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GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always whole marks (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

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Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

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Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)(i)	R cell membrane ; S cytoplasm ;	2
1(a)(ii)	any two from: (it has a) cell wall; (it has a large) vacuole; (it has) chloroplasts;	2
1(b)	(LHS) carbon dioxide + water ; (RHS) glucose + oxygen ;	2
1(c)(i)	snail;	1
1(c)(ii)	thrush;	1
1(c)(iii)	decrease and (they have) less food / no food ;	1

Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)(i)	cracking;	1
2(a)(ii)	(from) brown / orange / yellow / red-brown; (to) colourless / lighter;	2
2(a)(iii)	poly(ethene);	1
2(b)(i)	hydrocarbon;	1
2(b)(ii)	covalent;	1
2(b)(iii)	carbon dioxide / CO ₂ ; water / H ₂ O ;	2

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Question	Answer	Marks
	three further hydrogen atoms drawn around the carbon atom; one pair of electrons between each hydrogen and the carbon;	2

Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)(i)	horizontal arrow to the right;	1
3(a)(ii)	any two from: changes (object's) shape; changes (object's) size; changes (object's) motion;	2
3(a)(iii)	force (applied); distance (moved);	2
3(b)	kinetic ; gravitational ;	2
3(c)	density = mass / volume or density = 6.0 (g) / 0.75 (cm³) ; = 8.0 or 8 (g/cm³) ;	2

Question	Answer	Marks
4(a)(i)	A petal; B sepal;	2
4(a)(ii)	pollen nucleus fuses ; with a nucleus in the ovule ;	2
4(b)(i)	stigma / carpel / style / ovary ;	1
4(b)(ii)	anthers / stamen ;	1
4(c)(i)	oviduct;	1

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Question	Answer	Marks
4(c)(ii)	zygote;	1
4(c)(iii)	wall / lining ; of the uterus ;	2

Question	Answer	Marks
5(a)(i)	cathode anode electrolyte	2
	all three correct = 2 marks one or two correct = 1 mark	
5(a)(ii)	sodium hydroxide / NaOH ; hydrogen / H ₂ ;	2
5(a)(iii)	(test) damp litmus paper ; (result) (blue / red to) white ;	2
5(b)	(protons) 11; (neutrons) 12;	2
5(c)	(chlorine atom) 2, 8, 7 drawn; (chloride ion) 2, 8, 8 drawn;	2

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Question	Answer	Marks
6(a)	heater inserted in a parallel branch ; second switch in series with heater in same branch ;	2
6(b)(i)	use of $R = V/I$ or $R = 240/3$; = 80; $\Omega/ohm(s)$;	3
6(b)(ii)	5 A;	1
6(c)(i)	evaporation;	1
6(c)(ii)	escape of faster (water) molecules ;	1
6(c)(iii)	any two from: thermal energy transferred from body (to water molecules); remaining molecules slower (on average); slower molecules means lower temperature;	2

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Question	Answer	Marks
7(a)	molecules; absorbed;	2
7(b)(i)	(test-tube 1) red / orange / yellow / green ; (test-tube 2) blue ;	2
7(b)(ii)	boiling makes the enzyme inactive ;	1
7(c)	(digestion) mouth / stomach / small intestine ; (egestion) anus ; (ingestion) mouth ;	3

Question	Answer	Marks
8(a)(i)	alloy(s);	1
8(a)(ii)	(electrical / heat / thermal) conductor / malleable / high melting point / high boiling point ;	1
8(b)(i)	carbon + copper oxide → (copper) + carbon dioxide	2
	LHS; carbon dioxide;	
8(b)(ii)	reduction;	1
8(b)(iii)	releases / gives out (heat / thermal) energy;	1

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Question	Answer	Marks
9(a)	positive and negative ;	1
9(b)	volt(s);	1
9(c)	loss / gain / transfer of electrons (between molecules) ;	1
9(d)	visible light; ultraviolet ;	2
9(e)(i)	speed = distance / time or d = speed \times time = 330 \times 5.0 ; = 1650 (m) ;	2
9(e)(ii)	light travels (much) faster than sound ;	1

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