

Q1.

A scientist investigated the rate of photosynthesis of one type of tomato plant.

The tomato plants were grown in a greenhouse.

The table below shows the results.

Percentage (%) concentration of carbon dioxide in the air	Rate of photosynthesis in arbitrary units
0.00	0
0.02	5
0.04	16
0.06	19
0.08	20
0.10	20
0.12	20

(a) Give **two** control variables the scientist should have used in the investigation.

1 _____

2 _____

(2)

(b) Which range of carbon dioxide concentrations caused the rate of photosynthesis to change the most?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

From 0.00% to 0.02%

From 0.02% to 0.04%

From 0.04% to 0.06%

From 0.06% to 0.08%

(1)

(c) How could the scientist have improved the validity of the results?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Repeat each reading three times and calculate a mean.

Use concentrations of carbon dioxide above 0.12%.

Use different tomato plants for each concentration.

(1)

- (d) Explain the change in the rate of photosynthesis when the concentration of carbon dioxide increased between 0.00% to 0.08%.

(2)

- (e) A farmer decided **not** to use a concentration of carbon dioxide higher than 0.08% to grow tomato plants.

Suggest **two** reasons for the farmer's decision.

Use information from above table and your own knowledge.

1 _____

2 _____

(2)

(Total 8 marks)

Q2.

This question is about photosynthesis.

- (a) Complete the word equation for photosynthesis.

_____ + _____ → _____ + oxygen

(2)

- (b) Describe how energy for the photosynthesis reaction is gained by plants.

(2)

Students investigated the effect of temperature on the rate of photosynthesis.

The students shone light from a lamp onto pondweed and measured the volume of oxygen produced per hour.

The table below shows the results.

Temperature in °C	Rate of photosynthesis in cm ³ /hour			
	Test 1	Test 2	Test 3	Mean
20	18.5	19.3	19.5	X
25	32.6	34.1	32.9	33.2
30	41.9	45.2	44.9	44.0
35	38.6	39.8	44.0	40.8
40	23.1	20.5	22.4	22.0
45	1.9	14.2	2.2	2.1

(c) Calculate mean value **X**.

X = _____ cm³/hour

(2)

The students identified one anomalous result in the table above.

(d) Draw a ring around the anomalous result in the table above.

(1)

(e) Suggest **one** possible cause of the anomalous result.

(1)

(f) How did the students deal with the anomalous result?

(1)

(g) Give **one** factor the students should have kept constant in this investigation.

(1)

The table above is repeated below.

Temperature in °C	Rate of photosynthesis in cm ³ /hour			
	Test 1	Test 2	Test 3	Mean
20	18.5	19.3	19.5	X
25	32.6	34.1	32.9	33.2
30	41.9	45.2	44.9	44.0
35	38.6	39.8	44.0	40.8
40	23.1	20.5	22.4	22.0
45	1.9	14.2	2.2	2.1

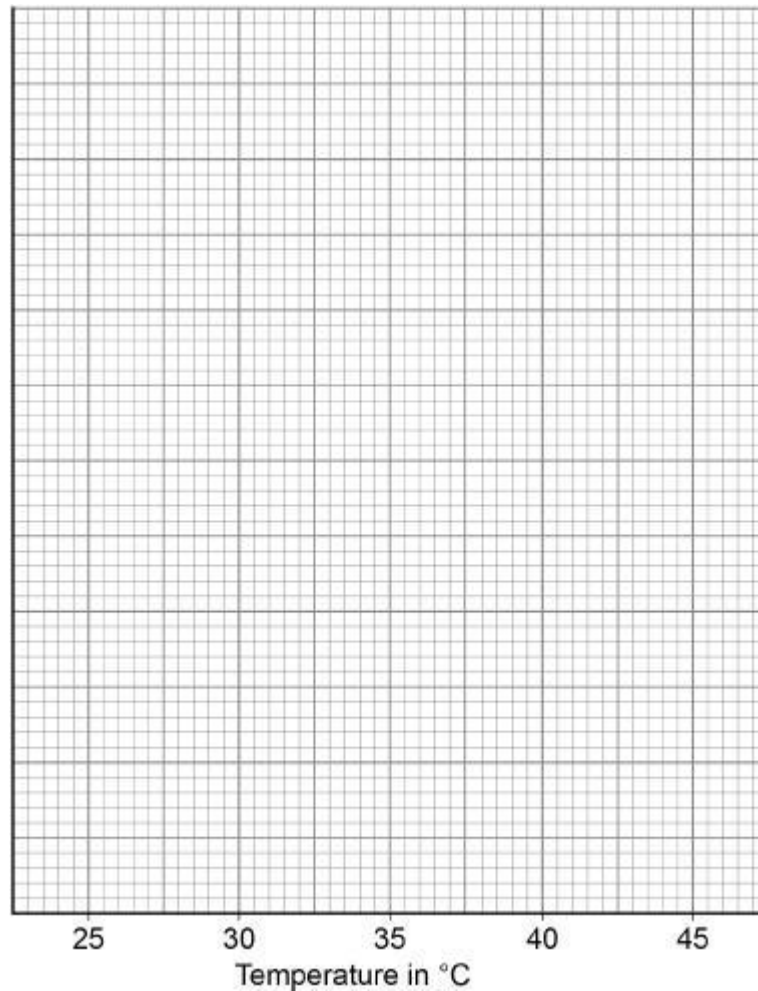
(h) Why did the rate of photosynthesis decrease from 35 °C to 45 °C?

(1)

(i) Complete the graph below using data from the table above.

You should:

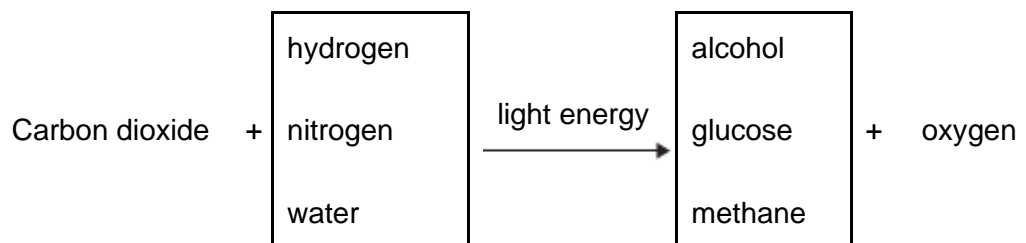
- label the y-axis
- use a suitable scale for the y-axis
- plot the mean data from the table above for temperatures from 25 °C to 45 °C
- draw a line of best fit.



(5)
(Total 16 marks)

Q3.

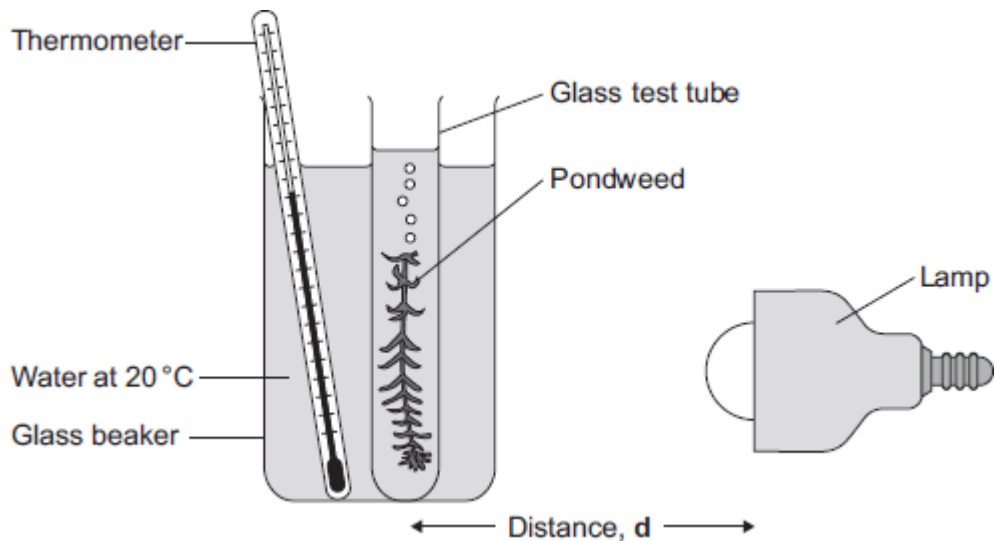
(a) Complete the equation for photosynthesis. Draw a ring around each correct answer.



(2)

Some students investigated the effect of light intensity on the rate of photosynthesis in pondweed.

The diagram shows the apparatus the students used.



The closer the lamp is to the pondweed, the more light the pondweed receives.

The students placed the lamp at different distances, **d**, from the pondweed.

They counted the number of bubbles of gas released from the pondweed in 1 minute for each distance.

- (b) A thermometer was placed in the glass beaker.

Why was it important to use a thermometer in this investigation?

(3)

- (c) The students counted the bubbles four times at each distance and calculated the correct mean value of their results.

The table shows the students' results.

Distance d in cm	Number of bubbles per minute				
	1	2	3	4	Mean
10	52	52	54	54	53
20	49	51	48	52	50
30	32	30	27	31	30

40	30	10	9	11	
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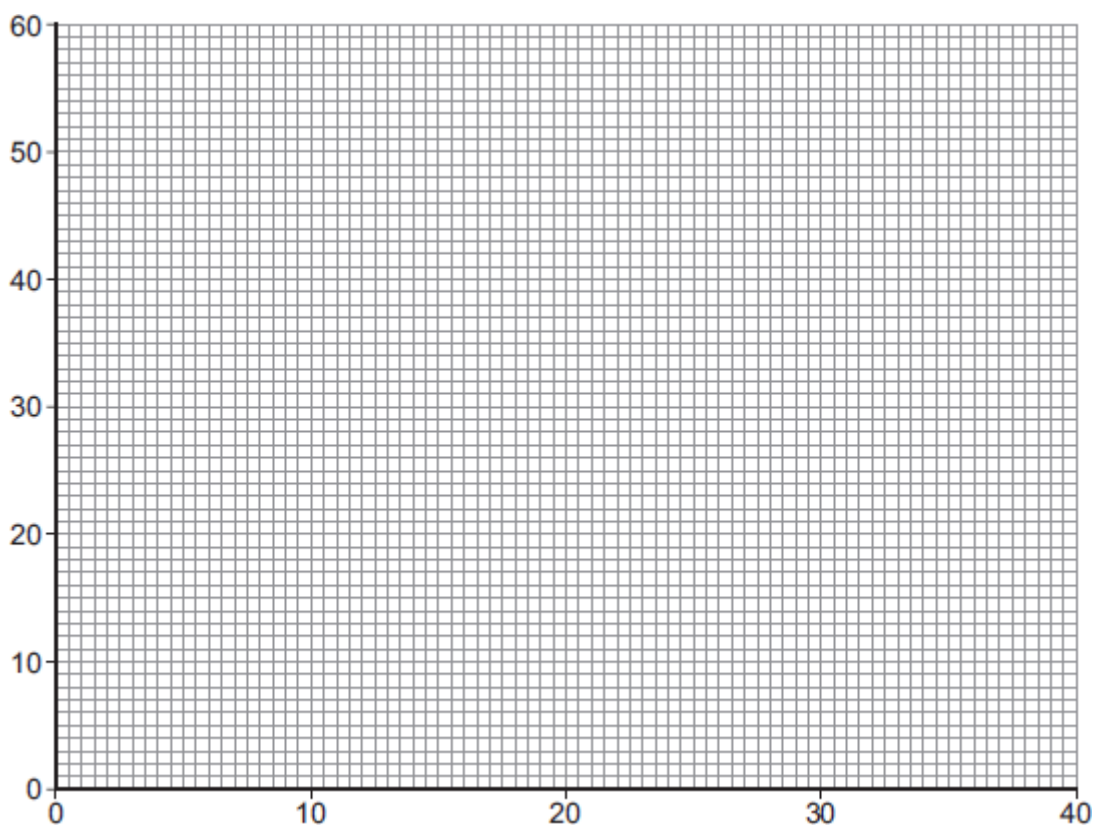
- (i) Calculate the mean number of bubbles released per minute when the lamp was 40 cm from the pondweed.

Mean number of bubbles at 40 cm = _____

(2)

- (ii) On the graph paper below, draw a graph to show the students' results:

- add a label to the vertical axis
- plot the **mean values** of the number of bubbles
- draw a line of best fit.



Distance **d** in cm

(4)

- (iii) One student concluded that the rate of photosynthesis was inversely proportional to the distance of the lamp from the plant.

Does the data support this conclusion?

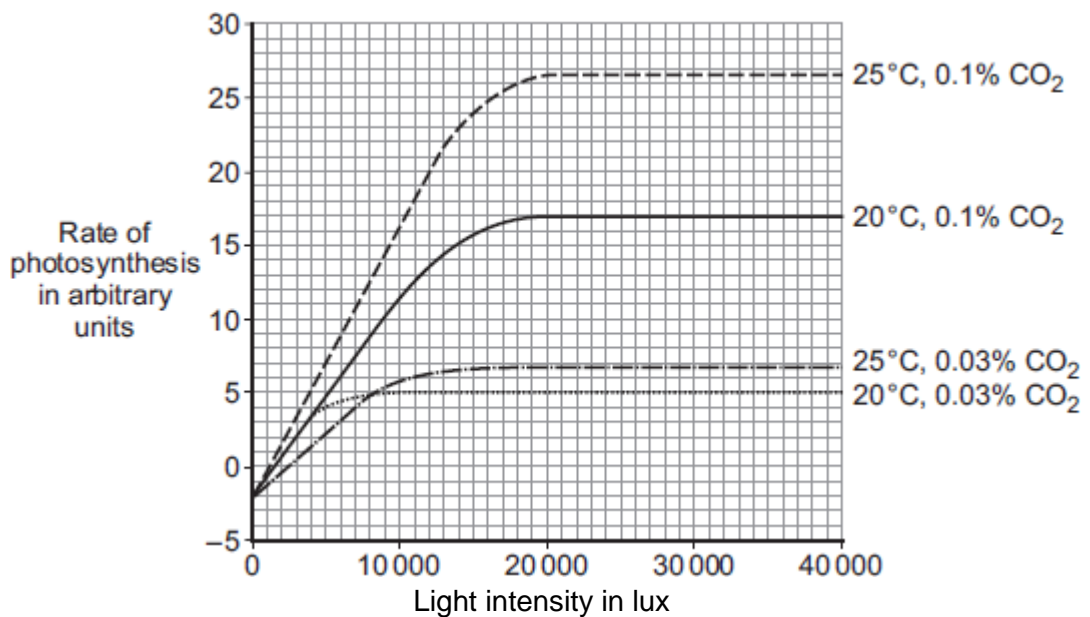
Explain your answer.

(2)

- (d) Light intensity, temperature and concentration of carbon dioxide are factors that affect the rate of photosynthesis.

Scientists investigated the effects of these three factors on the rate of photosynthesis in tomato plants growing in a greenhouse.

The graph below shows the scientists' results.



A farmer in the UK wants to grow tomatoes commercially in a greenhouse.

The farmer read about the scientists' investigation.

During the growing season for tomatoes in the UK, natural daylight has an intensity higher than 30 000 lux.

The farmer therefore decided to use the following conditions in his greenhouse during the day:

- 20°C
- 0.1% CO₂
- no extra lighting.

Suggest why the farmer decided to use these conditions for growing the tomatoes.

You should use information from the scientists' graph in your answer.

(4)
(Total 17 marks)

Q4.

(a) Plants take up water from the soil through their roots.

Some of the water is used for photosynthesis.

Complete the word equation for photosynthesis.

Choose answers from the box.

fat	glucose	nitrogen	oxygen	protein
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carbon dioxide + water → _____ + _____

(2)

(b) Water and dissolved substances are transported through a plant.

Complete the sentences.

Choose answers from the box.

epidermis	guard cells	palisade cells
phloem	stomata	xylem

Water moves from the roots to the leaves in the _____.

Water is lost from leaves through pores called _____.

Dissolved sugars are transported in the _____.

(3)

The table below shows the rate of transpiration in four different plant species.

Plant species	Rate of transpiration in arbitrary units
A	310
B	254
C	87
D	192

- (c) Calculate how many times greater the rate of transpiration of species **A** is than the rate of transpiration of species **B**.

Give your answer to 2 significant figures.

Number of times greater (2 significant figures) = _____

(3)

- (d) Which factor could cause species **A** to have a higher rate of transpiration than species **B**?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Each flower of species **A** has more petals.

Each leaf of species **A** has more stomata.

Each plant of species **A** has shorter roots.

(1)

- (e) Which environmental change would cause an increase in the rate of transpiration?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Decreased light intensity

Decreased wind speed

Increased humidity

Increased temperature

(1)

(f) Which plant species in the table in part (c) is most likely to live in a dry desert?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

A

B

C

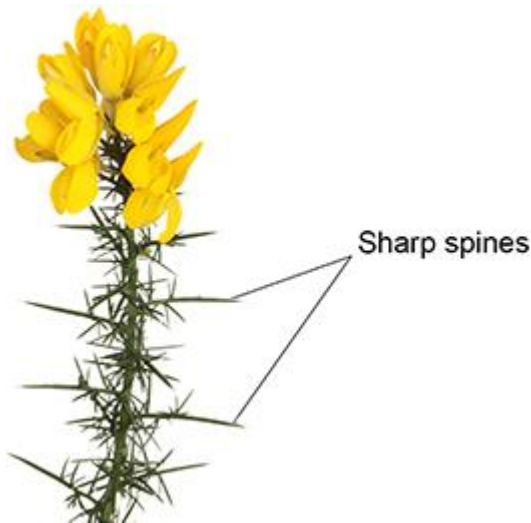
D

(1)

(g) Some plants have adaptations that help them survive.

Figure 1 shows part of a gorse plant.

Figure 1



How will the sharp spines help the gorse plant survive?

(1)

(h) Animals also have adaptations to help them survive.

Figure 2 shows two insects.

Figure 2



Hornet



Hornet Moth

Hornets are insects that sting other animals and cause pain.

Hornet moths do **not** sting other animals.

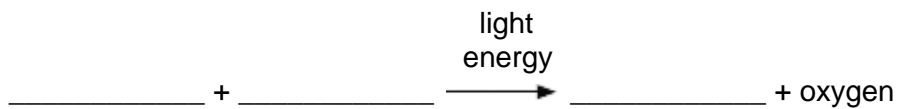
Explain why animals avoid eating the **hornet moth**.

(2)

(Total 14 marks)

Q5.

(a) Complete the equation for photosynthesis.



(2)

(b) Scientists investigated how temperature affects the rate of photosynthesis. The scientists grew some orange trees in a greenhouse. They used discs cut from the leaves of the young orange trees.

The scientists used the rate of oxygen production by the leaf discs to show the rate of photosynthesis.

(i) The leaf discs did not produce any oxygen in the dark.

Why?

(1)

(ii) The leaf discs took in oxygen in the dark.

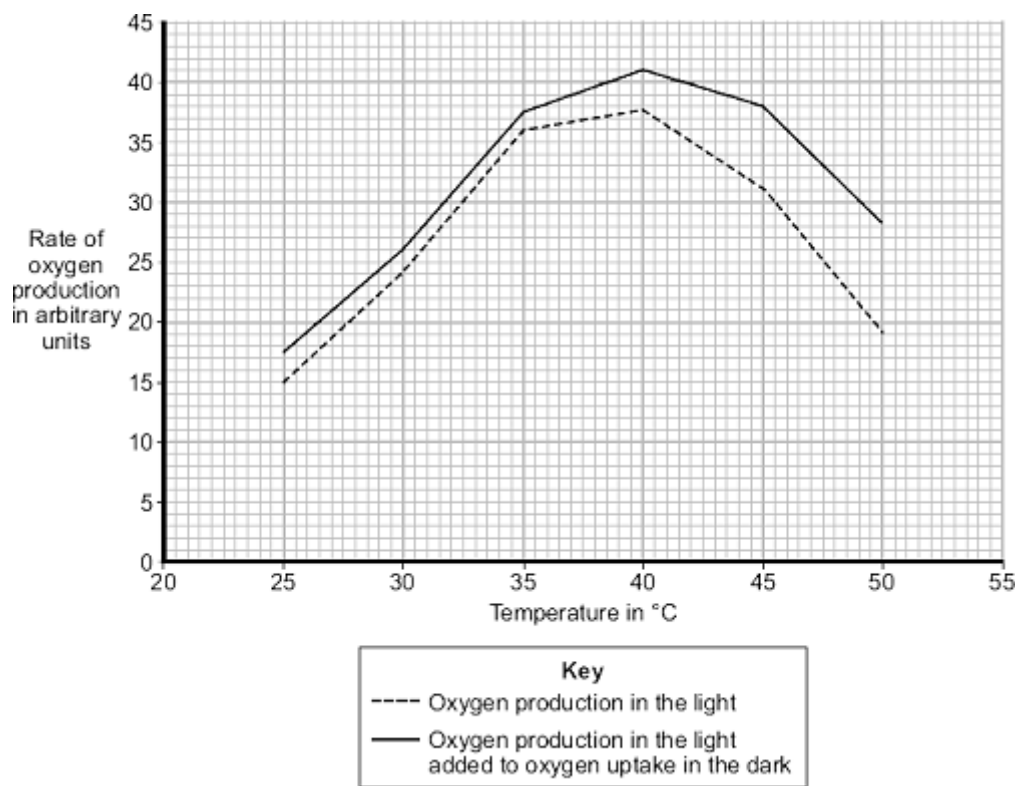
Explain why.

(2)

- (c) In their investigation, the scientists measured the rate of oxygen release by the leaf discs in the light. The scientists then measured the rate of oxygen uptake by the leaf discs in the dark.

The graph shows the effect of temperature on

- oxygen production in the light
- oxygen production in the light added to oxygen uptake in the dark.



Use the information from the graph to answer each of the following questions.

- (i) Describe the effect of temperature on oxygen production in the light.

(2)

- (ii) Explain the effect of temperature on oxygen production in the light when the

temperature is increased:

from 25 °C to 35 °C

from 40 °C to 50 °C.

(2)

- (d) A farmer in the UK wants to grow orange trees in a greenhouse. He wants to sell the oranges he produces at a local market. He decides to heat the greenhouse to 35 °C.

Explain why he should **not** heat the greenhouse to a temperature higher than 35 °C. Use information from the graph in your answer.

(3)

(Total 12 marks)

Q6.

- (a) Complete the equation for photosynthesis.



(3)

- (b) The rate of photosynthesis in a plant depends on several factors in the

environment.

These factors include light intensity and the availability of water.

Describe and explain the effects of **two other** factors that affect the rate of photosynthesis.

You may include one or more sketch graphs in your answer.

(5)
(Total 8 marks)

Q7.

This question is about photosynthesis.

(a) Complete the word equation for photosynthesis:

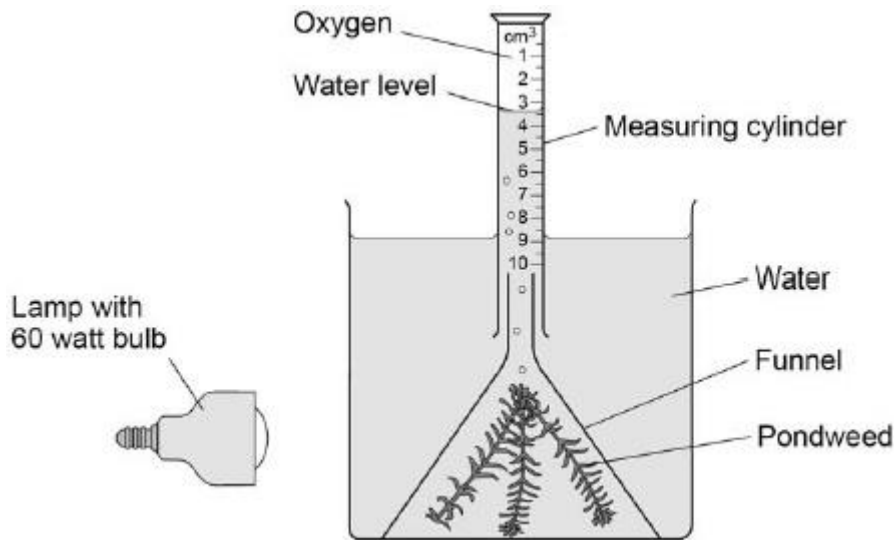
_____ + _____ → _____ + oxygen

(2)

A student investigated photosynthesis using pondweed.

Figure 1 shows the apparatus the student used.

Figure 1



This is the method used.

1. Set up the apparatus as shown in **Figure 1**.
2. Switch on the lamp.
3. After 20 minutes, record the volume of oxygen collected in the measuring cylinder.
4. Repeat steps 1–3 using bulbs of different power output.

(b) What was the independent variable in the investigation?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Power output of bulb | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Rate of photosynthesis | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Time to collect oxygen | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Volume of oxygen collected | <input type="checkbox"/> |

(1)

(c) Suggest **two** ways the method could be improved so the results would be more valid.

1 _____

2 _____

The table below shows the student's results.

Power output of bulb in watts	Volume of oxygen collected in 20 minutes in cm^3	Rate of photosynthesis in cm^3/hour
60	0.5	1.5
100	0.8	2.4
150	1.1	X
200	1.2	3.6
250	1.2	3.6

(d) Calculate value **X** in the table above.

$$X = \text{_____ cm}^3/\text{hour}$$

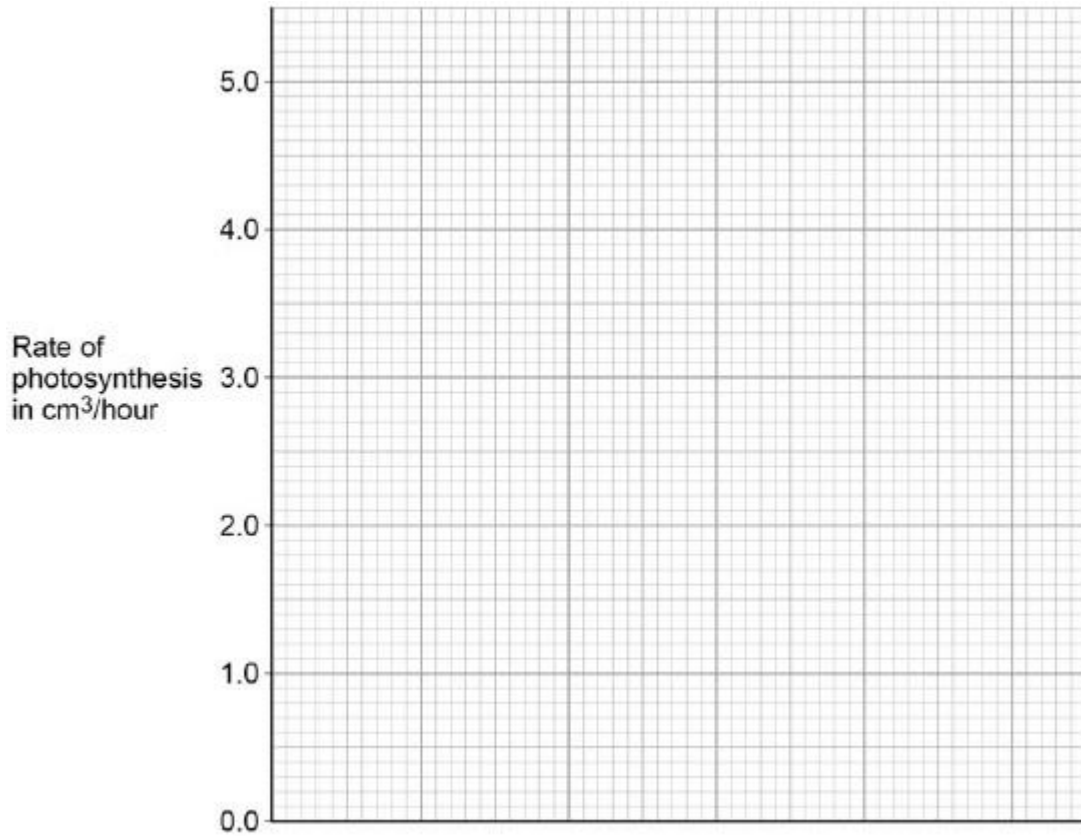
(1)

(e) Complete **Figure 2**.

You should:

- label the x-axis
- use a suitable scale
- plot the data from the table above and your answer to part (d)
- draw a line of best fit.

Figure 2



(4)

- (f) Determine the expected rate of photosynthesis with a bulb of power output 75 watts.

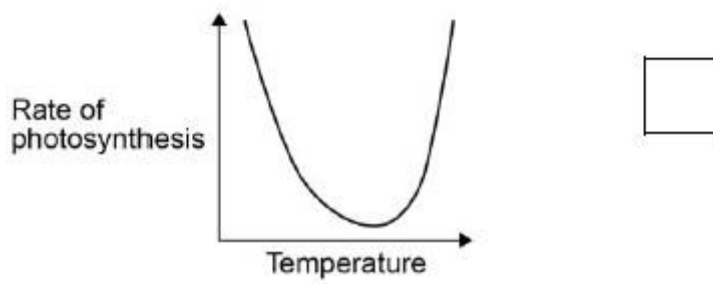
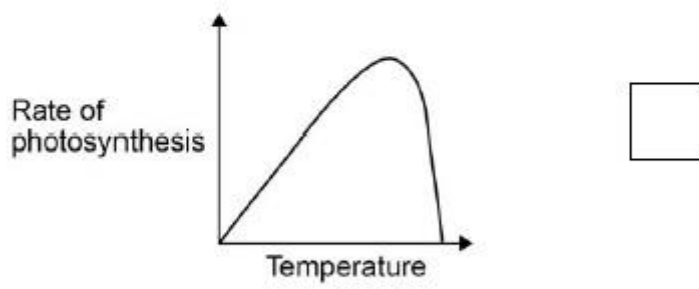
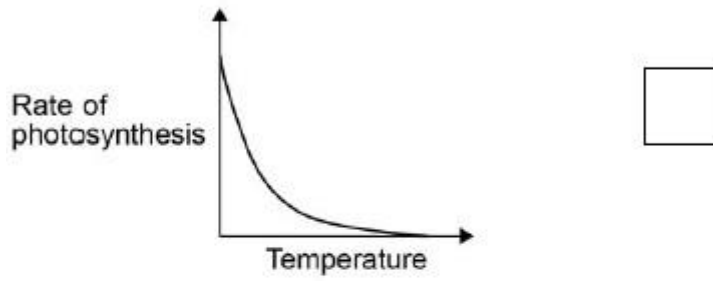
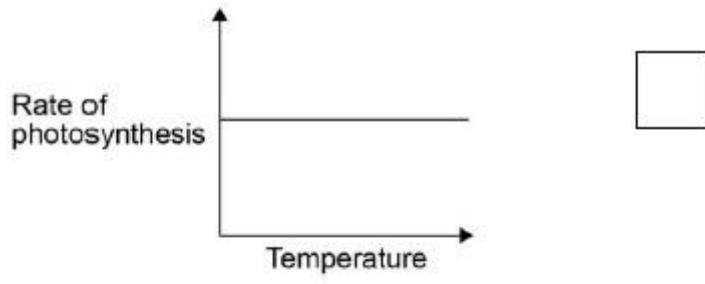
Use **Figure 2**.

Rate of photosynthesis at 75 watts = _____ cm³/hour

(1)

- (g) Which graph shows the effect of temperature on the rate of photosynthesis?

Tick (✓) **one** box.



(1)
(Total 12 marks)

Mark schemes

Q1.

- (a) any **two** from:
- temperature
 - size of tomato plants **or** size / number of leaves
allow age of plant
 - light
 - (volume of) water
allow (amount of) water
 - (amount / type of) fertiliser / minerals / ions / nutrients (given to plants)
allow (type of) compost / soil
allow named example of mineral ion such as nitrate / magnesium
 - time before rate readings are taken
ignore time unqualified
ignore type of tomato plant
ignore type of greenhouse
- 2
- (b) from 0.02% to 0.04%
- 1
- (c) repeat each reading three times and calculate a mean
- 1
- (d) (the rate of photosynthesis) increases
ignore values
- 1
- (because) carbon dioxide is needed for photosynthesis
allow 2 marks for (there is) more carbon dioxide for (more) photosynthesis
- 1
- (e) any **two** from:
- it would not increase the rate (of photosynthesis)
allow it would not change the rate (of photosynthesis)
allow photosynthesis would not increase
 - it would not increase the growth of tomatoes
 - it would cost more
allow idea of profit will not increase
allow reference to avoiding global warming
- 2

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Q2.

- (a) *before arrow*
carbon dioxide **and** water
allow correct chemical symbols

ignore any attempt at balancing equation
ignore light / chlorophyll
either order

1

after arrow

glucose

ignore sugar / carbohydrate
*do **not** accept starch*

1

(b) light

ignore description of subsequent parts of the photosynthesis reaction

allow sunlight
ignore sun

1

(light) is captured / trapped / absorbed by chlorophyll / chloroplasts
allow (light) is used by chlorophyll / chloroplasts

1

(c)

$$\frac{(18.5 + 19.3 + 19.5)}{3}$$

or

$$\frac{57.3}{3}$$

1

19.1 (cm³/hour)

allow an answer correctly calculated using only two correct values

1

(d) a ring around 14.2

allow clear indication of correct result

1

(e) any **one** from:

- scale / value was misread
ignore human error
ignore references to counting bubbles or time
allow measurement error
- there was air / oxygen in the syringe / measuring cylinder / apparatus
- the lamp / light was moved
allow light intensity changed ignore different bulb / lamp unqualified

- temperature changed
 - had different mass / length of pondweed
 - pondweed had not acclimatised
- 1
- (f) did not use it in calculation (of mean) 1
- (g) any **one** from:
- light (intensity)
 - do **not** accept temperature*
 - ignore time*
 - allow distance / power / colour of lamp / light*
 - carbon dioxide (concentration)
 - pondweed size / amount
 - pondweed species
 - allow same (piece of) pondweed*
- 1
- (h) enzyme(s) lose the shape of the active site
 - allow enzyme(s) (start to) denature*
 - allow enzyme(s) destroyed / damaged*
 - do **not** accept enzyme(s) killed*1
- (i) y-axis labelled '(rate of) photosynthesis in cm³/hour' 1
- suitable scale on y-axis
 - must take up half or more of grid provided*1
- all points plotted to within $\pm \frac{1}{2}$ small square
 - allow 3 or 4 correct plots for 1 mark*
 - ignore any attempt to plot a point at 20 °C*2
- correct curved line of best fit
 - ignore line joined point to point with straight lines*
 - ignore extrapolation*1
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- Q3.**
- (a) LHS = water 1
- RHS = glucose 1

- (b) any **three** from:
- (measure) temperature
ignore reference to fair test
 - to check that the temperature isn't changing
 - rate of reaction changes with temperature
 - temperature is a variable that needs to be controlled
allow lamp gives out heat
- 3
- (c) (i) 10
- correct answer = 2 marks*
allow 1 mark for: $\frac{(10+9+11)}{3}$
- allow 1 mark for correct calculation without removal of anomalous result ie 15*
- 2
- (ii) graph:
- allow ecf from (c)(i)*
- label on y-axis as 'number of bubbles per minute'
- 1
- three** points correct = 1 mark
allow ± 1 mm
- four** points correct = 2 marks
- 2
- line of best fit = smooth curve
- 1
- (iii) as distance increases, rate decreases – pro
allow yes between 20 – 40
- 1
- but should be a straight line / but line curves – con / not quite pro
allow not between 10 – 20
if line of best fit is straight line, allow idea of poor fit
- 1
- (d) any **four** from:
- make more profit / cost effective
 - raising temp. to 25 °C makes very little difference at 0.03% CO₂
 - (at 20 °C) with CO₂ at 0.1%, raises rate
 - (at 20 °C with CO₂ at 0.1%) → >3x rate / rises from 5 to 17
 - although 25 °C → higher rate, cost of heating not economical
 - extra light does not increase rate / already max. rate with daylight
accept ref to profits c.f. costs must be favourable
- 4

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Q4.

- (a) oxygen
allow O₂ 1
- glucose
allow C₆H₁₂O₆ 1
in either order
- (b) xylem 1
- stomata 1
- phloem 1
must be in this order
- (c) $\frac{310}{254}$ 1
- 1.22047... 1
- 1.2
allow an answer of 0.82 if numerator and denominator reversed 1
- (d) each leaf of species **A** has more stomata 1
- (e) increased temperature 1
- (f) C 1
- (g) (spines) stop the plant being eaten
or
(spines) prevent animals damaging the plant
allow any named animal
allow to reduce water loss 1
- (h) it looks like the hornet
allow animals think it is a hornet 1
- (so) animals avoid the risk of being stung
allow (so) animals avoid the risk of pain 1

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Q5.

- (a) LHS: carbon dioxide **AND** water
in either order
*accept CO₂ **and** H₂O*
allow CO₂ and H₂O
if names given ignore symbols
*do **not** accept CO² / H²O / Co / CO*
ignore balancing 1
- RHS: sugar(s) / glucose / starch / carbohydrate(s)
accept C₆H₁₂O₆
allow C₆H₁₂O₆
*do **not** accept C⁶H¹²O⁶* 1
- (b) (i) light is needed for photosynthesis

or

no photosynthesis occurred (so no oxygen produced) 1
- (ii) oxygen is needed / used for (aerobic) respiration
full statement
*respiration occurs **or** oxygen is needed for anaerobic respiration gains 1 mark* 2
- (c) (i) (with increasing temperature) rise then fall in rate 1

use of figures, ie

max. production at 40 °C
or maximum rate of 37.5 to 38 1
- (ii) 25 – 35 °C

either faster movement of particles / molecules / more collisions
or particles have more energy / enzymes have more energy 1

or temperature is a limiting factor over this range

40 – 50 °C

denaturation of proteins / enzymes
ignore denaturation of cells
ignore stomata 1
- (d) above 35 °C (to 40 °C) – little increase in rate
or > 40 °C – causes decrease in rate 1

so waste of money **or** less profit / expensive

1

because respiration rate is higher at > 35 °C

or

respiration reduces the effect of photosynthesis

1

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Q6.

(a) LHS – carbon dioxide / CO₂

allow CO₂

ignore CO²

1

RHS

in either order

glucose / carbohydrate / sugar

allow starch

allow C₆H₁₂O₆ / C₆H₁₂O₆

ignore C⁶H¹²O⁶

1

oxygen

allow O₂ / O₂

ignore O² / O

1

(b) any **five** from:

- factor 1: CO₂ (concentration)
- effect - as CO₂ increases so does rate and then it levels off or shown in a graph
- explanation:
(graph increases) because CO₂ is the raw material or used in photosynthesis / converted to organic substance / named eg
or
(graph levels off) when another factor limits the rate.
accept points made via an annotated / labelled graph
- factor 2: temperature
allow warmth / heat
- effect – as temperature increases, so does the rate and then it decreases or shown in a graph
allow 'it peaks' for description of both phases
- explanation:
(rise in temp) increases rate of chemical reactions / more kinetic energy
allow molecules move faster / more collisions

or
(decreases) because the enzyme is denatured.
context must be clear = high temperature

allow other factor plus effect plus explanation:
eg light wavelength / colour / pigments / chlorophyll / pH /
minerals / ions / nutrients / size of leaves
2nd or 3rd mark can be gained from correct description and
explanation

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Q7.

(a)

words take precedence over symbols

LHS:

carbon dioxide **and** water

1

RHS:
glucose

1

allow correct symbols (ignore balancing)
in any order
*do **not** accept starch*
ignore carbohydrates / sugar

(b) power output of bulb

1

(c) any **two** from:

- repeat **and** calculate a mean
or
repeat **and** to eliminate anomalies
ignore do a control experiment unqualified
- control the (water) temperature
allow a method of controlling (water) temperature
- control the concentration of carbon dioxide
allow a method of controlling carbon dioxide concentration
- control the distance of the bulb from the pondweed
- control the mass / length / species / age of the pondweed
allow use the same piece of pondweed
- give pondweed time to equilibrate
allow do experiment with the bulb off / in the dark

2

(d) 3.3 (cm³/hour)

1

(e)

max 3 marks for bar chart

correct scale **and** axis labelled

1

all points plotted correctly

allow points plotted to within $\pm \frac{1}{2}$ small square

allow 3 or 4 correct plots for 1 mark

allow correct plot from incorrect value calculated in part (d)

2

correct curved line of best fit

ignore line extended beyond 60 / 250 (W)

ignore line joined point to point with straight lines

1

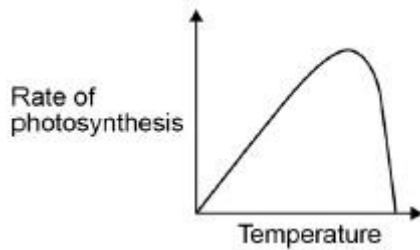
(f) correct answer from their line drawn on **Figure 2**

allow $\pm \frac{1}{2}$ small square tolerance

allow 1.8 / 1.9 if no line of best fit or incorrect graph is drawn

1

(g)



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