

Mark Scheme (Results)

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Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1(a)(i)	The only correct answer is A amyloplast B is not correct because starch is not stored in the middle lamella		
	C is not correct because starch is not stored in the plasmodesmata		
	D is not correct because starch is not stored in the tonoplast		
			(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1(a)(ii)	The only correct answer is A one B is not correct because starch contains 1,4 and 1,6 glycosidic bonds, is a polymer of a-glucose and is a polysaccharide C is not correct because starch contains 1,4 and 1,6 glycosidic bonds, is a polymer of a-glucose and is a polysaccharide D is not correct because starch contains 1,4 and 1,6 glycosidic bonds, is a polymer of a-glucose and is a		
	polysaccharide		(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1(a)(iii)	The only correct answer is C three		
	A is not correct because phloem, sclerenchyma and xylem cell walls contain cellulose		
	B is not correct because phloem, sclerenchyma and xylem cell walls contain cellulose		
	D is not correct because the vacuole does not contain cellulose		(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1(b)	An explanation that includes the following points:		
	 because there are hydrogen bonds between (adjacent) cellulose molecules (1) 		
	{layers / sheets} of microfibrils (1)	ignore {layers / sheets} of cellulose	
	 which have microfibrils at different angles (therefore it increases the strength) (1) 	ACCEPT microfibrils arranged in a {criss-cross pattern / mesh}	
			(3)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
Number			
2(a)(i)	The only correct answer is D animal, plant and prokaryotic cells A is not correct because all three cell types contain a cell membrane B is not correct because all three cell types contain a cell membrane C is not correct because all three cell types contain a cell membrane		
			(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
2(a)(ii)	The only correct answer is C plant and prokaryotic cells only A is not correct because prokaryotic cells contain a cell wall B is not correct because animal cells do not contain a cell wall D is not correct because animal cells do not contain a cell wall		
			(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
2(b)(i)	A calculation in which:	Example of calculation:	
	• cell diameter measured and converted into micrometres (1)	42mm=42000 μm	
	 diameter divided by 25 with no units (1) 	42000 ÷ 25 = x1680	
	OR	ecf for ±1mm and incorrect conversions	
	 25 converted to mm 		
	 diameter divided by 0.025 with no units 	Correct answer with no units and with no working scores full marks	
			(2)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
Number 2(b)(ii)	An answer that includes one of the following points:		
2(0)(11)	All allswer that includes one of the following points.		
	 (site of) photosynthesis / converts light energy to {chemical energy / ATP} (1) 	ACCEPT formation of correct named product of photosynthesis e.g. glucose	
		ignore makes food	(1)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
Number			
2(b)(iii)	An answer that includes the following point:		
	this organism has a nucleus / prokaryotic cells do not contain a nucleus (1)	DO NOT ACCEPT cell membrane / cytoplasm ignore contains membrane bound organelles	(1)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
Number			
2(c)(i)			
	 plasmodesma / plasmodesmata (1) 		(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
2(c)(ii)	 An explanation that includes the following points: communication between / connects (connected) cells (1) therefore signalling substances pass through {symplast / cytoplasm} / cytoplasmic streaming / transport of suitable named molecules e.g. minerals, water, glucose, amino acids, proteins, RNA (1) 	allow ECF for pits, cell wall and middle lamella only pits	
		stability} of {plant / cell (wall)}	(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3(a)	C - C D B E A		
	The only correct answer is C		
	A is not correct because the correct order is C D B E A		
	B is not correct because the correct order is C D B E A		
	D is not correct because the correct order is C D B E A		(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3(b)(i)	An explanation that includes four of the following points:		
	DNA content remains constant during {G1 / G2/ mitosis} (1)	ACCEPT DNA content stays at 2 during G1 / DNA content stays at 4 during {G2 / mitosis}	
	the DNA content doubles (1)	ACCEPT DNA content increases {to 4 / by 2}	
	 due to {DNA / chromosome} replication / S phase / replication (1) 	ignore interphase	
	• the cell divides / cytokinesis (after 15 hours) (1)	ignore telophase	
	(therefore) it will produce (two) diploid (daughter) cells (1)	ACCEPT (therefore) it will produce (two) genetically identical (daughter) cells	
			(4)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3(b)(ii)	An answer that includes the following points:	Example of graph	
	 similar shape graph as mitosis (1) with a further division line to reduce DNA content to {haploid / 1 a.u.} (1) 	6	
			(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4(a)	A calculation showing the following steps:	Example of calculation	
	mass of bran calculated (1)	$(48 \div 100) \times 14 = 6.72 \text{ (mg)}$	
	mass of fibre calculated (1)	$(6.72 \div 100) \times 43 = 2.889 \text{ (mg)}$	
	correct answer to two significant figures (1)	2.9 mg	
		Correct answer with no working scores full marks	(3)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4(b)	An explanation that includes the following points:	ACCEPT ORA for oil-based plastic	
	more sustainable (than oil-based plastic) (1)	ACCEPT renewable / can be regrown / available for future generations	
	biodegradable / can be broken down by decomposers (1)	ALLOW can decompose	
	carbon neutral (1)	ACCEPT {does not contribute to /reduces} {greenhouse effect / global warming}	
			(3)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4(c)	 An explanation that includes three of the following points: pollen tube transports {generative nucleus/male nuclei} to {embryo sac / ovary / micropyle} (1) (by releasing) digestive enzymes (1) 	ACCEPT pollen tube transports {generative nucleus/male nuclei} down the style ACCEPT male gamete / sperm nucleus	
	 one of the male nuclei {fertilises / fuses with} the (two) polar nuclei (1) (causing) the formation of a {3n/ triploid} endosperm (nucleus) (1) 	ACCEPT male gamete / {sperm / haploid} nucleus	(3)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(a)(i)	An answer that includes the following point:		
	 group of (similar) cells (working together to) perform a (specific) function (1) 	ACCEPT cells with similar {structure / function / origin}	(1)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
Number			
5(a)(ii)	An answer that includes the following points:		
	• patient P has a mitotic index of 20 (1)		
	 patient R has a mitotic index of 45 (1) 		
	correct order of cancer stage identified (1)	e.g. P has an earlier stage of cancer (than R), R has a more advanced stage of cancer ACCEPT ecf from calculated MI for P and R	
			(3)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(b)	An answer that includes at least one similarity and one difference: similarity: • the survival probability decreases over time (for all three stages) (1)		
	 differences: stage I has the highest survival probability for all years whereas stage IV has the lowest probability for all years (1) stage IV has the {fastest/steeper} decrease (in survival probability) / stage I has the slowest decrease (in survival probability) (1) 	ACCEPT correct order of survival probability for a point on the graph	
	Sarvivar probability) (1)		(3)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(c)	 A description that includes the following points: correct description of a placebo being given to one group (and the other group receiving (anticancer) drug) (1) neither the patient nor the doctor knows whether the 	ACCEPT description of a placebo e.g. has no active ingredient / already known drug / sugar pill / dummy drug ACCEPT scientist / researcher for	
	patient is receiving (the drug or) the placebo (1)	doctor	(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(a)	An explanation that includes four of the following points: • water for {hydrolysis reactions / form cytoplasm / solvent / hydration} (1)		
	(some bacteria require) oxygen for (aerobic) respiration (1)	ACCEPT (some anaerobic bacteria require) no oxygen for anaerobic respiration	
	(suitable/optimum) temperature for {enzyme- controlled / metabolic} reactions to occur (at suitable rate) (1)	ACCEPT (suitable) temperature so enzymes do not denature	
	(suitable/optimum) pH for {enzyme-controlled / metabolic} reactions to occur (at suitable rate) (1)	ACCEPT (suitable) pH so enzymes do not denature	
	named organic molecule and an explanation of why that organic molecule is needed (1)	e.g. glucose for respiration / lipids to provide fatty acid chains for new cell membrane / proteins to provide amino acids for {protein synthesis / growth}	
			(4)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
Number			
6(b)(i)	A calculation showing the following steps:	Example of calculation	
	calculation of difference in mean area of ulcer (1)	(802.71-95.71) =707	
	calculation of percentage decrease (1)	$\frac{(802.71-95.71)}{802.71} \times 100 = 88 / 88.077 / 88.08 / 88.1 (%)$	
		Correct answer with no working shown scores full marks	(2)

Question Number	Answer	
6 (b)(ii)	Answers will be credited according to candidate's deployment of kind relation to the qualities and skills outlined in the generic mark school	
	The indicative content below is not prescriptive and candidates are as relevant. Additional content included in the response must be so	
	Description of data in tablemass of mucusulcer area	
	 Conclusions and Explanations omeprazole was most effective treatment /none of the extracts were as effective as omeprazole at reducing ulcer area / all treatments resulted in {reduction of ulcer area / increased mass of mucus} correlation between mucus mass and ulcer area (apart from omeprazole) bacteria damage stomach lining causing ulcers suggestion that {omeprazole / extract} increases mucus production high mucus content prevents bacteria {reaching / damaging} stomach lining explanation of how mucus production links to ulcer area high mucus content prevents acid contents damaging stomach lining 	
	 Sustained link to biological process resulting in increased mucus production. {omeprazole / extract} causes the {stomach lining / goblet} suggestion that {omeprazole / extract} reduces acidity of stomation. antimicrobial properties of {omeprazole / extract} reducing therefore {slow population growth / reduced population of be lining / smaller ulcer area} 	cells} increases mucus production tomach making it less suitable for <i>H. pylori</i> {number / reproduction} of bacteria
		(6)

			Additional guidance
Level 0	0	No awardable content	
Level 1	1-2	An explanation may be attempted but with limited interpretation or analysis of the scientific information and with a focus on mainly just one piece of scientific information. The explanation will contain basic information, with some attempt made to link knowledge and understanding to the given context.	Either Description of: mass of mucus data and/or ulcer area data OR description of one and/or conclusion / explanation of one data set
Level 2	3-4	An explanation will be given, with occasional evidence of analysis, interpretation and/or evaluation of both pieces of scientific information. The explanation shows some linkages and lines of scientific reasoning, with some structure.	description of both data plus: explanation of mass of mucus / ulcer area and/or simple conclusion of most effective treatment
Level 3	5-6	An explanation is made that is supported throughout by sustained application of relevant evidence of analysis, interpretation and/or evaluation of both pieces of scientific information. The explanation shows a well-developed and sustained line of scientific reasoning, which is clear and logically structured.	all level 2 plus: a detailed explanation using sustained application. The detail of sustained application determines the mark in this level.

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
7(a)(i)	A - Metaphase I		
	The only correct answer is A		
	B is not correct because independent assortment does not occur in metaphase II		
	C is not correct because independent assortment does not occur in telophase I		
	D is not correct because independent assortment does not occur in telophase II		
			(1)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
Number			
7(a)(ii)	C - Prophase I		
	The only correct answer is C A is not correct because crossing over does not occur in metaphase I		
	B is not correct because crossing over does not occur in metaphase II		
	D is not correct because crossing over does not occur in prophase II		(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
7(b)	An explanation that includes three of the following points:		
	(due to) linkage (1)		
	A and B are on same chromosome (1)	ACCEPT 25% due to A and B on separate chromosomes	
	 {genes/ alleles / AB / ab / 48%} are not separated due to crossing over / {AB / ab} are inherited together (1) 	ACCEPT the closer together two loci are the smaller the chance of separation (by recombination) / ORA	
	• {Ab / aB / 2%} formed by crossing over (1)	ACCEPT {Ab / aB} are recombinants	
			(3)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
Number			
7(c)	A description that includes the following points:		
	 reference to post transcriptional changes / (pre-)RNA splicing (1) 		
	• {introns / P, R, T, V and X} removed by enzymes (1)	ACCEPT spliceosomes	
	 rearrangement of {exons / Q, S, U and W} / removal of some exons (1) 	ACCEPT not all exons used	
	• credit two different permutations of exon order given (1)		
	(therefore) a different {primary sequence / sequence of amino acids / polypeptide} (1)	ACCEPT different sequence of amino acids can result in differences in {folding / bonding} giving a different protein (3D) shape	(5)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
7(d)	An answer that includes the following points:		
	 (activity of) gene T decreases (during development) and gene U increases (1) 	ACCEPT pieced together	
	• (because) gene T is switched off (1)	ACCEPT description	
	 {product of gene T not needed / (gene T) protein not produced} once blastocyst stage reached (1) 	ACCEPT product of gene T not needed after 8-cell stage reached	
	 product of gene U is needed at higher levels after the {8-cell / morula} stage (1) 	ACCEPT gene U is involved in specialisation of the cells / correct description of role of gene U protein	(3)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8(a)(i)	A description that includes two of the following points:		
	 long wings to allow it to {fly long distances / glide / use updraft} (1) 		
	webbed feet to allow it to paddle through water (1)	ACCEPT webbed feet to allow increased air resistance	
	 long beak {to allow it to catch its prey / to feed / for defence} (1) 	ACCEPT large eyes to see prey in the water	
			(2)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
Number			
8(a)(ii)	A calculation showing the following steps:	Example of calculation:	
	• calculation of decrease in number (1)	5.3% of 4500 = 238.5	
	 calculation of population remaining, rounded to a whole number (1) 	4261 / 4262	
		Correct answer with no working shown scores full marks	(2)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
Number			
8(b)	An answer that includes the following point:		
	• similar phenotype (1)	ACCEPT they have similar {physical features / anatomy / morphology} ACCEPT could interbreed to produce fertile offspring	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8(c)	An answer that makes reference to four of the following:	Ignore genes max 3 if they do not refer to {larger size / ability to digest meat / eat chicks / defence from chicks}	
	(genetic) mutation(s) occurred (1)		
	 resulting in (new) allele coding for {larger size / ability to digest meat / eat chicks} (1) 		
	 (which then) conferred a selective advantage / (mutated mice) more likely to {survive and reproduce / pass alleles to offspring} (1) 	ACCEPT those without the {mutation / ability to eat chicks / advantageous allele} were less likely to survive and reproduce	
	(therefore) increasing allele frequency (1)		
	mutated mice on this island becoming reproductively isolated (resulting in two different species) (1)	ACCEPT mice on this island were geographically isolated (from non-mutated mice) / allopatric speciation occurred	
			(4)

Question Number	Answer	
8 (d)	Answers will be credited according to candidate's deployment of 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 indicated as relevant. Additional content included in the response must be scientific and relevant.	
	 On the island introducing laws to protect the albatross (D) removal of predators (D) through trapping / poisoning of mice / introducing a predator of mice (D) so more chicks will survive to breeding age (E) fishing exclusion zone (D) supplying more food to albatross (E) more food available for parents to give to chicks (E) therefore increase population size / conserve the albatross (E) reintroduction program (D) strategies to ensure increased survival chances of reintroduced birds e.g. removal of mice, behavioural conditioning (E) 	
	 In zoos Tristan albatross breeding pairs taken to zoos (D) captive breeding programmes (D) reference to studbooks (D) collecting eggs and taking them elsewhere to hatch (D) therefore offspring are not eaten by mice / protected from predators (E) offspring reintroduced to the island (D) to increase population size (E) reintroduce Tristan albatross currently held in zoos (D) therefore increase population size (E) (captive breeding/studbooks/breeding zoo albatrosses used) to {maintain / increase} genetic diversity (E) Hardy Weinberg equation used to see change in allele frequency over time (E) 	
	(6)	

			Additional guidance
Level 0	0	No awardable content	
Level 1	1-2	An explanation may be attempted but with limited interpretation or analysis of the scientific information and with a focus on mainly just one piece of scientific information.	Either on island or zoo involvement explained 1 mark = description of one method 2 marks = description of both methods or description of one with some explanation
		The explanation will contain basic information, with some attempt made to link knowledge and understanding to the given context.	
Level 2	3-4	An explanation will be given, with occasional evidence of analysis, interpretation and/or evaluation of both pieces of scientific information.	Both island and zoo involvement explained in relation to the question 3 marks = description of both methods with some explanation for one
		The explanation shows some linkages and lines of scientific reasoning, with some structure.	4 marks = description of both methods with explanation
Level 3	5-6	An explanation is made that is supported throughout by sustained application of relevant evidence of analysis, interpretation and/or evaluation of both pieces of scientific information.	All level 2 content plus: consideration of {maintaining / increasing genetic diversity} (Zoo) and / or
		The explanation shows a well-developed and sustained line of scientific reasoning, which is clear and logically structured.	reintroduction strategies to increase survival (Island)