



ATAR course examination, 2023

Question/Answer booklet

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Time allowed for this paper

Reading time before commencing work: Working time:

ten minutes three hours

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Number of additional answer booklets used (if applicable):

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Structure of this paper

Section	Number of questions available	Number of questions to be answered	Suggested working time (minutes)	Marks available	Percentage of examination
Section One Multiple-choice	20	20	30	20	20
Section Two Short response	6	6	90	97	50
Section Three Extended response	2	2	60	57	30
Total					100

Instructions to candidates

- 1. The rules for the conduct of the Western Australian external examinations are detailed in the Year 12 Information Handbook 2023: Part II Examinations. Sitting this examination implies that you agree to abide by these rules.
- 2. Answer the questions according to the following instructions.

Section One: Answer all questions on the separate Multiple-choice answer sheet provided. For each question, shade the box to indicate your answer. Use only a blue or black pen to shade the boxes. Do not use erasable or gel pens. If you make a mistake, place a cross through that square, then shade your new answer. Do not erase or use correction fluid/tape. Marks will not be deducted for incorrect answers. No marks will be given if more than one answer is completed for any question.

Sections Two and Three: Write your answers in this Question/Answer booklet preferably using a blue/black pen. Do not use erasable or gel pens.

- 3. You must be careful to confine your answers to the specific questions asked and to follow any instructions that are specific to a particular question.
- 4. Supplementary pages for planning/continuing your answers to questions are provided at the end of this Question/Answer booklet. If you use these pages to continue an answer, indicate at the original answer where the answer is continued, i.e. give the page number.

Section One: Multiple-choice

20% (20 Marks)

This section has **20** questions. Answer **all** questions on the separate Multiple-choice answer sheet provided. For each question, shade the box to indicate your answer. Use only a blue or black pen to shade the boxes. Do not use erasable or gel pens. If you make a mistake, place a cross through that square, then shade your new answer. Do not erase or use correction fluid/tape. Marks will not be deducted for incorrect answers. No marks will be given if more than one answer is completed for any question.

Suggested working time: 30 minutes.

- 1. Nuclear power plants use steam-powered turbines to generate electricity. Pressurised heat in water reactors produces steam by
 - (a) convection.
 - (b) conduction.
 - (c) radiation.
 - (d) evaporation.
- 2. Which of the following is a non-renewable energy source?
 - (a) hydropower
 - (b) biofuels
 - (c) nuclear energy
 - (d) wind power
- 3. Read the statements below.
 - (i) Energy cannot be created or destroyed.
 - (ii) Energy can be transferred or transformed into other forms of energy.
 - (iii) All energy is either potential or kinetic.

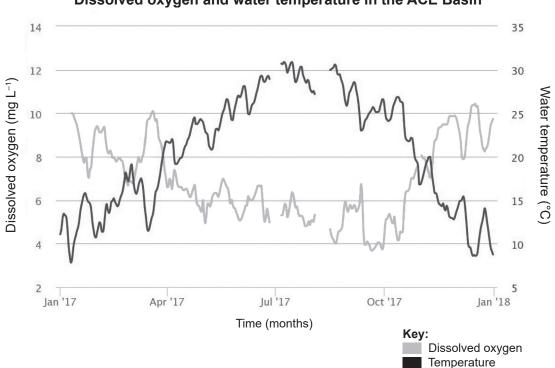
Which of these statements are true?

- (a) (i) and (iii) only
- (b) (ii) and (iii) only
- (c) (i) and (ii) only
- (d) (i), (ii) and (iii)
- 4. Coal and gas are commonly used in power stations to generate electricity. Which of the following statements is true?
 - (a) Both coal and gas power stations have turbines.
 - (b) Only gas power stations have turbines.
 - (c) Both coal and gas power stations use waste gases to drive the turbines and boilers.
 - (d) Only coal power stations have turbines.

- 5. Which of the following causes global temperatures to rise?
 - (a) increased water vapour in the atmosphere
 - (b) decreased ice at the polar regions
 - (c) increased water in the oceans
 - (d) increased amounts of fresh water
- 6. Deforestation and the removal of trees and shrubs through clearing may lead to
 - (a) an increase in groundwater turbidity.
 - (b) an increase in fresh groundwater.
 - (c) dry land salinity.
 - (d) eutrophication.
- 7. Physical and chemical environmental conditions impact the diversity and abundance of aquatic organisms. Which of the following are chemical conditions?
 - (i) temperature
 - (ii) dissolved oxygen
 - (iii) turbidity
 - (iv) salt concentration
 - (v) nutrient levels, including nitrate and phosphate concentrations.
 - (a) (i), (ii), (iv) and (v) only
 - (b) (i), (ii) and (iii) only
 - (c) (i), (ii) and (iv) only
 - (d) (ii), (iv) and (v) only
- 8. The internal temperatures of aquatic organisms are maintained at a stable level by the
 - (a) volume of the aquatic organism.
 - (b) high specific heat capacity of water.
 - (c) surface area of the aquatic organism.
 - (d) surface area to volume ratio of the aquatic organism.
- 9. The upward force that a liquid exerts on an object is
 - (a) uplift.
 - (b) gravity.
 - (c) density.
 - (d) buoyancy.

- 10. On a cold night, warmth gained by sitting near an open fire is **mostly** by
 - (a) convection.
 - (b) radiation.
 - (c) conduction.
 - (d) condensation.
- 11. Fracking can be defined as pumping of
 - (a) sand into the earth to open fractures to gain access to water supplies.
 - (b) a sand mixture into the earth to open fractures to gain access to natural gas and coal.
 - (c) fluid into the earth to open fractures to gain access to water supplies.
 - (d) a fluid mixture into the earth to open fractures to gain access to natural gas and oil.
- 12. Most saltwater fish will not survive for a long period of time when placed into fresh water because
 - (a) there is too much buoyancy support, and their swim bladder does not function effectively.
 - (b) water moves by osmosis into the fish faster than they can remove it from their bodies.
 - (c) there is not enough dissolved oxygen in fresh water for them to survive.
 - (d) water moves by osmosis out of the fish faster than they can replace it in their bodies.
- 13. Which of the following statements about nuclear power plants is correct?
 - (a) If an accident occurs in a nuclear power plant, the reactor will explode.
 - (b) Energy is produced because of a fusion reaction.
 - (c) Control rods are used to control the depth of the fuel rods.
 - (d) In normal operation, water used as a reactor coolant is radioactive.

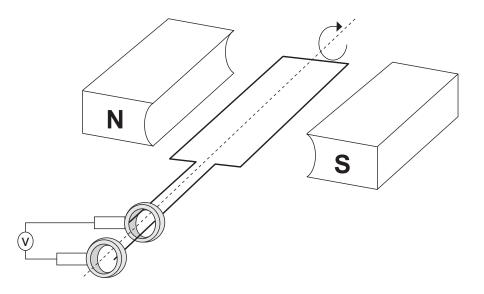
Question 14 refers to the following graph showing changes to water temperatures and its effect on oxygen levels.



Dissolved oxygen and water temperature in the ACE Basin

- 14. What is the relationship between water temperature and dissolved oxygen?
 - (a) It is a positive relationship: dissolved oxygen levels increase with increasing temperature.
 - (b) It is a negative relationship: dissolved oxygen levels decrease with decreasing temperature.
 - (c) It is an inverse relationship: dissolved oxygen levels decrease with increasing temperature.
 - (d) There is no relationship shown between dissolved oxygen levels and temperature.
- 15. What would be the **main** reason for implementing new techniques to extract sources of non-renewable energy?
 - (a) create new jobs in power plants in regional areas
 - (b) allow access to more resources in a shorter time
 - (c) prevent more environmental damage
 - (d) reduce the amount of electricity generated

Question 16 refers to the diagram below of a simple generator



- 16. Which of the following correctly names the energy conversion that occurs in this generator?
 - (a) electrical to kinetic
 - (b) kinetic to magnetic
 - (c) magnetic to heat
 - (d) mechanical to electrical
- 17. Which of the following processes is used to generate electricity in batteries?
 - (a) electrochemistry
 - (b) photovoltaics
 - (c) photoelectricity
 - (d) electromagnetism

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Questions 18 to 20 refer to the table below about air conditioners.

Formulae:	$P = \frac{E}{t}$	$Q = mc\Delta T$	Efficiency = $\frac{\text{energy out}}{\text{energy in}} \times 100$	
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Brand of reverse-cycle split system	Туре	Power rating (watts)	Operating time (s)	Temperature change (°C)
Brand A	Heating	4000	3600	+5
Di allu A	Cooling	3500	8000	-4
Brand B	Heating	4300	2500	+4.5
	Cooling	2900	8500	-5.5
Brand C	Heating	4500	3200	+4.2
Dranu C	Cooling	1800	12 500	-3.8
Brand D	Heating	5200	5000	+3.1
	Cooling	2800	8500	-6.2

18. For the given operating times, which brand uses the least amount of energy for cooling?

- (a) Brand A
- (b) Brand B
- (c) Brand C
- (d) Brand D
- 19. Given the information below, what is the heat capacity of the Brand D reverse-cycle split system while heating?

Each air conditioner was installed in a room and set to run for 4 hours. Each room was the same size and a beaker containing 10 g of water was placed in the centre of the room.

Specific heat of water = 4.1813 Jg⁻¹ °C⁻¹

- (a) 129.670 J
- (b) 0.0129 J
- (c) 0.0130 J
- (d) 1296.700 J
- 20. If 28 500 watts of energy is available to the Brand A reverse-cycle split system for cooling and 1500 watts of that is lost as heat energy, what is its efficiency?
 - (a) 52.6%
 - (b) 5.3%
 - (c) 94.7%
 - (d) 9.5%

End of Section One

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This section has **six** questions. Answer **all** questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

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Question 21

Renewable and non-renewable energy sources can be used to generate electricity.

(a) Identify and discuss **three** environmental impacts related to the generation of electricity and the effect it has on the environment. (6 marks)

(15 marks)

The decision to invest in renewable energy technologies is informed by social, political, environmental and economic considerations.

Workers at a nuclear power plant need to take protective measures to safeguard themselves against exposure to radioactive substances.

List three possible long-term side effects of radiation on the human body.	(3 marks)
One:	
Two:	
Three:	
State a material used in the construction of radioactive personal protective equip (PPE) and outline how it reduces personal exposure.	pment (2 marks)
	One: Two: Three: State a material used in the construction of radioactive personal protective equi

Question 22

Read the article below and answer the questions which follow.

What is global warming?

Global warming is the long-term heating of the Earth's surface observed since the pre-industrial period (between 1850 and 1900) due to human activities, primarily fossil fuel burning, which increases heat-trapping greenhouse gas levels in the Earth's atmosphere. The term 'global warming' is not interchangeable with the term 'climate change.' Since the pre-industrial period, human activities have increased the Earth's average global temperature by 1 °C. Temperatures continue to increase by 0.2 °C per decade.

What is climate change?

Climate change is a long-term change in the average weather patterns. Changes observed in the Earth's climate since the 1950's are driven by human activities, particularly fossil fuel burning. This increases heat-trapping greenhouse gas levels in the Earth's atmosphere, raising average surface temperatures. Natural processes, can also contribute to climate change, including internal variability (e.g. cyclical ocean patterns like El Niño and La Niña) and external forcings (e.g. volcanic activity, changes in the Sun's energy output, variations in Earth's orbit).

Scientists use observations from the ground, air, and space, along with computer models, to monitor and study past, present, and predict future climate change. Climate data records provide evidence of key indicators of climate change, such as global land and ocean temperature increases, e.g. rising sea levels, ice loss from Earth's poles and mountain glaciers, frequency and the severity of extreme weather events e.g. hurricanes, heatwaves, wildfires, droughts, floods, and precipitation; and cloud and vegetation cover changes.

(a) State **three** claims that are made in the article above about climate change and identify evidence from the article to support each claim. (6 marks)

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(b) (i) Define 'enhanced greenhouse effect'. (2 marks)

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(ii) Draw a labelled diagram to illustrate how the enhanced greenhouse effect impacts climate change. (5 marks)

Question 23

Passive solar design involves the use of design features to take advantage of radiant heat to warm the home in winter and keep them cool in summer.

(a)	State one passive design feature for each of the following.	(2 marks)
	Orientation of the home	

Wall materials

Solar panels can be used to offset and reduce the consumption of electricity. During the peak of summer, the sun produces approximately 1100 watts (W) of energy per square metre. This energy can be captured by the solar panels and converted into electricity.

Formulae:
$$P = \frac{E}{t}$$
 $Q = mc\Delta T$ Efficiency $= \frac{\text{energy out}}{\text{energy in}} \times 100$

(b) A solar panel measuring 800 mm x 850 mm is installed on a roof. Calculate the power expected to be produced in summer if the panel is 100% efficient. Show all workings. (4 marks)



(12 marks)

If an industrial solar panel produces 1500 W, calculate the amount of energy pro 15 minutes. Show all workings.	oduced i (3 mark
If the solar panel in part (c) is 75% efficient, calculate how much useful energy is produced. Show all workings.	
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Energy to create electricity can be derived from a variety of sources. In the past most sources were non-renewable. However, more sustainable sources are now utilised and are referred to as 'renewable'. These have different effects on the environment.

(a) Complete the table below by defining each source of energy and identifying an environmental impact of each. (4 marks)

	Renewable resources	Non-renewable resources
Definition		
Environmental impact		

(b) Biofuels are an example of an energy source that can be used to generate electricity. Outline why they are considered 'renewable'. (2 marks)

Geothermal energy is another renewable source of energy.

(c) (i) Define the term 'geothermal energy'.

(1 mark)

(ii) Draw a flow chart to show all the energy transformations that occur when using geothermal energy to generate electrical energy. (4 marks)

(iii) State one advantage and one disadvantage of using geothermal power stations. (2 marks) Advantage: ______
Disadvantage: ______

The decision to invest in geothermal energy as an alternative resource to oil and gas is often informed by environmental and economic considerations.

(d) Outline **one** environmental consideration that could influence how geothermal energy might be utilised in the future. (2 marks)

(e) Outline **one** economic consideration that could influence how geothermal energy might be utilised in the future. (2 marks)

Question 25

Water naturally occurs in three states, solid, liquid and gas and has an essential role in sustaining life. Water changes from one state to another in the water cycle.

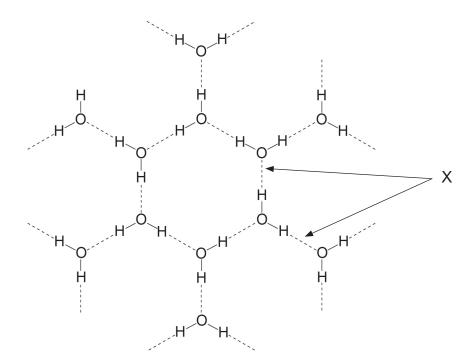
(a) Name a process in the water cycle that produces the following changes of state. (2 marks)

Liquid to gas: _____ Gas to liquid: _____

Water in its liquid state exhibits many unique properties, one of which is a high surface tension.

(b) Describe, with the use of a labelled diagram, the term 'surface tension'. (4 marks)

The diagram below shows water in solid form. Water is a polar molecule.



- (c) Name the bond indicated by the letter 'X'. (1 mark)
- (d) Outline how this bond results in solid water being less dense than water in its liquid form. (2 marks)

Question 25 (continued)

(e) Define 'specific heat of water' and explain the impact polarity has on the specific heat of water. (5 marks)



Water source1980 (% of supply)2022 (% of supply)Dams6526Groundwater3536Desalination035Groundwater/aquifer03

The following table shows how Perth's water sources have changed over the last 42 years.

(f) Define the term 'potable water'.

recharge

(1 mark)

(g) (i) Using the data provided in the table above, explain why there was a decrease in the amount of water being supplied from dams between 1980 and 2022. (3 marks)

 Using the data provided in the table above, explain why there was an increase in the amount of water being supplied from desalination between 1980 and 2022. (2 marks)

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Question 25 (continued)

'Managed aquifer recharge' is a strategy used to ensure there are sufficient quality water supplies to support population and industry.

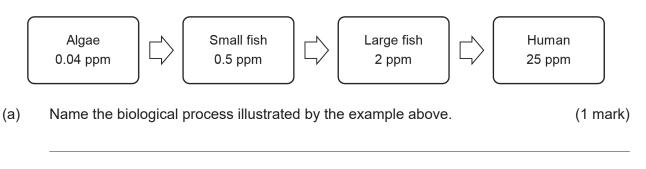
(h)	State one benefit of managed aquifer recharge.	(1 mark)
(i)	State two managed aquifer recharge methods. One:	(2 marks)
	Two:	
j)	Explain the process of managed aquifer recharge, starting from abstraction.	(3 marks)

Question 26

(14 marks)

Ciguatoxin is a toxic chemical produced by algae found in tropical coral reefs. When fish feed on the algae they also ingest the toxin, and this is passed along the food chain. All animals in the food chain will suffer from ciguatoxin poisoning.

The food chain below shows the amount of toxin accumulated in each link of the chain.



(b) Discuss why eating a large fish is more likely to cause poisoning in humans than eating a small fish. (5 marks)



Question 26 (continued)

(c) Explain the likely impacts on the aquatic ecosystem if the environment in which the algae live becomes polluted with organic matter. (4 marks)

Define the term 'eutro	ophication'.		(2 m
Outline how nutrients	can enter aquatic envir	onments such as rive	ers and estuaries. (2 m

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Section Three: Extended response

This section contains **two** questions. You must answer **both** questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

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Suggested working time: 60 minutes.

Question 27

Energy can be transferred and transformed into other types of energy. This energy can be used in our everyday lives to support our way of life.

(a) List **four** ways in which the transformation of electrical energy can be utilised in the home. (4 marks)

One:		
Two:		
Three:		
Four:		

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(27 marks)

30% (57 Marks)

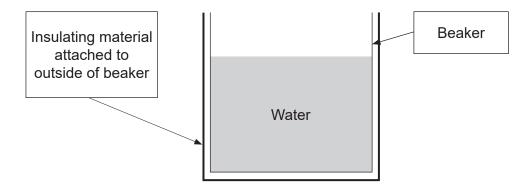
Energy transformations occur when you drive a car. These transformations allow a stationary car to generate motion.

(b) Describe how the structure and function of the internal combustion engine takes advantage of energy transformations to generate motion. (7 marks)

Internal combustion engines are inefficient at transforming energy, with less than 25% of the energy received from the combustion being used to generate motion to move the car.

(c)	List three ways in which energy is wasted during internal combustion.	(3 marks)
	One:	
	Two:	
	Three:	

A student was investigating the insulating properties of various materials for use in the home. The student wrapped a 250 mL beaker in each of the insulating materials, then poured 200 mL of water at 90 °C into the beaker, and left the beaker for five minutes before measuring the temperature again. The student's apparatus is shown below.



Some results of the student's experiment regarding the insulating material and final measurement of temperature are as follows:

Glasswool 67 °C, Wool 72 °C, Nylon 45 °C, Cotton Wool 68 °C, Polystyrene 85 °C.

(d) (i) Construct a table to organise the student's results. (3 marks)

(ii)	State two improvements the student could make to the experiment.	(2 marks)
	One:	
	 Two:	

Question 27 (continued)

(iii) State **two** possible sources of error in the student's experiment. (2 marks) One: ____ Two: (iv) On the basis of the results of the student's investigation, identify which material is the best insulator. Justify your answer. (3 marks) (v) This experiment represents a practical example of energy transfer. Identify the type of energy transfer and explain how this energy transfer is occuring during the experiment. (3 marks)

Question 28

A science class had been investigating macro-invertebrates found in a local river and were curious to see if plans to clear large areas of land for farming close to the river could impact the aquatic life. The students were concerned that removing large trees from the area might lead to dry land salinity which might then impact salt levels in the river and the macro-invertebrate population. The current salt concentration of the water is 50 mg L⁻¹.

The class decided to carry out an investigation on the salt tolerance of brine shrimp. The materials they used included brine shrimp, saline solutions of different concentrations, an electronic balance, beakers, pipettes and tweezers.

Solution	Concentration (mg L ⁻¹)
1	4000
2	1000
3	500
4	250
5	100
6	50

The solutions prepared had the following salt concentrations:

The class was divided into five groups (A to E). Each group added 20 brine shrimp to each salt concentration solution. The beakers of brine shrimp were left on a windowsill in the classroom to replicate natural conditions. After three days, the number of brine shrimp that had died was recorded. The results are shown in the table below.

Number of dead brine shrimp in solutions of different salt concentrations after three days

			Salt concentr	ration (mg L ⁻¹))	
Group	4000	1000	500	250	100	50
А	10	9	9	6	3	0
В	9	8	7	5	2	1
С	10	8	6	5	2	0
D	10	9	6	4	1	1
Е	9	8	7	5	1	0
Class mean	9.6	8.4	7	5	1.8	0.4

(a) Propose a hypothesis for this investigation.

(2 marks)

Question 28 (continued)

- (c) Draw a column graph showing the class mean for the number of dead brine shrimp in each salt concentrate solution on the grid below. (5 marks)

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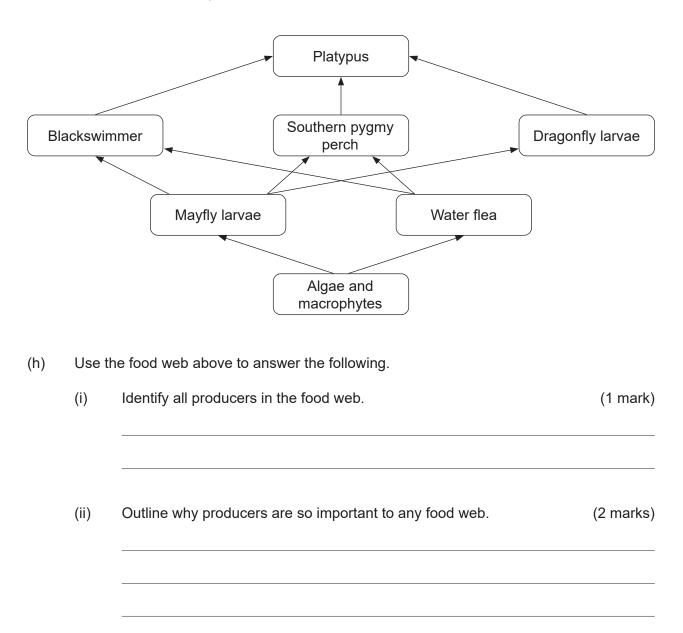
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0	Dutline the purpose of Solution 6 with a salt concentration of 50 mg L ⁻¹ .	(2 marks)
	construct a conclusion for the investigation that would be supported by the resu resented in the table on page 29 and/or your graph.	ilts (2 marks)
	hould the students be concerned about the effects of dry land salinity on the nacro-invertebrate survival rate in the river? Justify your answer.	(3 marks)
	escribe two methods of reducing dry land salinity in the natural environment.	(4 marks)
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Question 28 (continued)

A food web of the river ecosystem is shown below.



The overall health of any aquatic ecosystem, such as the river the students were investigating can be monitored using a variety of water quality tests. Apart from salinity, other factors that can be monitored include pH and turbidity.

(i) Describe the importance of monitoring turbidity in aquatic ecosystems. (2 marks)

Macro-invertebrates can be used to monitor aquatic health because of their sensitivity to changing water quality conditions.

(j) Using the following headings, outline how macro-invertebrates could be sampled to monitor aquatic health. (4 marks)

Sampling equipment: Sampling technique: Data collected: Analysis of results:

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