

Foundation Combined — only core Foundation content included.

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[4 marks]

Total: 4 marks

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- Large total surface area (millions of alveoli) [1]
- Thin walls (one cell thick) — short diffusion distance [1]
- Dense capillary network — maintains concentration gradient [1]
- Moist lining — gases dissolve before diffusing [1]