





BIOLOGY Mark Scheme

LM11- SIMPLE & FACILITATED DIFFUSION

Q1)

- a) Diffusion is the net movement of molecules/ ions (1) from a region of high concentration (1) to a region of low concentration (1)
- b) Diffusion is important in cells as it transports substances between cells and their environment (1) This ensures that cells receive essential substances required for survival (1) OR This ensures that waste products leave the cell (1)

[Maximum of 2 marks]

Q2)

a) They are both the net movement of molecules from a region of high concentration to a region of low concentration (1) OR They are both passive processes (do not require cellular energy) (1)

[Maximum of 1 mark]

- **b)** In facilitated diffusion, transmembrane proteins (channel proteins, carrier proteins etc.) are used to transport molecules **(1)**
- c) Large, hydrophilic, and charged molecules (1)
- d) The phospholipid bilayer is impermeable to these molecules (1) because they are too large to diffuse through/ are repelled by the hydrophobic fatty acid tails (1)

Q3)

- a) A higher temperature increases the rate of diffusion (1) Molecules will have more kinetic energy (1) and can therefore move faster (1)
- b) Thicker membrane will decrease the rate of diffusion (1) The diffusion path is greater (1) and therefore molecules will have to travel more (1)
- c) The concentration difference between two regions (1) OR The mass of a substance (1) OR The number of transport proteins within the membrane (1)

[Maximum of 1 mark]