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<b>1(a)(ii)</b>	Any three from: reduces body temperature ✓ arterioles (near skin surface) widen ✓ more blood flows through capillaries (near skin surface) ✓ more heat radiated from skin surface ✓	Accept limits further increase in body temperature	3 max	AO1 5.1.1(d)															
<b>1(b)(i)</b>	(peripheral temperature receptors in) skin ✓ (temperature-sensitive neurones in) hypothalamus ✓		2	AO1 5.1.1(d)															
<b>1(b)(ii)</b>	Any three from: sweat glands ✓ erector pili muscles ✓ skeletal muscle ✓ sphincter muscles (controlling arteriole constriction and dilation) ✓ adrenal glands ✓ cardiac muscle ✓	Accept arrector pili muscles	3 max	AO1 5.1.1(d)															

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1(b)(iii)	Any four from: maintains core body temperature ✓ within a narrow range / near set point / near 37°C ✓ thermoregulatory centre / temperature-sensitive neurones / temperature receptors detect temperature change ✓ <i>idea of stimulates nervous system / endocrine system response</i> ✓ negative feedback ✓ to reverse / limit change in temperature ✓	Accept (blood) temperature returns to set point	4 max	AO1 5.1.1(d)
1(c)	surface area ✓ respiration ✓ conduction ✓		3	AO1 5.1.1(d)
2(a)	<i>idea of respond to changes in the (internal or external) environment</i> ✓ <b>OR</b> to coordinate the activities of different organs ✓	Accept a described example Accept a described example	1 max	AO1 5.1.1(a)
2(b)	Any five from:  <i>agree</i> animals have a nervous system <b>and</b> plants do not ✓ animals have blood vessels (to transport hormones) <b>and</b> plants do not ✓ animals have glands <b>and</b> plants do not ✓  <i>disagree</i> both use hormones ✓ both have target cells / receptors on cells ✓ both produce cellular / genetic changes ✓	Accept most plant cells can produce hormones	5 max	AO3 3.1.2(a) 5.1.1(a) 5.1.3(b) 5.1.4(a) 5.1.4(b) 5.1.5(b)

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3(a)	<p><b>Level 3 (5–6 marks)</b> Outlines the events in the regulation of blood glucose concentration, with no/few errors and a clear understanding of negative feedback.</p> <p><i>There is a well-developed line of reasoning, which is clear and logically-structured and uses scientific terminology at an appropriate level. All the information presented is relevant and forms a continuous narrative.</i></p> <p><b>Level 2 (3–4 marks)</b> Outlines the events in the regulation of blood glucose concentration, with some errors or omissions.</p> <p><i>There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure and use of appropriate scientific language. The information presented is mostly relevant.</i></p> <p><b>Level 1 (1–2 marks)</b> Outlines aspects of the regulation of blood glucose concentration, with major errors or omissions.</p>	<p><b>Indicative content:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>reference to blood glucose concentration set point</li> <li>understanding/clear description of the concept of negative feedback</li> <li>detection of changes in blood glucose concentration in pancreatic cells</li> <li>description of negative feedback when blood glucose is too low (e.g., glucagon release and effects in liver cells, such as glycogenolysis)</li> </ul>	6	AO1 5.1.1(c) 5.1.4(d)												

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3(b)	<p>Any three from:</p> <p><i>idea that</i> water potential will change due to environmental conditions / food intake / water intake / metabolism ✓</p> <p><i>idea that</i> any deviation away from set point is reversed by negative feedback ✓</p> <p>correct ref. to osmoreceptors / hypothalamus / ADH / collecting duct ✓</p> <p><i>idea that</i> negative feedback causes overshoot beyond set point ✓</p>		3 max	AO19 5.1.1(c) 5.1.2(d)
3(c)	<p>Any three from:</p> <p><i>idea that</i> positive feedback enhances the effect of the original stimulus ✓</p> <p>diffusion of Na<sup>+</sup> ions into neurone ✓</p> <p>opens voltage-gated Na<sup>+</sup> ion channels ✓</p> <p>(so that) more Na<sup>+</sup> ions enter ✓</p>		3 max	AO2 5.1.1(c) 5.1.3(c)
4(a)	<p>Any two from:</p> <p>paracrine signalling does not require transport in blood vessels ✓</p> <p><i>idea that</i> endocrine signalling works over longer distances ✓</p> <p>endocrine signalling uses hormones ✓</p> <p>both use receptors on target cells ✓</p>	Accept reverse arguments	2 max	AO2 5.1.1(b) 5.1.4(a)
4(b)	<p><b>Level 3 (5–6 marks)</b></p> <p>A detailed outline of cell signalling in the immune system, with no/few errors or omissions.</p> <p><i>There is a well-developed line of reasoning, which is clear and logically-structured and uses scientific terminology at an appropriate level. All the information presented is relevant and forms a continuous narrative.</i></p>	<p><b>Indicative content:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>mast cells release histamines for inflammatory response</li> <li>cytokines / interferons / interleukins</li> <li>attraction of phagocytes to wound/infection sites</li> </ul>	6	AO1 4.1.1(e) 4.1.1(f) 4.1.1(g) 5.1.1(b)

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	<p><b>Level 2 (3–4 marks)</b> An outline of cell signalling in the immune system, with some errors or omissions. <i>There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure and use of appropriate scientific language. The information presented is mostly relevant.</i></p> <p><b>Level 1 (1–2 marks)</b> Outlines aspects of cell signalling in the immune system, with major errors or omissions. <i>The information is communicated with only a little structure. Communication is hampered by the inappropriate use of technical terms.</i></p> <p><b>0 marks</b> No response or no response worthy of credit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>phagocyte / macrophage / antigen-presenting cell signalling</li> <li>stimulation of proliferation and differentiation of B and T cells</li> <li>stimulation of killer T cell activity</li> </ul>		
<b>5(a)(i)</b>	<p>generates heat internally ✓ stable core body temperature (at high environmental temperatures) ✓</p>		2	AO2 5.1.1(d)
<b>5(a)(ii)</b>	<p>lack of fur ✓ <i>idea of reliance on behavioural responses</i> ✓ core body temperature can vary (at low environmental temperatures) ✓</p>		3	AO2 5.1.1(d)
<b>6(a)</b>	<p><i>idea of standardised temperature measurement procedure</i> ✓ use thermometer with , high resolution / low uncertainty ✓ take repeat readings / increase sample sizes ✓</p>	e.g., tympanic measurement of core temperature tends to be more accurate than oral or axillary measurements. All students would need to use the same measurement (preferably tympanic).	3	AO3 5.1.1(d)

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		<i>NOTE: Repeats (or increasing sample sizes) may reduce the impact of random measurement errors and increase the accuracy of the mean value.</i>		
6(b)(i)	1.480 ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	<p>ALLOW three marks  <math>\sigma^2 = 0.0144</math> and <math>0.0484</math>  <math>\left(\frac{0.0144}{13}\right) + \left(\frac{0.0484}{14}\right) = 0.004564834</math> ✓  <math>\sqrt{0.004564834} = 0.06756356</math> ✓  <math>\frac{0.1}{0.06756356} = 1.480</math> ✓</p> <p>Award 4 marks for correct final answer</p> <p>Accept 1.48 or any correct rounding of calculator value.</p> <p>Allow errors carried forward</p> <p>If the final answer is incorrect, award one mark for each step of the working, up to a maximum of 3 marks</p>	4	AO2 5.1.1(d)

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6(b)(ii)	no significant difference between the means of the two groups ✓  (greater than) 95% probability that the differences are due to chance ✓	Accept reverse arguments if the calculated value in 6(b)(i) is greater than 2.06  Accept (less than) 5% probability that the differences are due to chance	2	AO3 5.1.1(d)

### Skills box answers

Question	Answer
1	$\text{kJ m}^{-2}\text{year}^{-1}$ or $\text{kJ ha}^{-1}\text{year}^{-1}$
2(a)	5.50%
2(b)	60.3%
2(c)	16.7%
3	percentage efficiency increases from 10% to 48%
4	the efficiency of energy transferred would increase, which is a positive; however, fish provide a good source of protein which may be missing in algae;