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1 a	i Glucagon	2	Spelling must be correct
	ii Liver		
1 b	A change to the normal level initiates a response which reduces the effect/reverses/acts against the change	1	
1 c	 It is (highly) branched Therefore many ends for condensation/hydrolysis OR Polymer/polysaccharide of (alpha) glucose Therefore can release (lots of) glucose OR Glycosidic bonds Easily broken/hydrolysed to release glucose 	2	Answers must be in pair
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2 a	Control of the water potential of the blood	1	
2 b	0.0, 0.0 0.0, 0.0	2	1 mark for each correct row
2 c i	Loop of Henle	1	
2 c ii	 Ions in medulla reduce water potential (of tissue fluid) Water leaves filtrate (from loop of Henle and collecting duct) By osmosis 	3	
		7	
3 a	$\frac{(246-53)}{53} \times 100$ 364%	2	Allow 364.15% OR 364.2%
3 b i	 Any three from: Between 0 and 30 minutes absorption of water by the blood resulted in less ADH secreted (So) less water was reabsorbed from the second (distal) convoluted tubule and collecting duct Between 60 and 120 minutes excretion of surplus water restored water content of blood/water potential of blood to normal And ADH production has resumed 	3 max	
3 b ii	The same amount of chloride ions/salt in larger volume of urine gives a lower concentration	1	
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4 a	 Any two from: Glucose concentration in cell/liver falls Below that in blood (plasma)/higher in blood Creates/maintains glucose concentration/diffusion gradient Glucose enters cell/leaves blood by facilitated diffusion/via carrier(protein)/channel (protein) 	2 max	4 Not just diffusion
4 b	 Any two from: 1 Insulin sensitivity similar to/not (significantly) different from those with diabetes 2 Overlap of SDs 3 Their sensitivity (to insulin also) improved by GBS 	2 max	 No values for non-obese, so comparisons with 'normal' not possible
4 c	 Any three from: Sensitivity (to insulin) does increase But large SD/large variation (after GBS) (So) some showing no/little change/get worse Do not know what sensitivity to insulin is of non-diabetics (who are not obese) 	3 max	 This part of the question concerns spread of data, not overlap of SDs 2 Accept use of figures/use of SD values to make this point 4 Accept 'normal' as non-diabetic
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5 a i	Where a change triggers a response which reduces the effect of the change	1	Accept a more specific explanation related to water content
5 a ii	Any two from: Sweating, breathing, faeces	2 max	Reject evaporation if sweating or breathing given
5 a iii	Hypothalamus	1	
5 b i	Pituitary	1	Ignore anterior pituitary
5 b ii	 Any four from: 1 ADH causes vesicles containing aquaporins to be inserted into membrane/collecting duct wall 2 Water enters cells through aquaporins 3 By osmosis/diffusion/down a water potential gradient 4 (From cell) to capillary 5 Via interstitial fluid/tissue fluid 	4 max	
		9	
6 a i	(On graph) – ' X ' on either or both of the glucose peaks at 08:30 / 18:30	1	
6 a ii	 Insulin lowers blood glucose/stimulates uptake of glucose by cells/by liver/by muscles 	1 max	Reject lowers body glucose Reject high body glucose

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	 OR 2 High blood glucose stimulates insulin secretion 		
6 a iii	 Higher glucose concentrations in diabetic Takes longer time to decrease/remains high (after each meal) 	2	
6 b i	1 Correct answer: 40(minutes) OR (if answer incorrect) 2 $\frac{20 \times 16 \times 60}{480}$ OR $\frac{2}{3}$ OR 0.67(h)	2	 Ignore working. 2 marks Allow 1 mark
6b ii	 Any three from: 1 Glucose from glycogen/'glycogenolysis' 2 (Glucose/glycogen) stored in liver/in muscles 3 Glucagon/adrenaline causes glucose release OR raises blood glucose OR causes glycogen → glucose 4 'Gluconeogenesis'/described 	3 max	 'Glycogen' and 'glucagon' – correct spellings only 4 E.g. from amino acids/from fa.
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