

CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS

GCE Advanced Subsidiary Level and GCE Advanced Level

MARK SCHEME for the November 2003 question papers**9700 BIOLOGY**

9700/01	Paper 1 (Multiple Choice), maximum raw mark 40
9700/02	Paper 2 (Theory 1), maximum raw mark 50
9700/03	Paper 3 (Practical 1), maximum raw mark 25
9700/04	Paper 4 (Theory 2 (A2 Core)), maximum raw mark 50
9700/05	Paper 5 (Practical 2 (A2)), maximum raw mark 30
9700/06	Paper 6 (Options (A2)), maximum raw mark 50

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MARK SCHEME

MAXIMUM MARK: 40

SYLLABUS/COMPONENT: 9700/01

BIOLOGY
Paper 1 (Multiple Choice)



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2	A	22	A
3	C	23	D
4	B	24	D
5	C	25	A
6	A	26	D
7	D	27	A
8	A	28	C
9	C	29	A
10	A	30	D
11	C	31	D
12	D	32	C
13	B	33	C
14	B	34	B
15	D	35	C
16	B	36	C
17	D	37	C
18	C	38	B
19	C	39	D
20	A	40	B

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BIOLOGY
Paper 2 (Theory 1)



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KEY

a semi colon ;	indicates a separation of marking points
an oblique line /	indicates alternative wording or acceptable alternative
R	means reject
A	means accept
AW	means 'alternative wording'
underlined with a straight line	accept this word only, no alternative word is acceptable
D	represents quality mark(s) awarded for diagrams, as indicated on the Mark Scheme
L	represents mark(s) awarded for labels on diagrams, as indicated on the Mark Scheme
ora	or reverse argument accepted.

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Question	Expected Answers	Marks
1 (a)	<p>thicker wall; smaller / narrower <u>lumen</u>; more muscle / more elastic tissue / more / thicker tunica media; ref to ‘crinkly’ / crenulated / wavy / folded, lining / endothelium / tunica intima; R. epithelium ref to wall to diameter ratio e.g. thicker wall to diameter ratio; more collagen fibres / more tunica adventitia / externa; circular / rounded shape compared to irregular shape; A. converse points for vein</p>	max 3
(b)	<p>provide a large surface area / surface area to volume ratio; for gas exchange / carbon dioxide <u>out</u> and oxygen <u>in</u>; short diffusion distance across capillary wall / one cell thick capillary wall / 1-2µm c. wall / thin endothelium; R. epithelium R. thin wall unqualified small size enables blood to be as close as possible to <u>lung</u> cells / air in alveolus / capillaries in close contact with alveolus (wall);</p> <p>(so) <u>diffusion</u> is efficient / takes place easily / maximises efficiency of <u>diffusion</u>;</p>	max 3
(c)	<p>destroys / paralyses / inhibits / weakens cilia; R. kill <u>mucus glands</u> / <u>goblet cells</u> produce <u>more</u> mucus; tar contains carcinogens / chemicals which damage DNA / genes / oncogenes; ref cancer / tumour; epithelium / lining replaced by scar tissue;</p>	max 3
		[Total 9]

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Question	Expected Answers	Marks
2 (a)	14 147;	1
(b)	3.74%;	1
(c)	more energy available at <u>lower</u> trophic levels / less energy available at <u>higher</u> levels / energy lost between trophic levels; any two figs from fig. 3.1 to qualify above statement (comparison req, no units needed); therefore can sustain a larger population; greater variety of food / not have to rely on one food source; less chance of starvation / more chance of survival / less competition for <u>food</u> ; may feed on detritus / dead organisms / waste materials (dead leaves, faeces, urine);	max 2
(d)	breakdown / decay / feed on / digest / secrete hydrolytic enzymes onto, organic molecules / dead plant / animal / excreted / egested, material; R. decomposing starch / cellulose, to sugars; respire; release carbon dioxide; protein to amino acids; deamination (of amino acids); (release) ammonia (NH ₃) / ammonium ions (NH ₄ ⁺) / ammonium compounds / ammonification; (becomes available for) nitrification / ammonia -> nitrite -> nitrate / ammonia -> nitrates / ammonium -> nitrates; R. nitrifying / named bacteria unqualified / ammonia -> nitrite	max 4
		[Total 8]

Question	Expected Answers	Marks
3	<i>Vibrio cholerae</i> / <i>V. cholerae</i> ; (correct spelling required) ignore upper case / lower case diarrhoea (phonetic spelling req); A. vomiting / 'rice water' only R. loss of fluid / loss of water and salts (contaminated) <u>food</u> / <u>water</u> ; R. drinks R. cooking utensils <u>immune response</u> ; <u>antibodies</u> / <u>immunoglobulins</u> ;	[Total 5]

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Question **Expected Answers** **Marks**

4 (a) *one mark per row*

statement	starch	glycogen	cellulose
glycosidic bonds between monomers	✓	✓	✓
monomer is β glucose	✗	✗	✓
stored within chloroplasts	✓	✗	✗
stored in muscle cells	✗	✓	✗
exists in two forms - branched and unbranched chain	✓	✗	✗

Do not penalise where all ✗ or ✓ s are omitted

Do penalise each row if a mixture of ✗, ✓, and blanks

5

- (b)** take samples at timed intervals e.g. every minute;
test with iodine solution / potassium iodide soln / **or** Benedicts ;
determine the end point, eg continue until no blue / black (colour) /
yellow / brown appears **or** continue until brick red / colourless ;
time taken to reach end point e.g. record the time;
ref to use of colorimeter (for precise results) (for both experiments)
or standards / green -> yellow -> orange -> red;
plot amount of starch remaining **or** glucose / maltose / reducing sugar
produced / transmission / absorption against time / sketch graph
with labelled axes;
ref to initial rate / rate calculation (e.g. $\frac{1}{t}$ or gradient from graph);

max 4

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Question	Expected Answers	Marks
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5 (a) *max 3 for glycoproteins and carrier proteins combined*

glycoproteins

receptors / receptor molecules;
 for hormones / neurotransmitters / named hormone /
 neurotransmitter (e.g. insulin, acetyl choline, noradrenaline);
 idea of (cell surface) antigens / (cell surface) markers / cell
 recognition / cell adhesion;
 help to stabilise membrane structure / forms H bonds with water
 molecules;

carrier proteins

allow named substance (e.g. glucose / amino acids) / polar substance
 / ion(s) / hydrophilic / water soluble substance (to pass through
 membrane);
 (ref) against concentration gradient / active transport;
 energy / ATP (req for transport);
 (and) facilitated diffusion / faster than simple diffusion (for ions
 / polar molecules);

cholesterol

maintains / regulates fluidity of membrane / prevents membrane
 being too rigid or fluid / mechanical stability (qualified) /
 prevent ions / polar / water soluble / named molecule, passing /
 leaking through membrane;

max 4

(b) *max 3 for each of the following*

A

active transport;
 carrier / transport protein;
 (pumped) against concentration gradient / low to high conc;
 using energy / ATP;
 detail (eg binding to specific receptor sites / idea of conformational
 change);

B

diffusion; R. facilitated diffusion
 ATP not used; R. energy not needed
 through lipid bilayer / phospholipids / hydrophobic region;

max 4

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Question	Expected Answers	Marks
5 (c)	(bacteria) adhere / stick / bind / attach , to surface (of phagocyte); ref to receptors / receptor proteins (on phagocytes) / (detect) bacteria ‘marked’ by antibodies / opsonins; ref to pseudopodia / extensions of cytoplasm; R. invagination unqualified engulfed / enveloped / endocytosis / phagocytosis, to form <u>vacuole</u> / <u>vesicle</u> / <u>phagosome</u> ; A. marking points from <u>annotated</u> diagram(s)	max 2
(d)	contain (hydro)lytic / digestive / named enzymes / digestion of <u>bacteria</u> / <u>pathogens</u> ;	1
		[Total 11]

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Question	Expected Answers	Marks
6 (a)	<u>greater</u> / <u>increased</u> / <u>more</u> demand for <u>energy</u> / <u>ATP</u> ; in muscles; <u>aerobic</u> respiration;	max 2
(b)	oxygen debt; R. deficit A. dept lactate / lactic acid; <u>respired</u> in the <u>liver</u> ; A. <u>heart</u> converted to glucose / pyruvate / glycogen; (re)oxygenation of myoglobin; (re)oxygenation of haemoglobin; increased / still high rate of, metabolism / respiration (after exercise);	max 4
(c)	rejection / ref to immune system; R. may not match unqualified shortage of donors; shortage of, trained personnel / appropriate facilities; idea of high cost of surgery / aftercare / drugs; A. expensive greater risk of surgery;	max 2

[Total 8]

Total mark for paper = 50

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Paper 3 (Practical 1)



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Qn	G	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
1 a i		W1 less than W2 & W3; W2 most sugar; W3 less than W2; but see additional guidance W4 brick red/ most sugar indicated; W5 less than S4; W6 less than S4 & S5;	4	Check order with supervisor's notes for W1 W2 and W3 Please write SC in margin if mark scheme is modified to match Supervisors Comments. 6correct = 4 5 =3 4=2 3 = 1
1 a ii		1 glucose solution made up to 10; 1 new solution made up to 2;	1 1	
1 a iii		3 from: same volume of juice; same volume of reagent; heat for same amount of time; at same temperature;	max 3	
1 a iv		standards or comparison;	1	Reject control or fair test
1 b		order of concentrations in fruits correct; correct value range for S1; correct value range for S2; correct value range for S3;	1 1 1 1	Read range from student's table of results.
1 c		non reducing sugar / not a quantitative test;	1 15	
2 a		Plan diagram with no cells and at least 5 clear single lines; Upper epidermis labelled; palisade tissue labelled; spongy mesophyll labelled; lower epidermis labelled; stoma labelled; vascular / AW, tissue labelled;	max 6	
2 b		palisade long / narrow /cubical large chloroplasts packed large vacuole spongy mesophyll round / ± rounded ; small ; no / few chloroplasts ; loose ; smaller/less defined vacuole;	max 4 10	Reject non comparative statements. Leaf upside down then max 2
			Paper25	

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Paper 4 (Theory 2 (A2 Core))



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Question 1

- (a)
- 1 sun leaves reach compensation point / zero gas exchange at higher light intensity;
 - 2 rate of photosynthesis increases more rapidly in sun leaves ;
 - 3 CO₂ uptake is greater in shade leaves (ora) at low light intensity ;
 - 4 higher rate of photosynthesis / CO₂ uptake in sun leaves (ora) at higher light intensity ;
 - 5 more respiration in sun leaves (ora) at zero or low light intensity;
 - 6 CO₂ uptake levels off in shade leaves (ora) ;

3 max

accept CO₂ uptake for photosynthesis and vice versa
accept CO₂ production for respiration and vice versa

- (b) light no longer limiting ;
some other factor limiting ;
example carbon dioxide concentration / temperature / ref:chlorophyll ;

3

- (c) at low light intensity little or no effect / light (dependent reaction) limiting rate ;
at high light intensity increasing temperature will increase the rate of photosynthesis ;
ref. (effect of temperature on the rate of) enzyme controlled reactions / light independent stage ;
detail – e.g. named enzyme (RuBISCO) / ref. Calvin Cycle ;

ignore reference to sun / shade leaves

3 max

Total : 9

Question 2

- (a) cytoplasm ;
matrix in mitochondria ;
- (b) coenzyme ;
carries electrons / protons / hydrogen ions / hydrogen / H / 2H / H⁺ ;
to electron transfer chain / AW ;
from glycolysis / link reaction / Krebs cycle ;
role of NAD in conversion / oxidation of triose phosphate to pyruvate in glycolysis ;
role of NAD in anaerobic respiration ;
- (c) in absence of oxygen electron transfer chain does not work ;
oxygen final acceptor at end of electron transfer chain ;
reduced NAD cannot be oxidised ;
- (d) aerobic respiration produces more ATP / (ora);
to produce the same amount of ATP more glucose broken down in glycolysis ;
glycolysis is the only part of respiration used / no ETC or oxidative phosphorylation ;

2

R H₂

3 max

3

2 max

Total : 10

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Question 3

- (a)
increases rapidly / sharply ;
to a maximum of 7.0 - 7.5 / a rise of approximately 3 ;
then falls below original value ;
recovering from 240 minutes / AW ; 3 max
- (b)
(i)
increase in glucose stimulates beta cells ;
in islets of Langerhans / pancreas ; 2
- (ii)
as glucose level drops ;
beta cells no longer stimulated / insulin secretion stops ;
Insulin is broken down ; 2 max
- (c)
secreted by alpha cells ;
when blood glucose levels low ;
cause glycogen to be converted to glucose ;
raise blood glucose ;
correct ref: negative feedback / idea that glucagons action is opposite to insulin ; 3 max

Total : 10

Question 4

- (a) parental genotype ;
gametes ;
offspring genotype ;
offspring phenotype ;
penalise once if other symbols used 4
- (b) suffer from vitamin K deficiency / require too much vitamin K ; 1
- (c) warfarin will kill rats without resistance - homozygous recessive ;
homozygous dominant rats require too much vitamin K ;
heterozygous rats most likely to survive and produce offspring ;
only 50% of offspring will be heterozygous ; 3 max
- (d) results in a different codon / triplet ;
(may) result in change of amino acid ;
different primary protein structure ;
this may result in change in protein function ;
suitable example e.g. sickle cell anaemia ; 3 max

Total : 11

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Question 5

- (a) globin / protein to amino acids ;
 haem to iron ;
 iron stored / reused ;
 residue / remainder to bile pigments / biliverdin / bilirubin ;
 pass into bile ;
 excreted ; 4 max

- (b) NH₂ / amino group removed ;
 to ammonia ;
 and keto acid / oxo produced ;
 ref: ammonia to urea ; 3 max

(c) *alternative mark schemes*

- 1 ethanol / alcohol ;
 oxidized ; R broken down
 to ethanal / acetaldehyde in ;
 ref: respiration / fat synthesis;

OR

- 2 ammonia ;
 combines with CO₂ ;
 to produce urea ;
 via ornithine cycle ;

OR

- 3 lactate ;
 oxidised ;
 by dehydrogenase ;
 to pyruvate ;

OR

- 4 hydrogen peroxide ;
 to water and oxygen ;
 by catalase ; R hormones 3 max

Total : 10

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SYLLABUS/COMPONENT: 9700/05

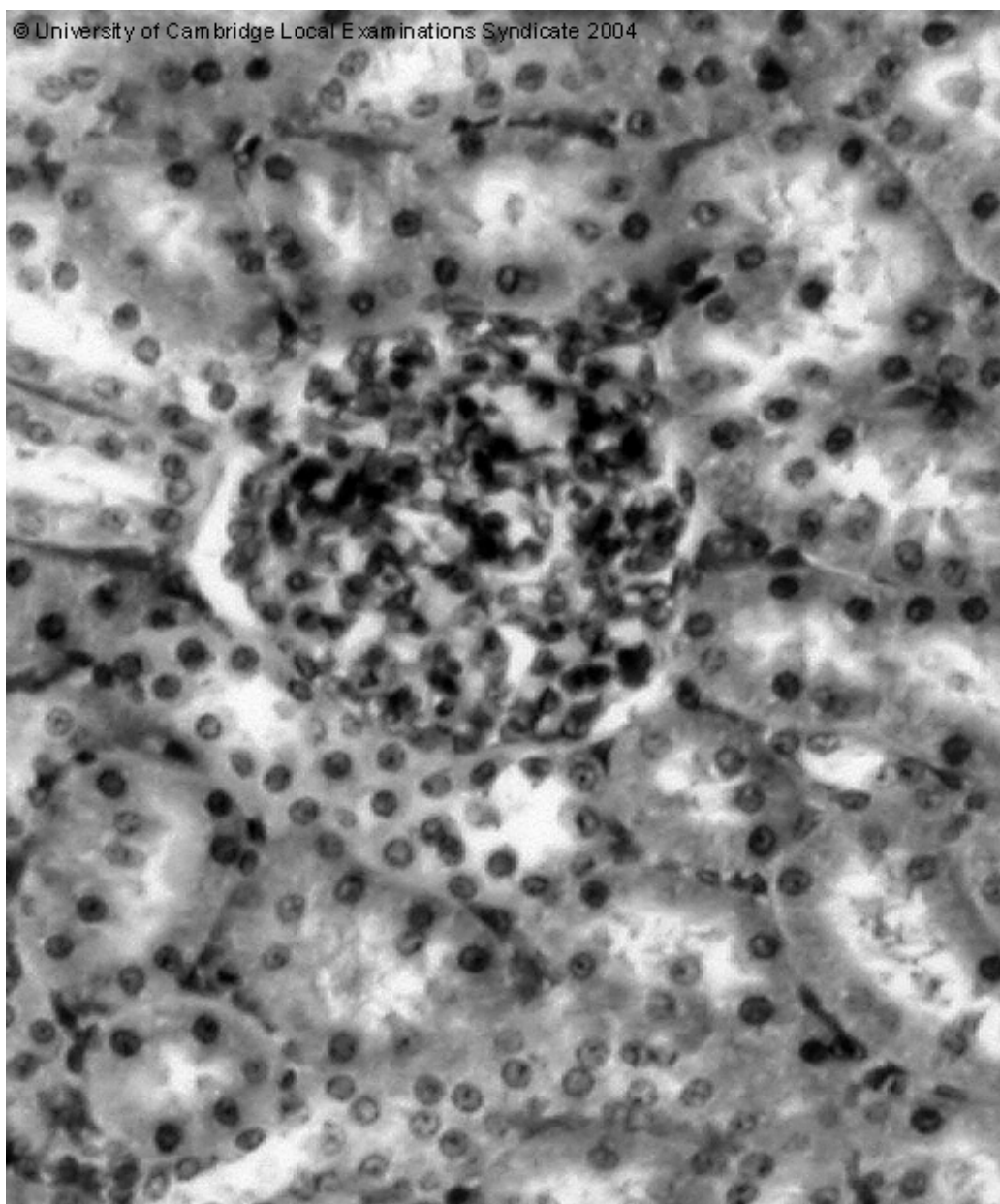
BIOLOGY
Paper 5 (Practical 2 (A2))



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Qn	G	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
1 a		Table headed time with units; Table headed distance travelled with units; 5 realistic measurements recorded between 1 – 100 mm;	1 1 1	Reject fractions of a mm
1 b i		answer correct = 2;; working correct but wrong answer =1;	1 1	Must be mm min ⁻¹
1 b ii		CO ₂ absorbed by soda lime; Oxygen used by peas / respiration; CO ₂ given off by peas; Reduced pressure / volume moves liquid;	1 1 1 1	
1 c i		Temperature change; RQ < 1 / correct description of RQ;	max 1	
1 c ii		RQ = CO ₂ / O ₂ ; bi / 10 – 0.02 ----- bi / 10 answer correct ;	1 1 1	Accept bi – 0.2 ----- bi
2 a		Quality (ie does it look like the slide?) with glomerulus & tubule and cells; Both glomerulus and tubule drawn; Circular glomerulus with podocytes shown; Tubule with nuclei < 0.5 - > 0.1glomerulus width; Bowmans capsule labelled; Podocyte labelled; Nucleus labelled; Glomerulus OR tubule labelled	max 5	Please refer to photomicrograph of kidney made from a typical UCLES slide.
2 b		130 – 300; µm;	1 1	7
3		10 from 1 Correct use of equipment; 2 Range of at least three suitable temperatures; 3 Mix / add milk and renin; 4 Same vols of milk and renin for each temp; 5 Leave for same time / time measured; 6 Repeat; 7 Average determined; 8 Indication of positive result; 9 Method of recording data; 10 Scientific knowledge ie kinetic energy of molecules; 11 Would it work?	10	Reject boiling
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BIOLOGY
Paper 6 (Options (A2))



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Option 1 - BIODIVERSITY

- 1 (a) (i) A (spore) capsule;
B thallus / leaf;
C rhizoid; 3
- (ii) H labelled anywhere other than seta and capsule;
D labelled anywhere on seta / capsule; 2
- (iii) rhizoids / C;
no true, roots / stems / leaves or thalloid A thallus;
sporophyte composed of capsule and seta; max 1
- (b) (i) any **two** of: temperature / light intensity / air movements /
growth medium / named component of medium / CO₂ concentration; 2
- (ii) *R. loreus* grows more slowly than *D. majus* in almost all conditions;

both species grow faster in high humidity;
this effect greater for *D. majus*;
except at 1W1D;

both species grow faster, when watered for more continuous period /
in 6W6D;
this effect greater for *D. majus* / this effect decreases for *R. loreus*
as watering regime gets longer;

appropriate figs; (accept converse throughout) max 3
- (c) (bryophytes have) no cuticle;
so water (vapour) lost from surfaces (more easily);
rate of loss greater at lower humidities;

(bryophytes) do not have, vascular tissue / xylem;
(so) water transport less efficient / cannot replace lost water efficiently;

no true roots / only have rhizoids;
so cannot absorb water so effectively; max 4

Total 15

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- 2 (a) (i) *feature drawn in correct position **and** labelled*
 cell wall **and** cell (surface) / plasma, membrane **and** nucleus;
 chloroplast;
 starch grains (in chloroplast);
 vacuole(s);
 cellulose (cell wall);
 pyrenoid; max 4
- (ii) answer in range x 2000 to x 15000;
 (A) scale line / bar, between 2mm and 15mm per 1 μm 1
- (b) (i) cilia;
 macro- and micronucleus;
 cytostome;
 (definite shape due to) pellicle; max 3
- (ii) *Vorticella* gains organic nutrients / glucose / sugar from *Chlorella* /
 C photosynthesises;
Chlorella gains nitrogen source / other named substances,
 from *Vorticella*; 2
- (c) (i) need light;
 for photosynthesis; 2
- (ii) release oxygen (from photosynthesis); 1
- (d) animal feed;
 (spread onto land as) fertiliser;
 produce, biogas / methane; 2 max
- Total 15**

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- 3 (b) (i) diploblastic / wall composed of only two layers of cells;
acoelomate;
ectodermis + endodermis;
mesogloea;
radial symmetry;
single opening / mouth;
tentacles;
enteron / gut cavity;
lined with flagellated cells;
and enzyme-secreting cells;
nematocysts / cnidocytes;
musculo-epithelial cells;
nerve net / nerve cells (in mesogloea);
polymorphism; max 8
- (ii) heterotrophic;
is a predator / carnivorous / captures (small) animals /
feeds on zooplankton;
- nematocysts / cnidocytes, capture prey;
detail of action;
tentacles push prey into gut cavity;
digestion occurs within gut cavity;
- enzymes secreted / extracellular digestion;
detail, e.g. flagella help mixing;
intracellular digestion; max 6
- (iii) cnidarian has larger surface area to volume ratio (than fish);
cnidarian has, only two layers of cells / small body;
every cell in contact with water;
(so) O_2 / CO_2 diffuses, to / from water, directly in / out of cells;
- fish needs gills to increase area for gas exchange;
(so) O_2 / CO_2 can diffuse to / from water to / from blood;
most of fish body surface is not permeable;
- fish is more metabolically active than cnidarian;
fish moves, more / faster;
therefore greater respiration rate in fish;
needs oxygen supplied at faster rate; max 6

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Option 2 - BIOTECHNOLOGY

- 1 (a) ref reduction of disease;
specific relevant example e.g. cholera / typhoid;
reduced, pollution / eutrophication;
improved, potability / taste / smell;
AVP / e.g. fluoride to reduce tooth decay; max 3
- (b) (i) aerobic vs. anaerobic;
(R aerobic unqualified)
(R anaerobic unqualified) 1
- (ii) secondary treatment / follows sedimentation;
(aerobic) respiration;
bacteria / fungi / named e.g.;
ciliated protozoa / nematode worms / named e.g.;
remove organic matter; max 3
- (iii) methanobacterium / methanococcus / methanothrix;
(anaerobic) respiration / fermentation;
(produces) methane and carbon dioxide;
with traces of H₂S / H₂O / H₂;
AVP; max 3
- (c) (i) need light;
for photosynthesis; 2
- (ii) release oxygen (from photosynthesis) 1
- (d) animal feed / single cell protein;
(spread on land as) fertiliser;
produce biogas / methane; max 2

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- 2 (a) feeding the worlds hungry by increasing agricultural production;
making it cheaper to grow crops, so they are affordable;
making it easier to grow crops;
making new foods with desirable characteristics / e.g. improved taste /
appearance / nutritional value;;
waste used to produce a product; max 3
- unknown long term health effects e.g.allergies;
introduced for the benefit of the producer / less regard for consumer,
e.g. transportation / longevity;
- use of pesticides, qualified;
use of antibiotics, qualified;
use of growth hormones, qualified;
idea of gene leakage to other species;
reduction of genetic diversity, qualified; max 3
- (b) demonstrate that the product is safe;
compare it with its conventional counterpart;
more transparent to the public;
overcome fears; max 2
- (c) contains no genetically engineered ingredients;
not grown using inorganic / chemical fertilisers / named fertiliser;
not grown using pesticides; max 2
- (d) farmers can choose the optimal time to spray /
only need to spray once;
less glyphosate is needed;
compared with selective weedkillers;
using fewer chemicals is beneficial for the environment;
saves energy;
lower use of farm machinery;
higher crop yield ;
improved crop quality;
efficiency in terms of manpower; max 5

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- 3 (a) (i) the pregnancy rate is high;
experience of parenthood is shared by the couple;
one parent has a biological link to the child;
genetic link to the child;
- male can attend insemination;
simple / painless procedure;
does not require surgery / stay in hospital;
- public opinion in favour of process;
anonymity of donor;
some couples prefer to adoption;
can be used if male is fertile but carries a known genetic disease;
max 6
- (ii) some people / religious groups opposed to process;
naturally / ethically, wrong;
feelings of guilt / relationship to the child;
husband has no genetic link to child;
impact on partners relationship;
right of child to know parents identity;
pass on genetic disease;
remarks about child's likeness to parents;
max 6
- (iii) seeds collected;
orthodox seeds;
stored at a temperature of -18°C ;
dried to moisture content below 7%;
- storage life doubled for every 5°C reduction;
storage life doubled for every 2% reduction in humidity;
may be X-rayed to check embryo present;
sealed in moisture proof container;
- regular monitoring of viability / appropriate specified frequency;
regeneration / recollection;
when viability falls below an acceptable level/specified;
- recalcitrant seeds can not withstand low humidity / temperature;
not stored by this method;
max 8

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- 3** (b) (i) enzyme attached to insoluble material;
physical methods;
chemical methods;
immobilised on ceramic / polymer gels;
trapped behind membranes / dialysis tubing;
or encapsulated;
- alginate solution;
using a syringe, drop mixture on calcium chloride;
wash with water;
enzyme dipped into substrate / substrate run over enzyme (in column);
which is circulated / in a continuous flow;
giving maximum contact with enzyme;
- max 7
- (ii) immobilised enzymes can be controlled more easily;
have a long shelf life / more stable;
protection from proteolysis;
protection from thermal denaturation;
- do not get washed out of the reactor/can be reused;
not diluted by the medium;
- similar to the way they act in cells;
attached to membranes;
only part of the molecule exposed;
- product free from contaminating enzyme molecules;
ideal for continuous process;
able to operate at a wider pH range than in solution;
- max 7
- (iii) type of immobilisation e.g. entrapping in alginate;
add to substrate;
test e.g. Benedicts / iodine, relevant to named enzyme;
positive/negative result, relevant to named test;
name of cell / enzyme, e.g. yeast / sucrase;
pack column with alginate beads;
method of preventing beads from falling through e.g. glass wool /
gauze bags / sieve to collect up beads (after set time);
collect known volume / place in known volume;
at set intervals / for a set time;
- max 6

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Option 3 - GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT AND REPRODUCTION

- 1 (a) (i) A exine R'extine'
 B intine
 C male gametes/male nuclei
 D vegetative nucleus/tube nucleus *half marks rounded up* 2
- (ii) ref. double fertilisation;
 one fuses with female gamete;
 to give diploid, embryo / zygote;
 one fuses with, the fusion nucleus/two polar nuclei;
 to give triploid endosperm nucleus; max 4
- (iii) rough/AW, exine; 1
- (b) (i) so no stigma secretion present/so only known substance(s) present; 1
- (ii) to test that lipids were responsible for effect;
 not other substances in the normal secretion;
[lipids, alone/solely, responsible = 2]
 to test that triglycerides were responsible for effect;
 not, breakdown products/products of digestion, of lipids;
 to test that, plant/stigma/pollen, does not have to break down lipids; 4
- (iii) purified lipids have, same/slightly greater (A figs), effect as normal secretion;
 so lipids responsible for pollen tubes penetrating style;
 unsaturated triglycerides responsible;
 especially triglyceride 2;
 when used alone more effective (A figs) than, normal secretion/purified lipids; max 3

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- 2 (a) (i) anterior pituitary gland;
- (ii) anterior pituitary gland;
- (iii) interstitial cells/Leydig cells, (of testis);
- [pituitary + pituitary + testis = 1]* 3
- (b) (i) significant rise in both at age 10 - 12 years;
plateau in both at ages 16 / 17 years;
ref. figures;
triggered by GnRF;
from hypothalamus;
steep rise triggers puberty;
LH / ICSH stimulates synthesis of testosterone;
FSH stimulates spermatogenesis; max 4
- (ii) significant rise at age 10 / 11 - 14 years;
rise less steep age 14 - 18 years;
ref. figures;
triggered by rise in LH(ICSH);
testis increases in size at the same time;
responsible for secondary sexual characteristics; max 4
- (c) (i) $\frac{28.0 - 8.0 \text{ g}}{4 \text{ y}}$ = 5; g per year; 2
- (ii) $\frac{20}{4} \times \frac{1}{8}$ or $\frac{5}{8}$; = 0.625 (0.63 s.f.); 2
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- 3 (a) (i) named prokaryote;
binary fission; (R mitosis)
DNA replicates;
detail replication; (e.g. enzyme/replication fork/replicates in both directions round loop)
DNA separates;
ref. role mesosomes in separation;
septum/cross-wall, forms;
clone/genetically identical;
ref. time scale;
replication of plasmids;
growth to maximum, size/length; max 7
- (ii) named microorganism;
nutrient medium;
sterile conditions;
temperature controlled;
other condition controlled; (pH/aeration)
measuring/sampling, at intervals;
way of making sure sample is homogeneous;
several repeats/averages;
colorimeter/haemocytometer/dry mass/diameter colony/number of colonies;
need for dilution;
detail 1 of method; (calibration of colorimeter/volume of haemocytometer)
detail 2 of method; (e.g. absorbance/count)
graph results; max 7
- (iii) *problems with one technique used in (ii) e.g.*
optical density
sterility/unwanted organisms;
uniformity of samples;
total count;
dead cells;
detail;;
AVP;; [e.g.dry mass only real measure]
- haemocytometry*
sterility/unwanted organisms;
uniformity of samples;
total count;
dead cells;
detail;;
AVP;; [e.g.dry mass only real measure]

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counting colonies

sterility/unwanted organisms;

uniformity of samples;

viable count;

colony diameter does not include depth;

detail;; [e.g. irregular shaped colonies]

AVP;; [e.g.dry mass only real measure]

dry massing

sterility/unwanted organisms;

uniformity of samples;

dead cells;

detail;; [e.g. separating organisms from medium]

AVP;;[e.g. counting colonies only viable measure]

max 6

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- 3 (b) (i) suitable seed;
major factors = water, oxygen, suitable temperature;
suitable apparatus;
control with oxygen, water and suitable temperature;
experiments with only one factor altered;
unsuitable temperature experiment;
prechilling;
minus oxygen experiment;
minus water experiment;
pseudoreplicates (several seeds per control/condition);
replicates (more than one control/condition);
averages/% germination;
dark/light/different wavelengths experiment; (*A ref. to light intensity wavelength although technically not a major factor*) max 7
- (ii) immature embryo needing time for development;
needs infection by specific fungus;
testa mechanically restrictive;
testa impermeable to water;
testa impermeable to oxygen;
testa needing, scarification/digestion/microorganism action;
need fire;
inhibitor in testa needing leaching;
inhibitor in fruit needing separation of seed;
ref. ABA (as common inhibitor);
need prechilling;
need, light/dark;
need particular wavelength of light;
ref. phytochrome;
ref. GA; max 7
- (iii) germination can be linked to season;
(need for prechilling) prevents germination in short favourable spell
in prolonged unfavourable period;
some only germinate when, at/near top of, soil;
some only germinate when buried;
some only germinate when, gap in canopy/fire has cleared
vegetation;
some only germinate after sufficient rain;
prevents wasteful germination;
reduces competition / allows time for dispersal;
spreads germination time of given batch of seeds;
if first batch killed others follow;
insurance against no seed set in any one year; max 6

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Option 4 - APPLICATIONS OF GENETICS

- 1 (a) inbreeding depression;
loss of, vigour/fertility;
loss of genetic diversity;
increase in homozygosity/decrease in heterozygosity;
increased expression of deleterious recessive alleles; max 3
- (b) DNA extracted from, suitable cell/named cell;
fragmented by restriction enzyme(s);
gel electrophoresis;
smallest fragments furthest/largest fragments least far;
Southern blotting;
banding pattern visualised; max 4
- (c) shows relationships;
similar bands = genetic similarity;
most diverse chosen to breed/most similar not bred;
to maintain heterozygosity/prevent homozygosity; max 3
- (d) (i) to produce desirable change in phenotype;
for benefit of man;
by artificial selection;
of parent(s) showing desired features; max 2
- (ii) selective breeding reduces genetic diversity;
captive breeding needs to maintain maximum diversity;
selective breeding chooses parents on grounds of
particular phenotype/characteristics;
captive breeding parents should not be chosen for particular
phenotype/characteristics;
weak/unattractive, organisms may house needed alleles;
captive breeding is solely for the benefit of the species; max 3

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- 2 (a) (i) economy/efficiency;
saves waste of materials;
saves waste of, energy/ATP;
cell can be making other useful, proteins/materials; max 2
- (ii) random/chance/spontaneous;
mutation;
different, enzyme/metabolic pathway;
mutant mites survive and reproduce;
pass mutation to offspring;
fitter;
increase in resistance allele frequency;
ref. recessive mutation v. dominant mutation; max 4
- (b) measure production of mRNA;
detail;
measure production of, protein/polypeptide, coded for;
detail; max 2
- (c) (i) all (6) genes switched on in infested leaves;
compared with none in control;
switch on all bar one (5) genes in receiver leaves;
mites result in volatiles being emitted/AW; max 2
- (ii) 4 (out of 6) genes switched on by wounding;
same effect for these as mite action;
only one gene switched on in receiver leaves;
wounding does not produce volatiles in same way as mites; max 2
- (d) depends whether plants heterozygous;
advantageous in that effective alleles of all genes inherited together;
maximum protection for individuals inheriting these;
disadvantageous for individuals receiving ineffective alleles;
if plants homozygous then immaterial whether linked; max 3

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- 3 (a) (i) (complete) dominance;
only one allele of heterozygote affects phenotype;
phenotype of heterozygote same as one homozygote;
recessive allele must be homozygous to appear in phenotype;
example/symbols;
- codominance;
both alleles of heterozygote affect, the phenotype/functional protein;
example/symbols;
- multiple alleles;
dominance hierarchy;
example/symbols; max 6
- (ii) involuntary muscle movement/chorea;
mental deterioration;
brain cells lost;
ventricles enlarge;
(commonly) onsets in middle age; [max 4]
- dominant allele;
autosomal/chromosome 4;
most sufferers heterozygotes;
1 in 2 chance of passing on condition;
stutter;
CAG (triplet) repeat;
sufferers have > 37/37 - 100, repeats;
more repeats earlier onset;
increased number with each generation;
inheritance from male and female different;
not truly Mendelian; [max 6] max 8
- (iii) *advantages*
know have allele before having children;
take steps not to pass on allele/gene/condition;
test embryo and terminate if positive/test IVF embryo and do not
implant if positive;
appropriate, AI/donor oocyte/donor embryo;
activity/physiotherapy to delay onset; [max 4]
- disadvantages*
know will suffer from incurable disease in time;
positive test on offspring means untested parent knows must have allele;
positive test on parent means any offspring knows has 1 in 2
chance of having allele;

max 6

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- 3 (b) (i) *continuous variation* *discontinuous variation*
- no discrete classes .. [1 mark]
 vary between, limits/extremes;
 quantitative;
 can be plotted as normal
 distribution curve;
 example 1;
 example 2;
- discrete classes;
 no intermediates;
 qualitative;
 can be plotted as bar chart;
 example 1;
 example 2;
- max 8
- (ii) *continuous variation* *discontinuous variation*
- > 3 genes/many genes;
 polygenes;
 many alleles;
 different alleles have small
 effects on character
 different genes have same
 effect on character
 additive effect;
 large environmental effect
- v. one/few, gene(s);
 v. few alleles;
 v. different alleles have large
 effects on character;
 v. different genes have different
 effects on character;
 different genes may interact;
 v. small environmental effect;
- max 6
- (iii) organism 1 + phenotypic character;
 environmental effect;
 detail;
- organism 2 + phenotypic character;
 environmental effect;
 detail;
- 6
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