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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Specification reference
01.1	A – chloroplast		1	AO2
	B – nucleus		1	1.1.2
	C – cell membrane		1	
01.2	when filled with cell sap		1	A01
	it puts pressure on cell wall		1	1.1.2
	keeping the cell rigid / supporting plant		1	
01.3	nucleus		1	AO2
				1.1.1
01.4	leaf / stem		1	AO2
	contains chloroplasts		1	1.1.2
02.1	wear gloves / wash hands – methylene blue / stain is an	allow 1 mark for safety measure and 1 mark for	2	A01
	irritant	linked explanation		1.1.5
	or			
	disinfect work surfaces / dispose of used swabs – to prevent spread of possible infection			
02.2	makes nucleus / subcellular structures more visible		1	AO1
				1.1.5
02.3	use a higher-power objective lens	allow use an electron microscope	1	AO1
				1.1.5

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02.4	length of the cell = 4.8 cm	award full marks for correct answer with no	1	AO2
	<u>4.8</u> = 0.0036 cm	working shown	1	1.1.5
	1350	accept 35 μm for 3 marks		Ms1c
	= 36 μm	allow 0.0036 cm for 2 marks	1	
03.1	group of cells with similar structure working together to		1	A01
	perform a function			1.1.3
03.2	lignin builds up in cell walls		1	A01
	cells die		1	1.1.3
	form (long hollow) tubes		1	
03.3	long hollow tubes		1	A01
	allow water/ mineral ions to move easily around plant		1	1.1.3
	lignin makes cells very strong		1	
	can withstand pressure of water moving / help support the plant stem		1	
03.4	phloem		1	A01
				1.1.3
04.1	chloroplast		1	AO2
				1.1.2
05.1	Level 3: Two advantages and two disadvantages are detailed	and accurate. Evaluation is clear and coherent.	5–6	AO2 × 4
	Level 2: Some advantages and disadvantages are correct. Evaluation is attempted but may not be clearly		3–4	AO3 × 2
	explained.		-	1.1.5

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	Level 1: One or two advantages / disadvantages given, but ev	aluation is missing or lacks clarity and coherence.	1–2	
	No relevant content.		0	
	Indicative content Advantages of electron microscope:	award 2 marks for 2 advantages, 2 marks for 2 disadvantages, 2 marks for explanations of points		
	higher magnificationhigher resolution	(accept reverse answer as a disadvantage of other		
	 scanning electron microscopes can be used to examine the surface structure of cells/structures 	technique)		
	Advantages of light microscope:			
	 do not damage living cells / can be used to observe living things 			
	 light microscopes are cheaper 			
	more readily available			
	can be used by less-skilled operator			
	Evaluation:			
	 light microscopes are appropriate to use when the whole organism / behaviour of the organism is to be studied / without damaging the organism 			
	 electron microscopes are appropriate to use when detail of (sub-cellular) structures is required 			

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05.2	diameter of amoeba: $10 \mu\text{m} = 1 \times 10^{-5} \text{m}$		1	AO2
	diameter of egg cell: 0.1 mm = 1×10^{-4} m		1	Ms 1c, 2h
	difference in order of magnitude: $5 - 4 = 1 / a$ factor of 10		1	
06.1	Α		1	AO2
				1.1.5
				1.1.2
06.2	where protein synthesis takes place / proteins are made		1	AO1
				1.1.2
06.3	mitochondria		1	AO2
				1.1.2
06.4	Level 3: All key steps are identified and logically sequenced.		5–6	A01
	Level 2: Most steps are identified, but the method is not fully	logically sequenced.	3–4	1.1.2
	Level 1: Some relevant steps are identified, but links are not r	nade clear.	1–2	1.1.5
	No Relevant content		0	

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	Indicative content			
	 cut slice of plant (using a knife of scalpel) 			
	place on microscope slide			
	 add a drop of stain (such as iodine) 			
	 carefully lower a coverslip onto the slide 			
	 use a piece of filter paper to soak up any liquid from aroun 	d the edge of the coverslip		
	 put the slide on the microscope stage at its highest setting 			
	 choose the lowest powered objective lens 			
	 lower slide using focusing knob until the cells come into for 	cus		
	repeat with higher objective lens to	get a more detailed image		
07.1	1 μm		1	A01
				1.1.1
07.2	plant cell walls contain cellulose / bacterial cell walls		1	A01
	contain peptidoglycan			4.1.1.3
07.3	in eukaryotic cells DNA is contained in nucleus		1	A01
	long strands called chromosomes		1	1.1.1
	in bacteria cells DNA is found in cytoplasm / not in a nucleus in a single loop		1	
	also have extra small rings of DNA / plasmids		1	
07.4	flagellum / flagella		1	A01
				1.1.1

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08.1	any four from:		4	A01
	the visual pigment detects / is affected by light			1.1.1
	light causes a chemical change in visual pigment			
	the chemical change creates an impulse			
	impulse passed through synapses to the optic nerve / through optic nerve to the brain			
	(lots of) mitochondria transfer (lots of) energy for the cell to reform the visual pigment / reverse change in the visual pigment			
08.2	6 000 000	allow 2×10 ⁶ with no working shown for 3 marks	1	AO3
	3			1.1.3
	= 2 000 000		1	
	= 2×10 ⁶		1	
09.1	a cell that is adapted / has special features to perform a		1	AO2
	particular function			1.1.3
				Ms 1b
09.2	то contract (and relax)		1	AO1
				4.1.1.3

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09.3	digestive system	allow 1 mark for muscle location	2	A01
	to squeeze food along the gut	allow 1 mark for description of role in that location		4.1.1.3
	or			
	in the heart			
	so heart can contract to pump blood around the body			
09.4	to respire		1	AO1
	to transfer the energy needed for the cell to contract		1	4.1.1.3
09.5	contain proteins / actin and myosin	allow 1 mark for feature	2	A01
	that slide over one another to cause the cell to contract	allow 1 mark for explanation		4.1.1.3
	or			
	store glycogen			
	that can be broken down (into glucose) and used for respiration			
10.1	cell wall present		1	AO2
	cells fit clearly together / no gaps between cells / uniform		1	4.1.1.2
	appearance			4.1.1.5
10.2	1000	allow 77 (µm) with no working shown for 2 marks	1	AO2
	3			4.1.1.5
	= 77 (μm)		1	
10.3	vacuole		1	A01
				4.1.1.2

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11.1	A		1	AO2 4.1.1.2
11.2	control what comes in and out of the cell		1	AO1 4.1.1.2
11.3	axon would be present to transmit impulses around the body dendrites / dendrons present to connect to other nerve cells	allow reference to myelin sheath and its function	1 1 1 1	AO1 4.1.1.3
11.4	length = π × d = 3.14 × 20×10 ⁻⁶ = 6.28×10 ⁻⁵ m / 62.8 μm	unit must be given to award mark allow 6.28×10 ⁻⁵ m / 62.8 μm with no working shown for 2 marks	1 1	AO2 4.1.1.1
11.5	$62.8 \mu\text{m} = 62800 \text{nm}$ $\frac{62800}{4}$ $= 15700$	allow 15 700 with no working shown for 3 marks	1 1 1	AO2 4.1.1.1
12.1	10 μm		1	AO2 4.1.1.5

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12.2	 similarities: presence of cytoplasm presence of cell membrane both contain genetic material cell wall found in prokaryotes and some (plant) eukaryotes differences: prokaryotes have plasmids prokaryotes have no nucleus prokaryotes have single loop of genetic material plant cell walls are made of cellulose, prokaryote cell walls are made of peptidoglycan / not made of cellulose 	award 1 mark per similarity or difference award a maximum of 4 marks for similarities or 4 marks for differences allow converse statements	6	AO1 4.1.1.1
12.3	1 μm cyanobacteria are prokaryotes, which are one order of magnitude smaller than typical eukaryotes	accept answer given in 12.1	1 1	AO2 4.1.1.5
12.4	algal cells contain features / cell components / organelles also seen in plant cells: cell wall chloroplasts	ignore reference to nucleus and cell membrane	1 1 1	AO2 4.1.1.2

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13.1	any two from:	award 1 mark for adaptation	4	A01
	 long tail – move 	award 1 mark for explanation of adaptation		4.1.1.3
	 lots of mitochondria – transfer energy needed to move the cell 			
	 acrosome contains digestive enzymes – to break down outer layers of the egg 			
	 nucleus – contains genetic material (to pass on) 			
13.2	sperm cells need to be alive / not damaged to observe		1	AO3
	movement			4.1.1.3
	light microscope are cheap / readily available / do not require high level of training to use		1	4.1.1.5
13.3	7.5 cm = 75 000 μm	allow 50 (μ m) with no working shown for 3 marks	1	AO2
	<u>75 000</u> 1500		1	4.1.1.5
	= 50 (μm)		1	
14.1	Level 3: All key steps are identified and logically sequenced.		5–6	AO2
	Level 2: Most steps are identified, but the method is not fully logically sequenced.		3–4	4.1.1.5
	Level 1: Some relevant steps are identified, but links are not r	made clear.	1–2	
	No Relevant content		0	

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	Indicative content			
	 wipe inside of the cheek with a cotton swab 			
	• smear cotton swab on the centre of the microscope slide			
	add a drop of stain			
	 carefully lower a coverslip onto the slide. 			
	 use filter paper to soak up any liquid from around the edge 	e of the coverslip.		
	 put the slide on the microscope stage at its highest setting 			
	 choose the lowest powered objective lens 			
	 carefully lower slide using focusing knob until the cells con 	ne into focus		
	 for more detail repeat with higher power objective lens 			
14.2	cell membrane			4.02
14.2		allow additional label to mitochondria	1	AO2
	nucleus		1	4.1.1.5
	cytoplasm		1	4.1.1.2
14.3	magnification used		1	AO2
				4.1.1.5
14.4	the smallest object that can be viewed under a microscope		1	A01
				4.1.1.5
14.5	by using an electron microscope		1	A01
				4.1.1.5

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