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F211 Cells, Exchange and Transport

C	Question		Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
1	(a)		<u>1500</u> ;		ACCEPT 1400 and 300,000 for 1 max only
			<u>500 000</u> ;	2	
1	(b)		ability to see (two) objects (that are close together) as separate objects / AW;		ACCEPT ability to distinguish two objects
			see detail;	2	IGNORE clarity / clear
1	(c)	(i)	transports water (up plant);		ACCEPT alternative wording for transport e.g. movement DO NOT ACCEPT up and down DO NOT ACCEPT water and sugars
			transports, minerals / ions, (up plant);		ACCEPT alternative wording for transport IGNORE ref nutrients / solutes DO NOT ACCEPT sugars
			support (plant / stem / shoot);	1 max	ACCEPT keeps plant upright

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1	(c)	(ii)	Functions: F1 (lignin), strengthens / thickens, the (xylem) wall;		ACCEPT support only if in specific context of supporting the xylem wall
			F2 waterproofing (wall) / AW ;		ACCEPT waterproofs cell
			F3 (improving) adhesion of water (molecules); F4 (spiral) pattern allows flexibility / stretching / movement; 2 max		DO NOT ACCEPT adhesion and cohesion when used together Flexibility / stretching must ref, <i>pattern</i> of lignin laid down i.e. spirals
			Explanation: E1 prevents collapse of xylem; E2 (water) under tension / at low pressure / negative pressure;		Award mark(s) for function and explanation independently
			E3 reduces (lateral) loss of water, through wall; E4 increases capillarity / AW; E5 prevents stem breaking / AW; 2 max	3 max	DO NOT CREDIT loss of water unqualified

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1	(c)	(iii)	(pits) allow water to move, in / out / between, vessel(s); to bypass blockage; supply water to other, tissues / (other types) cells / parts of plant;	2 max	ACCEPT lateral movement for 'out' ACCEPT bypass air lock ACCEPT any named, tissue / cells e.g. to allow water to other tissues 1 mark to allow water out to other tissues 1 mark to allow water out of vessel to other tissues 2 marks
			Total	10	

(Question		Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance	
2	(a)	(i)	collection / group, of cells (of one or more types);		IGNORE ref similar cells	
			(cells), working together OR with, common / same, function;		ACCEPT a group of cells with a function = 2 marks	
			specialised (cells);	2 max	DO NOT CREDIT differentiated	
2	(a)	(ii)	squamous / ciliated ;		ACCEPT endothelium / columnar	
				1	DO NOT ACCEPT cilia, goblet cell, ciliated cells	
2	(b)		(organ is) a collection of tissues / named tissues;		Look for idea of more than one tissue	
					ACCEPT two or more correctly named tissues from: epithelium, elastic, glandular, smooth muscle, blood, nervous, cartilage, connective	
			(working together) to enable gas exchange / AW;		DO NOT ACCEPT perform a function unqualified – we want to know what function (can be named or described)	
					DO NOT ACCEPT respiration	
				2	IGNORE breathing	

(Question		Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
2	(c)	(i)	(release of energy) mitochondria;	1	
		(ii)	(movement of cilia) cytoskeleton;	1	ACCEPT mitochondria if not used in (i)
		(iii)	(secretion of mucus) Golgi (vesicle);	1	ACCEPT cytoskeleton if not used in (ii) ACCEPT Golgi body / apparatus DO NOT ACCEPT Golgi vessel
			Total	8	

C	Question		Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
3	(a)		partially / selectively;		DO NOT ACCEPT semi ACCEPT differentially
			(facilitated) diffusion OR osmosis; plasma; phospholipids;		ACCEPT plasma cell
			cholesterol;	5	

Question	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
3 (b)	1 (acting as) antigens; 2 identification / recognition, (of cells) as, self / non-self / AW; 3 cell signalling / described; 4 receptor / binding site, for, hormone / (chemical) signal / (medicinal / named) drugs; 5 ref. to receptor / binding site / trigger, on transport proteins / AW; 6 cell adhesion / to hold cells together (in a tissue); 7 attach to water molecules (to stabilise membrane / cell); 4 max for description		Look for description not list of functions Do not credit repetition of same point ACCEPT foreign for non-self ACCEPT description e.g. communication between cells / cell responds to, chemical / signal, from another cell ACCEPT description of attachment process for receptor / binding site DO NOT ACCEPT molecule unqualified ACCEPT binding site for foreign antigen ACCEPT ref to receptors on ion channels ACCEPT bind to other cells for cell adhesion
	QWC: three technical terms used and spelt correctly; Total	5 max	Any three from: receptor, antigen, hormone, <u>cell</u> signal(ling), adhesion, recognition, <u>facilitated</u> diffusion, <u>active</u> transport

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4	(a)		timer OR scale / ruler;	1		
4	(b)				Mark the first three suggestions irrespective of numbered points	
					IGNORE reasons – just mark steps in the process	
			shoot is healthy;		ACCEPT shoot not wilted	
			assemble apparatus / cut shoot, under water;			
			cut last 2-3 cm off cut end / cut at an angle ;		ACCEPT cut end off shoot	
			check there are no air bubbles in apparatus;		ACCEPT make sure cut end of shoot is in contact with water once apparatus assembled	
			apparatus, water tight / air tight / has no leaks;		ACCEPT screw clip tight	
					DO NOT ACCEPT use Vaseline unqualified	
			leaves dry;			
				3 max	DO NOT CREDIT allow time for acclimatisation, equilibration	

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4	(c)	(i)	<u>25.3</u> ;	1	IGNORE any units
4	(c)	(ii)	to make results (more) reliable;		DO NOT ACCEPT accurate and reliable (use of both terms) anywhere in the answer
			to help identify anomalies ;		Look for idea of spotting the anomaly e.g. spot, notice, recognise, show, detect.
					DO NOT CREDIT prevents / take out / remove / accounts for, anomalies
					DO NOT CREDIT 'ensure there is no anomaly' unless qualified
					ACCEPT outliers for anomalies
				2	ACCEPT to identify other factors / (uncontrolled) variables that may be having an effect
4	(c)	(iii)			Mark first response in each numbered section (1-2). If not all sections are used, return to the first section and mark further suggestions
			in afternoon:		Assume answer is for different conditions in the afternoon
			plant dying / less healthy / wilting;		ACCEPT ORA if stated 'in morning' IGNORE ref to light / dark
			ref to stomatal closure ;		
			more humid / high <u>er</u> water (vapour) potential in air ;		Look for comparative statements – high <u>er,</u> great <u>er</u> etc
			less air movement / wind / draughts ;		DO NOT CREDIT more moisture in air
				2 max	

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4	(c)	(iv)	(potometer) measures (water) uptake;			
			not all water (taken up) is lost;		ACCEPT ref to figs e.g. 99% water <i>taken up</i> is lost ACCEPT the assumption that water loss is equal to water uptake is incorrect	
			some water used (in photosynthesis / making cells turgid);	2 max		
			Total	11		

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5	(a)	(i)	vein with thinner wall than artery;		CREDIT: Correct position of endothelium as indicated by circle or label line
					Must be clearly thinner than shown on artery
					DO NOT CREDIT:
				1	

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5	(a)	(ii)			Assume answer refers to wall of artery.
			Arteries have:		IGNORE any ref to artery wall being thicker, unqualified, as this has already been stated in the question
			no valves ;		IGNORE reasons for differences
			endothelium / tunica intima, folded / AW;		ACCEPT ORA if stated - 'vein is'
			more / thicker, muscle / elastic tissue / tunica media;		Look for comparative statements
			more / thicker, collagen / tunica externa ;		ACCEPT tunica adventitia for tunica externa
				2 max	
5	(b)	(i)	contraction of <u>ventricle</u> , wall / muscle ;		ACCEPT ventricular systole
					DO NOT CREDIT heart muscle unqualified
					DO NOT CREDIT contraction of atria and ventricles
				1	DO NOT CREDIT pump / squeeze / push / beat without ref to contraction

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5	(b)	(ii)	more, (smaller) vessels / named vessels;		ACCEPT divides into smaller vessels (implies more of them)	
			(vessels) have larger, total lumen / cross sectional area;		ACCEPT larger total surface area	
			reduced resistance to blood flow;		DO NOT CREDIT further from the heart	
			arteries, stretch / expand ;			
			loss of, fluid / plasma, from capillaries ;		DO NOT CREDIT loss of, blood / water DO NOT CREDIT loss of fluid / plasma, unqualified or from other	
				2 max	vessels	
5	(b)	(iii)			Assume 'it' refers to plasma:	
			plasma / fluid, moves out of, capillary / blood;		DO NOT CREDIT water / diffuses out ACCEPT filters out	
			enters / forms, tissue fluid ;		ACCEPT inters out	
			(plasma) proteins, remain in capillary / too large to pass through capillary wall / AW;			
			(fluid moves) down pressure gradient;			
			hydrostatic pressure greater than, water potential / Ψ;	3 max	DO NOT CREDIT ref to osmosis	

	Marks		Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
5	(c)		X = carbonic anhydrase;		ACCEPT correct phonetic spelling DO NOT ACCEPT anahydrase
			$Y = \text{carbonic acid } / H_2CO_3;$		If formula only given, it must be correct. Incorrect formula can be ignored if correct name given.
			Z = hydrogen (ion) / H ⁺ ;	3	DO NOT CREDIT H alone
			Total	12	