



A-Level Biology

Respiration

Mark Scheme

Time available: 72 minutes

Marks available: 51 marks

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Mark schemes

1.

- (a) 1. Phosphorylation of glucose using ATP;
2. Oxidation of triose phosphate to pyruvate;
Accept removal of hydrogen from triose phosphate for oxidation.
3. Net gain of ATP;
Accept any description that indicates a net gain e.g., 4 produced, 2 used.
4. NAD reduced;
Accept NADH/NADH₂/NADH + H⁺ produced.
Accept all mark points in diagrams.

4 max

- (b) 1. Less/no reduced NAD/coenzymes

OR

Fewer/no hydrogens/electrons removed (and passed to electron transfer chain);

Accept less/no FAD reduced.

2. Oxygen is the final/terminal (electron) acceptor;

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2.

- (a) (So the) oxygen is used/absorbed/respired;

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- (b) 1. Anaerobic respiration produces carbon dioxide;

2. Increase in pressure/volume (of gas);

Reference to either volume or pressure required for the mark

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- (c) 1. Correct answer in range of
 4.9×10^{-4} to $4.91 \times 10^{-4} = 2$ marks;;

Accept any equivalent mathematical representation of this answer

2. Incorrect answer but shows division by 24 = 1 mark

OR

Incorrect answer but shows a number from 1175 to 1178 (ignore position of decimal point, standard form and any numbers that follow) = 1 mark;

OR

Incorrect answer but show the number 49 (ignore position of decimal point, standard form and any numbers after 49) = 1 mark;

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(d) Large range/difference/increase in numbers;
Accept reference to exponential (increase)
Ignore if the answer only refers to numbers being high
Ignore to 'fit on the scale'

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(e) Decrease/no glucose/substrate
OR
Increase in ethanol/carbon dioxide/acidity;
*Accept decrease/no oxygen as **Figure 2** is not linked to **Figure 1**.*
Accept competition for glucose/oxygen.
Accept any named sugar
Accept decrease in pH
Accept increase in toxins
Ignore food/nutrients

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(f) 1. Correct answer of 298000 or 297766 or 297765.59 or 296826 = **2 marks**;;
Accept: any equivalent answer with appropriate rounding
e.g. 2.98×10^5 ,
 29.78×10^4 etc.

2. Incorrect answer but working shows $2000 \times 2.72 =$ **1 mark**;
OR
Incorrect answer but working shows $2.72^{0.5 \times 10} / 2.72^5 / e^{0.5 \times 10} =$ **1 mark**

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3.

(a) 1. Equilibrium reached.
Accept equilibrate

2. Allow for expansion / pressure change in apparatus;

3. Allow respiration rate of seeds to stabilise.
Ignore seeds acclimatise

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(b) 1. Optimum temperature / temperature for normal growth of seeds;
2. (Optimum temperature) for enzymes involved in respiration.

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(c) 1. Oxygen taken up / used by seeds;
2. CO₂ given out is absorbed by KOH (solution);
3. Volume / pressure (in **B**) decreases.

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(d) 0.975 / 0.98.
If incorrect,
 0.26×6 / or incorrect numbers divided by 1.6 for 1 mark

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- 4.** (a) (i) Cytoplasm/cytosol; 1
- (ii) 1. Regenerates/produces NAD / oxidises reduced NAD;
 2. NAD reduced in stage 1/glycolysis / NAD accepts hydrogen in stage 1/glycolysis;
Note: penalise use of NADP for first marking point obtained.
Do not accept NAD accepts only protons but allow accepts protons and electrons. 2
- (b) (i) 1/one/1.0; 1
- (ii) 1. Aerobic and anaerobic respiration occurring;
Accept: some/mainly anaerobic respiration occurring.
 2. More carbon dioxide produced than oxygen uptake; 2
- (c) 1. Oxygen is final/terminal (electron) acceptor / oxygen combines with electrons and protons;
 2. (Aerobic respiration) oxidative phosphorylation / electron transfer chain;
 3. Anaerobic (respiration) only glycolysis occurs / no Krebs / no link reaction;
Ignore: number of ATP produced.
3. Accept: without oxygen.
3. Ignore: converse. 2 max
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- 5.** (a) 1. Oxidation of / hydrogen removed from pyruvate and carbon dioxide released;
 2. Addition of coenzyme A.
Accept: NAD reduced for oxidation 2
- (b) (i) 1. Change (in shape) of active site / active site moulds around the substrate;
Reject: reference to inhibitor
Accept: change in tertiary structure affecting active site
 2. (Substrate / active site) now complementary.
Neutral: references to two active sites 2
- (ii) 1. Is a competitive inhibitor / attaches to active site;
Neutral: reference to inhibitor forming an enzyme-substrate complex
 2. Reduces / prevents enzyme-substrate / E-S complex forming.
Accept: Reduces / prevents acetylcoenzyme A binding to enzyme / citrate synthase

- (c) (i) 1. Regenerates / produces NAD / oxidises reduced NAD;
 2. (NAD used) in glycolysis.
Accept: description of glycolysis
Accept: glycolysis can continue / begin
- (ii) (Pyruvate used) in aerobic respiration / (lactate / lactic acid) is toxic / harmful / causes cramp / (muscle) fatigue.
Accept: (pyruvate) can enter link reaction
Accept: reduces cramp / (muscle) fatigue
Neutral: 'reduces muscle aches'

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- (a) 1. No aerobic respiration / electron transfer / oxidative phosphorylation;
Reject reference to anaerobic respiration.
2. (Because) no (respiratory) substrate / nothing to respire;
Reject idea of 'little' or 'less' – this would result in a change in oxygen concentration.
Accept the idea of no residual respiratory substrate in the mitochondria.
- (b) (i) (Oxygen concentration falls because)
1. Aerobic respiration (uses oxygen);
Accept 'oxidative phosphorylation / electron transfer takes place'.
2. Oxygen is terminal / electron acceptor;
3. (oxygen combines with) protons / H⁺ **and** electrons / e⁻ **to form** water / H₂O;
All aspects are required to gain mark.
- (ii) Phosphate (ions) / inorganic phosphate / P_i;
Reject 'phosphorus' or 'P'.
Accept 'PO₄'

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2 max

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- (c) 1. Oxygen concentration continues to fall in plants but stays constant in animals;
*For 'plants' accept 'line R to T', for 'animals' accept 'line R to S'.
MP1 and MP2. Accept answers in terms of 'use' of oxygen rather than change in concentration.*
2. (Oxygen concentration) falls more slowly in plants than before cyanide added;
3. (Because aerobic) respiration continues in plant (mitochondria);
Accept (because aerobic) respiration stops in animal (mitochondria).
4. (Because) electron transfer / oxidative phosphorylation continues in plant (mitochondria);
*Accept (because) electron transfer stops in animal (mitochondria).
Accept for **one additional mark**
(up to 4 max) use of Resource A i.e: idea that plant cytochrome oxidase is (more) resistant to cyanide
OR
idea that animal cytochrome oxidase not resistant to cyanide.*

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