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01.1	distance the ruler fell (in mm)		1	AO2
				4.5.2.1
01.2	any one from:		1	AO2
	 drop the ruler from the same height each time 			4.5.2.1
	 let the ruler drop without using any force 			
	use same ruler each time			
	 thumb should be same distance from the ruler at the start 			
	 carry out the experiment with the lower arm resting in the same way on the table 			
01.3	0.39		1	AO2
				4.5.2.1
01.4	0.25	allow 0.264	1	AO2
				4.5.2.1
				MS 2b, 2e
01.5	the conclusion is incorrect	if 0.264 given in 01.4 , award 2 marks for: the	1	AO3
	as there is no difference between the left-handed and right- handed results	conclusion is correct as the results for the right hand are faster than for the left hand	1	4.5.2.1
	the conclusion can only be made for the students being tested / because the sample size was small, a general conclusion cannot be formed		1	





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01.6	voluntary reaction time		1	AO2 4.5.2.1
01.7	reflex actions are automatic / this was a conscious action / required thought		1	AO2 4.5.2.1
01.8	 any three from: it takes time for an impulse to travel along neurones the nervous system has synapses it takes time for chemicals to diffuse across synapses which further adds to the reaction time 		3	AO2 4.5.2.1
02.1	maintenance of a constant internal environment		1	AO1 4.5.1
02.2	pH temperature	award a maximum of 1 mark for enzyme concentration / substrate concentration	1 1	AO1 4.5.1 4.2.2.1
02.3	occur without thought / conscious activity		1	AO1 4.5.1





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02.4	any six from;		6	AO1
	 consist of receptors, co-ordination centres and effectors 			4.5.1
	receptors detect stimuli			
	 example for receptor stated such as light / sound / temperature / pressure / other named receptor 			
	 co-ordination centre processes information 			
	 co-ordination centre named – brain / spinal cord / pancreas / other named control centre 			
	 effectors bring about a change 			
	 named effector – muscle /gland 			
	 response described – muscle contracts / gland secretes hormone 			
03.1	so body can respond rapidly to a dangerous situation, e.g. burning		1	AO1
03.2	breathing rate / blinking		1	AO1





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03.3	 any six from: heat detected by temperature receptor / thermoreceptor sends an electrical impulse along sensory neurone to a relay neurone in CNS sends an impulse along motor neurone to muscle in arm muscle contracts pulling the arm away from the radiator 		6	AO2 4.5.2.1
04.1	sensory neurone		1	AO2 4.5.2.1
04.2	0.012 s	award 1 mark for $\frac{0.9 \text{ m}}{76 \text{ m/s}}$ award 2 marks for 12 ms	3	AO2 4.5.2.1 MS 1c, 3d
04.3	contains (2) synapses electrical impulse triggers a chemical / neurotransmitter to be released this diffuses across the synapse / between the two neurones slower than electrical impulse		1 1 1	AO2 4.5.2.1





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05.1	independent: practice / number of repeats		1	AO2
	dependent: reaction time		1	4.5.2.1
05.2	any two from:	accept other valid suggestion	2	AO2
	same person			4.5.2.1
	same computer software			
	strike same key			
	same ambient conditions			
	leave same gap between repeats			
05.3	repeat 7		1	AO2
	distraction / tiredness		1	4.5.2.1
05.4	the conclusion is true for these data		1	AO3
	it is not possible to conclude in general:			4.5.2.1
	if reaction time continues to improve for more repeats		1	
	 if reaction time improves for any activity 		1	
	 if an improvement in reaction time to a situation is permanent, or short lived / temporary 		1	
06.1	0.15 s	award 1 mark for $\sqrt{\frac{11.5}{490}}$	3	AO2
		award 1 mark for V 490		4.5.2.1
		award 2 marks for 0.153 s		MS 1c, 3d





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06.2	any four from:		4	AO2
	 give student caffeine / coffee drink 			4.5.2.1
	 wait 15 minutes / sensible time period 			
	 at least two named control variables, e.g. drop from same height, use same person each time, use same hand to catch ruler 			
	 drop ruler; note drop distance 			
	 repeat (at least) five times and calculate mean drop distance 			
06.3	reaction time would be faster / shorter		1	AO2
	caffeine is a stimulant		1	4.5.2.1
	it speeds up body reactions / the nervous system		1	





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06.4	 any three from: supporting conclusion: person A and person b both reacted more quickly when using their dominant hand the pattern was consistent with both sets of data casting doubt on conclusion: differences between results are very small and could be attributed to experimental error only two students were tested / sample size was very small only two results were collected for each hand there appears to be a 'learned' effect – the second repeat result is always lower than the first for each hand evaluation: the student should not form a general conclusion based on these data 	to gain 3 marks, answers should include at least one marking point to support the conclusion and at least one marking point to cast doubt on the conclusion	3	AO3 4.5.2.1





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07	any six from:		6	AO2
	noise detected by sound receptor			4.5.2.1
	sends an electrical impulse			
	along sensory neurone			
	to a relay neurone			
	in central nervous system (CNS)			
	 sends an impulse along motor neurone 			
	to muscle in leg			
	 muscle contracts, making person jump 			
08.1	stimulus		1	AO2
				4.5.1
				4.5.2.1
08.2	brain		1	AO2
				4.5.1
				4.5.2.1
08.3	driver would have reacted faster to the insect		1	AO2
	as responded with a reflex action		1	4.5.2.1
	brain not involved / impulse relayed via CNS		1	
09.1	sensory neurone		1	AO1
				4.5.2.1





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09.2	 any six from: pain receptor sends an electrical impulse along the sensory neurone this triggers the release of chemical / neurotransmitter from the end of the sensory neurone this diffuses across the synapse procaine is the same shape as chemical / neurotransmitter procaine binds to receptor on the next neurone / post synaptic membrane chemical cannot bind no electrical impulse / action potential is generated impulse does not travel to the brain so no pain is detected / felt 	credit higher-level knowledge of synapses and terminology	6	AO3 / AO2 4.5.2.1
10.1	myelin sheath		1	AO1 4.1.1.3 4.5.2.1





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10.2	any six from:		6	AO3
	(in a healthy person)			4.1.1.3
	myelin sheath acts as insulator			4.5.2.1
	it speeds up nerve impulses			
	ensures nerve impulses travel to the correct destination			
	(in a person with MS)			
	 impulse may be blocked from reaching a muscle 			
	stopping a muscle contracting / numbness			
	impulse may be scrambled / transmitted to incorrect neurones			
	which could cause tingling			
	impulse travels too slowly			
	this could cause numbness / muscle slow to react			
11.1	receptor AND effector		1	AO1
				4.5.2.1
11.2	spinal cord		1	AO1
				4.5.2.1





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11.3	any two from:		2	AO1
	 sensory neurones carry information to the brain / CNS, motor neurones carry information from the brain / CNS (to other parts of the body) 			4.5.2.1
	 sensory neurones have their cell body along one side of the axon, motor neurones have their cell body at one end of the axon 			
	 sensory neurones receive information from receptors, motor neurones transmit information to effectors / muscles / glands 			
11.4	any two from:		2	AO2
	the senses			4.5.2.1
	 the speed of the impulse travelling to the brain 			
	the processing time in the brain			
	the speed of the impulse sent to the muscles			
12.1	Tom's Diner		1	AO2
				4.3.1.1
				4.3.1.3





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12.2	any two from:		2	AO2
	 food could become contaminated as open to the air 			4.3.1.1
	 30 °C is not hot enough to kill most bacteria 			4.3.1.3
	 bacteria likely to reproduce rapidly at 30 °C 			
12.3	any one from:	accept any sensible suggestion	1	AO1
	• water			4.3.1.8
	• rest			
	antibiotics			
12.4	bacteria require moisture to reproduce		1	AO2
				4.3.1.1
				4.3.1.3





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12.5	 any four from: keep the person who has the disease in isolation which prevents spread through droplet infection / touching clean surfaces with an antiseptic which kills / destroys the pathogen wash hands when touching materials that have been in contact with contagious person to minimise risk of ingesting pathogen wear gloves / mask / protective clothing to minimise risk of inhaling / ingesting pathogen 	to award 4 marks, answers should include two suggested approaches and two explanations of how these minimise the risk of pathogen transmission	4	AO2 4.3.1.1 4.3.1.3