Foundation Separate version — Higher Tier (★) questions removed.

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[3 marks]

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Total: 8 marks

Q1 (2 marks)

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- Glucose + oxygen → carbon dioxide + water [1]
- Mitochondria [1]

Q2 (3 marks)

Explain why a student is wrong when they say: "Respiration is just breathing."

- Breathing is the physical movement of air in and out of lungs (ventilation) [1]
- Respiration is a chemical process in cells that releases energy (ATP) from glucose [1]
- Respiration occurs in every living cell continuously — not just in lungs [1]

Q3 (3 marks)

Explain why muscle cells contain large numbers of mitochondria.

- Muscle cells require large amounts of energy for contraction [1]
- Energy is produced by aerobic respiration in mitochondria [1]
- More mitochondria → more aerobic respiration → more ATP produced → muscle can contract more / for longer [1]