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**Biology A** 

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Advanced GCE

Mark Scheme for Autumn 2021

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# **Annotations**

Annotation	Meaning					
DO NOT ALLOW	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					

# **Marking Annotations**

Annotation	Use					
BOD	Benefit of Doubt					
CON	Contradiction					
×	Cross					
ECF	Error Carried Forward					
GM	Given Mark					
~~~	Extendable horizontal wavy line (to indicate errors / incorrect science terminology)					
I	Ignore					
	Large dot (various uses as defined in mark scheme)					
	Highlight (various uses as defined in mark scheme)					
NBOD	Benefit of the doubt not given					
✓	Tick					
^	Omission Mark					
BP	Blank Page					
Lt	Level 1 answer in Level of Response question					
L2	Level 2 answer in Level of Response question					
L3	Level 3 answer in Level of Response question					

Qı	Question		Answer					Marks	AO element	Guidance
1	а		(A =) spiracle ✓ (B =) trachea ✓						2.3	ALLOW spiracles DO NOT ALLOW tracheoles ALLOW chitin (rings) / taenidia / tracheal tube / tracheae
	b	ï	Water moves into the	Mouth closes	Buccal cavity floor lowers	Operculum opens	Oxygen diffuses into capillaries	2	1.2	
			Water moves across the gills and out of the buccal cavity	<b>✓</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>			
			All 4 columns							3 columns correct = ✓
		ii	remove oper side) ✓ use pins to he remove gills	old fish (rathe	er than a hand	han cutting up d) ✓ oscope ✓	the ventral	1 max	3.3	IGNORE 'remove gills' unqualified  IGNORE 'use a microscope' unqualified
	С	i	60 (cm³) ✓						2.2	1.44 dm <sup>3</sup> = 1440 cm <sup>3</sup> 1440 / 24 = 60
		ii	inbreeding / AW, reduces genetic diversity ✓  (more) homozygous recessive alleles (for CPF) ✓						2.5	ALLOW 'inbreeding creates smaller gene pool' ALLOW 'more homozygous recessive genotypes (for CPF)'
			idea of allele together) ✓	for CPF linke	ed to gene for	desirable trait	(so inherited			ALLOW (leads to) inbreeding depression e.g. 'CPF gene on same chromosome as (named) desirable trait '

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iii	idea of compare genomes of, dog breeds / individual dogs ✓ idea of identify, alleles / genotypes / base sequences (in WHTs), that are present (only) in dogs with CPF ✓ idea of identify dogs that are carrying (the allele for) CPF ✓ (use of) computational biology / bioinformatics, to link genes with CPF ✓	2 max	2.5	e.g. 'compare DNA of dogs with and without CPF' e.g. 'identify, allele/gene, that causes CPF'
	idea of linking DNA sequences to specific proteins (i.e. proteomics) ✓			e.g. 'can identify mutated protein from DNA sequence'
iv	weakened / dead / inactivated, (parvo)virus ✓ antigens from the (parvo)virus ✓ mRNA to produce(parvo)virus proteins ✓	1 max	2.1	IGNORE 'dormant form of virus' ALLOW 'attenuated form of virus' ALLOW viral coat proteins
v	memory cells have, reduced in number / AW ✓	1	2.5	ALLOW to produce more memory cells (to improve immunity) DO NOT ALLOW 'no memory cells left'

Answer Marks AO element Guidance										
Please refer to the marking instructions on page 4 of this mark scheme for guidance on how to mark this question.  In summary: Read through the whole answer. (Be prepared to recognise and credit unexpected approaches where they show relevance.)  Using a 'best-fit' approach based on the science content of the answer, first decide which of the level descriptors, Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3, best describes the overall quality of the answer.  Then, award the higher or lower mark within the level, according to the Communication Statement (shown in italics):  award the higher mark where the Communication Statement has been met.  award the lower mark where aspects of the Communication Statement have been missed.  The science content determines the level.  The Communication Statement determines the mark within a level.										
Level 3 (5-6 marks) Describes in detail, with no major errors, the stages of mitosis in all three cells.  There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured. The information presented is relevant and substantiated.  Level 2 (3-4 marks) Describes, with few errors or omissions, the stages of mitosis in all three cells.  OR Describes in detail, with no major errors, at least two cells.  There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The information presented is relevant and supported by some evidence.  Level 1 (1-2 marks) Describes the stages of mitosis, with some errors, in at least one cell.  OR	6	2.5 2.7	Indicative scientific points (including details in bold) may include (but are not limited to):  Cell C:  Prophase Chromosomes condense Chromosomes have become visible (but are unordered) Nuclear envelope and nucleolus have disappeared  Cell D:  (Early) anaphase Spindle fibres are shortening Chromatids are separating and are being pulled to opposite sides of the cell							
Describ There is informa Level 1 Describ cell. OR	s a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The tion presented is relevant and supported by some evidence.  (1-2 marks)	s a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The tion presented is relevant and supported by some evidence.  (1-2 marks)  test the stages of mitosis, with some errors, in at least one	s a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The tion presented is relevant and supported by some evidence.  (1-2 marks)  test the stages of mitosis, with some errors, in at least one							

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			There is an attempt at a logical structure with a line of reasoning. The information is in the most part relevant.  O marks No response or no response worthy of credit.			Cell E:  (Late) telophase Chromatids have been pulled to opposite sides of the cell A new cell membrane is visible down the centre of the cell Cytokinesis/ the cell is beginning to divide
	b	i	idea that (some) cells contain incorrect number of chromosomes ✓	1	3.1	e.g. cells do not contain the diploid number of chromosomes / cells contain different numbers of chromosomes
		ii	G1 (checkpoint) <b>AND</b> idea that cells (with damaged DNA) should be stopped from entering the S phase $\checkmark$ G1(checkpoint) <b>AND</b> idea that this is the point where DNA damage is checked $\checkmark$	1	3.1	<b>DO NOT ALLOW</b> G2 (as if this was not working both replication and mitosis would occur)
	C		Binary fission has  chromosome(s) do not condense prior to separation ✓  no lining up of chromosomes, in pairs / across equator ✓  no separation of chromosomes into chromatids ✓  chromatids not joined at centromere ✓  no, centrioles / spindle fibres ✓  one large chromosome rather than several smaller chromosomes ✓  (replication of) circular DNA / plasmid(s) ✓	2 max	2.5	Mark as continuous prose ALLOW ora throughout IGNORE ref to nuclear membrane disappears ALLOW 'no lining up of DNA across equator' ALLOW 'no separation of chromatids' DO NOT ALLOW 'no chromosomes being pulled to opposite sides of cell'

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	d	i	'For' statement:  no lag phase (is shown) ✓ no (clear), stationary / death / decline, phase ✓	4 max	3.1	<b>ALLOW</b> clear descriptions of stages of growth curve e.g 'there is no fall in number of cells at end of growth curve'
			idea that decrease between day 3 and 4 is not typical of standard growth curve ✓			
			'Against' statement: idea that lag phase may be present but day 0 data are not shown ✓			e.g. 'lag phase may occurbetween day 0 and day1'
			exponential / log / rapid growth, phase present (between day 1 and 2) ✓			<b>ALLOW</b> 'growth rate increases (between days1-5) but then rate of growth slows down'
			idea that stationary / death / decline, phase may occur later ✓			
			General point: idea that presence of limited nitrate is responsible for the (non-standard) growth curve ✓			e.g. 'reduction in nitrate could lead to fall in cell numbers between day 3 and 4' / 'as nitrate levels fall bacterial cell numbers are still increasing'

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		ii	FIRST CHECK ON ANSWER LINE If answer = $2.5 \times 10^6$ award 3 marks $10^{4.7} = 50,118.72336 \checkmark$ $\times 50 (= 2,505,936.168) \checkmark$ standard form = $2.5 \times 10^6 \checkmark$	3	2.4	ALLOW any value between 10 <sup>4.5</sup> and 10 <sup>4.8</sup> i.e. 1.6 - 3.2 x 10 <sup>6</sup> award 3 marks ALLOW 31,622.7766 – 63,095.73445 ALLOW any correct rounded value  This mark should be awarded to 'x50' seen anywhere in the working, regardless of the value being multiplied This mark should be awarded for correctly converting to standard form, regardless of the value being converted as ECF MAX 2 for correct answer not converted to standard form
		iii	serial dilution ✓ idea of grow colonies (on agar plate) and count number of colonies ✓ idea of scale up /multiply up, count (to estimate population size) ✓	2 max	2.7	ALLOW idea of flow cytometry / described
	е		Short /AW ✓ pollutants / contaminants ✓  metabolites ✓	3	1.1	ALLOW pollution / contamination / waste / oil/solvents/pesticides/benzene/plastics/chemicals  IGNORE impurities/faeces/toxins/bacteria/pathogens
3	а		callose (has) 1-3 and 1-6 glycosidicbonds ✓  (is) branched ✓  (is) helical ✓  idea of alternate glucose molecules are not rotated 180° ✓	2 max	2.1	ALLOW cellulose (has only) 1-4 glycosidic bonds ALLOW cellulose is, not branched / straight chains ALLOW cellulose is not helical IGNORE callose is more compact ALLOW idea of alternate glucose molecules rotated 180° in cellulose

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b	Please refer to the marking instructions on page 4 of this mark so In summary: Read through the whole answer. (Be prepared to recognise and credit Using a 'best-fit' approach based on the science content of the answer Level 3, best describes the overall quality of the answer.  Then, award the higher or lower mark within the level, according to the award the higher mark where the Communication Statement has award the lower mark where aspects of the Communication Statement of the Science content determines the level.	t unexpe er, first de e <b>Comm</b> as been r atement l	cted approa ecide which unication met.	aches where they show relevance.) of the level descriptors, <b>Level 1</b> , <b>Level 2</b> or <b>Statement</b> (shown in italics):
	<ul> <li>The Communication Statement determines the mark within Level 3 (5-6 marks)         A valid plan for testing the effect of temperature on callose production, including details of control variables and some details of callose measurement.     </li> <li>There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured. The information presented is relevant and substantiated.</li> <li>Level 2 (3-4 marks)         A valid plan, with some details, for testing the effect of temperature on callose production, including either details of control variables or some details of callose measurement.     </li> <li>There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The information presented is relevant and supported by some evidence.</li> <li>Level 1 (1-2 marks)         A plan that mentions observing callose production or controlling     </li> </ul>	a level.	3.3 3.4	Indicative scientific points may include (but are not limited to):  General experimental details to improve validity:  • a suitable range of temperatures (e.g. 0, 10, 20, 30, 40° C)  • a suitable sample size or the idea of repeats (e.g. 50 plants)  • idea of a baseline measure of callose levels before the experiment  Control variables:  • same species / size / genetics of plant (e.g. using cloned plants)  • light intensity and duration (e.g. 12

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	С		Type of pathogen	Pathogen has membrane- bound organelles	Pathogen has cell wall	Example of a disease affecting plants	3	1.1	
			fungus	yes	yes	black sigatoka			
			bacterium	no	yes	ring rot			
			virus	no	no	tobacco mosaic (virus) / TMV			ACCEPT any other correct examples of viral diseases in plants
		On	e mark per correc	t row; all corre	ect = ✓✓✓				
	d		ample of chemica ample of physical				1 max	1.1	e.g. (production of) pheromones / poisons / toxic compounds / named examples (phenols, tannins, alkaloids, Bt toxin) e.g. folding in response to touch / thorns / spines
	е	ins	insects (may) develop resistance ✓					2.1	ALLOW 'insects become resistant' DO NOT ALLOW references to immunity DO NOT ALLOW insecticides cause mutations leading to resistance
4	а	(C:	(carry out)Benedict's test / described ✓				2	2.7	ALLOW 'add Benedict's (solution)'
			testforreducings th Benedict's)√	ugar negative	) boil with (d	ilute) HCl and (re)test			

Question		Answer		Marks	AO element	Guidance
b i	Description of amino acid Converted to pyruvate with the fewest changes  Converted to alphaketoglutarate with the fewest changes The amino acid with the highest respiratory quotient (RQ)	Name of amino acid Alanine Glutamic acid Aspartic acid	(Both have) 3 carbon atoms / Same number of carbon atoms  (Both have) 5 carbon atoms / Same number of carbon atoms / Same number of carbon atoms  Highest proportion of oxygen atoms (in its structure) / lowest proportion of C-H bonds (relative to other bonds)	4	3.1	ALLOW (both have) 3C atoms DO NOT ALLOW 'same number of C and, H / O, atoms'  IGNORE 'both have 2 carboxyl groups'  ALLOW (both have) 5C atoms DO NOT ALLOW 'same number of C and, H / O, atoms'
ii	First row correct ✓ Second row correct ✓ Aspartic acid ✓ Aspartic acid explanation ✓ decarboxylation / carbon d		2 max	1.2 2.5	ALLOW mp's from correct equations	
	dehydrogenation / hydroge reduced FAD produced ✓ ATP produced ✓ succinyl co-A / succinate / f produced ✓		·			

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C		idea of establishment of H <sup>+</sup> ion gradient ✓  H <sup>+</sup> ions, flow down a concentration gradient / AW ✓  from intermembrane space to matrix ✓  through ATP synthase ✓		3 max	1.1	e.g. 'pumping protons into intermembranal space' <b>DO NOT ALLOW</b> 'H <sup>+</sup> ions pumped (from intermembrane space / through ATP synthase)
		energy, provided / AW, to join ADP and Pi ( to form ATP) ✓				<b>DO NOT ALLOW</b> 'energy produced to join ADP and Pi'
C	k	0 watts: (mainly) carbohydrates respired / AW ✓ 50 watts: (more) fats / lipids /amino acids / proteins, respired /AW ✓		3	3.1	ALLOW (mainly) glucose respired DO NOT ALLOW 'only, fats/amino acids / proteins, respired'
5 a	a	250 watts: (more) anaerobic respiration/AW ✓		1	1.1	
		Statement about amylose	True or False?	-		
		Amyloseissoluble	False			
		Amylose is branched	False			
		Amylose is formed by condensation reactions	True			
		All 3 correct = ✓				
b		D. antarctica habitat: lower (maximum) light levels ✓  idea of reason for lower (maximum) light levels ✓		2 max	3.2	ORA Z. mays habitat ALLOW less available light / darker habitat / more shaded e.g more cloud cover / shorter day length / taller / competing, plants (shade fern)
		idea that optimum rate of photosynthesis (in its hallight intensity than that of Z. mays ✓	bitat) is at a lower			e.g. rate of photosynthesis is higher at lower light levels compared to <i>Z. mays</i>

Ques	tion	Answer		AO element	Guidance
С	i	FIRST CHECK ON ANSWER LINE If answer = 0.943 award 3 marks	3	2.4	<b>ALLOW</b> calculator value (0.942857) or any correctly rounded value
		$\Sigma d^2 = 2 \checkmark$			
		$n(n^2 - 1) = 210 \checkmark$			
		1 - (6 x 2) / 210 = 0.943 ✓			<b>ALLOW ECF</b> final answer if incorrect values used for $\Sigma d^2$ and / or $n(n^2$ -1) for mp3
	ii	significant positive correlation (at 0.05 confidence) ✓	1	3.1	<b>ALLOW ECF</b> correct conclusion based on incorrect calculated value from <b>c(i)</b>
	iii	no significant (positive) correlation ✓	1	3.1	
d	i	idea of little (visible) light available / plants absorb most light available / only certain wavelengths of light available underwater ✓	1	3.2	e.g. 'longer wavelengths of light available in their aquatic environment'
		idea of it absorbs light, at different wavelengths, compared to aquatic plant species ✓			e.g. 'able to use, far red / longer, wavelengths compared to aquatic plants'
		idea of absorbs wider range of wavelengths (compared to chlorophyll A alone) ✓			e.g. 'able to absorb wavelengths of light that Chlorophyll A does not'
	ii	Z√	1	2.8	
		Total	70		

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