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01.1	light intensity / distance from light source		1	AO2 4.4.1.2
01.2	provide carbon dioxide / to ensure carbon dioxide is not a limiting factor		1	AO2 4.4.1.2
01.3	collect gas in a syringe / upturned test tube add a glowing splint – it will relight / add a burning splint – it will burn more brightly		1 1	AO2 4.4.1.2
01.4	data points plotted accurately correct line of best fit drawn	allow a tolerance of \pm 1 small square	3 1	AO3 4.4.1.2
01.5	as light intensity decreases / distance from source increases, the rate of photosynthesis decreases		1	AO3 4.4.1.2
01.6	accept value between 5 and 6 bubbles per minute		1	AO2 4.4.1.2
01.7	bubbles were different sizes / easy to miss		1	AO2 4.4.1.2
01.8	collect gas given off and measure volume collected per unit time		1	AO3 4.4.1.2
02.1	6H ₂ 0 C ₆ H ₁₂ 0 ₆	answers must be in the correct order	1 1	AO1 4.4.1.1





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02.2	more energy needs to be taken in from the environment		1	A01
	to break bonds between the atoms in carbon dioxide and water together		1	4.4.1.1
	than is released when new bonds form in glucose and oxygen		1	
02.3	any six from:		6	AO2
	carbon atom in carbon dioxide			4.2.3.1
	diffuses through stomata			4.2.3.2
	 into air spaces in leaf 			4.4.1.1
	 into plant cells / cell in the spongy mesophyll 			4.4.1.3
	 into chloroplasts 			
	 joins / bonds with water / hydrogen and oxygen 			
	 to make glucose 			
	 glucose is converted to starch (for storage) 			
03.1	A – cuticle		2	AO2
	B – stoma			4.2.3.1
03.2	leaves are broad	to gain full marks students must state two	1	A01
	large surface area for light to fall on	features with two linked explanations	1	4.4.1.2
	palisade cells contain many chloroplasts / chloroplasts contain chlorophyll		1	4.7.1.4
	to maximise light absorption		1	





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03.3	guard cells open and close stomata to allow carbon dioxide to diffuse into the leaf air spaces in leaf allow carbon dioxide to diffuse into leaf cells leaves are thin diffusion distance for carbon dioxide is short	to gain full marks students must state two features with two linked explanations	4	AO1 4.4.1.2 4.7.1.14
04.1	light intensity		1	AO2 4.4.1.2
04.2	plateau forming between greenhouses 1 and 3 maximum rate of photosynthesis reached after experiment 1 but before experiment3		1 1	AO3 4.4.1.2
04.3	 (valid because) all data from the experiment support the conclusions formed by the grower (invalid because) – any two from: conclusions can only be formed based on the range of data used grower incorrect to draw conclusions about trends in temperature or CO₂ concentrations based on only two pieces of data grower incorrect to draw conclusions about how the plants might behave outside the range of data investigated 		1 2	AO3 4.4.1.2





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04.4	enzymes will become denatured		1	AO2
	photosynthesis reaction will stop		1	4.4.1.2
05.1	light intensity / chlorophyll levels		1	AO1 4.4.1.2
05.2	(initially) increasing carbon dioxide levels increases the rate of photosynthesis		1	AO1 x 2 AO2 x2
	as increasing availability of reactant increases the rate of reaction		1	4.4.1.2
	after a certain point, the graph plateaus / further increase in carbon dioxide concentration does not increase the rate of photosynthesis		1	
	another factor is now limiting the rate of photosynthesis / another limiting factor named		1	
05.3	as temperature increases, rate of photosynthesis increases as molecules have more kinetic energy		1	AO1 4.4.1.2
	collisions occur more frequently between particles		1	7.7.1.2
	photosynthesis is an enzyme controlled reaction		1	
	enzymes are denatured at high temperatures / above temperature named in range 40–50 °C (so reaction slows / stops)		1	





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06	control variables – temperature / time taken for measurement / volume of water / carbon dioxide concentration	credit information on an annotated diagram	1	AO2 4.4.1.2
	any five from:		5	
	 place pond weed in a test tube of water 	I		
	 place test tube in a beaker of water (to control temperature) 			
	 place beaker a set distance from light source 	accept set lamp to initial brightness. Use a light		
	 leave for 5 / several minutes for the pondweed to acclimatise to the new light intensity 	meter to measure light intensity		
	 count the number of bubbles given off in unit time, e.g. one minute / measure the volume of gas given off in unit time 			
	 repeat the measurement at this distance to enable identification of anomalies 			
	 repeat the investigation at (four or more) additional distances from the light 	accept alter the brightness of the lamp to four (or more) additional values of light intensities		

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07.1	any three from:		3	A01
	 starch provides a store of energy 			4.4.1.3
	 glucose is soluble and would affect movement of water 			
	 into and out of plant cells by osmosis 			
	 starch is insoluble and does not disturb plant's water balance 			
07.2	(take a thin slice of onion and) add iodine		1	AO3
	it will turn blue/black if starch is present		1	4.4.1.3
07.3	glucose combines with nitrate ions (and other mineral		1	AO1
	ions)			4.4.1.3
	which were absorbed from the soil		1	
	to produce amino acids		1	
	amino acids are joined together to produce proteins		1	
08.1	volume of water in the test tube / length of pondweed /		1	AO2
	piece of pondweed / time of measurement / dissolved CO ₂ concentration / light intensity			4.4.1.2
08.2	to allow pondweed to acclimatise to new temperature		1	AO2
				4.4.1.2

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08.3	count number of bubbles given off	accept measure time taken	1	AO2
	in a fixed period of time	to collect a fixed volume of gas	1	4.4.1.2
		award 2 marks for collect gas and measure the volume of gas given off in a fixed period of time		
08.4	enzymes in the pondweed had been denatured		1	AO2
	so photosynthesis reaction could no longer occur		1	4.4.1.2
	(therefore no oxygen produced)			
09.1	25		1	AO2
				4.4.1.2
				MS1c, 3a
09.2	x-axis – light intensity (arbitrary units)		1	AO2
	y-axis – rate of photosynthesis (bubbles per minute)		1	4.4.1.2
	lines plotted correctly	allow a tolerance of ±1 mm	1	Ms 4a, 4c
	straight line of best fit		1	
09.3	rate of photosynthesis is directly proportional to the light	award 1 mark for rate of photosynthesis	2	AO3
	intensity	increases as light intensity increases / rate of photosynthesis is proportional to light intensity		4.4.1.2
09.4	(constant / uniform gradient) changing light intensity		1	AO3
	changes rate of photosynthesis			4.4.1.2





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09.5	recognition that 0.10 m corresponds to light intensity		1	AO3
	100 au			4.4.1.2
	line decreasing in gradient above light intensity 25 au	accept any rate value above 60 and less than	1	
	reaching a plateau by light intensity 100 au	250 bubbles per minute	1	
10.1	carbon dioxide + water + light \rightarrow glucose + oxygen	award 1 mark for reactants and 1 mark for	2	AO1
		products		4.4.1.1
10.2	22–27 °C		1	AO2
				4.4.1.2
				Ms 4a
10.3	another factor is limiting the rate of photosynthesis		1	AO2
	light intensity / carbon dioxide concentration		1	4.4.1.2
10.4	22		1	AO3
	heating it to a higher temperature will cost more money		1	4.4.1.2
	but will not increase the rate of photosynthesis / plant growth		1	
11.1	$C_6H_{12}O_6 + 6O_2$	answers can be in either order	1	A01
				4.4.1.1





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11.2	any three from		3	AO1
	contain chlorophyll			4.4.1.1
	 which absorbs light energy 			
	reaction is endothermic			
	 used to break bonds between carbon dioxide and water 			
11.3	raising CO ₂ concentration increases crop yield		1	AO2
	CO ₂ is (initially) the limiting factor		1	4.4.1.2
	above 0.10% CO ₂ concentration, a further 0.05% increase in CO ₂ concentration does not produce the same increase in yield		1	
	a different factor / light intensity / temperature begins to limit / also limits the rate of photosynthesis		1	





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11.4	Example points: cost/yield analyses: $additional lettuce revenue = f0.15/m^2$ $additional tomato revenue = f3.20/m^2$ $total additional revenue=f3.35/m^2$ $total additional profit=3.35-0.64=f2.71/m^2$ Conclusion: there is no economic value to the farmer in increasing CO_2 concentration for growing lettuce. the increased crop yield value < increased fuel value. there is value in increasing CO ₂ concentration to 0.10% for growing tomatoes	to gain 6 marks, students should include at least three cost/yield analyses, and at least three conclusions	3	AO3 4.4.1.2 MS 1c





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12.1	 any six from: dead / weakened form of measles pathogen is inserted into the body / injected/ through an immunisation white blood cells produce antibodies specific / complimentary to the measles pathogen / antigen antibodies bind to antigen pathogen now engulfed by another white blood cell / destroyed by phagocytosis some antibodies remain in the body cause a response quicker if the body comes into contact with the measles vaccine 	credit higher-level knowledge such as the role of memory cells	6	AO2 4.3.1.7





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12.2	any four from:		4	AO3
	 when vaccination rate is high (approx 90%), measles rate is low 			4.3.1.7
	 when vaccination rate dropped, incidence of measles increases 			
	 so evidence that vaccination is effective / without vaccination measles can be caught 			
	evidence not fully conclusive			
	 as vaccination rate relatively high (85%) in 2005 when number of cases of measles was low (<100) 			





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12.3	any four from:		4	AO3
	 between 1996 and 2000 when vaccination rate was >85% 			4.3.1.7
	 number of measles cases remains very low 			
	 conclusion correct based on this data 			
	 from 2006 to 2007 vaccination rate was 85% 			
	 but number of measles cases was very high 			
	 conclusion incorrect based on this data 			
	 the conclusion is not therefore justified 			
	 data implies herd immunity achieved at vaccination rate above 85% 	accept figure 87% or higher		
	 as only at these values did the number of measles cases remain very low 			
13.1	electron microscope		1	A01
				4.1.1.5
13.2	×7000		2	AO2
				4.1.1.5
				MS1c
14.1	it has a protein coat / does not have a cell wall	allow contains RNA	1	AO2
				4.1.1.1
				4.3.1.2





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14.2	It has no nucleus / DNA found in a single loop / contains plasmids		1	AO2 4.1.1.1 4.3.1.3
14.3	1 order of magnitude / 10 ¹		1	AO2 4.1.1.1 MS 2h
14.4	 any three from: viruses are not made out of cells living organisms have to be able to reproduce viruses can only replicate themselves using a host living organisms grow / viruses do not grow 	accept other appropriate suggestions	3	AO3 4.1.1.1 4.3.1.2