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Paper 4 (A2 Structured Questions), maximum raw mark 100

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Mark scheme abbreviations:

<b>;</b>	separates marking points
<b>/</b>	alternative answers for the same point
<b>R</b>	reject
<b>A</b>	accept (for answers correctly cued by the question, or by extra guidance)
<b>AW</b>	alternative wording (where responses vary more than usual)
<b><u>underline</u></b>	actual word given must be used by candidate (grammatical variants excepted)
<b>max</b>	indicates the maximum number of marks that can be given
<b>ora</b>	or reverse argument
<b>mp</b>	marking point (with relevant number)
<b>ecf</b>	error carried forward
<b>I</b>	ignore
<b>AVP</b>	Alternative valid point (examples given as guidance)

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- 1 (a) 1. similar, morphological / physiological / biochemical / behavioural, features ;  
2. interbreed / reproduce, to produce fertile offspring ;  
3. occupy same niche ;  
4. reproductively isolated ; [2 max]
- (b) *isolating mechanism* – geographical / land barrier / AW **or** behavioural / AW ; [1]
- (c) 1. no, breeding / gene flow, between populations ;  
2. (gene) mutations occur ;  
3. different selection pressures / different (environmental) conditions ;  
4. genetic change ; e.g. different alleles selected for / change in allele frequency / change in gene pool / advantageous alleles passed on ;  
5. different chromosome numbers ;  
6. genetic drift ;  
7. do not recognise song ;  
8. therefore cannot interbreed ;  
9. allopatric (speciation) ; [5 max]

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- 2 (a) (i)**
1. ref. antigen presenting cells ;
  2. (antigen) A recognised as, non-self / AW ;
  3. by B lymphocytes;
  4. with appropriate, receptor / antibody / immunoglobulin ;
  5. ref. clonal selection ;
  6. (B lymphocytes) clonal expansion / mitosis / cell division ;
  7. T-helper cells to stimulate B-cell (response) ;
  8. release cytokine;
  9. (B lymphocytes) mature into plasma cells ;
  10. (plasma cells) secrete (anti-A) antibody ; [4 max]
- (ii)** plasma cell fused with, myeloma / cancerous / malignant, cell ; [1]
- (iii)**
1. B cells / plasma cells, will not grow in culture / cannot divide (AW) / short-lived ;
  2. cancerous / malignant / myeloma, cells divide, indefinitely / continuously  
**or**  
hybridoma divides (AW) indefinitely ;
  3. AVP ; e.g. to obtain, genetic material / genes / genomes, from both cells [2 max]
- (iv)** use of marker described (attached to, antigen A / specific mAB against mouse antibody); [1]
- (b) (i)**
1. all infliximab treatments reduce percentage with increased joint damage ;
  2. (general trend) high dosage / more infliximab, percentage with increased joint damage lower  
**or**  
low dosage / less infliximab, percentage with increased joint damage higher ;
  3. both increasing dosage & decreasing time intervals have an effect;
  4. at high dosage increasing time interval shows, percentage with increased joint damage is similar / AW ;
  5. at low dosage increasing time interval shows, the percentage with increased joint damage is less / AW;
  6. 30.5% with no infliximab to 0.5 – 1.0% with most infliximab / 30% decrease ;
  7. other comparative data ; [3 max]

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(ii) because small numbers involved / AW ; [1]

(c) *N.B. diagnosis not treatment*

1. quick diagnosis;
2. than having to culture pathogen ;
3. (quicker diagnosis) so quicker treatment ;
4. less labour intensive (than culturing) ;
5. not all pathogens can be cultured ;
6. microscopic identification difficult ;
7. viruses difficult to identify ;
8. AVP ; e.g. ref. specificity / ref. non-pathogenic diseases

[3 max]

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- 3 (a)**
1. VNTRs with more repeats are, longer / greater mass ; **ora**
  2. phosphate groups (of DNA) give negative charge ;
  3. fragments / DNA, attracted to, anode / positive electrode ;
  4. Shorter / lower mass / fewer repeat, pieces move, faster / further in unit time; **ora**
  5. ref. impedance of gel / AW ; [3 max]
- (b)** *N.B. answer on Fig 3.2*  
one band in exactly same place as given band ; *may be drawn thinner*  
  
second band above the first ; [2]
- (c)** *to identify*
1. a carrier / heterozygote, before marriage ;
  2. a carrier / heterozygote, before conceiving child ;
  3. HbS HbS child *in utero* re: termination ;
  4. HbS HbS child at birth re: treatment ;
  5. ref. genetic counselling ; [3 max]

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- 4 (a) 1. anthers, outside flower / exposed, to allow wind to carry pollen away ;  
 2. long / flexible, filaments to allow wind to dislodge pollen ; **A** versatile anthers  
 3. no / small, petals to allow, anthers/ pollen, to be exposed to the wind ;  
 4. anthers large to produce large quantities of pollen ; [2 max]
- (b) 1. (genetic) mutation / random changes (in corn borer) ;  
 2. caterpillars / corn borers, with mutation, more likely to survive / have selective advantage ;  
 3. (adults with this mutation) likely to breed ;  
 4. mutated gene / resistance alleles, passed on to next generation ;  
 5. increase in frequency of allele for resistance ; [3 max]
- (c) rr ; [1]
- (d) 1. when (non resistant) borers from outside breed with resistant borers, many offspring will not be resistant ;  
 2. because (many) offspring will be, Rr / heterozygous ;  
 3. detail, e.g. results of rr x RR **and** rr x Rr ; [2 max]
- (e) (i) 1. much mixing ;  
 2. more marked females recaptured than marked males, showing more mixing of males ; **ora**  
 3. high percentage of recaptured borers were unmarked ;  
 4. unmarked borers come from different fields ;  
 5. ref. considerable variation between results for different trials ;  
 6. use of data from shaded columns ; [3 max]
- (ii) 1. (HDR strategy needs) mating between borers from *Bt* fields with borers from outside ;  
 2. (results show) marked females had mated with marked males / only some marked females had mated with unmarked males ;  
 3. use of figures relating to above point ;  
 4. (this means that) many females mated with males from the same field ;  
 5. (so) many females from a *Bt* field would mate with males from *Bt* field;

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6. their offspring would all be, resistant / rr ;
7. ref. this reduces the effectiveness of the HDR strategy / fewer heterozygotes ;  
[4 max]

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- 5 (a)**
1. (mostly) secreted, during the second half of the cycle / from day 14 onwards ;
  2. maintains, lining of the uterus / endometrium ;
  3. in preparation for implantation ;
  4. inhibits, GnRH / development of new follicle ; **A FSH / LH** [3 max]

**(b) (i)** 32.6 - 32.8 days ; [1]

- (ii)**
1. high fat diet causes decrease in age of puberty ;
  2. change in either mother or her offspring has an effect ;
  3. (from 40% +) greater effect by changing mother's diet;
  4. use of comparative figures ;
  5. cannot assume that effect on humans would be the same as on rats ;
  6. no data provided on change in diet in European girls ;
  7. does not take into account other possible changes ;
  8. AVP ; e.g. for mp 7 [4 max]

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- 6 (a) 1 large, so easy to detect ;
- 2 taken by collectors ;
- 3 destroyed due to smell ;
- 4 habitat destruction / named example ; e.g. effect of grazing / building / agriculture
- 5 AVP ; e.g. not easily pollinated / detail of *Rafflesia* / flowers infrequently [3 max]
- (b) (i) diversity of ecosystems in a region ;
- the number of different species in each ecosystem ;
- the genetic diversity within populations of each species ; [1 max]
- (ii) 1. (some, species / plants / animals may have) uses in the future ;
2. medical uses / example ;
3. resource material ; e.g. wood for building / fibres for clothes / food (for humans) / agriculture ;
4. ecotourism ;
5. maintain, gene pool / genetic diversity ;
6. prevention of natural disasters ;
7. aesthetic reasons ;
8. to maintain stability in, ecosystems / food chains ; [4 max]

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- 7 (a) correct symbols ; e.g.  $X^A$  = (allele for) red-eye  
 $X^a$  = (allele for) white-eye

parental genotypes  $X^A X^a$  and  $X^a Y$  ;

gametes  $X^A$   $X^a$   $X^a$   $Y$  ;

offspring genotypes  $X^A X^a$   $X^A Y$   $X^a X^a$   $X^a Y$  ;

offspring phenotypes red-eyed red-eyed white-eyed white-eyed  
female male female male ;

[5]

- (b) (i) passes Y chromosome onto son / passes X chromosome onto daughter ;

[1]

- (ii) heterozygous ;

[1]

- (iii) gene / allele, mutation ;

[1]

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- 8 (a) (i) 1. 26 °C optimum temperature for, rubisco / enzyme of Calvin cycle ;  
 2. (at just over 40 °C) enzymes / rubisco, denatured ;  
 3. so less carbon dioxide fixed ;  
 4. reduction in Calvin cycle / AW ;  
 5. increased rate of transpiration / AW ;  
 6. so stomata close ;  
 7. less carbon dioxide uptake ;  
 8. oxygen more likely to combine with rubisco ;  
 9. so increased photorespiration ; [5 max]
- (ii) curve of C4 drawn with optimum to the right of existing curve ; 1 mark
1. C4 / sorghum, enzymes, have higher optimum temperature (than C3) ;  
 2. has leaf structural features to avoid photorespiration ;  
 3. adapted to hot climate ; 2 max [3 max]

(b) (i)

light intensity /lux	total CO <sub>2</sub> uptake / μmol	rate of photosynthesis /μmol s <sup>-1</sup>
5	36	1.8
10	84	4.2
13	104	5.2
15	120	6.0

all 3 correct = 1 mark

[1]

- (ii) axes correct ;  
 units ;  
 correct plotting ;  
 suitable curve ; between 5 and 15 lux

accept ecf from table

[3 max]

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(iii) when a process is affected by more than one factor / AW ;

the rate of photosynthesis is, restricted by / AW, the factor that is nearest its lowest value ; [2]

(iv) light intensity ; [1]

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- 9 (a)
1. reduced, NAD / FAD ;
  2. passed to ETC ;
  3. inner membrane / cristae ;
  4. hydrogen released (from reduced, NAD / FAD) ; **R** H<sub>2</sub>
  5. split into electrons and protons ;
  6. electrons pass along, carriers / cytochromes ;
  7. ref. energy gradient ;
  8. energy released pumps protons into intermembrane space ;
  9. proton gradient ;
  10. protons pass through (protein) channels ;
  11. ATP synthase / stalked particles ;
  12. (ATP produced from) ADP and inorganic phosphate ;
  13. electron transferred to oxygen ;
  14. addition of proton (to oxygen) to form water / (oxygen) reduced to water ; [8 max]
- (b)
15. organisms need energy, to stay alive / for metabolism / AW ;
  16. ATP as, (universal) energy currency / described ;
  17. light energy for photosynthesis ; **A** light dependent stage
  18. light-dependent stage detail ;
  19. light-independent stage detail ;
  20. chemical energy ;
  21. for anabolic reactions ;
  22. named reaction; e.g. protein synthesis / starch formation
  23. activation of glucose in glycolysis / described ;
  24. active transport ;
  25. detail; e.g. sodium - potassium pump /movement against a concentration gradient
  26. mechanical energy / movement ;
  27. detail ; e.g. muscle contraction / spindle

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28. temperature regulation ;

29. AVP ; e.g. bioluminescence / electrical discharge

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10 (a) *many of these mps can be given from a labelled diagram*

1. (outer) cortex ;
  2. medulla ;
  3. pelvis ;
  4. renal artery ;
  5. renal vein ;
  6. nephron / (kidney) tubule ;
  7. renal capsule / proximal convoluted tubule (pct) / distal convoluted tubule (dct), in cortex ;
  8. loop of Henle / collecting duct (cd), in medulla ;
  9. glomerulus ;
  10. afferent & efferent arterioles;
  11. capillary network, surrounds tubule / in medulla ;
- [6 max]

(b) *mechanisms*

12. active transport ; **A** actively pumped / uses ATP
  13. Na<sup>+</sup>, out of pct cells / into blood ;
  14. (sets up) Na<sup>+</sup> ion gradient ;
  15. facilitated diffusion ;
  16. using protein carrier ; **A** transport protein
  17. cotransport (from lumen to pct cell);
  18. of, glucose / amino acids / ions;
  19. osmosis ;
  20. down water potential gradient ;
  21. diffusion (in correct context) ;
  22. down a concentration gradient ;
- max 7*

*adaptations*

23. microvilli ; **A** brush border
24. many mitochondria ;

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25. tight junctions ;

26. folded, basal membrane / described ;

27. many, transport proteins / cotransporters / pumps;

28. AVP ; e.g. many aquaporins

[9 max]

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