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Biology

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Section A

Question			Answers	Notes	Total	
1.	a		«apical» meristem/shoot apex ✔		1.	1
	b		a. percentage survival is higher with larger diameter galls *OR* positive relationship ✔ b. variation/outlier at the lower diameters ✔ c. little variation in survival percentage at highest diameters ✔	 *OWTTE* *OWTTE*		**2 max**
	c		a. directional selection is when an extreme phenotype/characteristic is favoured ✔ b. flies that form small galls will be selectively predated ✔ c. over time, flies that produce small galls will become rarer *OR* mean gall size will increase ✔	*OWTTE* *OWTTE – accept vice versa*		**2 max**

Question			Answers	Notes	Total	
2.	a		no effect with fructose diet but «statistically significant» reduction in control ✔		2.	1
	b		a. effectiveness/effect of leptin depends on diet ✔ b. «if obese people have a» high fructose diet, then it will not suppress appetite ✔ c. «for obese people with a» control/low fructose diet, then it will suppress appetite ✔ d. results for mice may not be the same for humans ✔	*OWTTE* *OWTTE*		**2 max**
	c	i	adipose/fat tissue ✔			1
		ii	hypothalamus ✔			1

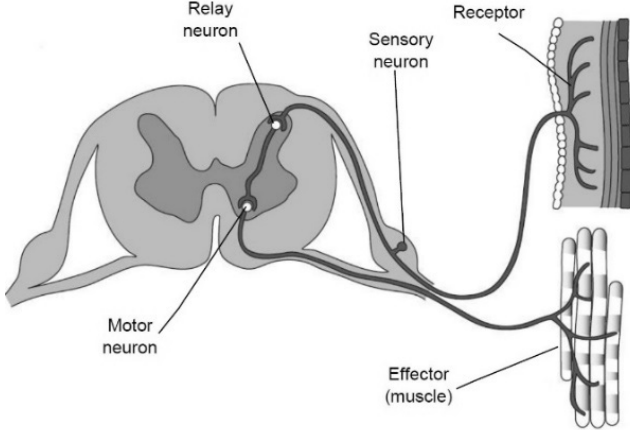| Question			Answers	Notes	Total
3.	**a**		xylem ✓		**1**
	b		a. pressure will decrease ✓ b. water volume decreases «in tube» due to evaporation transpiration ✓ c. «cohesion/tension of water column» causes increase in air volume «thus air pressure decreases» ✓	*OWTTE*	**2 max**

	c		***Alternative 1***
			
			humidity: ***[2 max]***
			
			a. outline of how independent variable is varied ✓
			
			b. outline of control treatment ✓
			
			c. control of other variable«s» ✓
			
			Alternative 2
			
			temperature: ***[2 max]***
			
			d. outline of how independent variable is varied ✓
			
			e. outline of control treatment ✓
			
			f. control of other variable«s» ✓
				eg: cover experimental plant«s» with a plastic bag
				    OR
				    mist the experimental plant«s».
				
				eg: control plant«s» is/are not covered/not misted.
				
				eg: light is kept constant.
				
				eg: place set-up under/away from heat lamps at different distances.
				
				eg: no heat lamp for control.
				
				eg: use hygrometer to verify that heat lamp does not change humidity level.
					2 max

Section B

Option A — Neurobiology and behaviour

Question			Answers	Notes	Total
4.	**a**	**i**	a. *I*: neural groove/plate/fold ✔ b. *II*: ectoderm ✔		**2**
		ii	a. brain ✔ b. spinal cord ✔		**2**
		iii	spina bifida ✔		**1**
	b		a. human cortex larger than rat cortex ✔ b. human cortex proportionally larger than other brain parts than rat cortex ✔ c. surface area «of cortex» larger for humans ✔ d. more infolding of the surface of the cerebral cortex in humans ✔	*OWTTE*	**2 max**

Question			Answers	Notes	Total
5.	**a**		*difference in colour perception*: a. cannot distinguish red and green ✔ *reason*: b. green and red cones detect very similar wavelengths **OR** peak of altered green shifts to the right **OR** range of altered green wider «than normal green» ✔		**2**
	b		a. «movement of eardrum and ossicles» causes vibration of cochlear fluid ✔ b. hair cells in different position «along the basal membrane» have hair/cilia of different length ✔ c. different hair/cilia vibrate at different wavelengths ✔ d. «different hair cells send different» nerve signals in the auditory nerve ✔	*OWTTE*	**3 max**

Question			Answers	Notes	Total
6.	**a**		a. «cocaine» is an excitatory drug **OR** excitatory influence on the brain ✔ b. increase the concentration/level of dopamine in the synapse ✔ c. prolonged effect/continuous stimulus of dopamine on the brain/postsynaptic neuron ✔ d. addiction/dependence on high levels of dopamine for the same effect/addiction ✔	*OWTTE* *OWTTE*	**2 max**

(Question 6 continued)

Question			Answers	Notes	Total
b			a. they contribute to memory/learning ✔ b. they modulate fast synaptic transmission «in the brain» ✔ c. by causing the release of secondary messengers in the postsynaptic neuron ✔		**2 max**
c			a. receptor cell ✔ b. sensory neuron passes stimulus ✔ c. to interneuron/relay neuron ✔ d. which transmit response to motor neuron ✔ e. effector ✔	*Award marking points for a clearly annotated diagram.* *eg:*	**3 max**
d			olfactory «receptor» ***OR*** chemoreceptor ✔		**1**

Question			Answers	Notes	Total
7.	a		17.5 mm **OR** 15 mm to 20 mm ✔		**1**
	b		a. larger mussels too much effort to open **OR** best ratio between effort and energy return ✔ b. smaller mussels means more individuals have to be eaten for the same return on effort ✔ c. greater time/predator exposure spent during foraging to obtain required daily energy ✔ d. it «may be» the most common size available **OR** «correct mussel» size favoured by natural selection ✔ e. the claws are best adapted to prey on mussels of this size ✔	*OWTTE*	**3 max**

Question	Answers	Notes	Total
8.	first method: **[3]** a. name of first method ✔ b. how the first method works ✔ c. what can be learned from the first method ✔ second method: **[3]** d. name of second method ✔ e. how the second method works ✔ f. what can be learned from the second method ✔	*eg: lesion studies* *eg: carry out an autopsy* *eg: relate the position of the lesion to observed changes in behaviour* *eg: fMRI* *eg: inject dye into blood* **OR** *active parts of the brain have dyed blood flowing to them* *eg: known stimulus activates specific region of the brain that is detected* *Allow other verifiable methods.*	**6**

Option B — Biotechnology and bioinformatics

Question			Answers	Notes	Total
9.	a		a. alkali/base ✔ b. nutrients ✔ c. glucose/carbon source ✔ d. antibiotic ✔ e. nitrogen source ✔ f. water ✔	*Do not accept O₂ as air is blown in.*	**2 max**
	b		temperature *OR* optical density/turbidity *OR* oxygen *OR* CO₂ ✔		**1**

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Question			Answers			Notes	Total
c							**2 max**

factor	*batch*	*continuous*
a. introduction of nutrients	at the beginning	all the time ✓
b. collection of products	all products at the end/*OWTTE*	small quantities throughout/*OWTTE* ✓
c. cleaning and sterilization	between batches	after a long time/*OWTTE* ✓
d. contamination	ruins only one batch	ruins the whole production ✓

Question			Answers	Notes	Total
d			a. «genetically modify to» incorporate gene for low/blockage of TPS activity into *A. niger* ✓ b. «genetically modify to» incorporate gene that breaks down trehalose-6-phosphate ✓ c. selectively breed *A. niger* cultures for low/no TPS activity ✓		**2 max**

Question			Answers	Notes	Total
10.	**a**		a. in sterile solution/control there is no degradation of cyanide but there is in the solutions with *P. fluorescens* ✓	*OWTTE*	
			b. in solution containing *P. fluorescens* and sucrose degradation of cyanide higher than without sucrose ✓		**2 max**
			c. control with sucrose «only» missing to establish causality ✓	*OWTTE*	
	b		«organic» carbon source «necessary for the reaction to degrade cyanide» **OR** sucrose provides the energy source ✓		**1**
	c		a. bioremediation is the use of organisms to degrade pollution/toxins in the environment ✓		
			b. *P. fluorescens* necessary to degrade cyanide which is toxic to the environment ✓	*OWTTE*	**2 max**
			c. often involves supplementing with nutrients/carbon source/aeration ✓		

Question			Answers	Notes	Total
11.			a. marker gene inserted into DNA containing target gene ✓		
			b. recombinant DNA «with marker gene and target gene» inserted into cell/organism ✓		
			c. named example of marker and target gene ✓	*eg: ampicillin resistance with BT gene for glyphosate resistance*	**3 max**
			d. further details of how the marker gene works ✓	*eg: culture cells in ampicillin and if the cell grows into a callus, uptake has occurred*	

Question			Answers	Notes	Total
12.	**a**			*Accept other valid answers.*	
			a. genetic markers/specific sequences can be present in people with a disease ✔	*OWTTE*	**3 max**
			b. presence «of markers/specific sequences» indicates risk/probability of onset of condition ✔	*Allow vice versa.*	
			c. technique to detect the presence of the sequence ✔	*eg: PCR, electrophoresis, DNA sequencing, FISH, DNA databases, etc.*	
			d. example of predisposition ✔	*eg: BRCA sequence mutations indicating predisposition to breast cancer*	
	b		a. transferrin/other protein taken up at higher rates by tumour cells ✔		**2 max**
			b. transferrin/other protein can be labelled with a luminescent dye ✔		
			c. different tumour cell types can be distinguished/labelled in different colours ✔		
			d. can be used to highlight tumours «during surgery» ✔	*OWTTE*	

Question			Answers	Notes	Total
13.	**a**		a. «three» reading frames can occur in either strand ✓ b. from 5′ «to 3′» ✓ c. reading frame can start from any of the first three nucleotides ✓ d. from the top strand: GTG or TGA or GAA as first triplet **OR** from the bottom strand: ATA or TAT or ATT as first triplet ✓	*OWTTE*	**3 max**
	b		start codon/AUG **OR** stop codon/UAA/UAG/UGA ✓		**1**
	c		a. use a database ✓ b. conduct BLAST search **OR** BLASTn allows DNA sequence alignment ✓ c. «sequence alignment software used» to identify/compare similar sequences in different organisms ✓ d. gene function can be studied using model organisms with similar sequences with known function ✓ e. BLASTp allows protein alignment **OR** EST may be used to identify gene activity ✓ f. can change sequence and create "knockout" study organism ✓ g. changes in phenotype due to knockout procedure allow determination of function ✓ h. valid example provided ✓	*OWTTE*	**6 max**

Option C — Ecology and conservation

Question			Answers	Notes	Total	
14.	**a**		reduction in number of species/diversity/richness ✔		**1.**	**1**

	b		a. biological control of/reduction in corn pests ✔
			
			b. reduction in the use of pesticides ✔
			
			c. damage on beneficial species ✔
			
			d. reduction in insect diversity can have broad ecosystem negative impact
			    OR
			    example of negative impact ✔
			
			e. long-term effects unknown ✔
				OWTTE	**3 max**	

	c		*definition:*
			a. keystone species is one in which presence has a disproportionate impact on ecosystem ✔
			
			impact:
			b. removal often leads to significant changes
			    OR
			    valid example ✔
					2	

Question			Answers	Notes	Total	
15.	**a**		symbiosis/mutualism ✔		**1.**	**1**
	b		producers ✔			**1**
	c		indicator species ✔			**1**

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Question			Answers	Notes	Total
	d		a. eutrophication is nutrient enrichment of a body of water ✓ b. example of nutrients ✓ c. «nutrients» serve as fertilizer for the algae «promoting growth» ✓	*eg: nitrates*	**2 max**
	e		a. top-down factors refer to predation/herbivory/trophic level above another one ✓ b. which limit/control population growth ✓ c. named example of a top-down predator ✓	*eg: parrotfish* *Do not accept general names, like "fish".*	**2 max**

16.	**a**		the larger the area of the raft, the greater the number of species/diversity ***OR*** positive relationship/correlation ✓		**1**

	b		a. «consistent as» the theory of biogeography predicts an increase in diversity with increasing island area ✓
			
			b. normally applied to much larger areas ✓
			
			c. comparing the Eastern and Western Pacific samples, the same sized areas have significantly different numbers of species ✓
			
			d. lack of resources «on plastic raft» may limit number of species
			
			    OR
			
			    other valid named factors besides area are influencing the number of species ✓
				OWTTE	**3 max**

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Question			Answers	Notes	Total

	c		a. plastics in the ocean can release toxins ✔
			
			b. plastics are directly ingested/consumed ✔
			
			c. toxins are absorbed by lower trophic level organisms ✔
			
			d. toxins not metabolized by organism
			    OR
			    accumulate in tissues ✔
			
			e. toxins concentrated in each successive level up the food chain ✔
					3 max

	d		a. introduction of pathogens into areas where the pathogen is not found ✔ b. introduced species may become invasive ✔ c. animals can choke/become entangled ✔ d. any other valid concern	*Only mark the first two concerns written.* *OWTTE*	**2 max**

	e		*disadvantage*:
			
			a. biomagnification of DDT
			    OR
			    thin egg shells in birds of prey
			    OR
			    kills beneficial/other insects ✔
			
			advantage:
			
			b. reduction in the levels of the malarial parasite ✔
				Accept any other valid disadvantage	**2**

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17.	<table><tr><td colspan="2">***Conditions***</td><td>***Tropical rain forest***</td><td>***Taiga***</td></tr><tr><td rowspan="3">*Nutrient stores*</td><td>*Biomass (B)*</td><td>a. high levels «in biomass»</td><td>low levels ✔</td></tr><tr><td>*Litter (L)*</td><td>b. low amounts of nutrient storage in litter</td><td>high amounts ✔</td></tr><tr><td>*Soil (S)*</td><td>c. low amounts of nutrient storage in soil</td><td>low amounts ✔</td></tr><tr><td rowspan="2">*Nutrient flows*</td><td>*Transfer*</td><td>d. higher rates «S→B» «L→S» **OR** lower rates «B→L»</td><td>lower rates «S→B» «L→S» **OR** higher rates «B→L» ✔</td></tr><tr><td>*Leaching/run-off/ weathering*</td><td>e. higher rates «not as high as other flows»</td><td>low rate ✔</td></tr><tr><td rowspan="3">*Climate*</td><td rowspan="2">*Temperature*</td><td>f. higher annual mean **OR** higher/warmer</td><td>lower average annual **OR** lower/colder ✔</td></tr><tr><td>g. average annual temperature greater than 24 °C *«allow between 22 °C and 26 °C »*</td><td>−10 °C *or* −5 °C to 5 °C ✔</td></tr><tr><td rowspan="2">*Precipitation*</td><td>h. high amounts of rainfall **OR** wet/wetter</td><td>much less rainfall **OR** dry/dryer ✔</td></tr></table> h. handled above; i. row:		
	i. greater than 200 or 250 cm of rainfall annually	20–75 cm annually ✔		**6 max**

Option D — Human physiology

Question			Answers	Notes	Total
18.			a. determine the initial and final/change in mass of the food sample ✔ b. determine initial and final/change in temperature of water ✔ c. ignite sample and place burning sample under a known volume/mass of water ✔ d. energy content is determined using formula $\Delta T \times$ mass of water $\times$ specific heat capacity of water ✔ e. divide energy of water by mass of the food sample ✔	 OWTTE	**18.** **3 max**

Question			Answers	Notes	Total
19.	**a**		a. «supported» as «all» structures smaller for anorexia ✔ b. «not supported as» overlap in error bars ✔ c. may not be reliable because of small sample ✔ d. other conditions unknown ✔ e. correlation does not necessarily establish causality ✔	 OWTTE OWTTE	**19.** **3 max**

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Question			Answers	Notes	Total
b	**i**		a. hypokalemia has a flat T-wave whereas hyperkalemia has a heightened T-wave **OR** hypokalemia S-T interval longer ✓ b. hypokalemia has narrower/faster QRS complex compared to hyperkalemia ✓ c. hypokalemia trace/baseline «overall» lower than hyperkalemia ✓	*OWTTE* *Accept vice versa* *Accept vice versa* *Accept vice versa*	**2 max**
	ii		a. arrival of signal at AV node ✓ b. transmission via conducting fibres/bundle of His/Purkinje fibres ✓ c. ventricles depolarize ✓ d. atrioventricular valves close **OR** semilunar valves open ✓ e. ventricular systole/contraction ✓ f. contraction begins at apex/base ✓		**3 max**
	iii		a. use a defibrillator ✓ b. place electrodes on exposed chest of victim ✓ c. in a line with the heart in the middle of a diagonal line between the two paddles ✓ d. the device determines whether fibrillation is happening ✓ e. if it is, an electric discharge is given off to restore a normal heart rhythm ✓		**3 max**
	iv		around 7.4 *or* 7.35 to 7.45 ✓		**1**

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Question			Answers	Notes	Total

		v	a. increased CO_2 lowers blood pH ✓
			
			b. chemoreceptors in carotid/aorta detect lower pH ✓
			
			c. signal/impulses to medulla «oblongata»
			   OR
			   signal/impulses to respiratory centre ✓
			
			d. «from medulla/respiratory centre» to intercostal muscles/diaphragm ✓
			
			e. ventilation rate increase occurs to expel CO_2 ✓
					3 max

Question			Answers	Notes	Total

20.			a. *V. cholerae* produces toxin ✓
			
			b. «toxin» causes ions to be pumped into «small» intestine ✓
			
			c. drawing water into the intestine ✓
			
			d. through osmosis ✓
			
			e. leading to water loss through diarrhea/vomiting
			   OR
			   leading to dehydration ✓
					3 max

Question	Answers	Notes	Total
21.	a. Kupffer cells phagocytose/engulf the erythrocytes ✓ b. hemoglobin is split into heme group and globins ✓ c. globins hydrolyzed to peptides/amino acids ✓ d. heme group separated into iron and bilirubin ✓		**3 max**

Question	Answers	Notes	Total
22.	a. receptors are proteins ✓ *steroid hormones: [3 max]* b. steroid hormones cross plasma membrane ✓ c. bind to receptor «proteins» in the cytoplasm of the target cell ✓ d. to form a receptor–hormone complex ✓ e. «the receptor–hormone complex» promotes the transcription of specific genes ✓ *peptide hormones: [3 max]* f. peptide hormones bind to receptors in the plasma membrane of the target cell ✓ g. binding of hormones to «membrane» receptors activates a cascade of reactions ✓ h. mediated by a second messenger inside the cell ✓ i. such as cAmp **or** Ca^{2+} calmodulin ✓		**6 max**