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a)	ATP is useful in many biological processes. Explain why.
	(4 marks)
	(Extra space)
1 (b)	Write a simple equation to show how ATP is synthesised from ADP.
	(1 mark)
1 (c)	Give two ways in which the properties of ATP make it a suitable source of energy in biological processes.
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	(2 marks)

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Question	Marking guidelines	Mark	Comments	
8(a)	Releases energy in small / manageable amounts;	4 max	Accept less than glucose	
	(Broken down) in a one step / single bond broken;		Accept easily broken down	
	 Immediate energy compound/makes energy available rapidly; 			
	 Phosphorylates/adds phosphate; 		Do not accept phosphorus or P on its own	
	 Makes (phosphorylated substances) more reactive / lowers activation energy; 			
	6. Reformed/made again;		6. Must relate to regeneration	

1(b)	ADP + P _i → ATP;	1	Both sides correct, but allow other recognised symbols or words for phosphate ion. Reject P unless in a circle. Accept = as equivalent to arrow Accept reversible arrow Ignore any reference to kJ/water
1(c)	 Energy released in small/suitable amounts; Soluble; Involves a single/simple reaction; 	2 max	In context of release, not storage. Ignore producing energy/manageable amounts. Reject "broken down easily/readily" Reject "quickly/easily resynthesised"