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Question			Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance

1	(a)	(i)	microbes **/**
			     (living) organisms **/**
			     cells **/**
			     enzymes **;**
			
			 (make) product **/**
			     for human benefit /
			     (carry out) conversion / reaction / industrial process **;**
				2	**CREDIT** microorganisms / bacteria / prokaryotes / fungi
					 CREDIT living things
					 CREDIT cell components / parts of cells
					
					 CREDIT example such as (named) food or medicine **BUT**
					 IGNORE cheese (as stated in question)
					 IGNORE process unqualified

1	(a)	(ii)	
			
			 microbes **/ AW** , killed / removed / not present **;**
			
			 enzymes <u>denatured</u> **;**
			
			 (so no) competitors **/**
			     unwanted reactions **/**
			     (human) health risk **;**
				2 max	**Mark the first two suggestions**
					 IGNORE contamination / sterile
					 IGNORE idea of preserving milk
					
					 AW for microbes as in **(a)(i)** plus **ACCEPT** organisms
					
					 DO NOT CREDIT microbes denatured
					
					 CREDIT (no) competition
					 CREDIT (no) food spoilage / change of flavour / loss of quality
					 CREDIT (no) pathogens / harmful microbes / TB
					
					 "Kills harmful microbes" or **"Kills pathogens"**
					                        scores 2 marks (mps 1 & 3)

Question			Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
1	(b)	(i)			**Award mp 1 plus 2 max from the other mark points**
		1	enzyme ;		*1* **ACCEPT** globular / tertiary / catalyst / catalytic (protein)
			plus any 2 of the following	1	
		2	(enzyme) not, changed / used up ; **ora**		*2* **ora** = can be used again / re-used **IGNORE** enzyme recycled
		3	*idea of* ESC (forms) / substrate and enzyme (bind) ;		*3* ESC = enzyme-substrate complex **ACCEPT** substrate entering active site
		4	products (and enzyme) released at end ;		
				max 2	
1	(b)	(ii)			**Mark the FIRST suggestion on each numbered line** **IGNORE** 'cheaper' without qualification
		1	(enzyme can be removed to be) used again ;		
		2	(enzyme can) to leave pure(r) product ; **ora**		*2* **ACCEPT** cheaper / easier, downstream processing

		3	(enzyme) more stable / more efficient / works better ;		*3* **CREDIT** less susceptible to, pH / temperature,
					                         change / extremes
					 "enzymes work at high temperatures" = 0
					 "enzymes work at higher temperatures" = 1
					              (because comparative statement made)

				2	

Question			Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
1	**(c)**		***This is a QWC question***		
			Section I - Obtaining the gene		
		1	use restriction, enzyme / endonuclease **;**		*1* **CREDIT** named example e.g. *Eco* R1, *Bam* H1, *Hin* dIII
		2	to, cut out / get / isolate, (rennin) gene / DNA coding for rennin *or* to, fragment / digest, DNA **;**		*2* **DO NOT CREDIT** 'cut gene' **IGNORE** 'break up DNA'
		3	<u>gene</u> probe **;**		
			OR		*NOTE*
		4	obtain rennin mRNA **;**		*1-9* **CREDIT** whichever of the three alternative "obtaining the gene"
		5	(use) reverse transcriptase **;**		protocols yields most marks,
		6	to make cDNA **;**		**either award marking points**
			OR		**1-3**
		7	sequence, rennin (protein) **;**		**or 4-6**
		8	work out base code **;**		**or 7-9**
		9	make this DNA sequence **;**		
		10	sticky ends **;**		*10* can be awarded, once only, in Sections I or II
			Section II - Vector		
		11	cut (open), plasmid / phage **;**		*11* **DO NOT CREDIT** 'cut out plasmid' **DO NOT CREDIT** 'ring of DNA' unless it is clear that plasmid is being referred to
		12	using same <u>restriction</u> enzyme **;**		*12* **CREDIT** same named enzyme (re. mp1)
		13	annealing / base pairing of sticky ends **;**		*13* **CREDIT** idea of sticky end bases hydrogen bonding
		14	join sugar-phosphate backbones **;**		*14* **CREDIT** formation of phosphodiester bonds
		15	(using DNA) ligase **;**		
		16	<u>recombinant</u>, vector / plasmid / phage / DNA **;**		
			Section III - Introduction into host cell		
		17	mix with bacteria **;**		
		18	detail of conditions **;**		*18* e.g. Ca^{2+} ions added / heatshock (freeze then inc to 40°C)
		19	<u>transform</u>ation (plasmid) / <u>transduc</u>tion (phage) **;**	**max 7**	*19* **CREDIT** transform / transformed / transduce / transduced **IGNORE** transgenic
			QWC – sequencing of steps – at least 1 mark point scored from each of the three sections, in the correct order ;	**1**	I. obtaining gene (mp **1 – 9**) followed by II. vector (mp **13 – 16**) followed by III. introduction to host cell (mp **17 – 19**)
			TOTAL	**17**	

Question			Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
2	**(a)**	**(i)**	red ; vermillion ; cinnabar ;	**3**	
2	**(a)**	**(ii)**	(recessive) epistasis / epistatic ;	**1**	**ACCEPT** complementary epistasis **DO NOT CREDIT** dominant epistasis

2	**(a)**	**(iii)**
		1
		2
		
		3
		
		4
		
		5
		
		6
			gene products are enzymes ;
			multi-enzyme / multi-step, pathway ;
			
			3, steps / enzymes, change tryptophan to red pigment ;
			
			product of one reaction / intermediate compound,
			            is, substrate / starting point, for next ;
			
			dominant allele gives,
			            functional / wild-type / AW, enzyme ;
			recessive allele gives,
			            non-functional / different / AW, enzyme ;
				max 3	**2** needs to be a clear generalised statement
					        (and not implied - e.g. by awarding mp 3)
					  IGNORE 'metabolic' pathway (as given in question)
					3 ACCEPT V, C <u>and</u> B are responsible for the change of
					                          tryptophan to red

2	**(b)**	**(i)**
		1
		
		2
		
		3
			if (red-eyed parent) was heterozygous
			there would be no difference between,
			            sexes / males and females ;
			red-eyed males **and** white-eyed females would occur ;
			
			1:1:1:1 ratio
			or
			1:1 ratio in both sexes ;
				max 2	**IGNORE** ref to sex linkage
					
					2 ACCEPT "because there are no red-eyed males
					            and white-eyed females (in results)"
					      "*all* 4 phenotypes would, occur / be represented"
					  DO NOT infer phenotype(s) from genotype(s)
					
					3 If 4 phenotypes stated / listed *together with the ratio*,
					                then award mp 2 as well

Question			Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
2	(b)	(ii)	parental genotypes **XrXr** **XRY-** ; gametes **Xr** **XR and Y-** ; F1 genotypes **XRXr** **XrY-** ;	3	**ACCEPT** alternative letters **only if a KEY is given**. Must have capital letter for dominant allele and small (same) letter for recessive allele. **CREDIT** GAMETES **either** on the correct line **or** in correct place on Punnett square, whichever is correct. They do not need to be in circles. **ACCEPT** ecf once only if Y wrongly shown as carrying 'r' allele **ACCEPT** ecf once only if X and Y missing **DO NOT CREDIT** F1 genotypes written in blank space if F1 phenotypes put on bottom lines instead
2	(b)	(iii)	(see table below) χ^2 = 0.32 ; no significant difference (at 95% confidence level) ;	4	**One mark per row** **ACCEPT** fractions in last column (4/25) **ACCEPT** not significant **IGNORE** ref to happening by chance **ACCEPT** ecf for last two points **IGNORE** arguments referring to null hypothesis

phenotype of fly	O	E	O - E	$(O - E)^2$	$\dfrac{(O - E)^2}{E}$	
red-eyed female	27	25	2	4	0.16	;
white-eyed male	23	25	-2	4	0.16	;

| | | | | Total | 16 | |

Question			Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
3	(a)	(i)			
		1	similar / same, cells / metabolism ;		*1* **ACCEPT** they are all eukaryotic cells
		2	similar / same / share, <u>genes</u> **or** have <u>genes</u> in common ;		
		3	similar / same, (embryonic) development ;		
		4	shared, ancestry / ancestor **or** all related by evolution ;		*4* **CREDIT** due to phylogeny **ACCEPT** all same <u>kingdom</u> **IGNORE** 'they are all animals'
				max 2	
3	(a)	(ii)			**Mark the FIRST answer on each numbered line**
		1	small ;		

		2	short life cycle ;		*2* **ACCEPT** fast development / mature quickly /
					                              fast reproductive rate /
					                              short generation time

		3	easy to, keep / breed / AW ;		*3* **ACCEPT** produce many offspring
		4	cheap (to buy / keep) ;		
		5	readily available / common / not rare ;		
		6	large cells ;		
		7	previously well-studied / many known mutants ;		*7* **ACCEPT** genome has been, mapped / sequenced
				max 2	
3	(b)	(i)	scanning ; electron (microscope) ;		**CREDIT** SEM = 2 marks **ACCEPT** transmission electron / TEM = 1 mark **IGNORE** micrograph
				2	
3	(b)	(ii)	description of legs in place of antennae in, mutant / 3.2 / AW ;		**ACCEPT** projections on head / antennae / feelers, <u>longer</u> (in Fig. 3.2) **DO NOT CREDIT** antennae / projections vs. none **DO NOT CREDIT** mandibles / fangs **DO NOT CREDIT** incorrect statement e.g. legs on mouth
				1	
3	(b)	(iii)	homeotic / homeobox / hox ;		
				1	

Question			Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
3	**(c)**	**1**	*synthesis*		**MAX 6** marks for synthesis
		2	DNA, copied into / →, <u>m</u>RNA **or** described ;		**MAX 6** marks for roles
		3	<u>transcrip</u>tion / <u>transcribe</u>d ;		
			one strand copied ;		*1* **DO NOT CREDIT** descriptions that contain errors
		4			
		5	complementary base-pairing ;		*3* **ACCEPT** coding / sense / non-sense / template, strand
		6	triplet code / code read in threes / codon is 3 bases ;		(implying one only)
		7	base sequence determines amino acid sequence ;		*4* **CREDIT** description of base pairing as correct to context
		8	<u>translat</u>ion ;		
		9	<u>ribosome</u>s ;		
			role of tRNA described ; **(max 6)**		
					9 e.g. "tRNA brings amino acid"
					or "tRNA anticodon binds to mRNA codon"
		10	*roles of polypeptides*		
		11	(named) structural protein ;		
			enzymes / catalyse reactions / control metabolism ;		*10* e.g. actin / myosin / collagen / keratin
		12			
		13	hormones / growth factors ;		
		14	receptor proteins ;		*12* **CREDIT** growth hormone / GH / somatotrophin / FSH
			adenyl cyclase / cAMP ;		
		15			*14* most likely to be expressed in context of mp 12
			idea of switching genes, on / off ;		
		16			*15* **CREDIT** transcription factors / regulatory proteins /
			homeotic / homeobox, genes		repressor proteins
		17	**or** homeodomain proteins ;		
			idea of master switch gene /		
			one gene turns on/off whole set of other genes /		
			cascades of gene switching ;		
		18			
			apoptosis ; **(max 6)**		
				7 max	
			QWC – balanced account ;	**1**	At least 2 marks from points 1 - 9
					<u>**and**</u> at least 2 marks from points 10 – 18
			Total	**16**	

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Question			Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
4	**(a)**				**One mark per box**

4 (a) — One mark per box

	similarity	difference
structure	mitochondria **or** vesicles **or** postsynaptic receptors ;	NMJ membrane(s), wavy / AW * **ora** **or** receptors different (shape) **or** enzymes in different places ;
function	(neuro)transmitter, released **/** crosses gap **or** changes potential difference / AW ** **or** enzymes break down (neuro)transmitter ;	different neurotransmitters / ACh vs. dopamine **or** muscle contraction vs. nerve impulse **or** different enzymes ;

Additional Guidance for 4(a):

difference
NMJ is neuromuscular junction
* **AW ACCEPT** wiggly / bumpy / not smooth / rough / larger SA / any suitable description **but IGNORE** microvilli

difference
ACh is acetylcholine

similarity
** **AW CREDIT** depolarises / -70 mV → +40 mV **but IGNORE** pass on action potential

Marks: **4**

Question			Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
4	**(b)**	**(i)**		**1**	**Award mp1 and, if correct, any 1 from the remaining points**
		1	phenelzine ;		
			no ecf from incorrect drug		
		2	*idea that* does not bind to (dopamine) receptor ; **ora**		**2 CREDIT** other two do bind to dopamine receptor
		3	*idea that* binds to, MAO / enzyme ;		**3 IGNORE** inhibits, MAO / enzyme (as given in the question)
		4	allosteric site / non-competitive inhibitor ;	**max 1**	**4 ACCEPT** "not a competitive inhibitor"
4	**(b)**	**(ii)**	(drug) occupies / blocks / binds to, (dopamine) receptors ; without causing, action potential / response ; reduces **effect of** dopamine / is a dopamine antagonist ;	**2**	**CREDIT** "without causing depolarisation" / AW **DO NOT CREDIT** "inhibits dopamine" or "reduces dopamine levels

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Question			Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
4	(c)	(i)	humans are, diploid / 2n ; chromosomes, are in pairs / homologous ; one, (copy / gene / allele), from each parent / on each chromosome of pair ; **2 max**		**DO NOT CREDIT** ref to bivalents
4	(c)	(ii)	(gel) <u>electrophoresis</u> ; **1**		
4	(d)	1	13 b-p deletion (has most serious consequences) ;		
		2	frameshift / alter reading frame ;		
		3	genetic code is triplet / read in groups of 3 bases ;		
		4	alters all amino acids (coded for) after the mutation ;		
		5	21 b-p deletion causes 7 amino acids to be lost ;		
		6	substitution changes, one / no, amino acids ;		**6 CREDIT** could be a silent mutation / 1 b-p substitution may not have an effect
				3 max	
4	(e)	1	<u>natural selection</u> ;		
		2	<u>selective advantage</u> ;		
		3	(allele / behaviour) increases, survival / breeding / AW ;		**3 CREDIT** increases reproductive success / AW
		4	(because) helped, find food / find new resources / make new tools / get mates ;		**4 ACCEPT** more promiscuous / AW
		5	<u>allele</u> passed on (to next generation) ;		
		6	(allele / behaviour) increased in frequency over, generations / time ;		**6 MUST HAVE** time element
				4 max	
			Total	**18**	

Question			Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
5	(a)		ecosystem **;** producers / autotrophs **;** primary **;** trop<u>hic</u> level(s) **;** biotic / living **;** minerals / elements **;**	 **6**	**DO NOT CREDIT** plants **DO NOT CREDIT** tropic **CREDIT** named, element / ion, e.g. nitrogen, nitrate **ACCEPT** symbol e.g. N / NO_3^- **ACCEPT** nutrient **DO NOT CREDIT** energy / waste products
5	(b)	(i) **1** **2** **3** **4** **5** **6** **7** **8**	limiting / density-dependent, factors **;** <u>carrying capacity</u> **;** intraspecific competition **;** for, food / nesting sites **;** interspecific competition **;** with, deer / tree shrew / giant squirrel **;** *larger squirrel populations* attract more predators **;** parasites / diseases, spread more easily **;**	 **max 4**	 **3 ACCEPT** description e.g. ● "competition with other members of the same species" ● "competition with other (small) squirrels" **4 ACCEPT** they run out of food **5 ACCEPT** description e.g. "competition with other species" **7 DO NOT CREDIT** predation alone, must be linked to larger squirrel population **8 DO NOT CREDIT** disease alone, must be linked to larger squirrel population

Question			Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance

5	(b)	(ii)	species richness & evenness decrease ; **ora**
			
			 (richness) 29 → 26 (species) ;
			
			 (evenness) large numbers of, 2 / some, species,
			       but, low numbers / none, of other species ;
				max 2	**ACCEPT** they both, decrease / decline / fall
					     or they were higher at start
					 ACCEPT 6 → 4 **or** 2 fewer (from table)
					     or 3 fewer (from text)
					
					 CREDIT suitable named e.g.s from table

5	(c)	(i)	rare initially / AW ;
			
			 prey, numbers have reduced / have become extinct /
			       have left the area ;
			
			 idea of slower reproductive rate / AW ;
				max 1	**ACCEPT** that there weren't very many at start
					
					 DO NOT CREDIT 'lack of food' unless has indicated that
					       food is an animal
					
					 ACCEPT don't breed as fast / don't have as many offspring

5	(c)	(ii)
		 1
		
		 2
		 3
		
		 4
		
		 5
		
		 6
		
		 7
		
		 8
			aesthetic / amenity / recreational, value ;
			
			 (eco)tourism ;
			 to, preserve biodiversity / preserve genetic diversity /
			      stop extinction ;
			 ref. interactions between species /
			      need to preserve whole habitat ;
			
			 (rainforest species / preserve gene pool as)
			      could be useful, in future / as potential,
			      for, medicine / genetic engineering / AW ;
			 to support indigenous peoples / AW ;
			
			 to stop effect of deforestation on,
			      atmosphere / climate / soil ;
			
			 AVP ;
				max 3	**Mark the FIRST suggestion on each numbered line**
					 1 ACCEPT description,
					     e.g. beautiful / so people will visit /
					       so people will use it for leisure
					 2 ACCEPT description, e.g. raise money from visitors
					 3 ACCEPT description, e.g. keep more species
					
					 4 ACCEPT description,
					     e.g. if habitat destroyed there will be a knock-on
					       effect on many species
					 5 ACCEPT for drugs, pharmaceuticals, GM
					      or GM e.g. (like crop improvement)
					
					 6 ACCEPT let native people continue to live in forest
					      income for indigenous people
					 7 ACCEPT to stop, CO_2 % rising / global warming / erosion
					      or forest acts as C, sink / store
					
					 8 e.g. ● habitat for pollinators
					       ● habitat for predators of pests
					 DO NOT CREDIT 'right to life'

Question			Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
5	**(d)**		*management practices*		**LOOK FOR** key ideas expressed in different ways
		M1	coppicing / pollarding / description ;		*M1* **CREDIT** coppicing with standards / rotational coppicing
		M2	selective felling / description ;		*M2* **ACCEPT** only some trees cut down
		M3	rotational felling / description ;		*M3* **ACCEPT** cycle of felling different areas
		M4	strip felling ;		
		M5	replant after felling ; **(max 2)**		
			explanation of benefits re. sustainability		
		B1	preserves / prevents disruption to, habitat / ecosystems / nesting sites ;		
		B2	maintains / increases, species diversity / biodiversity ;		
		B3	prevents, soil erosion / leaching ;		
		B4	less disturbance by machinery ;		
		B5	AVP ; **(max 2)**		*B5* **CREDIT** specific benefits linked to a practice e.g. ● faster recovery due to seeding from untouched areas nearby (M3) ● pollarding so deer can't eat shoots (M1)
				max 4	
			Total	**20**	

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6	**(a)**	**1**	to cope with changing conditions / AW ;		**1** Looking for a general statement **DO NOT CREDIT** "adapt to change"
		2	avoid <u>abiotic</u> stress ;		
		3	to maximise photosynthesis **or** to obtain more, light / water / minerals ; **ora**		**3 CREDIT** named elements / ions **IGNORE** nutrients
		4	avoid, herbivory / grazing ;		**4** methods of preventing grazing could include producing more toxins / more spines / encouraging stinging ants **IGNORE** predation
		5	to ensure, germination in suitable conditions / pollination / seed set / seed dispersal ;	**max 2**	**5 DO NOT CREDIT** 'maximise reproduction' without further qualification
6	**(b)**	**(i)**			
		1	in water / in **A** / with no abscisic acid, germination increases as conc. GA increases ;		
		2	when abscisic acid present / in **B**, no germination ;		**2 DO NOT CREDIT** 'inhibits germination' (as this is a conclusion not a description)
		3	maximum germination 90% with 5 mol dm^{-3} GA, in water / without abscisic acid ;		**3 ACCEPT** 91% (± 2%) for 90%
		4	2 comparative figures (x and y refs. plus units) ;		**4** EITHER compare **A** and **B** at the same GA conc OR two points on same line **with units for both**
		5	GA concentration increases, logarithmically / by a factor of 10, on x axis ;		
		6	10 times more GA gives, 3 (conc 0.05 to 0.5) / 0.5 (conc 0.5 to 5), times more germination ;	**4 max**	

GA conc (mol dm^3)	A (%)	B (%)
0	10 ± 2	0
0.05	22 ± 2	0
0.5	66 ± 2	0
5	91 ± 2	0

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6	(b)	(ii)			

		1	so temperature doesn't affect results /
			       so only desired variable(s) changed /
			       to show just the effect of plant hormones **;**
					1 ACCEPT fair test
					   IGNORE to control temperature /
					               temperature is a limiting factor /
					               temperature is a controlled variable

		2	since temperature affects enzyme activity **;**		**2 CREDIT** "optimum temperature for enzyme activity" or "this is the temperature when enzymes work best"
		3	suitable / optimum, temperature for (lettuce) germination **;**	**2 max**	**3 ACCEPT** 'these' seeds
6	(b)	(iii)			**Mark the FIRST suggestion on each numbered line** **DO NOT CREDIT** conc, GA / giberrellin (as this is the independent variable) **IGNORE** number of seeds (as given in the question)
		1	<u>volumes</u> of liquid(s) **;**		**1 DO NOT CREDIT** amounts / levels **CREDIT** volume of, water / GA / ABA
		2	ABA concentration **;**		
		3	oxygen availability **;**		**3 IGNORE** carbon dioxide
		4	age of seeds **;**		
		5	previous storage of seeds / viability idea **;**		
		6	genotype / variety, of seeds **;**		**6 CREDIT** "from same batch of seeds" or "seeds from same plant"
		7	size / type of, petri dish / filter paper **;**		
		8	length of time experiment left for (before recording results) **;**		
		9	space between seeds **;**		

		10	AVP **;**	**3 max**	**10** e.g. ● light qualified (duration / intensity / wavelength)
					         ● use of distilled water
					         ● all lids, off / on

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6	(c)				**Mark the FIRST TWO suggestions** **IGNORE** the names of plant growth regulators
		1	seedless, fruits / grapes ;		
		2	weedkillers ;		
		3	rooting powder / to grow cuttings / used in tissue culture ;		
		4	control fruit ripening ;		*4* could be used to speed up or slow down
		5	controls fruit drop ;		
		6	restrict hedge growth ;		
		7	preserve, cut flowers / green vegetables ;		
		8	specific example of improved fruit quality ;		*8* e.g. ● longer stalks on grapes ● longer apples
		9	producing malt / in brewing ;		
		10	AVP ;		*10 & 11* e.g. ● promoting sexual maturity in conifers ● promoting latex flow in rubber plants ● promoting sexual maturity in female cucumber plants ● longer nodes in sugar cane ● restricting growth in, chrysanthemums / other e.g.
		11	AVP ;		
				2 max	
			Total	**13**	

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