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Biology 1411

BIOL2 The Variety of Living Organisms

Mark Scheme

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Quality of Written Communication (QWC)

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Question	Part	Sub Part	Marking Guidance			Mark	Comments																			
1	(a)		Arrows on all five vessels in correct direction;			1																				
1	(b)	(i)	D;			1																				
1	(b)	(ii)	E;			1																				
1	(c)		<table><tr><th>Feature</th><th>Vessel C</th><th>Vessel E</th></tr><tr><td>Valves</td><td>Absent</td><td>Present</td></tr><tr><td>(Relative) thickness of walls</td><td>Thicker</td><td>Thinner</td></tr><tr><td>Elastin/elastic tissue/fibres</td><td>More</td><td>Less</td></tr><tr><td>Muscle</td><td>More</td><td>Less</td></tr><tr><td>Lumen</td><td>Narrow</td><td>Wide</td></tr></table>			Feature	Vessel C	Vessel E	Valves	Absent	Present	(Relative) thickness of walls	Thicker	Thinner	Elastin/elastic tissue/fibres	More	Less	Muscle	More	Less	Lumen	Narrow	Wide	2 max	Two marks for two correct rows Accept any pair of contrasting terms with same meaning as those used.	
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1	(d)		Contracts; (Causing) vasoconstriction/narrows lumen;			2																				
1	(e)		(Elastic tissue) stretches when pressure is high; Springs back/recoils/returns to normal;			2 max	Q Do not credit references to contracting, relaxing or expanding																			

Question	Part	Sub Part	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
2	(a)		Phosphate; Deoxyribose;	2	Q Candidates must specify deoxyribose. This term is a specification requirement. Ignore anything that is not incorrect.
2	(b)		4;	1	
2	(c)	(i)	14;	1	
2	(c)	(ii)	36;	1	If (c)(i) incorrect accept [50 – (c)(i)]
2	(d)		Different proteins; Different genes; Different (DNA) base sequences;	2 max	

Question	Part	Sub Part	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
3	(a)		(Prokaryotic DNA) is circular/in a loop/not associated with proteins/not in chromosomes/does not contain introns/does not contain junk DNA/shorter;	1	It refers to prokaryote
3	(b)	(i)	<u>Horizontal</u> transmission; Plasmid/DNA/gene for resistance; (Plasmid/gene/DNA) passed on by conjugation;	3	Q To gain first marking point, reference must be made to horizontal
3	(b)	(ii)	DNA/gene/plasmid is replicated/copied; Passed on to B and C when cell A divides/vertical gene transmission;	2	Q Reject second marking point if candidate refers to mitosis. Accept clones/multiplies
3	(c)		Penicillin kills non-resistant bacteria/resistant bacteria survive/are not destroyed; Resistant bacteria reproduce <u>and</u> increase in proportion;	2	Ignore ref to mitosis. Penalise ref to immunity once only.

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4	(a)			Nucleus	Number of chromosomes	Mass of DNA/arbitrary units	4	
				At telophase of mitosis	26;	30;		
				From a sperm cell	13;	15;		
4	(b)		Cancer cells often have faulty/damaged DNA; Protein/p53 faulty/not made; Cell (with faulty /DNA) divides/completes cell cycle; Uncontrolled division produces cancer;				3	p53 refers to the protein so do not accept reference to p53 mutating.
4	(c)	(i)	Interphase/S phase/synthesis phase;				1	
4	(c)	(ii)	Anaphase/ A ;				1	

Question	Part	Sub Part	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
5	(a)		(Group of) similar/identical cells/cells with a common origin;	1	Q Ignore references to function
5	(b)	(i)	Add iodine/stain specific for starch to the slide/cells/tissue/ /add iodine/stain specific for starch and examine under microscope; Blue-black/blue/black/purple;	2	Reject sample
5	(b)	(ii)	Need a single layer of cells/only a few cells thick/not too many layers; Light must be able to pass through; Detail obscured by cells underneath;	2 max	
5	(c)		Both are polymers/made of monomers; Joined by condensation/molecules can be broken down by hydrolysis; Both have 1-4 links; Contain C(arbon), H(ydrogen) and O(xygen)/both made up of glucose; Both insoluble; Both contain glycosidic bonds;	2 max	Accept other valid answers. Ignore ref to unbranched.

Question	Part	Sub Part	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
6	(a)		Kingdom/phylum/class;	1	
6	(b)	(i)	6;	1	
6	(b)	(ii)	Family;	1	
6	(b)	(iii)	The two species of <i>Mirounga</i> shared a common ancestor more recently than they did with <i>Monarchus tropicalis</i> ;	1	
6	(c)		Difference in DNA/base sequence/alleles/genes;	1	
6	(d)	(i)	Genetic bottleneck linked to low genetic diversity/smaller gene pool; Reference to very low seal population/population in 1910/ under 100 seals/caused by hunting;	2	Must refer to data provided for second mark
6	(d)	(ii)	New colonies formed by small number (of seals)/ small number of founders; Founders have different/fewer alleles/genes / have smaller gene pool;	2	

Question	Part	Sub Part	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
7	(a)	(i)	2;	1	Allow 1.75
7	(a)	(ii)	30 / 60 ÷ answer to part (i) if incorrect;	1	Allow 34(.315)
7	(b)		Song characteristic of species/differs between species; Song linked to courtship at night/living underground;	2	
7	(c)		Females not attracted to call of male/does not recognise male; Because of differences in song; Necessary precursor to mating; Hybrids are sterile;	2 max	

Question	Part	Sub Part	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
8	(a)		<p>1 Large surface area provided by lamellae/filaments;</p> <p>2 Increases diffusion/makes diffusion efficient;</p> <p>3 Thin epithelium/distance between water and blood;</p> <p>4 Water and blood flow in opposite directions/counter-current;</p> <p>5 (Point 4) maintains concentration gradient (along gill) /equilibrium not reached;</p> <p>6 As water always next to blood with lower concentration of oxygen;</p> <p>7 Circulation replaces blood saturated with oxygen;</p> <p>8 Ventilation replaces water (as oxygen removed);</p>	6 max	<p>Q Candidates are required to refer to lamellae or filaments. Do not penalise for confusion between two</p> <p>5 Not enough to say gives steep concentration gradient 6-8 Accept answers relating to carbon dioxide</p>
8	(b)		<p>Mixing of air and water (at surface);</p> <p>Air has higher concentration of oxygen than water;</p> <p>Diffusion into water;</p> <p>Plants/seaweeds near surface/in light;</p> <p>Produce oxygen by photosynthesis;</p>	2 max	
8	(c)		<p>Not much oxygen near sea bed;</p> <p>Toadfish haemoglobin (nearly) saturated/loads readily at /has higher affinity for oxygen at low <u>partial pressure</u> (of oxygen);</p>	2	

8	(d)	(i)	The chimpanzee and the bonobo are more closely related (than to the gorilla); They have identical amino acids/one of the amino acids is different in the gorilla;	2	
8	(d)	(ii)	(Chimpanzee) orang-utan; Amino acids different so bases different; Few hydrogen bonds;	3	

Question	Part	Sub Part	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
9	(a)		Randomly collected/collected from many ponds/same species/same time of year;	1	Accept other answers providing they might reasonably impact on data
9	(b)		9;	1	
9	(c)		Curve/line of best fit; Shows upward slope/positive correlation/description of positive correlation; Correlation does not necessarily mean causation; Some other factor might be involved; Some ponds had no worms but had frogs with deformed legs;	4 max	Q No mark awarded for “yes” or “no”
9	(d)	(i)	Sample too small to establish a pattern/to be representative/to identify anomalies;	1	
9	(d)	(ii)	Must compare like with like/must be a fair test; Some factors differ in mountains/named factor differs in mountains;	2	Note that fair test is acceptable if used in context defined in How Science Works glossary
9	(e)		27% of the frogs had deformed legs in pond 2; Agricultural run-off and cage mesh diameter of 500 μm ;	2	

9	(f)		Worms cause deformed legs; Deformed legs in 500 μm mesh cages /deformed legs when worms in cage; Run off (on its own) does not cause deformed legs; No deformed legs with run off and 75 μm mesh/no worms; When run off present makes effect of worms worse; Quantitative statement e.g. increased by factor of 7 to 8 times;	4 max	
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