

Higher Combined version — Higher Tier (★) included; Separate-only (◆) removed.

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[4 marks]

★ HIGHER TIER

Q2. ★ Explain why plants store glucose as starch rather than keeping it as glucose.

[2 marks]

Total: 6 marks

Q1 (4 marks)

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- Respiration: glucose broken down to release energy (ATP) [1]
- Storage: converted to insoluble STARCH [1]
- Structure: converted to CELLULOSE for cell walls [1]
- Proteins: combined with nitrates from soil → amino acids → proteins [1] — accept: lipids for seeds, sucrose for transport

Q2 (2 marks) [★ HT]

★ Explain why plants store glucose as starch rather than keeping it as glucose.

- Starch is insoluble — does not affect osmosis or water potential of cells [1]
- Glucose would draw in water by osmosis if it accumulated — starch avoids this; starch is also compact for storage [1]