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General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.
- Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

Question	Answer	Mark
Number		
1(a)(i)	The only correct answer is – C	
	A is incorrect because A is a chloroplast	
	B is incorrect because B is the nucleus	
	D is incorrect because D is the Golgi apparatus	(1)

Question	Answer	Mark
Number		
1(a)(ii)	The only correct answer is – C	
	A is incorrect because chloroplasts are not reinforced by lignin	
	B is incorrect because the nucleus is not reinforced by lignin	
	D is incorrect because the Golgi apparatus is not reinforced by lignin	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
1(a)(iii)	The only correct answer is – D	
	A is incorrect because it is a chloroplast	
	B is incorrect because it is the nucleus	
	C is incorrect because the cell wall does not have vesicles	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1(b)(i)	A description that makes reference to the following:		
	 { a group of / many/several} similar cells (1) 	ALLOW same type of cell or identical cells	
	• that work together for a common function (1)		(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1(b)(ii)	An explanation that makes reference to the following:		
	 to allow time for the dye to travel through and stain the xylem (1) 		
	 making the { tissue/ xylem } visible (under the microscope) (1) 		(2)

Question Number	Answer	Add	litional	guidance			Mark
2(a)							
	correct values for ab and aB		AB	ab	Ab	aB	
			49.5	49.5	0.5	0.5	(1)
							(1)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
Number			
2(b)	An answer that makes reference to the following:	ALLOW converse for marking points 2 and 3 if referring to reason it cannot be arrangement 1	
	• arrangement 2 (1)		
	• {genes/ loci }are close together (1)	IGNORE alleles	
	• therefore are most likely to be inherited together (1)	ALLOW are least likely to be separated by crossing over	(3)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
Number			
2(c)		Example of calculation	
	 correct calculation for number of eggs produced per year with alleles A and B (1) 	1600 × 0.495 = 792	
	• correct calculation for number produced in 11 years (1)	= 8712 or 8.71 × 10 ³	
		ALLOW one mark for 17600 as total number of eggs in 11 years	
		Correct answer with no working gains full marks	(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3(a)(i)	An answer that makes reference to the following:		
	 acrosome shown as a rounded shape at front of head, separate from cell membrane, correctly labelled (1) nucleus correctly labelled (1) 		
	location of mitochondria correctly labelled (1)		
			(3)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
Number			
3(a)(ii)	The only correct answer is – B		
	A is incorrect because the enzymes do not digest the cell membrane		
	C is incorrect because the acrosome does not release hormones		
	D is incorrect because the acrosome does not release hormones		
			(1)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3(b)(i)		Example of calculation	
	• correct mean for buffer with calcium ions (1)	= (25+21+20) ÷ 3 = 22.0	
	• correct mean for buffer without calcium ions (1)	= (70+69+77) ÷ 3 = 72.0	
	• correct difference calculated (1)	=50%	
		Correct answer with no working gains full marks	(3)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
Number			
3(b)(ii)	An answer that makes reference to the following:		
	 in the presence of calcium ions the acrosome (vesicle) fuses with the cell membrane (1) 	ALLOW in the absence of calcium ions the acrosome reaction could not take place	
	 (therefore) calcium ions cause the acrosome reaction to take place (1) 	ALLOW the acrosome releases enzymes in the presence of calcium	
			(2)

Question	Answer	Mark
Number		
4(a)(i)	The only correct answer is D – S	
	A is incorrect because DNA is not replicated during G1	
	B is incorrect because DNA is not replicated during G2	
	C is incorrect because DNA is not replicated during mitosis	(1)

Question	Answer	Mark
Number		
4(a)(ii)	The only correct answer is A – G1	
	B is incorrect because cells only grow slightly during the G2 phase	
	C is incorrect because cells do not increase in size during mitosis	
	D is incorrect because cells do not increase in size during S phase	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4(b)(i)		Example of calculation	
	• volume of nucleus correctly calculated (1)	V= (4÷3) × π × 3 ³ = 113.04 ALLOW 110.27 – 113.1	
	• volume of cell correctly calculated (1)	V of cell = 113.04 ÷ 0.09 = 1256	
	• correct volume given to two significant figures (1)	=1300 (μm³)	
		Correct answer with no working gains full marks	(3)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4(b)(ii)	An answer that makes reference to the following:		
	• samples from different distances from the tip of the root taken (1)		
	• measure distance from tip using an eyepiece graticule (1)	ALLOW sensible range of distances stated that could be measured with a ruler	
	• details of root tip squash procedure (1)	e.g. correct use of hydrochloric acid, maceration procedure, squashing to produce single layer of cells	
	• use of an appropriate named stain (1)	e.g. toluidine blue, (ethanoic) orcein	
	• detail of how to assess percentage of cells undergoing mitosis (1)	e.g. count total number of cells and number of mitotic cells	
			(5)

Question	Answer	Mark
Number		
5(a)	The only correct answer is – A is double-stranded and found in the cytoplasm	
	B is incorrect because bacteria do not have a nucleus	
	C is incorrect because bacterial DNA is not single-stranded	
	D is incorrect because bacteria do not have a nucleus	
		(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(b)(i)	 A description that makes reference to four of the following: (polypeptide is) folded within the { rough endoplasmic reticulum /rER } (1) 	ALLOW reference to tertiary / 3D structure	
	 packaged into vesicles (1) (transport) vesicles fuse with Golgi apparatus (1) (polypeptide is) modified within the Golgi apparatus (1) 	ALLOW enzymes activated in Golgi apparatus	
	 exocytosis / vesicle fuses with cell surface membrane (1) 		(4)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(b)(ii)	An explanation that makes reference to four of the following:		
	 the gene (for lysostaphin) is activated in (milk producing) cells (1) 	ALLOW reference to gene being switched on	
	 only these cells have the gene transcribed / mRNA only produced from active gene (1) 	ALLOW converse for muscle cells	
	 mRNA is translated (on ribosomes) to produce {polypeptide / lysostaphin} (1) 	ALLOW converse for muscle cells	
	• lysostaphin is secreted from cells that produce milk (1)		
	 gene (for lysostaphin) was deactivated in muscle cells (so no lysostaphin found in tissue) (1) 	ALLOW gene methylated in muscle cells	(4)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(a)(i)	An explanation that makes reference to the following:		
	• increases population size of species (1)		
	{maintains/increases} genetic diversity (1)	ALLOW description of genetic diversity	
	therefore prevents extinction of species (1)		(3)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(a)(ii)	An explanation that makes reference to the following:		
	 to prevent related animals from breeding (with each other or a parent) (1) 	ALLOW so they can be matched with unrelated partners	
	• to prevent inbreeding depression (1)	ALLOW description of inbreeding depression or the problems of inbreeding	
	 to increase genetic variation within { the offspring / populations in other zoos / the species} (1) 		(3)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
	A description that makes reference to the following:		
0(0)(1)	A description that makes reference to the following.		
	• numbers (always) greater in captivity than in the wild (1)		
	numbers in the wild and in captivity have decreased (1)		
	 wild population decreased at a similar rate to the captive population (1) 		
			(3)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(b)(ii)	An explanation that makes reference to two of the following:		
	 they are needed {to maintain captive population / for breeding programme } (1) 	ALLOW are needed for captive breeding programme	
	 not enough suitable habitat / they would be at risk if released (1) 	e.g. at risk from poachers	
	• they are not prepared for reintroduction (1)	ALLOW lack of hunting skills in captive bred animals	
			(2)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
Number			
7(a)	A description that makes reference to four of the following:		
	• cellulose is a polymer of beta glucose (1)	ALLOW polysaccharide for polymer	
	 (the glucose molecules are) held together by glycosidic bonds (1) 		
	• β-glucose monomers form (long) straight chains (1)		
	 (the cellulose molecules are) held together by hydrogen bonds (1) 		
	• microfibrils are composed of many cellulose molecules (1)		(4)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
7(b)	An description that makes reference to the following:tensile strength increases with lignin content (1)		
	 there is no relationship between cellulose content and tensile strength (1) 	e.g. hemp has highest percentage cellulose but not the highest tensile strength. (1)	(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
7(c)	An answer that makes reference to the following:		
	 {extract / select} fibres with a range of diameters including fibres less than 0.09mm (1) 		
	a relevant variable controlled (1)	e.g. length of fibre, temperature or humidity	
	 attach fibres to clamp stands and add masses until fibre breaks (1) 	ALLOW add 'weights'	
	• repeat and calculate a mean (1)		
	• describe how to calculate tensile strength by dividing force by cross sectional area (1)		
	• plot values on graph to establish if there is a correlation (1)	ALLOW use a relevant stats test	
			(6)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8(a)(i)	An answer that makes reference to two of the following:		
	asexual reproduction (1)		
	• mitosis (1)		
	• cloning (1)		(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8(a)(ii)	An explanation that makes reference to three of the following:		
	 more species present in mixed forest / fewer species in pando (1) 		
	 therefore, species richness is low (in pando) (1) 	ALLOW low index of diversity ALLOW converse for mixed forest	
	 low genetic diversity as all the plants are {clones / genetically identical } (1) 		
	 fewer animal species because there are fewer {habitats / food sources / niches} (1) 		(3) E

Question	Answer	Mark
Number		
8(b)(i)	The only correct answer is – C	
	A is incorrect because production of phenolic glycosides are physiological B is incorrect because production of phenolic glycosides are physiological	
	D is incorrect because production of ramets are anatomical	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8(b)(ii)	An explanation that makes reference to four of the following: (mitosis) produces genetically identical clones (1) 		
	 lack in genetic variation (1) 	ALLOW same genotype	
	 do not have characteristics more suitable to the environment (1) 		
	(leading to) no evolution occurring (1)	ALLOW no natural selection takes place	
			(4)

Question Number	Indicative content
8(c)	Answers will be credited according to candidate's knowledge and understanding of the material in relation to the qualities and skills outlined in the generic mark scheme.
	The indicative content below is not prescriptive and candidates are not required to include all the material which is indicated as relevant. Additional content included in the response must be scientific and relevant.
	 Grazing Without a fence/control, 299 new saplings are produced but few grow taller than 2m Therefore grazing reduces the regeneration of the colony With the fence there are 1204 ramets greater than 2m Therefore preventing grazing increases the number of ramets and their growth.
	 Burning Burning undergrowth results in fewer competing plants Therefore increases the number of ramets produced from 208 in the control to 639 per hectare Burning undergrowth increases percentage cover of colony from 18 to 21%
	 Competition Undergrowth could be competing for mineral ions and water A conclusion that fencing combined with the burning of undergrowth would have a better effect on maintaining the colony Because the increased number of ramets produced after burning will not be eaten by grazing animals.

Level	Marks		Additional Guidance
0	0	No awardable content	
1	1-2	An explanation may be attempted but with limited interpretation or analysis of the scientific information with a focus on mainly just one piece of scientific information.	Effects of grazing and/or burning described – but not explained.
		The explanation will contain basic information with some attempt made to link knowledge and understanding to the given context.	
2	3-4	An explanation will be given with occasional evidence of analysis, interpretation and/or evaluation of both pieces of scientific information.	Effects of grazing and burning on number of ramets explained e.g. in terms of animals damaging plants or competition from other plant species
		The explanation shows some linkages and lines of scientific reasoning with some structure.	
3	5-6	An explanation is made which is supported throughout by sustained application of relevant evidence of analysis, interpretation and/or evaluation of both pieces of scientific information.	Effects of burning and grazing described and explained as well as a conclusion that both management strategies will be best – in terms of preventing grazing and then reducing competition for resources.
		The explanation shows a well-developed and sustained line of scientific reasoning which is clear and logically structured.	

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