

**UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS**

**Specimen for 2007**

**GCE A LEVEL**

**MARK SCHEME**

**MAXIMUM MARK: 100**

**SYLLABUS/COMPONENT: 9700/04**

**BIOLOGY  
STRUCTURED QUESTIONS**



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- 3 (a) Either  
*If genetic diagram used*

Penalise once for incorrect symbols

orange dominant to black (for converse);

orange scallop

parents	$S^o S^o$	$S^o S^b$	X	$S^o S^o$	$S^o S^b$
gametes	$S^o$	$S^b$		$S^o$	$S^b$
genotype	$S^o S^o$	$S^o S^b$		$S^o S^b$	$S^b S^b$
phenotype		orange			black
black scallop		$S^b S^b$	X	$S^b S^b$	
parent					
gametes		(	$S^b$	$S^b$	)
genotype			$S^b S^b$		
phenotype			black		

Or  
*If text explanation given*

orange dominant to black (or converse);  
orange are heterozygous;  
(because) ref. 3:1 ratio;  
link data to ratio;  
black are homozygous;  
because all offspring are black;

[6]

- (b) separate orange scallops produced from first cross/test cross orange with black;  
some will produce only orange offspring;  
these will be homozygous for orange allele/pure breeding;

[2max]

**Total: 8**

- 4 (a) Fungi; (accept fungus)  
Protoctista; (accept Protista)  
Animalia; (accept animal)  
Prokaryotae; (accept Prokaryote, bacteria)  
Plantae; (accept plant)

[5]

- (b) *advantages*  
IDEA of simplicity;  
easy to classify most organisms into the correct kingdom;  
consistent with the traditional literature / AW;

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*disadvantages*

plant kingdom, is artificial / contains unrelated organisms / organisms that are not fundamentally similar;

ref. to prokaryotes and eukaryotes in the same kingdom;

ref. to other valid example of very differently organised organisms in the same kingdom;

problem of what to do with protoctists / AW;

detail of difficulty with protoctists (e.g. Euglena is motile (animal-like) but autotrophic (plant-like));

[4 max]

- (c) (i) IDEA that biodiversity is about the variety of different kinds of organisms; BUT there are far more than hundreds of sorts of organisms / there are millions of species; AND biodiversity is all kinds of organisms / not just animals; (independent points)
- ii) maintaining biodiversity is important because  
 IDEA of extinction is forever / once they are gone they are gone;  
 Any two from it is, a source of genes for future use / medicines not yet known / foods not yet known / the means of retaining stability of ecosystems;;
- iii) argues that protected species can be successfully protected in artificial environments / zoos / botanic gardens / seed banks;  
 argues that species can be successfully protected in controlled natural environments / conserved areas / national parks / AW;  
 a specific, named, example of successful conservation (e.g. golden lion tamarins in zoos);

Mark straight through

[6 max]

Total: 15

- 5 (a) restriction (endonuclease) enzyme;  
 named example; e.g. EcoR1  
 specific, sequence of bases/point;  
 ref. to sticky ends/exposed bases;
- [3 max]
- (b) sticky ends added to insulin gene;  
 ref. to complimentary base pairing/C and G bases pair up;  
 ref. H bonds;  
 (DNA) ligase;  
 formation of phosphodiester bond/seals sugar phosphate backbone;
- [3 max]
- (c) identical to human insulin (ref. to bovine/porcine insulin used previously);  
 ref. to reduced immune response/side effects;  
 cheaper to produce;  
 more rapid response;  
 pure/uncontaminated;  
 regular production not dependent on livestock;  
 ethical issues;  
 AVP; e.g. tolerance
- [2 max]

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- 6 (a) anaerobic / in absence of oxygen;  
glycolysis;  
IDEA OF because if it was aerobic, no ethanol / only carbon dioxide and water, would be produced;  
sugar(s) / named sugar is respiratory substrate;  
ethanol produced;  
carbon dioxide produced; [3 max]

- (b) (i) end product not contaminated;  
enzyme, more stable/less likely to be denatured;  
enzyme recovery easier;  
idea of enzyme being reused;  
AVP; e.g. cost [3 max]

- (ii)  $\alpha$  amylase;  
more maltose produce;  
use of figures; [2 max]

Total: 8

- 7 (a) no petals;  
no nectaries;  
no scent produced;  
large stigma;  
feathery stigma;  
to trap pollen;  
stamens hang outside flowers;  
flowers held on tall inflorescences;  
pollen light and smooth; [4 max]

- (b) *self pollination*  
reliable;  
if plants widely scattered;  
effective in harsh environments;  
e.g. high mountains max 2

- cross pollination*  
genetic variation;  
ref. outbreeding;  
genes shuffled every generation;  
species more likely to survive environmental change; max 2 [4 max]

Total: 8

- 8 (a) (i) anterior pituitary gland;  
(ii) follicles in ovary; (*both required*)  
(iii) corpus luteum (in ovary);  
*pituitary + ovary + ovary = 1* [3]

- (b) (i) FSH is an oestrogen agonist / AW;

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FSH stimulates follicles to develop (in ovary);  
as follicles grow they contain more (granulosa) cells;  
(granulosa) cells secrete oestrogen;  
oestrogen inhibits FSH production;  
peak in oestrogen stimulates LH release;  
LH triggers ovulation;  
ref. hormones circulate / reach target organs, in blood;

[4 max]

- (ii) rise / peak in oestrogen (before ovulation);  
causes proliferation / growth of uterus lining;  
rise / peak in progesterone (after ovulation);  
maintains uterus lining;  
IDEA OF transforms uterus lining from proliferative to secretory;  
Drop in progesterone, causes uterus lining to break down / initiates menstruation;  
correct ref. figures e.g. oestrogen peak at 10 days / progesterone peak at 21 days;  
ref. endometrium;

[4 max]

(c) (i)  $\frac{4.0 - 2.2 \text{ cm}^3}{4y} = 0.45; \text{ cm}^3 \text{ per year};$  (accept  $1.8 \text{ cm}^3$  per 4 years for 1 mark) [2]

(ii)  $\frac{0.45}{2.2} = 0.20 \text{ or } 0.2; ;$  (accept errors carried forward) [2]

Total: 15

9 (a) Explain how a synapse functions. [9]

(b) Describe the role of glucagon in regulating blood glucose. [6]

- (a)
- 1 depolarisation/action potential;
  - 2 of presynaptic membrane/synaptic knob;
  - 3 opening calcium ion channels;
  - 4 calcium ions in;
  - 5 vesicles containing transmitter/acetylcholine;
  - 6 fuse with membrane;
  - 7 contents emptied into synaptic cleft/exocytosis;
  - 8 transmitter/acetylcholine diffuses across synaptic cleft;
  - 9 transmitter/acetylcholine binds to receptor; R protein channel
  - 10 on post synaptic membrane;
  - 11  $\text{Na}^+$  channels open/ $\text{Na}^+$  enters;
  - 12 depolarises post synaptic membrane;
  - 13 action potential set up/impulse transmitted
  - 14 breakdown/hydrolysis of transmitter/acetylcholine by enzyme/cholinesterase; [9 max]

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- (b) 15 when blood glucose levels low;  
16 glucagon released from alpha cells (in pancreas);  
17 (acts on ) liver (cells);  
18 breakdown of glycogen to glucose;  
19 use of fatty acids in respiration; **R fats**  
20 production of glucose from other compounds/fats/amino acids/gluconeogenesis;  
21 liver releases glucose into blood;  
22 glucose levels rise/return to normal;  
23 switching off glucagon secretion;  
24 antagonistic to insulin;

[6 max]

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- 10 (a) 1 ref. continuous/discontinuous variation;  
2 genetic/inherited variation;  
3 variation in phenotype/characteristics/AW;  
4 (can be due to) interaction of genotype and environment;  
5 e.g. of characteristic that influences survival;  
6 ref. intraspecific competition/struggle for existence;  
7 those with favourable characteristics survive/AW;  
8 pass on favourable characteristics to offspring;  
9 those with disadvantageous characteristics die;

[6 max]

- (b) 10 ref. to definition of species;  
11 ref. allopatric;  
12 geographical isolation;  
13 ref. to examples e.g. islands/lakes/mountain chains/idea of barrier;  
14 ref. to example organism;  
15 ref. to populations prevented from interbreeding;  
16 isolated populations subjected to different selection pressures/conditions;  
17 over time sufficient differences to prevent interbreeding;  
18 ref. sympatric;  
19 ref. to reproductive isolation;  
20 ref. behavioural barriers (within a population);  
21 e.g. day active/night active;  
22 correct ref. to gene pool;  
23 change to allele frequencies;

[9 max]

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