

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

Q1. State the THREE main limiting factors of photosynthesis.

[1 mark]

Q2. A student measures O₂ production from pondweed at different light intensities. At high light intensity, increasing the light further has no effect on the rate. Explain this and suggest TWO changes that could increase the rate.

[4 marks]

Q3. Explain why greenhouse growers might use a paraffin heater inside the greenhouse. Refer to TWO effects of burning paraffin.

[3 marks]

Total: 8 marks

Q1 (1 mark)

State the *THREE* main limiting factors of photosynthesis.

- Light intensity, CO₂ concentration, temperature [1] — all three required

Q2 (4 marks)

A student measures O₂ production from pondweed at different light intensities. At high lig...

- Another factor has become limiting — even though light is not limiting, something else is [1]
- Possible limiting factors: CO₂ concentration or temperature [1]
- Increase CO₂ (e.g. add NaHCO₃ to water) [1]
- Increase temperature (up to enzyme optimum, ~25°C) [1]

Q3 (3 marks)

Explain why greenhouse growers might use a paraffin heater inside the greenhouse. Refer to...

- Burning paraffin releases CO₂ → increases CO₂ concentration → faster rate of photosynthesis (if CO₂ was limiting) [1]
- Burning paraffin generates heat → increases temperature → faster enzyme reactions → faster photosynthesis (if temperature was limiting) [1]
- Both effects can simultaneously remove two limiting factors → significant increase in crop yield [1]