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**LIFE SCIENCES P1**  
**PREPARATORY EXAMINATION**  
**MARKING GUIDELINES - SEPTEMBER 2023**

**MARKS: 150**

**This marking guideline consists of 9 pages.**

**PRINCIPLES RELATED TO MARKING LIFE SCIENCES**

1. **If more information than marks allocated is given**  
Stop marking when maximum marks is reached and put a wavy line and 'max' in the right-hand margin.
2. **If, for example, three reasons are required and five are given**  
Mark the first three irrespective of whether all or some are correct/incorrect.
3. **If whole process is given when only a part of it is required**  
Read all and credit the relevant part.
4. **If comparisons are asked for, but descriptions are given**  
Accept if the differences/similarities are clear.
5. **If tabulation is required, but paragraphs are given**  
Candidates will lose marks for not tabulating.
6. **If diagrams are given with annotations when descriptions are required**  
Candidates will lose marks.
7. **If flow charts are given instead of descriptions**  
Candidates will lose marks.
8. **If sequence is muddled and links do not make sense**  
Where sequence and links are correct, credit. Where sequence and links are incorrect, do not credit. If sequence and links become correct again, resume credit.
9. **Non-recognised abbreviations**  
Accept if first defined in answer. If not defined, do not credit the unrecognised abbreviation, but credit the rest of the answer if correct.
10. **Wrong numbering**  
If answer fits into the correct sequence of questions, but the wrong number is given, it is acceptable.
11. **If language used changes the intended meaning**  
Do not accept.
12. **Spelling errors**  
If recognisable, accept the answer, provided it does not mean something else in Life Sciences or if it is out of context.
13. **If common names are given in terminology**  
Accept, provided it was accepted at the national memo discussion meeting.
14. **If only the letter is asked for, but only the name is given (and vice versa)**  
Do not credit.
15. **If units are not given in measurements**  
Candidates will lose marks. Memorandum will allocate marks for units separately.
16. **Be sensitive to the sense of an answer, which may be stated in a different way.**
17. **Caption**  
All illustrations (diagrams, graphs, tables, etc.) must have a caption.

**SECTION A****QUESTION 1**

1.1	1.1.1	B✓✓		
	1.1.2	B✓✓		
	1.1.3	A✓✓		
	1.1.4	C✓✓		
	1.1.5	A✓✓		
	1.1.6	D✓✓		
	1.1.7	B✓✓		
	1.1.8	C✓✓		
	1.1.9	D✓✓	(9 x 2)	<b>(18)</b>
1.2	1.2.1	Maculae✓		
	1.2.2	Abscisic acid✓		
	1.2.3	Synapse✓		
	1.2.4	Tropism✓		
	1.2.5	Apical dominance✓		
	1.2.6	Reflex action✓		
	1.2.7	Cones✓		
	1.2.8	Hypothalamus✓		
	1.2.9	Vasodilation✓		<b>(9)</b>
1.3	1.3.1	None✓✓		(2)
	1.3.2	Both A and B✓✓		(2)
	1.3.3	A only✓✓		(2)
				<b>(6)</b>
1.4	1.4.1	Sensory neuron✓		
	1.4.2	(a) Nucleus✓		(1)
		(b) Cell body✓		(1)
		(c) Dendrites✓		(1)
	1.4.3	(a) Carry impulses away from the cell body✓ <b>(Mark first ONE only)</b>		(1)
		(b) - Insulates the axon✓ - Speeds up the transmission of impulses✓ <b>(Mark first ONE only)</b>	Any	(1)
	1.4.4	Y to X✓		(1)
				<b>(7)</b>

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1.5	1.5.1	(a) Semi-circular canals✓		(1)
		(b) Ossicles✓		(1)
		(c) Auditory nerve✓		(1)
	1.5.2	Grommet✓		(1)
	1.5.3	B✓		(1)
	1.5.4 (a)	- It equalises pressure on either side of the tympanic membrane✓		(1)
	1.5.4 (b)	- Traps sound waves✓ - and direct them into the auditory canal✓	Any	(1)
	1.5.5	Cristae✓		(1)
	1.5.6	F✓ - Cochlea✓		(2)
				<b>(10)</b>

**50**



**SECTION B****QUESTION 2**

- |     |       |  |                        |
|-----|-------|--|------------------------|
| 2.1 | 2.1.1 | (a) LH✓  | (1)                    |
|     |       | (b) Progesterone✓  | (1)                    |
|     | 2.1.2 | Oestrogen✓   | (1)                    |
|     | 2.1.3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A Graafian follicle will not be stimulated✓</li> <li>- No ova will be released ✓/ovulation will not occur</li> <li>- therefore, a woman will not be able to reproduce✓/fertilization will not occur.</li> </ul>   | Any (3)                |
|     | 2.1.4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hormone Y/Progesterone levels✓</li> <li>- start to decrease✓</li> <li>- due to the corpus luteum disintegrating✓</li> </ul>   | Any (3)<br><b>(9)</b>  |
| 2.2 | 2.2.1 | Adrenal✓ gland   | (1)                    |
|     | 2.2.2 | (a) Aldosterone✓   | (1)                    |
|     |       | (b) Adrenalin✓   | (1)                    |
|     | 2.2.3 | $[(1 - 0,5) \div 0,5] \times 100 = 100\%$ ✓  | (3)                    |
|     | 2.2.4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Increased salt concentration in the blood✓</li> <li>- decreases the secretion of aldosterone✓</li> <li>- This causes less salt to be reabsorbed✓/more salt to be excreted</li> <li>- which reduces water reabsorption✓</li> <li>- More water remains in the renal tubules ✓</li> <li>- resulting in more urine formed✓</li> </ul> | Any (5)                |
|     | 2.2.5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- High aldosterone levels✓ in the blood</li> <li>- Will cause a <b>high reabsorption</b> of salt✓ into the blood</li> <li>- Causing more <b>water</b> to <b>be reabsorbed</b>✓ into the blood</li> <li>- Resulting in <b>low volume of urine</b>✓</li> </ul>  | Any (3)<br><b>(14)</b> |
| 2.3 | 2.3.1 | Accommodation✓   | (1)                    |
|     | 2.3.2 | B✓ and D✓<br><b>(Mark the FIRST TWO only)</b>  | (2)                    |
|     | 2.3.3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Circular muscles relax✓</li> <li>- Radial muscles contract✓</li> <li>- The pupil size increases✓</li> <li>- More light enters the eye✓</li> </ul>   | (4)                    |

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2.3.4	B✓		(1)
2.3.5	Astigmatism✓		(1)
2.3.6	- Wearing glasses with a corrective lenses✓ or lens. - Laser surgery✓ <b>(Mark the FIRST ONE only)</b>	Any	(1) <b>(10)</b>
2.4	2.4.1	(a) Corpus callosum✓ (b) Pituitary gland✓ (c) Spinal cord✓	(1) (1) (1)
	2.4.2	- Control voluntary actions✓ - Responsible for higher thought processes✓ (memory, judgement etc) - Interprets sensations✓ (any correct example) <b>(Mark the FIRST THREE only)</b>	(3)
	2.4.3	- Cerebellum receives impulses✓ - from the receptors in the ear✓ /cristae and maculae - via the auditory nerve✓ - Cerebellum sends impulses to the skeletal muscles✓ - to restore balance✓	(3)
	2.4.4	- Part E is responsible for breathing✓ - Breathing would stop✓ - resulting in death✓	
		<b>OR</b>	
		- Part E is responsible for heart beat✓ - Causing the heart to stop✓ - Resulting in death✓	Any (2)
	2.4.5	- It is protected by meninges✓ against friction - Kept moist by the cerebrospinal fluid✓ <b>(Mark the FIRST ONE only)</b>	Any (1) <b>(12)</b>
2.5	- The autonomic nervous system is made up of two branches/double innervation that work antagonistically✓, - the sympathetic nervous system✓ - stimulates the involuntary processes✓ and - the parasympathetic nervous system✓ - inhibits involuntary processes✓		
			<b>(5)</b> <b>[50]</b>

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### QUESTION 3

- |     |       |   |     |                    |
|-----|-------|---|-----|--------------------|
| 3.1 | 3.1.1 | (a) Chorion✓  |     | (1)                |
|     |       | (b) Cervix✓   |     | (1)                |
|     | 3.1.2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Keeps foetus hydrated✓</li> <li>- Keeps foetus within small temperature changes✓</li> <li>- Acts as shock absorber✓/prevents mechanical injury</li> <li>- Allows free foetal movements✓</li> </ul> <b>(Mark the FIRST TWO only)</b>  | Any | (2)                |
|     | 3.1.3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nitrogenous waste will not be excreted✓</li> <li>- and will accumulate in the foetus✓</li> <li>- resulting in slow/under development✓/death of the foetus</li> </ul> <b>OR</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Oxygen and nutrients will not reach the foetus✓</li> <li>- leading to poor/no development✓/suffocation</li> <li>- leading to death of the foetus✓</li> </ul> |     | (3)                |
|     | 3.1.4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Excretory✓</li> <li>- Digestive✓</li> <li>- Respiratory✓/gaseous exchange</li> <li>- Immune✓ system</li> </ul> <b>(Mark the FIRST TWO only)</b>  | Any | (2)                |
|     | 3.1.5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A diploid zygote is formed✓</li> <li>- and it divides by mitosis✓</li> <li>- to form a ball of cells✓</li> <li>- called a morula✓</li> <li>- which further divides by mitosis✓</li> <li>- to form a hollow ball of cells✓</li> <li>- called a blastocyst✓</li> </ul>   | Any | (5)<br><b>(14)</b> |
| 3.2 |       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Diploid cells in the ovary undergo mitosis✓</li> <li>- to form numerous follicles✓.</li> <li>- At the onset of puberty✓</li> <li>- and under the influence of FSH, ✓</li> <li>- one cell inside a follicle enlarges and undergoes meiosis✓.</li> <li>- Of the four cells that are produced, only one survives to form a mature, haploid ovum✓.</li> </ul>                            | Any | (4)                |
| 3.3 | 3.3.1 | (a) Testosterone levels✓  |     | (1)                |
|     |       | (b) Age✓  |     | (1)                |
|     | 3.3.2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ask for permission for volunteers to participate✓</li> <li>- Decide on the date, time and venue✓</li> <li>- Decide on the sample size✓</li> <li>- Decide on the age groups to use✓</li> <li>- Decide on the method for recording the results✓</li> <li>- Decide on the duration of the investigation✓</li> </ul> <b>(Mark the FIRST THREE only)</b>                                  | Any | (3)                |



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3.3.3	25 – 29✓		(1)	
3.3.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Equal number of males per age group✓</li> <li>- All males were of the same health status✓</li> <li>- All males were on the same diet✓</li> <li>- Same interval of blood tests✓</li> <li>- Same duration of the investigation✓</li> </ul> <p><b>(Mark the FIRST THREE only)</b></p>	Any	(3)	
3.3.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Blood testosterone increases from 20 to 29 years✓ (accept if ranges are given)</li> <li>- after which it decreases steadily with age✓</li> </ul>		(2)	
3.3.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Decrease in testosterone levels✓</li> <li>- which will result in low sperm count✓ / decreased sexual urges</li> <li>- therefore, causing decreased reproduction✓ /infertility</li> </ul>	Any	(3)	
			<b>(14)</b>	
3.4	3.4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Blood glucose level increases✓</li> <li>- Pancreas is stimulated✓</li> <li>- More insulin is secreted✓ into the blood</li> <li>- Which is sent to the liver✓ and muscles</li> <li>- To convert excess glucose✓ into glycogen✓</li> <li>- And glucose level in the blood decreases✓</li> </ul>	Any	(5)
	3.4.2	Diabetes mellitus✓	(1)	
	3.4.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- High thyroxin levels increase metabolic rate✓ /cellular respiration</li> <li>- This results in more glucose and fats being burnt✓ /broken down</li> <li>- Resulting in weight loss✓</li> </ul>		(3)
	3.4.4	Thyroid gland✓	(1)	
			<b>(10)</b>	

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3.5	3.5.1	Internal fertilisation✓		(1)
	3.5.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sperms are deposited inside the female body✓</li> <li>- which increases the chances of fertilisation✓</li> <li>- Protection provided by the mother's body✓</li> <li>- decreases mortality rate✓</li> </ul> <b>(Mark the FIRST TWO only)</b>	(2 × 2)	(4)
	3.5.3	Ovipary✓		(1)
	3.5.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Removes the debris from the egg✓</li> <li>- Assist the hatchling to the water✓</li> <li>- Opens the eggs carefully with her tongue✓</li> <li>- Carries the hatchlings in her mouth✓</li> </ul> <b>(Mark the FIRST TWO only)</b>	Any	(2) (8) <b>[50]</b>

**TOTAL SECTION B: 100**  
**GRAND TOTAL: 150**