#### **Practice** answers

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Ques	tion Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Specification reference
01	1 sugar concentration		1	AO2 1.3.2
01	2 Any two from: volume of sugar solution / mass of potato at start / size / surface area of potato chips		2	AO2 1.3.2
01	3 $3.5 - 3.3 = 0.2$ $\frac{0.2}{3.3} \times 100 = 6.1\%$		1 1	AO1 AO2 1.3.2 MS1c
01	4 all marks correctly pointed correct line of best fit	Allow 1 mark for 2 correctly plotted points	2 1	AO2 x2 AO1 x3 1.3.2 MS 4a, 4b
01	<b>5</b> 3.5 %	accept answer in range 3.0-4.0%	1	AO2 1.3.2 Ms4a
01	6 Repeat the experiment with the same apparatus check results are the same / similar		1 1	AO3 1.3.2
0	Euglena has a large surface area : volume ratio large area over which diffusion can take place / short diffusion distance rate of diffusion / volume of oxygen which diffuses is sufficient to support euglena		1 1 1	AO2 1.3.1
03	1 Hypertonic (solution)	Accept a solution which has a higher salt concentration than the cell	1	AO2 1.3.2





03.2	Any six from:	6	AO1x3
	cell has a higher water content / less concentrated than the		AO2x3
	solution		1.3.2
	water leaves the cells		
	by osmosis		
	cells become flaccid / soft		
	as no pressure on cell walls		
	(if more water is lost) vacuole and cytoplasm shrink		
	cell membrane pulls away from cell wall		
	this is called plasmolysis		
03.3	Cell would die (unless osmotic balance restored quickly)	1	A01
			1.3.2
04.1	Cell membrane	1	A01
			1.1.2
04.2	C	1	AO2
	higher concentration of substance insidecell/ active	1	1.3.3
	transport moves substances from a dilute solution to a		
	more concentrated solution		
04.3	To transfer energy	1	A01
	from respiration	1	1.3.2
	as active transport requires energy to move molecules	1	
	against their concentration gradient		
05.1	The (passive) transfer of gases across a surface by diffusion	1	A01
05.0			1.3.1
05.2	Any two from:	2	AO2
	nave a large surface area / thin membrane or short		1.3.1
	aittusion distance / efficient blood supply / good water		
05.0	supply		
05.3	For the fish to acclimatise to the temperature of the water		A02
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05.4	The higher the water temperature the more breaths the		1	AO3
	fish takes / the higher the breathing rate			1.3.1
05.5	The oxygen content of water decreases as temperature		1	AO3
	increases			1.3.1
06.1	Salt is more concentrated outside the body		1	AO2
	salt needs to be moved against a concentration gradient /		1	1.3.3
	from an area with a lower salt concentration to an area with			
	a higher concentration			
06.2	Process of active transport requires energy		1	AO2
	Energy transferred by respiration, which takes place inside		1	1.3.3
	the mitochondria			
	Many mitochondria are required to supply enough energy		1	
	to allow active transport to occur			
06.3	Any <b>one</b> from:	Accept any other appropriate suggestion	1	AO3
	Increase likelihood of finding food source / prey			1.1.3
	Wider availability of breeding sites			





7	Any <b>six</b> from:	To award full marks, answers should include details	6	AO1
	Cut identical sized diameter pieces of each apple using the	of how the data should be used to determine		4.1.3.2
	potato borer	sucrose concentration		
	Cut apple samples to an identical / named length			
	Check mass of samples using balance			
	Adjust mass so all are identical by trimming sample(s) using			
	scalpel. Note starting mass value.			
	Add fixed volume distilled water to first test tube (and place in rack)			
	Using measuring cylinder, add same volume of each			
	concentration of sucrose solution to other test tubes (and			
	place in rack)			
	Place apple sample in each test tube.			
	Leave for fixed time (e.g. 1 hour)			
	Dry apple samples			
	Re-take mass of each sample			
	Calculate percentage change in mass for each sample			
	Plot sucrose concentration (x-axis) v percentage change in			
	mass (y-axis)			
	Sucrose concentration determined from where graph			
	crosses x-axis			
08.1	Cell A has a smaller volume than cell B.		1	AO2
				4.1.3.1
08.2	SA of cell B = 5027 ( $\mu$ m <sup>2</sup> ), volume of cell B = 33510 ( $\mu$ m <sup>3</sup> )	Accept either calculation for 1 mark	1	AO2
	SA : volume ratio of cell B = 0.15 : 1		1	4.1.3.1
	SA : volume ratio relative to cell A = $\frac{1}{4}$ / 0.25x		1	
	Diffusion rate = ¼ / 0.25x so diffusion time = 4 x larger		1	
	Time = 20ms		1	

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09.1	Movement of water from a high concentration /		1	A01
	concentrated solution to a low concentration / dilute			4.1.3.2
	solution			
	through a partially permeable membrane			
09.2	C		1	AO2
	Greatest difference in salt concentrations		1	4.1.3.2
09.3	Any <b>two</b> from:		2	A01
	Long hollow tubes			4.1.1.3
	made up of dead cells			
	Lignin in the cell walls			
	makes vessels very strong / able to withstand water			
	pressure			
10.1	Larger surface area through which molecules can move		1	AO1
	More molecules (of concentrated area) in contact with less		1	4.1.3.1
	concentrated area			
10.2	Two from:	Adaptation must be linked to correct explanation	2	AO1
	Thin membrane	for 2 marks		4.1.3.1
	so the diffusion path is short			
	Efficient / rich blood supply			
	to maintain a steep diffusion/concentration gradient			
10.3	Radius = 150µm		1	AO2
	Surface area = 282 743	Accept $\frac{282743}{14127167}$ or 0.02 for 1 mark	1	4.1.3.1
	Volume = 14 137 167	14 137 167	1	MS1C
	SA : volume ratio = 1:50		1	
11.1	0.0M		1	AO2
				4.1.3.2
11.2	Potato chip had a higher salt concentration than the		1	AO1
	solution it was placed in			4.1.3.2
	Water moves into the potato chip (by osmosis)		1	



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11.3	0.5M		1	AO3
	Potato does not gain or lose water / mass			4.1.3.2
	Do not want the consistency / water concentration of the		1	
	potato chip to change			
12.1	The movement of oxygen from the lungs into the	Accept one or two answers correct for one mark	2	A01
	bloodstream - Diffusion			4.1.3.1
	The movement of mineral ions from the soil into a plant			4.1.3.2
	root system - Active transport			4.1.3.3
	The movement of water into a plant cell - Osmosis			
12.2	many		1	A01
	energy		1	4.1.3.3
12.3	Glucose concentration higher in bloodstream than in the		1	A01
	intestinal cells		1	AO2
	Glucose needs to be moved against concentration gradient			4.1.3.3
	which requires energy		1	

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13	Any <b>six</b> from:		6	AO2x4
	When the concentration of glucose in the villus cell is lower			AO3x2
	than in the bloodstream glucose diffuses from the blood			4.1.3.3
	stream into the villus	Do not allow reference to diffusion from small		
	This continues until the sugar concentrations are the same	intestine into villus cell		
	(However the body wants to absorb all the glucose available			
	so)			
	When the concentration of glucose is higher inside the cell			
	than in the small intestine active transport occurs			
	Active transport occurs when glucose is being moved from a			
	low concentration to a high concentration			
	Molecules need to be taken into the villus cell against the			
	concentration gradient. (A carrier protein is used to			
	transport molecules across the cell membrane)			
	by active transport			
	Energy is required to make the carrier protein work			
	This energy comes from respiration			
	(The molecules are then released from the carrier protein			
	into the villus cell).			
14.1	Controls the movement of substances into and out of the		1	AO1
	cell			4.1.1.2
14.2	Any <b>two</b> from:		2	A01
	Nucleus			4.1.1.2
	Cytoplasm			
	Mitochondria			
	Ribosomes			
14.3	Chloroplasts contain chlorophyll		3	AO2
	Which traps / absorbs light for photosynthesis			4.1.1.2
	Onion (bulb) cells are found underground so no light			
	available			

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14.4	Any <b>four</b> from:	4	A01
	Water moves into plant cells by osmosis		4.1.1.2
	This causes the vacuole to swell		4.1.3.2
	It presses / pushes the cytoplasm against the cell wall		
	This is known as turgor pressure		
	It makes the cells hard and firm		
	Which keeps stem rigid (and upright)		