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Annotations

Annotation	Meaning
/	alternative and acceptable answers for the same marking point
(1)	separates marking points
not	answers which are not worthy of credit
reject	answers which are not worthy of credit
ignore	statements which are irrelevant
allow	answers that can be accepted
()	words which are not essential to gain credit
	underlined words must be present in answer to score a mark
ecf	error carried forward
AW	alternative wording
ora	or reverse argument

Scoris Annotations

Annotation	Meaning
✓	correct response
×	incorrect response
bod	benefit of the doubt
nbod	benefit of the doubt not given
ECF	error carried forward
٨	information omitted
	ignore
R	reject

Highlighting is also available to highlight any particular points on the script.

The following questions should be annotated with ticks to show where marks have been awarded in the body of the text:

2 (e) (i), 3 (c) (i), 3 (d), 4 (b), 6 (e)

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Q	uesti	on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	(a)	(i)	tyrosinase;	1	First Answer (Mark the first answer . If the answer is correct and an additional answer is given that is incorrect or contradicts the correct answer then = 0 marks).
		(ii)	phenylketonuria / PKU;	1	Mark the First Answer
	(b)		both have an amine / amino / NH ₂ ; COOH / carboxyl / carboxylic;	2	DO NOT CREDIT if formula given does not match name DO NOT ACCEPT ammonia, amide
	(c)		1 low / less / no, thyroid hormones; 2 less (aerobic) respiration; 3 less, ATP produced / energy; 4 slow(er) metabolism / low(er) (B)MR; 5 low body temperature;	3 max	DO NOT CREDIT no respiration / ATP
			6 AVP ;		eg sleep more, get tired quickly, poor muscle tone, mental retardation
	(d)	(i)	homozygous;	1	Mark the First Answer IGNORE dominant / recessive
		(ii)	genotype combination of alleles; possessed by organism;	4	ACCEPT idea of all alleles or 'the' alleles (suggesting all) ACCEPT idea of eg that a, person has / you have / of an individual / cell 'all my alleles' = 2 marks
			allele alternative / mutant, form / version; of, a gene;		ACCEPT altered, different (form / version) CREDIT DNA if qualified, eg at a locus / codes for X

Qu	uestion	Answer	Marks	Guidance
	(e)	population, not large / (too) small; not randomly-mating / matings arranged;	2	
	(f)	natural / artificial / directional, selection; genetic drift; mutation; migration / AW;	2 max	Mark the first two suggestions only ACCEPT selection pressure, selective breeding, selective advantage
		Total	16	

Q	uestio	n		Answer		Marks	Guidance
2	(a)		husky in Fig. 2.2 has ears, laid back / held low / not upright; pupils, dilated / bigger; different / tensed / lower, posture; hair (on neck) standing up / hackles raised; mouth open / showing teeth / teeth bared / snarling / tongue withdrawn; tail standing up / held high;		3 max	CREDIT correct non-subjective visible differences wherever they appear (read as prose) IGNORE causes DO NOT CREDIT eyes dilated	
	(b)		organ	calm mammal	frightened mammal	6 max	CREDIT first correct answer per box if not contradicted later. No requirement for calm and frightened comments to be opposites.
			heart;	rate slow / small force ;	rate fast / great force ;		IGNORE steady, regular, normal with respect to calm mammal CREDIT reasonable figures for heart and breathing rates CREDIT AW such as stroke volume, cardiac output (of heart), tidal volume, ventilation rate (of
			lungs;	breathing, slow / shallow;	breathing, fast / deep;		
			(skeletal) muscle / arteries to muscle ;	less, active / blood flow;	more, active / blood flow;		lungs). ACCEPT named muscle(s) ACCEPT ecf across table for structures that are not organs, eg bronchioles CREDIT brain, bladder in first column for 1 mark
			liver;	glucose → glycogen / glucose taken up;	glycogen → glucose / glucose released;		
			gut / named part of gut ;	peristalsis / secretions / digestion / blood flow to gut, occurring;	no / less, peristalsis / secretions / digestion / blood flow to gut ;		CREDIT arterioles constricted for less blood flow (context gut in frightened mammal) CREDIT named secretions, eg saliva, gastric juice.

Question	Answer		Marks	Guidance
(c)	calm mammal fig. 2.1	rightened mammal Fig. 2.2	4	First Answer in each box (0 marks if additional answer contradicts)
	division parasympathetic; sy	mpathetic;		
		oradrenaline / NA orepinephrine / NE ;		DO NOT CREDIT adrenaline for noradrenaline CREDIT ecf for second line if name matches NS division stated
(d)	adrenal (glands); (adrenal) medulla;		2	First Answer (0 marks if additional answer contradicts) DO NOT CREDIT medulla oblongata or medulla alone
(e) (i)	1 adrenaline binds to receptor; 2 complementary / specific, fit / shape;		4 max	IGNORE neurones ACCEPT attaches to DO NOT ACCEPT detected by, recognised by
	3 G protein activated; 4 adenyl(ate) cyclase activated; 5 ATP converted to cAMP;			IGNORE stimulated (mps 3, 4 6) CREDIT AW eg made active, caused to work (3,4,6)
	6 cAMP activates, proteins / enzymes; 7 by, altering 3D structure / phosphorylation;	;		ACCEPT named enzymes eg kinases
(e) (ii)	idea that one / named, molecule causes, pro- many others; idea that this multiplying effect is repeated at idea of recycling / temporary binding, of cAM	, next / every / later step ;	2	ACCEPT 1 adrenaline → many cAMP molecules 1 molecule causes many responses (in cell) CREDIT idea of amplification / cascade effect IGNORE chain reaction, domino effect
	Table 5. 10070mig / tomporary binding, or or wi	Total	21	

C	uesti	on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
3	(a)	(i)	ecology;	1	First Answer
		(ii)	abiotic;	1	First Answer
		(iii)	ecosystem;	1	First Answer
	(b)		(interspecific) competition; species 1 and species 2 named; description of interaction;	6	Mark the first suggestion on each numbered line only, max 3 for each, therefore max 6 overall. ACCEPT English or scientific names for species (genus name alone acceptable and does not need capital letter) and accept phonetic spelling. DO NOT ACCEPT intraspecific eg eat, same / named, food OR occupy same niche 'Red and grey squirrels compete for the same food' = 3 marks
			trophic / predator-prey / predation / parasitism / grazing / herbivory; species 1 and species 2 named; description of interaction; mutualistic / mutualism; species 1 and species 2 named; description of interaction;		IGNORE grass, worms, ACCEPT symbiosis / symbiotic / commensalism IGNORE legumes and nitrogen-fixing bacteria if no species identified eg could include pollination, seed dispersal

Ques	stion	Answer	Marks	Guidance
(c	(i)	auxin / IAA ;	4 max	IGNORE other named hormones IGNORE apical dominance
		(positive) phototropism;		DO NOT ACCEPT phototrophic / thigmotrophic (but penalise once)
		plants / shoots, bend towards light;		IGNORE move, grow
		etiolation / plants grow taller;		
		climbing plants climb, up / over, other plants; (positive) thigmotropism / sense of touch;		
		grow roots towards, water / minerals;		IGNORE nutrients
		allelopathy / description;		
	(ii)	less auxin / auxin production stopped; apical dominance, stopped / removed;	3 max	
		side shoots grow / lateral buds develop / ora;		CREDIT axillary buds
		plant becomes bushy;		IGNORE side leaves
		F, ,		

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
(d)	Answer 1 tape measure / rope, laid; 2 line / belt, transect; 3 continuous / interrupted / AW; 4 (use quadrat to) record percentage cover of plants;	5 max	3 record all species touching line = continuous line quadrats end to end = continuous belt OR at selected intervals only = interrupted 4 ACCEPT description = number of squares with
	 5 (use quadrat with) ACFOR scale; 6 point quadrat use described; 7 use of key to identify species; 8 data recording sheets prepared in advance; QWC – sequencing of steps in procedure; 	1	species (>half covered) 5 DO NOT ACCEPT record abundance One point from 1 - 3
			before a point from 4 to 8
	Total	22	

C	uestion	Answer		Guidance
4	(a)	D; C; J/M/N; J/K/L; J/K/M;	5	First Answer

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
(b)	'Golden Rice TM , B1 reduce vitamin (A) deficiency in named area / ora; B2 reduce, eye problems / blindness;	9 max	B1 eg Asia / developing world / area where rice is staple diet
	C1 reduce rice genetic, diversity / variation; C2 clone may suffer from one, disease / environmental change; C3 hybridisation with wild rice / spread genes to wild populations; C4 seeds expensive / need to be bought each year; C5 rice may not grow in all areas where needed; C6 idea of doubts whether vitamin A content sufficient; 4 max		C1 ACCEPT contributes to genetic erosion C3 ACCEPT superweeds idea C4 CREDIT idea of economic exploitation
	Somatic Gene Therapy B3 cure / reduce symptoms / better quality of life / less medication; B4 cystic fibrosis / SCID / Parkinson's / thalassaemia / LCA; B5 extend lifespan / saves lives;		B3 DO NOT ACCEPT treat (as in question) B4 eg single gene recessive conditions, cancer concerns IGNORE references to embryo research, designer babies and germline gene therapy
	C7 virus vector may cause (viral) disease; C8 procedure may be, invasive / dangerous / painful / stressful; C9 temporary / needs to be repeated / limited success; C10 immune system / rejection, problems; C11 animal testing concerns; 4 max		C8 eg bone marrow removal and replacement
	Either Section C12 antibiotic resistance gene transfer to pathogenic bacteria; C13 unknown effects / cause mutation;		C12 IGNORE idea of resistant viruses C13 ACCEPT cause cancer (in context of gene therapy)
	QWC – balanced account; 1 max		Award if 1 C mark and 1 B mark have been awarded for both examples
	Total	14	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
5	I	5	CREDIT asepsis for aseptic (3 down)
	Total	5	

Question		on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
6	(a)	(i)	artificial selection / selective breeding;	1	First Answer
		(ii)	 idea that males can father many offspring / mate several females; idea that females produce only a few offspring; (so) more females (than males) needed to maintain numbers (each generation); (20% females chosen as) inbreeding / genetic problems, if breeding population is too small; (5% males chosen as) selection pressure stronger if fewer (tamest) are used; 	2 max	IGNORE artificial insemination eg one litter at a time
	(b)		 1 (mostly) genetic; 2 as can be selected for / selective breeding increases frequency; 3 allele(s) for tameness; 4 (from) mutation; 5 query role of environment / learning; 6 ref. DRD4 / dopamine receptor; 	3 max	DO NOT CREDIT if environment also given as cause IGNORE genetic drift DO NOT CREDIT if environment given as main cause ACCEPT query about experimental method, eg was environment controlled for?

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
(c)	linkage tameness genes and genes for these traits on same chromosome; (so) inherited together; epistasis (product of) one gene affects expression of another; via enzyme pathway;	2	First Answer Look for the two mark points relevant to the first word of the four on offer that the candidate has chosen.
	inbreeding (hidden / masked) recessive alleles; selected for, as well / unintentionally; more chance homozygous as, small gene pool / parents related; genetic drift random / chance (which alleles, present / passed on); (effect stronger because) small breeding population;		ACCEPT idea of (recessive)allele inherited from both parents because, they are closely-related / small gene pool / reduced genetic diversity
(d)	1 geographic; 2 wolves avoid human settlements / dogs confined by humans; 3 behavioural; 4 detail / description;	3 max	IGNORE reproductive isolation 4 eg differences in, pheromones / courtship
	 5 mechanical; 6 idea of different size of wolves and some small dogs; 7 gamete incompatibility; 8 possibility of different chromosome numbers; 9 seasonal / temporal; 10 different breeding, seasons / times; 		6 ACCEPT different genitalia 10 CREDIT the idea that dogs breed all year round / wolves breed once a year

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
(e)	biological species concept	4 max	
	 1 (members of same species) need can interbreed to produce fertile offspring; 2 not all dog breeds can do this therefore not same species; 3 dog and wolf can so they should be same species; 		
	phylogenetic species concept		
	4 idea that dogs and wolves monophyletic group / tip of phylogeny;		4 ACCEPT share a common ancestor
	5 genetic differences, between dogs and wolves small;		5 CREDIT question of how much DNA difference needed to classify as separate species
	6 gene flow between wolves → big dogs → little dogs / analagous to ring species;		Thousand to diagony as sopulate species
	7 (PSC) one species (with a lot of phenotypic variation);		
	Total	15	

Question	Answer		Guidance	
7 (a)	homeotic / regulatory, (gene); contains, 180 bp / homeobox, sequence; that codes for homeodomain (on protein); (gene product) binds to DNA; initiates transcription / switch genes, on / off; control of, development / body plan;	2	CREDIT controls gene expression, ref. transcription factor(s) ACCEPT description, eg polarity, segmentation, position of limbs	
(b)	these genes very important; mutation would, have big effects / alter body plan; many other genes would be affected / knock-on effects; mutation likely to be, lethal / selected against;	2 max	ACCEPT example, eg no arms CREDIT selected against in context of survival, not reproduction DO NOT CREDIT ora, not beneficial so not selected for	
(c)	protein synthesis / transcription and translation; respiration; DNA replication; mitosis; cytokinesis; apoptosis; differentiation / gene switching;	2 max	Mark the first two suggestions only IGNORE growth ACCEPT programmed cell death	
(d)	fungi / plants ;	1		
	Total	7		

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