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| 01.1 | any disease of the heart or blood vessels |  | 1 | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ 4.2 .2 .6 \\ \text { MS 1c } \end{gathered}$ |
| 01.2 | 22\% |  | 1 | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO} 2 \\ 4.2 .2 .5 \\ 4.2 .2 .6 \\ \mathrm{MS} 1 \mathrm{c} \end{gathered}$ |
| 01.3 | 33000 | award 1 mark for $0.22 \times 150000$ | 2 | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO2} \\ \text { 4.2.2.5 } \\ \text { 4.2.2.6 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 01.4 | any three suggestions + explanations from: <br> - eat fewer fatty foods - which would reduce the build-up of cholesterol which would lead to blocked arteries <br> - ensure energy input in food matches daily energy consumption / maintain a healthy weight - to prevent excess food being stored as fat <br> - (if obese) exercise more / consume less food / energy than daily requirement - to lose excess weight <br> - stop smoking / do not smoke - as smoking narrows blood vessels / damages artery lining / increases risk of clot formation / increases blood pressure | to award 6 marks, answers should include three lifestyle factors with three linked explanations. <br> accept other acceptable answers with linked explanations | 6 | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ \text { 4.2.2.6 } \end{gathered}$ |

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| 02.1 | a stent is a small mesh tube inserted into blood vessel blood vessel is enlarged/holds blood vessel open blood flow through the blood vessel is increased. |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ \text { 4.2.2.4 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 02.2 | risks <br> any two from: <br> - complications may occur - bleeding / allergic reactions / irregular heartbeat <br> - arteries sometimes re-close <br> - patient needs to take blood thinning drugs <br> benefits <br> any two from: <br> - long-term success rate is high <br> - lowers the risk of a heart attack in people with coronary heart disease <br> - lower risk of death / heart attack / stroke than receiving a bypass operation |  | 2 <br> 2 | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO3 } \\ \text { 4.2.2.4 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 02.3 | ```patients dying following stent = 120 patients dying following bypass = 145 difference = 25``` | award 2 marks for $0.02 \times 1250$ award 1 mark for $0.116 \times 1250$ or $0.096 \times 1250$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO2 } \\ 4.2 .2 .4 \\ 4.2 .2 .5 \\ \text { MS 4a } \end{gathered}$ |


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| 03.1 | any two from: <br> - all risk factors show a decrease <br> - smoking levels have decreased the least (compared to 1972) <br> - the greatest decrease has been seen in people with cholesterol above recommended levels <br> - smoking has not shown a continual decline / increased in the 1990s | accept other alternative trend from the data | 2 | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO} 2 \\ 4.2 .2 .4 \\ 4.2 .2 .5 \\ 4.2 .2 .6 \end{gathered}$ |
| 03.2 | any four from: <br> - better education / positive results from public health campaigns (linked to any risk factor) <br> - meaning people make positive lifestyle choices <br> - better diet <br> - leading to reduced cholesterol / blood pressure <br> - (linked to any risk factor) <br> - (significantly) fewer deaths due to CVD <br> - because key risk factors for CVD have all reduced / improved healthcare | answers should include two suggestions and two linked reasons to award 4 marks <br> accept other reasonable suggestions with linked effects on lifestyle / mortality rates | 4 | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO3 } \\ 4.2 .2 .4 \\ 4.2 .2 .5 \\ 4.2 .2 .6 \end{gathered}$ |

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| 03.3 | fatty material / cholesterol builds up in coronary arteries reduces blood flow less oxygen / glucose reaches the heart muscle / less respiration of heart muscle cells. |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ \text { 4.2.2.4 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 03.4 | statins |  | 1 | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ 4.2 .2 .2 \end{gathered}$ |
| 03.5 | 130 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { accept proportion of deaths }=20 \% \text { of } 1972 \text { level } \\ & \text { ( } 650 \text { ) } \\ & \text { award } 2 \text { marks for } 0.2 \times 650 \end{aligned}$ | 3 | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO3 } \\ 4.2 .2 .4 \\ 4.2 .2 .5 \\ \text { MS 1c } \end{gathered}$ |
| 03.6 | any three from: <br> - data correlate with the conclusion, supporting the conclusion made <br> - data do not give causation <br> - population studied may have been atypical <br> - data are collected from one (isolated) population and so generalities may not be drawn to all populations <br> - other risk / lifestyle factors were not noted which may have had an underlying effect on the outcomes | accept other reasonable statement | 3 | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO3 } \\ 4.2 .2 .4 \end{gathered}$ |

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| 04.1 | a correlation means there is a link between a factor and a disease (however the risk factor does not necessarily cause the disease). <br> causation means that an increase in the risk factor results in an increase in the incidence of the disease. |  | $1$ <br> 1 | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ \text { 4.2.2.6 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 04.2 | age / genes / biological sex |  | 1 | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ \text { 4.2.2.6 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 04.3 | a disease caused by cell division/growth of cells/cell multiplication/mitosis <br> that is out of control/abnormal/uncontrolled. |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ \text { 4.2.2.7 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 04.4 | UV light in sun causes changes in DNA / mutations (if not corrected by body) this can lead to uncontrolled cell division |  | $1$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ \text { 4.2.2.7 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 04.5 | benign tumours are contained within a membrane don't invade nearby tissue / can't spread (not cancerous) to form secondary tumours | accept converse answer | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ \text { 4.2.2.7 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 05.1 | to prevent back flow of blood from left ventricle (into left atrium) |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO2 } \\ \text { 4.2.2.2 } \end{gathered}$ |

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| 05.2 | advantages of mechanical heart valve <br> the valve will last longer <br> will require fewer additional surgical procedures in the future <br> not made from an animal product which some people may <br> object to on ethical grounds <br> less chance of body rejection as not using tissue from another organism <br> disadvantages of mechanical valve <br> newer technique - less proven track record / less evidence <br> of any potential long term risks <br> patient has to take permanent medication <br> disadvantages of both / either valve <br> patient will require further procedures in the future <br> both carry risk of rejection <br> both carry risk of infection | to award full marks, answers should include comparative statements between the two types of heart valve, considering at least three factors linked to the two types of valve <br> accept converse statements if answers linked to biological valve | 3 | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ \text { 4.2.2.4 } \end{gathered}$ |

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| 06.1 | 21.3 (kg/m ${ }^{2}$ ) | accept $\frac{48}{1.5^{2}}$ for 1 mark | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO2} \\ 4.2 .2 .5 \\ 4.2 .2 .6 \\ \mathrm{MS} 1 \mathrm{c} \end{gathered}$ |


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| 06.2 | healthy weight |  | 1 | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO2 } \\ 4.2 .2 .5 \\ 4.2 .2 .6 \\ \text { MS 3a } \end{gathered}$ |
| 06.3 | any six from: <br> - obesity is a condition where a person is very overweight <br> - obese people have an abnormal amount of excess body fat (beneath the skin) <br> - obesity is a risk factor for cardiovascular disease <br> - obesity leads to high blood pressure / the build-up of fatty deposits in the arteries <br> - fatty deposits in the coronary arteries reduce the oxygen reaching the heart, causing a heart attack <br> - build-up of fat / lipids in the abdomen increases blood pressure <br> - obesity increases the risk of type 2 diabetes <br> - where the body's cells lose their sensitivity to insulin they no longer respond, or respond less effectively, to the insulin that is produced <br> - fat intake and obesity increases the risk of certain cancers |  | 6 | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ \text { 4.2.2.5 } \\ \text { 4.2.2.6 } \end{gathered}$ |

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| 06.4 | greater level of exercise (in population) means more energy expended than previously <br> any one from: <br> - reduces the number of people for whom energy intake > energy required <br> - fewer people would become obese in future <br> - larger number of people for whom energy required > energy intake <br> - excess fat will be used to supply energy so these (obese) people would lose weight | to award 2 marks, answer should include energy comparison and effect on population of obese people | 1 <br> 1 | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO} 3 \\ 4.2 .2 .5 \\ 4.2 .2 .6 \end{gathered}$ |


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| 06.5 | costs <br> - drug likely to be very expensive to prescribe <br> - so the drugs company can make their development costs back (and make a profit) <br> - so cost to NHS / users will be high <br> - creates viewpoint (amongst public) that a drug can repair poor lifestyle choices <br> - which may encourage more people to make unhealthy lifestyle choices <br> - creating a dependency on the drug / leading to other health consequences, e.g. avoiding exercise <br> benefits <br> - will reduce number of obese people <br> - which will increase their life expectancy / improve quality of life <br> - also reducing number of obesity-related conditions / named condition <br> - cost to healthcare system / NHS due to obesity-related conditions reduced | to gain 6 marks, answers should include at least one cost and one benefit to society award 1 mark for each cost, benefit and linked explanation <br> allow other reasonable suggestions | 6 | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO3 } \\ \text { 4.2.2.6 } \end{gathered}$ |

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| 07.1 | fatty material builds up inside the coronary arteries causing them to narrow / lumen is reduced this reduces blood flow so less oxygen gets to the heart muscle |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ \text { 4.2.2.4 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 07.2 | diet / inheritance / drugs |  | 1 | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ \text { 4.2.2.4 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 07.3 | risk to patient of developing new condition is outweighed by / is smaller than positive impact of statins on risk of CVD | award 1 mark for risk to patient of other conditions is small <br> award 1 mark for risk of developing oesophageal cancer also decreases | $1$ $1$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO3 } \\ 4.2 .2 .4 \\ 4.2 .2 .5 \end{gathered}$ |
| 07.4 | $\text { risk of liver disease in population }=\frac{4200000}{60000000}$ <br> risk of liver disease 7\% <br> additional risk of liver disease due to statins $=\frac{75}{10000}$ <br> additional risk $=0.75 \%$ <br> statement quantifying risk as significant, e.g. risk is approx. <br> $10 \%$ greater / insignificant, e.g. $0.75 \%$ is a very small risk |  | 1 <br> 1 <br> 1 <br> 1 1 | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO3} \\ 4.2 .2 .4 \\ 4.2 .2 .5 \\ \mathrm{MS} 1 \mathrm{c} \end{gathered}$ |
| 08.1 | reduces blood flow <br> reducing the amount of oxygen delivered to the heart |  | $1$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO2 } \\ \text { 4.2.2.4 } \end{gathered}$ |

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| 08.2 | use a stent / metal mesh <br> small balloon inserted into the artery which is then inflated to open up the blood vessel <br> stent stays in place to keep the artery open allowing blood to flow |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO2} \\ 4.2 .2 .4 \end{gathered}$ |
| 08.3 | any four from: <br> - platelets are small fragments of cells <br> - they stick together to form a blood clot <br> - platelets could stick to wall narrowing blood vessel further <br> - reduces the risk of a blood vessel being blocked further <br> - preventing loss of blood flow to the heart |  | 4 | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO3 } \\ 4.2 .2 .3 \\ 4.2 .2 .4 \end{gathered}$ |
| 09.1 | add Biuret reagent changes from blue to purple (if protein present) |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ 4.2 .2 .1 \end{gathered}$ |
| 09.2 | too large / insoluble |  | 1 | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO3} \\ 4.2 .2 .1 \end{gathered}$ |
| 09.3 | enzyme had been denatured enzyme's protein structure changed / active site altered lactase can no longer bind to lactose to break it down |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO2} \\ 4.2 .2 .1 \end{gathered}$ |

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| 09.4 | $37.5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ <br> this was the temperature at which digestion took the least time | accept $35-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO3 } \\ 4.2 .2 .1 \end{gathered}$ |
| 10.1 | 1.29 h / $1.3 \mathrm{~h} / 1 \mathrm{~h} 18 \mathrm{~min}$ | award 1 mark for $\frac{36}{700}=0.051$ award 2 marks for $0.051 \times 25=1.29$ | 3 | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ \text { AO2 } \\ 4.1 .2 .2 \\ \text { MS 3dd } \end{gathered}$ |
| 10.2 | any four from: <br> Stage 1 <br> - DNA replicates <br> - cell grows bigger <br> - increase in the number of subcellular components / mitochondria / ribosomes / other named component <br> Stage 2 <br> - mitosis <br> - chromosomes line up in the middle of the cell in pairs <br> - one set of chromosomes is pulled to each side of the cell <br> Stage 3 <br> - cell divides into two | to achieve 4 marks, answer should include information from all parts of the cell cycle | 4 | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ \text { 4.1.2.2 } \end{gathered}$ |

