provides) hydrogen / protons/H<sup>+</sup> and electrons/e<sup>-</sup>;

*Ignore: if water is used as source of hydrogen.*

2. For reduction;

*Reject: reduction of NAD.*

*Reject: reduction by H<sup>+</sup> or protons on their own.*

3. Source of electrons for chlorophyll/electron transfer chain;

*Accept: electrons for photophosphorylation.*

*Ignore: photosystems.*

*1, 2 and 3. Reject: reference to respiration/mitochondria.*

2 max

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**Q5.**

- (a) 1. (No grease)

means stomata are open  
OR  
allows normal CO<sub>2</sub> uptake;  
*Allow 'gas exchange' for CO<sub>2</sub> uptake.*  
*'As a control' is insufficient on its own.*

2. (Grease on lower surface)  
seals stomata  
OR  
stops CO<sub>2</sub> uptake through stomata  
OR  
to find CO<sub>2</sub> uptake through stomata  
OR  
shows CO<sub>2</sub> uptake through cuticle / upper surface;
3. (Grease on both surfaces) shows sealing is effective  
OR  
stops all CO<sub>2</sub> uptake.

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- (b) (i) 1. (Mean rate of) carbon dioxide uptake was constant *and* fell after the light turned off;  
*Ignore absence of arbitrary units in both marking points.*  
*Both ideas needed for mark.*  
*Accept 'stayed at 4.5' as equivalent to 'was constant'.*

2. Uptake fell from 4.5 to 0 / uptake started to fall at 60 minutes and reached lowest at 80 minutes / uptake fell over period of 20 minutes;  
*One correct use of figures required.*  
*Accept fell to nothing / no uptake for 0.*

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- (ii) 1. (Because) water is lost through stomata;  
2. (Closure) prevents / reduces water loss;  
3. Maintain water content of cells.  
*This marking point rewards an understanding of reducing water loss e.g. reduce wilting, maintain turgor, and is not related to photosynthesis.*

2 max

- (c) (i) (Carbon dioxide uptake) through the upper surface of the leaf / through cuticle.

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- (ii) 1. No use of carbon dioxide in photosynthesis (in the dark);  
2. No diffusion gradient (maintained) for carbon dioxide into leaf / there is now a diffusion gradient for carbon dioxide out of leaf (due to respiration).

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**Q6.**

- (a) Oxygen production / concentration and time.  
*Accept: oxygen volume / concentration*  
*Reject: oxygen uptake*  
*Neutral: reference to carbon dioxide uptake* 1
- (b) 1. Intensity of light;  
*Accept: distance from light*
2. Amount / number / mass / species of algae / photosynthesising cells;
3. Carbon dioxide (concentration / partial pressure);
4. Time. 2 max
- (c) 1. (pH) increases;  
*Neutral: becomes more alkaline / less acidic*
2. As (more) carbon dioxide removed (for photosynthesis). 2
- (d) 1. Less absorption / (more) reflection (of these wavelengths of light);  
*Reject: no absorption or cannot absorb unless in context of green light.*  
*Note: no green light absorbed or green light reflected = 2 marks.*
2. (Light required) for light dependent (reaction) / photolysis  
*Accept: for excitation / removal of electrons (from chlorophyll)*
3. (Represents) green light / colour of chlorophyll. 2 max

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**Q7.**

- (a) 1. Excites electrons / electrons removed (from chlorophyll);  
*Accept: higher energy level as 'excites'.*
2. Electrons move along carriers/electron transfer chain releasing energy;  
*Accept: movement of H<sup>+</sup>/protons across membrane releases energy.*  
*Reject: 'produces energy' for either mark but not for both.*
3. Energy used to join ADP and P<sub>i</sub> to form ATP;  
*Reject: 'produces energy' for either mark but not for*

*both.*

*Accept: energy used for phosphorylation of ADP to ATP*

*Do not accept P as Pi but accept phosphate.*

4. Photolysis of water produces protons, electrons and oxygen;
5. NADP reduced by electrons / electrons and protons / hydrogen;

*Accept: NADP to NADPH (or equivalent) by addition of electrons/hydrogen.*

*Do not accept NADP reduced by protons on its own.*

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- (b)
1. Protein/amino acids/DNA into ammonium compounds / ammonia;  
*Accept: any named nitrogen containing compound e.g. urea.*
  2. By saprobionts;  
*Accept: saprophytes.*
  3. Ammonium/ammonia into nitrite;
  4. Nitrite into nitrate;
  5. By nitrifying bacteria/microorganisms;

*Reject: nitrifying bacteria in root nodules.*

*1, 3 and 4. Accept: marks for conversion even if incorrect type of bacteria named as being involved.*

*2 and 5. Reject: marks for type of bacteria if linked to incorrect process e.g. nitrite converted to nitrate by saprobionts.*

*3 and 4. Accept: for one mark ammonia/ammonium into nitrate if neither mark point 3 or 4 awarded.*

*Note: there are no marks for the role of nitrogen-fixing bacteria as the question refers to producing a source of nitrates from the remains of crops.*

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## Q8.

- (a)
1. Geographic(al) isolation;
  2. Separate gene pools / no interbreeding / gene flow (between populations);  
*Accept: reproductive isolation*  
*This mark should only be awarded in context of during the process of speciation. Do not credit if context is after speciation has occurred.*
  3. Variation due to mutation;
  4. Different selection pressures / different abiotic / biotic conditions / environments / habitats;  
*Neutral: different conditions / climates if not*

*qualified*

*Accept: named abiotic / biotic conditions*

5. Different(ial) reproductive success / selected organisms (survive and) reproduce;

*Accept: pass on alleles / genes to next generation as equivalent to reproduce*

6. Leads to change / increase in allele frequency.

*Accept: increase in proportion / percentage as equivalent to frequency*

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- (b) 1. Capture / collect sample, mark and release;  
2. Method of marking does not harm lizard / make it more visible to predators;  
3. Leave sufficient time for lizards to (randomly) distribute (on island) before collecting a second sample;  
4. (Population =) number in first sample × number in second sample divided by number of marked lizards in second sample / number recaptured.

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- (c) 1. High concentration of / increase in carbon dioxide linked with respiration at night / in darkness;  
2. No photosynthesis in dark / night / photosynthesis only in light / day;

*Neutral: less photosynthesis*

3. In light net uptake of carbon dioxide / use more carbon dioxide than produced / (rate of) photosynthesis greater than rate of respiration;  
4. Decrease in carbon dioxide concentration with height;

*More carbon dioxide absorbed higher up*

*Accept: less carbon dioxide higher up / more carbon dioxide lower down*

5. (At ground level)  
less photosynthesis / less photosynthesising tissue / more respiration / more micro-organisms / micro-organisms produce carbon dioxide.

*Neutral: less leaves unqualified or reference to animals*

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### Q9.

1. Carbon dioxide combines with ribulose bisphosphate / RuBP;  
2. Produces two glycerate (3-)phosphate / GP;

*Accept: any answer which indicates that 2 x as much GP produced from one RuBP.*

3. GP reduced to triose phosphate / TP;  
*Must have idea of reduction. This may be conveyed by stating m.p. 4.*
4. Using reduced NADP;  
***Reject:** Any reference to reduced NAD for m.p.4 but allow reference to reduction for m.p. 3.*
5. Using energy from ATP;  
*Must be in context of GP to TP.*
6. Triose phosphate converted to glucose / hexose / RuBP / ribulose biphosphate / named organic substance;

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**Q10.**

(a)

Part of ecosystem	Mean rate of carbon dioxide production / $\text{cm}^3 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$	Percentage of total carbon dioxide production measured by the scientists
Leaves of plants	0.032	25.0
Stems and roots of plants	0.051	<b><u>39.8</u></b>
Non-photosynthetic soil organisms	0.045	<b><u>35.2</u></b>

2 correct = 2 marks;;

Adding rates to get 0.128 = 1;

*If rounded to 40 and 35 in table;*

- *but working shows decimal points, then award 2 marks*
- *but no working shown, then 1 max*

2 max

- (b) 1. Data only include (heterotrophic) soil organisms;
2. Doesn't include animals (above ground) / other (non-soil) organisms;
3. Doesn't take into account anaerobic respiration;  
*Award points in any combination*  
*Accept for 1 mark idea that CO<sub>2</sub> for leaves doesn't take into account photosynthesis – not told in dark until part (d)*

2 max

(c) **All three** of following = 2 marks;;

**Two** of them = 1 mark;

Volume of carbon dioxide given off

(From known) area / per m<sup>2</sup> / m<sup>-2</sup>

In a known / set time

*Ignore 'amount' / concentration of CO<sub>2</sub>*

*Accept per second / per unit time*

2

(d) 1. (In the light) photosynthesis / in the dark no photosynthesis;

2. (In light,) carbon dioxide (from respiration) being used / taken up (by photosynthesis);

2

(e) (i) (Rate of respiration)

*Assume "it" means soil under trees*

1. In soil under trees (always) higher;

*Accept converse for soil not under trees*

*Accept 'in the shade' means under the trees*

2. In soil under trees does not rise between 06.00 and 12.00 / in the middle of the day / peaks at 20:00-21.00 / in the evening;

3. In soil **not** under trees, peaks at about 14:00-15:00 / in middle of day;

*2. and 3. No mm grid, so accept 'between 18.00 and 24.00' or 'between 12.00 and 18.00'*

2 max

(ii) (Between 06.00 and 12.00, (No Mark))

Respiration higher in soil under tree, (No mark)

*Do not mix and match mark points*

*No list rule*

1. Tree roots carry out (a lot of) respiration;

2. More / there are roots under tree;

*Accept converse for soil not under trees*

**OR**

3. More food under trees;

4. So more active / greater mass of / more organisms

(carrying out respiration);  
*Accept converse for soil not under trees*

**OR**

Soil not under trees respiration increases (No mark)

5. Soil in sunlight gets warmer;
6. Enzymes (of respiration) work faster;  
*Accept converse for soil under trees*

2 max

- (f) (i) 1. Photosynthesis produces sugars;
2. Sugars moved to roots;  
*Do not penalise named sugars other than sucrose*
  3. (Sugars) are used / required for respiration;

2 max

- (ii) Takes time to move sugars to roots;  
*Look for movement idea in (i) – can carry forward to (ii)*

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**Q11.**

- (a) 1. Protein synthesis **and** cell wall synthesis **and** cell expansion stop at  $-0.7$  / at a *higher* water potential than other two;  
*If all 3 are correctly identified in marking point 1, accept 'the others / the other two' in marking point 2, and vice versa*

2. Photosynthesis **and** stomatal opening stop at  $-1.5$  / at a *lower* water potential than other three;  
*Correct processes must be named in at least one of marking point 1 or marking point 2*  
*Where reference to water potential differences are made, they must be comparative, eg 'higher'*

2

- (b) 1. Stomata allow uptake of carbon dioxide;
2. Carbon dioxide used in / required for photosynthesis;

2

- (c) 1. Growth involves cell division / cell expansion / increase in mass;

*Marking point 1 is for the principle*

2. Protein synthesis stops **so** no enzymes / no membrane proteins / no named protein (for growth / division);

*Marking points 2, 3 and 4 require appreciation of 'why' before credit can be awarded  
'named' protein must relate to proteins involved in growth or cell division*

3. Cell wall synthesis stops **so** no new cells can be made;  
*Full credit is possible without a statement of the principle  
(marking point 1)*
4. No cell expansion / increase in mass **because** (cells) stop taking up water;

3 max

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**Q12.**

- (a) (i) So it / CO<sub>2</sub> is not a limiting factor (on growth / photosynthesis);  
*Accept: CO<sub>2</sub> is a limiting factor* 1
- (ii) So any difference is due to iron (deficiency);  
*Accept: iron is the variable* 1
- (iii) Amount of triose phosphate / TP will be similar / same / low (at start);  
*Accept: to allow triose phosphate to stabilise / become constant  
Reject: so all triose phosphate is used up  
Reject: so no triose phosphate* 1
- (b) 1. (Less) ATP produced;  
*Accept: alternatives for reduced NADP ie NADP with hydrogen / s attached*
2. (Less) reduced NADP produced;
3. ATP / reduced NADP produced during light-dependent reaction;
4. (Less) GP to triose phosphate / TP; 4
- (c) 1. Less triose phosphate converted to RuBP;  
*Accept: less triose phosphate so less RuBP*
2. CO<sub>2</sub> combines with RuBP; 2

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**Q13.**

- (a) 1. Peaks at 420-430 and 660-670;  
2. No absorption of light between approximately 500 and 600;  
3. Highest peak at 420-430;

2 max

- (b) 1. Less (light) energy passes through leaves / reaches ground;  
2. Smaller range of wavelengths passes through leaves;  
*Accept reference to only green (and yellow) light pass through*  
3. Little light for chlorophyll to absorb;  
*Accept carotenoids can absorb this light*  
4. So insufficient photosynthesis (for growth);  
*Sufficient photosynthesis for plants with carotenoids*  
5. Photosynthesis unlikely to exceed respiration;

3 max

- (c) 1. Light not limiting / lots of light (as no shading);  
2. Light-dependent reaction not limiting / fast;

**OR**

3. Temperature not limiting / Warm (as no shading);  
4. Fast reactions of enzymes in light-independent reaction;

**OR**

5. High use of CO<sub>2</sub>;  
6. Light-independent reaction is limiting;  
*Mark as a pair*

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#### Q14.

- (a) 1. Bar chart;  
2. Error bars to represent standard deviation (of mean);  
3. Photosynthetic pigment on x axis and mass of pigment on y axis;  
*Accept suitable sketch*

2 max

- (b) 1. Number leaves on the branch;  
2. Use random number table / calculator / pick numbers from bag

to determine which leaf to pick;  
*Accept use of random number generator*

**OR**

3. Collect large number of leaves;
4. Pick out of bag with some idea of randomness;

2

(c) No (no mark)

1. No stats test carried out;
2. Standard error / 95% confidence interval calculation identified;  
*If awarded, student scores 2 marks – for points 1 and 2*

Yes (no mark)

3. No overlap shown by the standard deviations;
4. Ranges around mean stated;  
*88.6-92.8 and 111.0-111.2 (1 × SD) or 86.5-94.9 and 110.9-111.3 (2 × SD)*

2 max

(d) In shade leaves:

1. Greater amount of enzyme / enzyme activity (for production of chlorophyll b);
2. Greater gene expression / transcription of the gene / more mRNA produced / gene switched on;
3. Greater translation;
4. Enzyme / substrate is light sensitive – faster rate of reaction with lower light;

2 max

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**Q15.**

- (a) 1. (Some of the) light that passes through is absorbed by chlorophyll b;
2. This is light of around 500 and / or around 640;  
*Accept any value or range between 460 and 540 and / or 600 and 670*

2

(b) (i) Supports hypothesis 2 (no mark)

1. Greater carotenoid found in sun leaves than shade leaves of beech tree;
2. Sun leaves exposed to much brighter light than shade leaves;

**OR**

It supports hypothesis 2 because it does not support hypothesis 1 (no mark)

3. Although carotenoids absorb wavelengths of light that pass through leaves;
4. There are not more carotenoids in shade leaves;

2

- (ii)
1. Mass of pigments / carotenoids in sun and shade leaves of other trees;
  2. Position of carotenoids in leaf cells;
  3. Effect of bright light on (isolated) chlorophyll;
  4. Whether without carotenoids chlorophyll is damaged (supporting hypothesis 2) / photosynthesis is reduced (supporting hypothesis 1);

1 max

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**Q16.**

- (a) (i) Stroma (of chloroplasts);  
*Reject: stoma*

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- (ii) 2;

1

- (b) 1. As oxygen (concentration) increases less Rubisco / RuBP reacts / binds with carbon dioxide;  
*1. Accept - as oxygen (concentration) increases more Rubisco / RuBP reacts / binds with oxygen*  
*1. Accept – less GP / more phosphoglycolate formed as oxygen (concentration) increases*
2. Competitive inhibition / competition between oxygen and carbon dioxide for rubisco / enzyme / active site (therefore) less RuBP formed / regenerated (to join with carbon dioxide);  
*2. Accept oxygen and carbon dioxide are complementary to active site*

2

- (c) 1. Less glycerate 3-phosphate / GP produced;  
*1. Accept one GP formed rather than two GP*

2. (Less) triose phosphate to form sugars / protein / organic (product) / any named photosynthetic product;
3. Less RuBP formed / regenerated;  
3. *Accept RuBP takes longer to form*

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**Q17.**

- (a)
1. Chlorophyll absorbs light energy;  
*Accept light energy 'hits' chlorophyll*  
*Accept photon for light energy*
  2. Excites electrons / electrons removed (from chlorophyll);  
*Accept higher energy level as 'excites'*
  3. Electrons move along carriers / electron transport chain releasing energy;  
*Accept movement of H<sup>+</sup> / protons across membrane releases energy*
  4. Energy used to join ADP and Pi to form ATP;  
*Negate 'produces energy' for either mark but not for both*  
*Accept energy used for phosphorylation of ADP to ATP*  
*Do not accept P as Pi*
  5. Photolysis of water produces protons, electrons and oxygen;  
*3. and 4.*
  6. NADP reduced by electrons / electrons and protons / hydrogen;  
*Accept NADP to NADPH (or equivalent) by addition of electrons / hydrogen*  
*Do not accept NADP reduced by protons on their own*

5 max

- (b)
1. Variation / variety;
  2. Mutation;  
*Do not accept answers which suggest the mutation is caused by copper*
  3. Some plants have allele to survive / grow / live in high concentration of copper / polluted soils;  
*Reference to immunity disqualifies this mark*  
*Do not disqualify mark for references to allele providing resistance to copper*
  4. (Differential) reproductive success / adapted organisms

reproduce;

5. Increase in frequency of allele;
6. No interbreeding (with other populations) / separate gene pool / gene pool differs (from other populations);  
*Accept reproductive isolation*

5 max

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**Q18.**

- (a) Ribulose biphosphate / RuBP;  
*Accept Ribulose biphosphate or Ribulose diphosphate*  
*Accept phonetic spellings*  
*Accept any variation in upper or lower case for RuBP*  
1
- (b) ATP and reduced NADP are produced in grana / thylakoids / present in A / both tubes;  
*Must be reduced NADP but accept any alternative which show hydrogen attached to NADP*  
*Must be reduced NADP not reduced NAD*  
1
- (c) 1. 4 000;  
*Accept 'same as in (tube) C', but not 'same' on its own*
2. Light-dependent reaction does not occur / ATP and reduced NADP are not produced;  
*Accept converse for mark point 2*  
2
- (d) 1. (Less) GP converted to TP;  
*GP = glycerate 3-phosphate*  
*TP = triose phosphate but abbreviations are sufficient*
2. (Less) TP converted to RuBP;  
*Accept GALP as TP*  
2
- (e) 1. No / less ATP / ATP produced (during electron transport);  
*Must be reduced NADP but accept any alternative which shows hydrogen attached to NADP*
2. No / less reduced NADP / reduced NADP produced (during electron transport)  
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**Q19.**

- (a) 530 to 630; 1
- (b) 1. Reduced NADP;  
*Accept NADPH or rNADP*
2. ATP;  
*Reduced NAD is incorrect* 2
- (c) (i) 1. Unit of volume and unit of time;  
*Accept any reasonable unit of volume*  
*E.g. cm<sup>3</sup> or ml*  
*Accept any reasonable unit of time*  
*E.g. s, min or h*
2. Unit of area / mass;  
*Accept any reasonable unit of area or mass*  
*E.g. cm<sup>2</sup> or g*  
*Symbols should be correct. Do not accept m for minutes.* 2
- (ii) 1. (Light intensity) limiting factor;
2. Fewer electrons (released) from chlorophyll;
3. Less photolysis therefore (less) oxygen from water; 3
- (d) Will not affect (no mark):
1. Photolysis / splitting of water does not use enzymes;
- Will affect (no mark):
2. May increase respiration;
3. Respiration uses oxygen; 3
- (e) (i) 1. Overlap in standard deviations;
2. Unlikely that any difference is significant; 2
- (ii) 1. **P** / visible light has more wavelengths;
2. **Q** has only light of wavelength 460 nm;
3. Wavelengths over 460 nm can also be used for photosynthesis / wavelengths over 460 nm can also be absorbed;

**Q20.**

- (a) (i) Non-living / physical / chemical factor / non biological;  
*Do not accept named factor unless general answer given.*
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- (ii) Accept an abiotic factor that may limit photosynthesis / growth;  
*Reject altitude / height*  
 Water  
 Named soil factor  
*Not "soil" / "weather"*  
 Light  
 Carbon dioxide  
*Accept Oxygen*  
 Incline / aspect  
 Wind / wind speed
- 1
- (b) 1. Correct explanation for differences between day and night e.g. photosynthesis only during the daytime / no photosynthesis / only respiration at night;
2. Net carbon dioxide uptake during the day / in light
- OR**
- No carbon dioxide taken up at night / in dark / carbon dioxide released at night / in dark;
3. At ground level more respiration / in leaves more photosynthesis;
4. Carbon dioxide produced at ground level / carbon dioxide taken up in leaves;
- Principles*  
**Comparing day and night / light and dark**  
 1. Explanation in terms of photosynthesis / respiration  
 2. Effect on carbon dioxide production / uptake  
**Comparing leaves with ground level**  
 3. Explanation in terms of photosynthesis / respiration  
 4. Effect on carbon dioxide production / uptake  
 2 and 4 must relate to why the change occurs
- 4
- (c) 1. Variation in original colonisers / mutations took place;
2. Some better (adapted for) survival (in mountains);

2. Allow "advantage so able to survive"

3. Greater reproductive success;
4. Allele frequencies change;  
4. *Reject gene / genotype*

3 max

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**Q21.**

- (a)
1. Releases energy in small / manageable amounts;  
1. *Accept less than glucose*
  2. (Broken down) in a one step / single bond broken immediate energy compound / makes energy available rapidly;  
2. *Accept easily broken down*
  3. Phosphorylates / adds phosphate makes (phosphorylated substances) more reactive / lowers activation energy;  
3. *Do not accept phosphorus or P on its own*
  4. Reformed / made again;  
4. *Must relate to regeneration*

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- (b)
1. Substrate level phosphorylation / ATP produced in Krebs cycle;  
*Accept alternatives for reduced NAD*
  2. Krebs cycle / link reaction produces reduced coenzyme / reduced NAD / reduced FAD;  
2. *Accept description of either Krebs cycle or link reaction*
  3. Electrons released from reduced / coenzymes / NAD / FAD;
  4. (Electrons) pass along carriers / through electron transport chain / through series of redox reactions;
  5. Energy released;  
5. *Allow this mark in context of electron transport or chemiosmosis*
  6. ADP / ADP + Pi;  
6. *Accept H<sup>+</sup> or hydrogen ions and cristae*
  7. Protons move into intermembrane space;  
7. *Allow description of movement through membrane*
  8. ATP synthase;  
8. *Accept ATPase. Reject stalked particles*

6 max

- (c)
1. In the dark no ATP production in photosynthesis;  
*1. In context of in photosynthetic tissue / leaves*
  2. Some tissues unable to photosynthesise / produce ATP;
  3. ATP cannot be moved from cell to cell / stored;
  4. Plant uses more ATP than produced in photosynthesis;
  5. ATP for active transport / synthesis (of named substance);

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**Q22.**

- (a)
1. Saprobionts / saprophytes;
  2. Digest / break down proteins / DNA / nitrogen-containing substances;
  3. Extracellular digestion / release of enzymes;
  4. Ammonia / ammonium produced;
  5. Ammonia converted to nitrite to nitrate / ammonia to nitrate;
  6. Nitrifying (bacteria) / nitrification;
  7. Oxidation;  
*Ignore all references to other parts of the nitrogen cycle*  
*1. Accept saprotrophs. Allow this mark if saprobionts linked to fungi.*  
*2. Ignore "nitrogen in plants"*  
*Ignore enzymes excreted*  
*6. Accept Nitrosomonas / Nitrobacter*

5 max

- (b)
1. Carbon dioxide combines with ribulose biphosphate / RuBP;
  2. Produces two molecules of glycerate (3-)phosphate / GP;
  3. Reduced to triose phosphate / TP;
  4. Using reduced NADP;
  5. Using energy from ATP;
  6. Triose phosphate converted to other organic substances / named organic substances / ribulose biphosphate;
  7. In light independent reaction / Calvin cycle;  
*3. Accept add hydrogen for reduced*  
*4. Accept alternatives such as NADPH for reduced*

NADP / GALP for TP / ribulose biphosphate

6 max

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**Q23.**

- (a) (i) Temperature and light; 1
- (ii) Increase in temperature causes increase in rate of photosynthesis / uptake of carbon dioxide;
- Increase in light / more / medium / high light (intensity) causes increase in rate of photosynthesis / uptake of carbon dioxide; 2
- (b) 2.75 – 2.81 (mg g<sup>-1</sup> hr<sup>-1</sup>)  
*Accept answers in range 2.75 – 2.81* 1
- (c) 1. Growth will decrease (at higher temperature);
2. Rate of respiration will increase at higher temperature;
3. Photosynthesis decreases as limited by light / as there is less light;
- Ignore references to effect of temperature on rate of photosynthesis*

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**Q24.**

- (a) 1. High concentration of carbon dioxide linked with night / darkness;  
*Accept: converse of low in day*
2. No photosynthesis in dark / night / light required for photosynthesis / light-dependent reaction;  
*Ignore references to rate of photosynthesis in day / night*  
*Accept day = light*
3. (In dark) plants (and other organisms) respire;  
*Must be a reference to plants or all organisms*
4. In light net uptake of carbon dioxide by plants / plants use more carbon dioxide than they produce / rate of photosynthesis greater than rate of respiration;  
*Do not allow converse for this point*  
*Accept description of compensation point*
5. Decrease in carbon dioxide concentration with height;  
*Accept: converse of increase closer to ground*

6. At ground level fewer leaves / less photosynthesising tissue / more animals / less light;

5 max

- (b) 1. Carbon dioxide combines with ribulose biphosphate / RuBP;  
2. To produce two molecules of glycerate 3-phosphate / GP;  
3. Reduced to triose phosphate / TP;  
4. Requires reduced NADP;  
5. Energy from ATP;

*This mark scheme is based on specification content. Accept alternate names such as NADPH  
Credit relevant diagrams  
Accept: description of 'reduced'*

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**Q25.**

- (a) Excitation of chlorophyll molecule / electrons / energy of (pairs of) electrons raised to higher energy level;

Electron(s) emitted from chlorophyll molecule;

Electron(s) to electron transport chain;

Loss of energy by electron(s) along electron transport chain;

Energy lost by electron(s) is used to synthesise ATP;

From ADP + Pi;

*"By electrons" need not be stated in each marking point if it can be reasonably inferred that the candidate is referring to electrons*

max 5

- (b) Little green light reaches bottom as absorbed by surface dwellers / water;  
Red and blue not absorbed and so penetrate;  
Variation in pigments of sediment dwellers;  
Bacteria with chlorophyll at an advantage as chlorophyll absorbs red and blue;  
(Survive to) reproduce in greater numbers and pass on advantageous alleles / genes in greater numbers / increase in frequency of advantageous alleles in subsequent generations;  
Increase in frequency / numbers of bacteria with chlorophyll;

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**Q26.**

- (a) (i) Yield increases by 0.6 kg m<sup>-2</sup> (when extra carbon dioxide present);

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- (ii) Temperature / light intensity so could be lower in these weeks  
(as temperature / light intensity not fully controlled / monitored)  
(over period 1998 – 2000); 1
- (b) Two marks for correct answer of 50.6%;;  
One mark for incorrect answer in which candidate has shown clearly  
that calculation based on an increase / 0.42 and original mass / 0.83 2
- (c) Cost of supplying carbon dioxide;  
Price of (very early) tomatoes; 2
- (d) Lowest price paid for tomatoes;  
Some carbon dioxide lost as windows open in summer;  
Little / no mean increase in yield in summer; 2 max
- (e) Grow with extra carbon dioxide in one glasshouse and without  
carbon dioxide in other glasshouse at same time;  
So all environmental conditions / light and temperature same for  
experiment and control; 2
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**Q27.**

1. Light (energy) excites / raises energy level of electrons in chlorophyll;
2. Electrons pass down electron transfer chain;  
*Q Accept any reasonable alternative for electron transfer chain.*
3. (Electrons) reduce carriers / passage involves redox reactions;
4. Electron transfer chain / role of chain associated with chloroplast membranes / in thylakoids / grana;  
*Example such as chemiosmosis;*
5. Energy released / carriers at decreasing energy levels;
6. ATP generated from ADP and phosphate /  $P_i$  / phosphorylation of ATP;

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**Q28.**

- (a) 1 5C / RuBP combines with  $CO_2$ ;
- 2 to form 3C compound / TP / GP;
- 3 using ATP;
- 4 and reduced NADP / eq;

- 5 2 molecules of 3C compound / TP / GP form hexose;
- 6 all RuBP is regenerated;
- 7 10 molecules of 3C / TP / GP form 6 molecules of 5C / RuBP;

6 max

- (b)
- 1 electron transport chain accepts excited electrons;
  - 2 from chlorophyll / photosystem;
  - 3 electrons lose energy along chain;
  - 4 ATP produced;
  - 5 from ADP and P<sub>i</sub>;
  - 6 reduced NADP formed;
  - 7 when electrons (from transport chain) and H<sup>+</sup> combine with NADP;
  - 8 H<sup>+</sup> from photolysis;

6 max

- (c)
- 1 some hexose / biomass / eq. used in respiration;  
*growth cancels this point*
  - 2 CO<sub>2</sub> produced (is lost to air);
  - 3 some parts of the plant are eaten / some parts lost to decomposers  
/ in leaf fall;

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### Q29.

- (a) Temperature affects photosynthesis; Affects enzyme activity;  
So that any change in photosynthesis rate is result of carbon dioxide / light intensity;
- (b) Carbon dioxide increases rate of photosynthesis;  
Up to max;  
Something else / correct suggestion is a limiting factor;

max 2

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### Q30.

- (a) On diagram, correctly labelled:

Light-dependent: granum / thylakoid membranes – labelled 'X'  
AND  
Light-independent: stroma – labelled 'Y';

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- (b) Any two from:
- (Water) forms  $H^+$  / hydrogen ions and electrons /  $e^-$  ;
- $O_2$  / oxygen formed; [NOT 'O', NOT 'O-']
- (Light) excites electrons / raises energy level of electrons / electrons to chlorophyll / to photosystem;
- max 2
- (c) (ATP) Provides energy for  $GP \rightarrow TP$  / provides P for  $RuP / TP \rightarrow RuBP$ ;
- (Reduced NADP) Provides H / electrons for  $GP \rightarrow TP$  / reduces GP to TP;
- 2

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**Q31.**

- (a) (i) temperature also affects photosynthesis / rate of reaction; need to ensure the effect of only one variable is being observed;
- 1
- (ii)  $CO_2$  used /  $O_2$  produced / sugar produced / increase in mass; per unit of time;
- accept any volume or mass unit; per time unit;*
- (allow one mark for indicator of photosynthesis – second mark is for time element)*
- 2
- (b) (i) as carbon dioxide increases, rate of photosynthesis increases;
- 1
- (ii) carbon dioxide not limiting photosynthesis / another factor / named factor limiting; explanation for named factor;
- 2

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**Q32.**

- (a) Grana / thylakoids / lamellae;
- 1
- (b) **A** = oxygen /  $O_2$
- B** = ADP and phosphate /  $P_i$  / phosphoric acid / correct formula;
- C** = reduced NADP; ALLOW NADPH /  $NADPH_2$  /  $NADPH + H^+$
- 3
- (c) (i) Absorbs light / energy;

Loses electrons / becomes positively charged / is oxidised;  
Accepts electrons from water / from OH<sup>-</sup> which causes more water  
to dissociate / pulls equilibrium to the right;

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- (ii) Electrons raised to higher energy level / electrons excited;  
Use of electron carriers / cytochromes / acceptors;  
For production of ACT  
*[REJECT 'energy production']*

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- (d) (i) GP formed from RuBP + CO<sub>2</sub>;  
GP → TP / sugar-phosphate / sugar / to RuBP;  
GP formed at same rate as it is used;

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- (ii) No CO<sub>2</sub> to combine with / not enough CO<sub>2</sub> to combine with  
RuBP  
RuBP not changed into GP / TP RuBP reformed from GP / TP;

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