

14th INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

THE NETHERLANDS

Water and sustainability

Theoretical Test

Marking scheme

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Biology questions

Plants in floodplains

1. Maximum score 1.2

An example of a correct calculation is:

The slope of the initial decline of the curve describes the maximum respiration rate per liter

per minute. This slope is $\frac{220}{56}$ µmol/(L min) (see figure).



The volume of the box is 1.2 L, so the maximum respiration rate of the submerged plant is $\frac{220}{56} \times 1.2 = 4.7 \ \mu mol/min \ (range: \pm 0.2 \ \mu mol/min).$

notion that the slope of the initial decline of the curve describes the maximum respiration
 rate per liter per minute
 0.4

\cdot calculation of the slope	0.4
\cdot multiplying the slope by 1.2 (L)	0.4

Maximum score 0.4
 4.7 µmol/min

Remark

The answer should be the same as the result of the calculation of question 1.

3. Maximum score 1.2



per correct interaction

Oysters

4. Maximum score 1.2

A correct answer may look as follows:



correct meiosis I step (from first to second row of C) per correct meiosis II step (second to third row of B and C) scores are also indicated in the figure above (in brackets). 0.4 0.2

0.4

0.4

Remark

Cells derived from the same cell can be permuted. If in B the student gives a faulty meiosis II for all four daughter cells, he/she also receives full points.

If nothing is filled in on the second row of C, the student does not receive points for the empty cells on the third row.

5. Maximum score 0.8

Species	O. edulis (oyster)	B. ostreae (protist)
Role	III	IV

per correct answer

6. Maximum score 0.8

Parameter	p	q
Description	IV	VI

per correct answer

7. Maximum score 1.2

Parameter	а	b	С
Triploid vs. diploid	+	0	-

Explanation:

a: birth/growth rate of oyster: '[triploid oysters] grow and mature faster'.b: death rate of oyster: no info provided

c: infection parameter: '[triploid oysters] are more resistant to infections'.

per correct cell

Remark No points for empty cells.

Osmosis in fish

- 8. Maximum score 1.2 at location 1: \rightarrow (arrow to the right) at location 2: \leftarrow (arrow to the left) at location 3: H (low $\% O_2$) at location 4: L (high $\% O_2$)
 - \cdot directions of both arrows at locations 1 and 2 are opposite 0.4
 - · if arrows are opposite and direction at locations 1 and 2 correct 0.4 0.4
 - both indications at locations 3 and 4 correct
- 9. Maximum score 0.8
 - swell up 1
 - II very little
 - III large
 - IV diluted

per correct answer

Anammox

10. Maximum score 1.2

Hypothesis	Experimen	t		Prediction
I	А	В	С	1 2
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Chemistry questions

Water and the fight against Legionella

11. Maximum score 1.2

An example of a correct answer is:

After x D-values the concentration is decreased to $0.10^x \times 1200$ cfu/L. So to reach a level of 100 cfu/L: $0.10^x \times 1200 = 100$. This gives x = 1.08.

So after heating during $1.08 \times 5 = 5.4$ min the concentration of *Legionella* in the water is below the level that is regarded as safe.

\cdot after x D-values the concentration is decreased to 0.10 ^x × 1 200 cfu/L	0.4
\cdot calculation of x	0.4
\cdot rest of the calculation	0.4

12. Maximum score 1.6

An example of a correct answer is: The equilibrium is: HClO + H_2O \implies H_3O^+ + ClO^-

$$K_{a} = \frac{[H_{3}O^{+}][ClO^{-}]}{[HClO]} \text{ or } [H_{3}O^{+}] = K_{a}\frac{[HClO]}{[ClO^{-}]}$$

So when $[H_3O^+] > K_a$ then $[HClO] > [ClO^-]$ or pH < p K_a . p $K_a = -\log 4.0 \cdot 10^{-8} = 7.40$. In the pH region below 7.40 [HClO] > [ClO⁻].

\cdot correct expression for $K_{\rm a}$	0.4
• when $[H_3O^+] > K_a$ then $[HClO] > [ClO^-]$	0.4
\cdot calculation of the pH value	0.4
\cdot this is a maximum pH	0.4

Remark

If the student gives the wrong number of significant figures, no points will be subtracted.

13. Maximum score 1.2

•	half-reaction of the reducing agent: $Cu(s) \rightarrow Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2 e^{-}$ half-reaction of the oxidizing agent: 2 HClO + 2 H ⁺ (aq) + 2 e ⁻ $\rightarrow Cl_2(aq) + 2 H_2O$ overall reaction equation: $Cu(s) + 2 HClO(aq) + 2 H^{+}(aq) \rightarrow Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2 H_2O(l) + Cl_2(aq)$	0.4 0.4 0.4
	If the following answer is given: half-reaction of the reducing agent: 2 HClO + 2 H ⁺ (aq) + 2 e ⁻ \rightarrow Cl ₂ (aq) + 2 H ₂ O half-reaction of the oxidizing agent: Cu(s) \rightarrow Cu ²⁺ (aq) + 2 e ⁻ overall reaction equation: Cu(s) + 2 HClO(aq) + 2 H ⁺ (aq) \rightarrow Cu ²⁺ (aq) + 2 H ₂ O(l) + Cl ₂ (aq)	0.8
	Remarks: — When the student gives an equation like	

$$Cu(s) - 2 e^- \rightarrow Cu^{2+}(aq)$$

no points will be subtracted.

- No points will be subtracted for missing or incorrect state indications.

14. Maximum score 0.8

A correct answer may look as follows:



 correct electrode indicated 	0.4
\cdot flow of the electrons correct in relation to indicated electrode	0.4
15. Maximum score 0.8 2 ~ S - H + 2 Ag ⁺ \rightarrow ~ S - S ~ + 2 Ag + 2 H ⁺	
· 2 ~ S – H left and 2 H ⁺ right	0.4
\cdot 2 Ag ⁺ left and 2 Ag right	0.4

16. Maximum score 0.4

The reaction of silver ions with ~ S-H groups in one protein chain results in a change of the tertiary structure of the protein.

Wastewater treatment

17. Maximum score 1.2 An example of a correct answer is: $0.632 \times 2 \times 32.00 \times 10^{-3} \times 175\ 000 \times 365 \times 3 \times 0.19 = 1.5 \cdot 10^{6}$ euros

- calculating the number of moles of oxygen needed per inhabitant per day: multiplying 0.632 (moles) by 2
- \cdot converting the number of moles of oxygen needed into kg oxygen needed per inhabitant per day: multiplying by the molar mass of oxygen (= 32.00 g/mol) and by 10^{-3} (kg/g) 0.4
- \cdot converting the amount of kg oxygen needed per inhabitant per day into kg oxygen per year for the population of Nijmegen: multiplying by 175 000 (inhabitants) and by 365 (days per year)
- \cdot converting the amount of kg oxygen per year for the population of Nijmegen into the costs per year: multiplying by 3 (kWh per kg oxygen) and by 0.19 (€ per kWh) and the answer lies in between 1.47.10⁶ euros and 1.5.10⁶ euros 0.2

Remark

If the answer is given as 1 470 000 euros or 1 500 000 euros no points are subtracted.

18. Maximum score 1.6

An example of a correct answer is:

 $\frac{2-0.75}{2} \times 100\% = 63\%.$

- \cdot oxidizing one mole of NH₄⁺ to NO₃⁻ in the conventional process requires 2 moles of oxygen 0.4
- \cdot oxidizing one mole of NH₄⁺ to NO₂⁻ in the anammox process requires 1.5 moles of oxygen 0.4
- \cdot only half of the amount of NH_4^+ has to be oxidized 0.4 0.4
- · calculation of the percentage reduction

If the answer
$$\frac{2-1.5}{2} \times 100\% = 25\%$$
 is given:
1.2
If the answer $\frac{3-1}{2} \times 100\% = 67\%$ is given 0.8

If the answer
$$\frac{3-2}{3} \times 100\% = 33\%$$
 is given 0.4

A correct answer may look as follows:



\cdot NH ₄ ⁺ connected with N ₂ via NO ₂ ⁻ and NO ₃ ⁻	0.4
\cdot 'Nit' and 'Den' in the right place	0.4
\cdot shortcut 'Amx' from NH ₄ ⁺ to N ₂ and shortcut 'Amx' from NO ₂ ⁻ to N ₂	0.4

0.4

Physics questions

Wind energy

- 20. Maximum score 0.4 $P = 8P_0$ (W)
- 21. Maximum score 1.6

An example of a correct answer is:

$$P = \frac{1}{2} \times \pi \times \left(\frac{80}{2}\right)^2 \times 1.2 \times \left(\frac{36 \times 10^3}{3600}\right)^3 \times 0.70 \times 0.59 = 1.2 \cdot 10^6 \text{ W}$$

- calculation of the area that is covered by the sails: $\pi \times \left(\frac{80}{2}\right)^2$ 0.4 \cdot calculation of the wind speed in m/s: multiplying 36 (km/h) by 10³ (m/km) and dividing by
- 3600 (s/h) 0.4 \cdot applying the factor 0.70 \times 0.59 0.4
- completion of the calculation
- · answer in 2 or 3 significant figures
- 22. Maximum score 1.2

An example of a correct answer is:

The volume of water that has to be pumped is $V = \frac{m}{\rho} = \frac{3.3 \cdot 10^{11}}{1.03 \cdot 10^3} = 3.2 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m}^3$.

The height difference is h = 40.0 - 32.0 = 8.0 m.

So the area of the reservoir is $A = \frac{V}{h} = \frac{3.2 \cdot 10^8}{8.0} = 4.0 \cdot 10^7 \text{ m}^2.$

• use of $A = \frac{V}{2}$	0.4
h	
m	

• use of
$$V = \frac{m}{\rho}$$
 0.4
• completion of the calculation 0.2

completion of the calculation

- · answer in 2 or 3 significant figures
- 23. Maximum score 2.0

An example of a correct answer is:

The increase in potential energy is: $\Delta E_p = mg\Delta h = 3.3 \cdot 10^{11} \times 9.81 \times \frac{1}{2} \times (40.0 + 32.0) =$ 1.17·10¹⁴ J.

The total average power of the wind turbines is $75 \times 5.0 \cdot 10^6 = 375 \cdot 10^6$ W.

Since $E = Pt$, and $E = \Delta E_p$, it follows that $t =$	$=\frac{\Delta E_{\mathbf{p}}}{P}$	$=\frac{1.17\cdot10^{14}}{375\cdot10^6}$	= 3.11·10 ⁵ s or	$\frac{3.11 \cdot 10^5}{3600} = 86 \text{ h.}$	
\cdot insight that $\Delta E_p = mg \Delta h$					0.4
• insight that $\Delta h = \frac{1}{2} \times (40.0 + 32.0)$ m					0.4
· calculation of ΔE_{p}					0.4
\cdot use of $E = Pt$					0.4
\cdot completion of the calculation					0.2

· answer in 2 or 3 significant figures

0.2

0.2

0.2

24. Maximum score 1.2

Yes	No	Question
		Because of its location at sea, nobody is annoyed by this plant.
		In this plant, energy can be stored and subsequently be used in the absence of wind.
		In this plant, energy can be stored and subsequently be used whenever necessary.
		This plant is a cheap way of generating electricity.
		This plant can supply a constant power.
		The power supply of this plant can be adapted to the demand.
		This plant can replace a number of coal-fired power stations.
		This plant does not expel CO ₂ .

Per correct answer

0.15

Remark:

For every wrong argument 0.15 points deduction. The total score for this question cannot be less than 0 points.

Room for the river

25. Maximum score 0.8	
An example of a correct derivation is:	
For <i>n</i> holds: $n = \frac{A}{Q} D^{2/3} S^{1/2}$	
So the unit of <i>n</i> is: $\frac{m^2}{m^3/s} m^{2/3}$ or s/m ^{1/3} .	
\cdot all units correctly used	0.4
\cdot rest of the derivation	0.4
26. Maximum score 1.2 An example of a correct calculation is:	
$D = \left(\frac{0.10 \times 1.4 \cdot 10^4 \times 0.018}{200 \times (5.0 \cdot 10^{-4})^{1/2}}\right)^{3/5} = 2.8 \text{ m}.$	
\cdot multiplying 1.4 \cdot 10 ⁴ (m ³ /s) by 0.10	0.4
\cdot use of the correct values of D, W and S	0.4
\cdot completion of the calculation	0.2
\cdot answer in 2 or 3 significant figures	0.2
27. Maximum score 1.6 An example of a correct calculation is:	
$0.99 \times 0.99^{2/3} \times \frac{0.018}{0.022} \times 10\% = 8.0\%.$	
\cdot insight that A decreases by 1%	0.4
· insight that because of the decrease in D of 1%, the drain decreases by a factor $0.99 \times 0.99^{2/3}$	0.4
· insight that when <i>n</i> increases by a factor $\frac{0.022}{0.018}$, the drain decreases by a factor $\frac{0.018}{0.022}$	0.4
\cdot completion of the calculation	0.2
\cdot answer in 2 or 3 significant figures	0.2
Remark	

If D of previous question is used, correct calculation gives the same answer and same amount of marks.