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GRADE 12

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LIFE SCIENCES MARKING GUIDELINE

MARKS: 150

This marking guideline consists of 9 pages.

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PRINCIPLES RELATED TO MARKING LIFE SCIENCES

1. If more information than marks allocated is given

Stop marking when maximum marks are 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 provincial marking guideline discussion meeting.

14. If only the letter is asked for but only the name is given (and vice versa) Do not credit.





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15. If units are not given in measurements

Candidates will lose marks. Marking guideline 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.

18. Code-switching of official languages (terms and concepts)

A single word or two that appear(s) in any official language other than the learners' assessment language used to the greatest extent in his/her answers should be credited if it is correct. A marker that is proficient in the relevant official language should be consulted. This is applicable to all official languages.



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SECTION A

OHESTION 1

QUE	STION 1			
1.1	1.1.1 1.1.2 1.1.3 1.1.4 1.1.5 1.1.6 1.1.7 1.1.8 1.1.9 1.1.10	C \(\) A \(\) D \(\) A \(\) D \(\) D \(\) C \(\) B \(\) C \(\)	(20 x 1)	(20)
1.2	1.2.1 1.2.2 1.2.3 1.2.4 1.2.5 1.2.6 1.2.7 1.2.8 1.2.9 1.2.10	Haemophilia ✓ Anaphase 1 ✓ Non-disjunction ✓ Chromosome ✓ Centriole ✓/centrosome Multiple sclerosis ✓ Short-sightedness ✓/Myopia Auditory nerve ✓ Oestrogen ✓ Amniotic ✓ fluid	(10 x 1)	(10)
1.3	1.3.1 1.3.2 1.3.3 1.4.1	A only ✓✓ B only ✓✓ Ca) E ✓ Cb) A ✓ Cc) C ✓		(6) (1) (1) (1)
1.4	1.4.2	F ✓ motor neuron ✓/efferent neuron		(2)
	1.4.3	D to E ✓		(1)
1.5	1.5.1	 (a) A ✓ ciliary muscle ✓ (b) C ✓ iris ✓ (c) D ✓ cornea ✓ 		(2) (2) (2)
	1.5.2	Accommodation ✓		(1)
	1.5.3	(Diagram) 2 ✓		(1)

TOTAL SECTION A: 50



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QUESTION 2

2.1 2.1.1 (James) Watson ✓ (1)

2.1.2 double helix \checkmark (1)

2.1.3 Sample 1 ✓ (1)

In Sample 1 the number of A/adenine equals the number of T/thymine and G/guanine is equal to C/cytosine ✓√/In a DNA molecule A/G and T/C are complementary pairs and are therefore equal.

OR

There is no U/uracil in sample 1 ✓ ✓/DNA does not contain U/uracil.

2.1.5 Phosphate

Marking guideline for drawing a nucleotide:

Criteria	Mark allocation
Phosphate diagram and labelled in correct	
position	1 mark
Sugar diagram and labelled in correct position	1 mark
Nitrogenous base diagram and labelled in correct	
position	1 mark

Nitrogenous base

2.1.6 DNA RNA

Has thymine base ✓ Has uracil base ✓

Deoxyribose sugar ✓ Ribose sugar ✓

Table ✓ + any ONE difference ✓ ✓ (3)

 $2.2.1 \quad A-U-G-A-G-C-G-U-A \checkmark \checkmark \tag{2}$

- 2.2.2 The (double helix) DNA unwinds ✓
 - The (double-stranded) DNA unzips √/weak hydrogen bonds break to form two separate strands.
 - One strand is used as a template ✓
 - to form mRNA ✓

(Deoxyribose) Sugar

- using free floating RNA nucleotides ✓ in the nucleus
- which joins to their complimentary bases ✓ / A-U and C-G (Any 4 x 1) (4)
- 2.2.3 C was replaced with G in DNA ...
 - Therefore, the mRNA will change from G to C ✓
 - The tRNA will change from C to G ✓
 - This would code for a different amino acid ✓
 - Which would code for the protein which breaks down DDT ✓

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6		LIFE SCIENCES	(EC/JUNE 2024)
2.3	2.3.1	FSH ✓ / oestrogen	(1)
	2.3.2	 FSH – follicle starts to develop √/grow OR 	
		 Oestrogen – endometrium starts to thicken ✓ (NB: Reason for hormone must correspond to hormone given in 2. 	3.1) (1)
	2.3.3	 The corpus luteum does not degenerate ✓ after day 28 and continues to produce progesterone ✓ which maintains the endometrium after day 28 ✓/ endometrium not degenerate 	does
	2.3.4	 The zygote ✓ divides by mitosis ✓ to form a (solid) ball of cells ✓ called a morula ✓ which then develops into a hollow ball of cells ✓ called the blastula ✓ / blastocyst 	(6)
	2.3.5	 LH ✓ would be monitored. Ovulation takes place when LH peaks ✓ /reaches maximum. therefore, the ovum would be available for fertilisation ✓ 	(3)
2.4	2.4.1	Genetic engineering ✓/ Recombinant DNA	(1)
	2.4.2	 There will be no nuts as food for humans ✓/ no timber Which will reduce the number of people ✓ OR 	
		 No habitat for wildlife ✓/ Fruit as food for wildlife Which would reduce the number of animals ✓ 	(2)
	2.4.3	 A plasmid is removed from the bacteria ✓ it is spliced open ✓ using an enzyme the desired gene is extracted ✓ and inserted into the plasmid ✓ the plasmid is placed back into the bacteria ✓ 	(5)
	2.4.4	 They can become invasive ✓ because they are no longer. controlled by the disease ✓ 	(2)
2.4	2.5.1	Metaphase 1 ✓	(1)
	2.5.2	 Spindle fibre shorten ✓ Centromere splits separating each chromosome into two ✓ daughter chromosomes are pulled to opposite poles ✓ 	(3)
	2.5.3	ovaries ✓	(1) [50]



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QUESTION 3

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3.1.2 Mutation/gene for disease found on the X/sex chromosomes/ gonosomes ✓ (1)

$$3.1.3 \quad 4 \checkmark$$
 (1)

- 3.1.5 Individuals 2 / 7 / 10 do not have Menkes syndrome ✓
 - however, they (2 / 7 / 10) carry the allele ✓
 - because they have a child 5 /13 / 15 who has Menkes syndrome ✓ (3)

$$3.1.6 \quad (a) \quad \mathbf{X}^{\mathbf{R}} \, \mathbf{X}^{\mathbf{r}} \, \checkmark \tag{1}$$

(b) $\mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{r}} \mathbf{Y} \checkmark$

3.1.7 P₁ Phenotype Male with Menkes Normal Female ✓ Syndrome

Genotype X^rY $x X^RX^R \checkmark$

Meiosis

G/gametes X^r , Y x X^R , X^R \checkmark

Fertilisation

F₁ Genotype $X^RX^r : X^RX^r : X^RY : X^RY$

Phenotype 2 Normal females: 2 Normal males ✓ *0% chance for the next child to have Menkes syndrome ✓

P₁ and F₁ ✓

Meiosis and fertilisation ✓

*1 compulsory + Any 5

OR

P₁ Phenotype Male with Menkes Normal Female ✓ Syndrome

Genotype X^rY x X^RX^R ✓
G/gametes X^r Y

Fertilisation 1 mark for correct gametes √

1 mark for correct genotypes ✓

Phenotype 2 Normal females: 2 Normal males ✓ *0% chance for the next child to have Menkes syndrome ✓

P₁ and F₁ ✓

Meiosis and fertilisation ✓

*1 compulsory + Any 5 (6)



8		LIFE SCIENCES (EC/JUNI	<u> 2024)</u>
	3.1.8	 Males only have 1 X chromosome ✓ / XY If they carry the Menkes syndrome allele on the X chromosome 	(2)
		they will have the disease ✓	(2)
3.2	3.2.1	(a) Eustachian tube ✓(b) Round window ✓	(1) (1)
	3.2.2	 (a) G ✓ – auditory canal ✓ (b) B ✓ – semi-circular canals ✓ 	(2) (2)
	3.2.3	 The fluid in the middle ear prevents the ossicles vibrating freely ✓* Therefore less/no vibrations are transmitted to the oval window ✓ Less/no pressure wave are set up in the inner ear ✓ The organ or corti is stimulated less ✓/not stimulated. Impulse is not sent on the auditory nerve to the cerebrum to be interpreted ✓ (*1 Compulsory + Any 3) 	(4)
		(b) Tympanic membrane √/ear drum	(1)
3.3	3.3.1	(a) cerebellum ✓	(1)
5.5	3.3.1	(b) Medulla oblongata ✓	(1)
	3.3.2	Connects/allows communication between the left and right hemisphere of the cerebrum $\checkmark \checkmark$	(2)
	3.3.3	A ✓ – cerebrum ✓	(2)
	3.3.4	 The cerebellum is damaged ✓ Due to no coordination of the voluntary movements ✓ by the cerebellum The cerebellum is responsible or balance and coordination ✓ 	(3)
3.4	3.4.1	to gain muscle strength, shape and performance ✓	(1)
	3.4.2	(a) Male fertility ✓	(1)
		(b) AAS ✓ (not effect of AAS)	(1)
	3.4.3	same age ✓ of males	(.,
	0.4.0	same amount of AAS ✓ taken	(2)
	3.4.4	 Acts as a control ✓ To show the results obtained by Group B ✓ Are caused by the AAS ✓ And not by the exercise ✓ (Any 3 x 1) 	(3)



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3.4.5	The higher the level of testosterone ✓ the higher the sperm count ✓ Testosterone stimulates the production of sperm ✓	(3)
3.4.6	High temperatures ✓ would cause sperm to not mature ✓/be deformed	(2) [50]
	TOTAL SECTION B: GRAND TOTAL:	100 150

