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LIFE SCIENCES P2

GRADE 12

MARKING GUIDELINE

**COMMON TRIAL EXAMINATION
SEPTEMBER 2024**

MARKS: 150

TIME: 2 1/2 hours

This exam paper consists of 12 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 part of it is required**
Read all and credit relevant part.
4. **If comparisons are asked for and descriptions are given**
Accept if 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 is incorrect, do not credit. If sequence and links becomes correct again, resume credit.
9. **Non-recognised abbreviations**
Accept if first defined in answer. If not defined, do not credit the unrecognized abbreviation but credit the rest of 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 recognizable accept provided it does not mean something else in Life Sciences or if it is out of context.
13. **If common names given in terminology**
Accept provided it was accepted at the National memo discussion meeting.

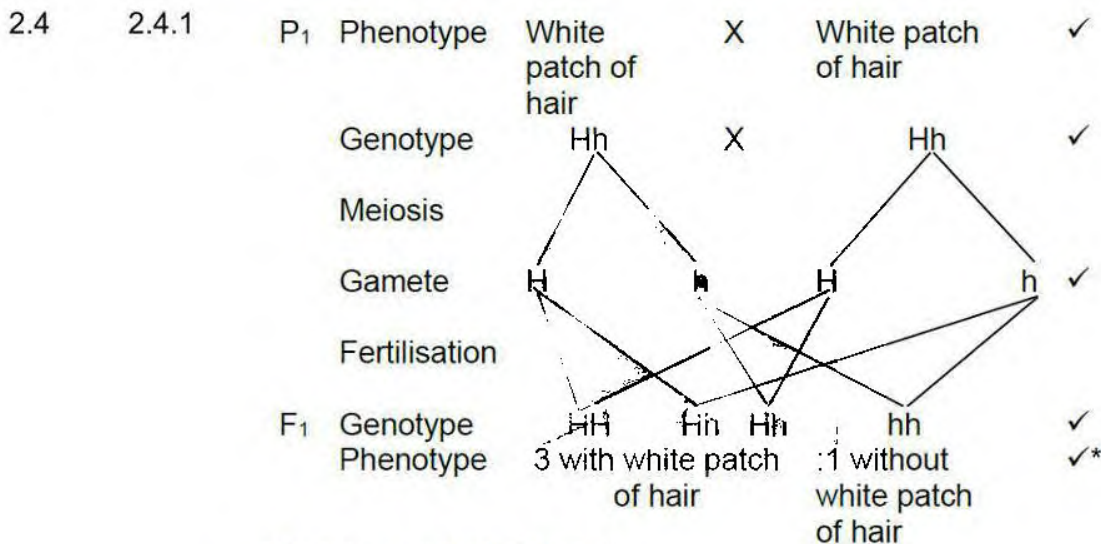
14. **If only letter is asked for and only name is given (and vice versa)**
No credit
15. **If units are not given in measurements**
Candidates will lose marks. Memorandum will allocate marks for units separately
16. Be sensitive to the **sense of an answer, which may be stated in a different way.**
17. **Caption**
All illustrations (diagrams, graphs, tables, etc.) must have a caption
18. **Code-switching of official languages (terms and concepts)**
A single word or two that appears 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.

SECTION A**QUESTION 1**

- | | | | |
|-----|-------|--|-------------------|
| 1.1 | 1.1.1 | C ✓✓ | |
| | 1.1.2 | D ✓✓ | |
| | 1.1.3 | C ✓✓ | |
| | 1.1.4 | A ✓✓ | |
| | 1.1.5 | B ✓✓ | |
| | 1.1.6 | C ✓✓ | |
| | 1.1.7 | D ✓✓ | |
| | 1.1.8 | B ✓✓ | |
| | 1.1.9 | C ✓✓ | (9x2) (18) |
| 1.2 | 1.2.1 | Species ✓ | |
| | 1.2.2 | Cloning ✓ | |
| | 1.2.3 | Extinction ✓ | |
| | 1.2.4 | Alleles ✓ | |
| | 1.2.5 | Haploid ✓ | |
| | 1.2.6 | Foramen magnum ✓ | |
| | 1.2.7 | Artificial selection ✓/ selective breeding | |
| | 1.2.8 | Hominidae ✓ | (8x1) (8) |
| 1.3 | 1.3.1 | None ✓✓ | |
| | 1.3.2 | B only ✓✓ | |
| | 1.3.3 | A only ✓✓ | (3x2) (6) |
| 1.4 | 1.4.1 | Double helix ✓ | (1) |
| | 1.4.2 | (a) Deoxyribose ✓ | (1) |
| | | (b) Adenine ✓ | (1) |
| | | (c) Hydrogen ✓ bond | (1) |
| | 1.4.3 | - Thymine (T) is present ✓
- double stranded ✓/ base pairing
(Mark first ONE only)
Any | (1) |
| | 1.4.4 | - Nucleus ✓
- Mitochondrion ✓
(Mark first ONE only)
Any | (1)
(6) |

1.5	1.5.1	(a) Red, round fruit✓✓	(2)
		(b) RrBb✓✓	(2)
	1.5.2	RB; Rb; rB; rb✓✓ (All 4 gametes must be correct)	(2)
	1.5.3	1/16 ✓	(1) (7)
1.6	1.6.1	Phylogenetic ✓ diagram	(1)
	1.6.2	Five/ 5 ✓	(1)
	1.6.3	1 mya✓	(1)
	1.6.4	<i>Australopithecus africanus</i> ✓	(1)
	1.6.5	<i>Homo neanderthalensis</i> ✓	(1) (5)

TOTAL SECTION A: 50



Meiosis and fertilisation ✓
P₁ and F₁ ✓

(Any 5 + 1 compulsory*) (6)

OR

P₁ Phenotype White patch of x White patch ✓
Genotype Hh x Hh ✓
Meiosis

Gametes	H	h	Fertilisation
H	HH	Hh	
h	Hh	hh	

Mark for correct gametes ✓
Mark for correct genotypes ✓
F₁ Phenotype 3 White patch of hair ✓ : 1 Without white patch of hair ✓*
P₁ and F₁ ✓
Meiosis and fertilisation ✓

(Any 5 + 1 compulsory*)

2.5 2.5.1 (a) Centriole ✓ / centrosome (1)
(b) Spindle fibre ✓ / spindle thread (1)

2.5.2 Anaphase I ✓ (1)

2.5.3 Six/6 ✓ (1)

2.5.4

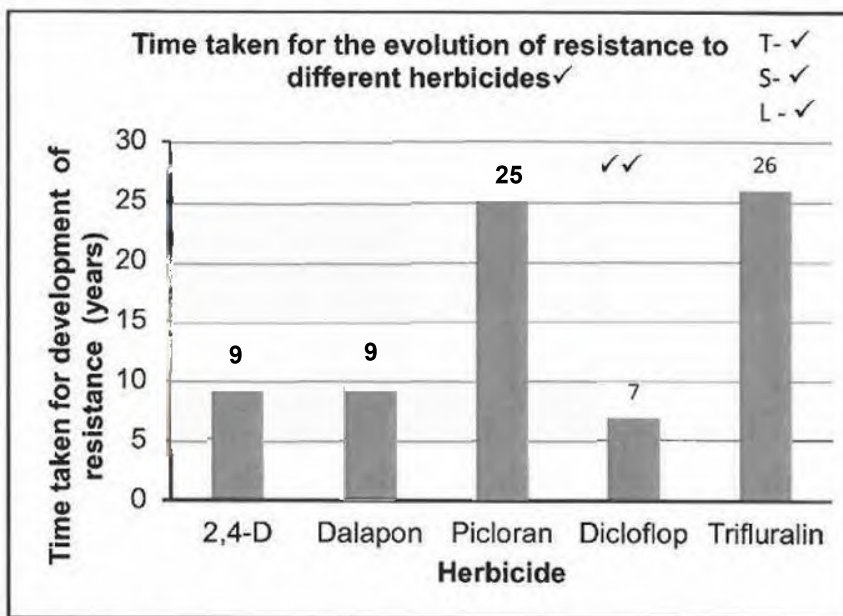
- Random arrangement of chromosomes ✓
- results in the formation of genetically different cells ✓
- This leads to increased genetic variation in a population ✓
- which will cause some individuals to have favourable and some unfavourable characteristics ✓
- When environmental conditions change ✓
- those with favourable characteristics will survive ✓
- and those with unfavourable characteristics will die ✓

(6)
(10)

QUESTION 3

- 3.1 3.1.1 (a) Type of herbicide ✓ (1)
 (b) Time taken for weeds to develop resistance ✓ (1)
- 3.1.2 (a) Dicloflop ✓ (1)
 (b) Trifluralin ✓ (1)
- 3.1.3 (a) – They would apply the herbicide to the weed ✓
 - and observe if the weeds survive ✓ (2)
- (b) – it allows for a single variable ✓
 - to which the results can be attributed ✓ (2)

3.1.4



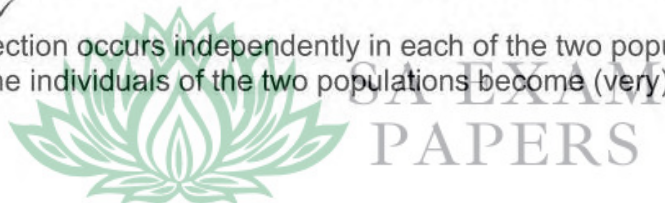
Guideline for assessing the graph

Type: Bar graph drawn (T)	1
Title of graph	1
Correct: – Scale for Y-axis and (S) – Width and interval of bars on X-axis	1
Correct: – Label for X-axis and (L) – Label and unit for Y-axis	1
Plotting of bars	1- 1 to 4 bars plotted correctly 2- All 5 bars plotted correctly

(6)
(14)

- 3.2 3.2.1 - Foetus stem cells ✓ / Umbilical cord / Foetus / amniotic fluid
 - Embryonic stem cells ✓ / Embryos
 - Bone marrow ✓ / blood / heart / molar teeth / tissues or organs that already undergone development
 (Mark first TWO only) Any (2)

- 3.2.2 - It can be developed into any tissue type ✓ / repair damage tissue
 - Used for therapeutic purposes ✓
 - Treat spinal injuries ✓
 - Grown tissue cultures to form meat ✓
(Mark first ONE only) Any (1)
- 3.2.3 450: 150 ✓
 3:1 ✓ (2)
(5)
- 3.3 3.3.1 - Get permission from the principal/authorities to conduct the investigation ✓
 - Decide on the sample size ✓
 - Decide on sample selection ✓
 - Investigators to learn how to recognise/identify each trait ✓
 - Decide how to record results of the investigation ✓
(Mark first TWO only) Any (2)
- 3.3.2 These traits are inherited ✓ and not influenced by age ✓ (2)
- 3.3.3 - They used 200 learners ✓ (1)
- 3.3.4 Reject ✓ (1)
- 3.3.5 More learners displayed the recessive traits ✓ compared to the dominant traits ✓ (2)
- 3.3.6 Discontinuous ✓ variation (1)
- 3.3.7 The type of variation in a population with no intermediate phenotypes ✓ ✓ (2)
(11)
- 3.4 - If a **population** of a single species becomes separated by a geographical barrier ✓
 - then the **population splits** into two ✓
 - There is now **no gene flow** between the two populations ✓
 - Since each population may be exposed to different environmental conditions ✓
 - natural selection occurs independently in each of the two populations ✓
 - such that the individuals of the two populations become (very)



- different✓ from each other
- genotypically and phenotypically✓
 - Even if the two populations were to mix again✓
 - they will not be able to interbreed✓
 - The two populations are now different species✓
- Any (7)

- 3.5 3.5.1 - Bare fingertips✓/nails instead of claws
- Opposable thumbs✓/ gripping ability
 - Fingerprints✓
 - Five fingers✓
- (Mark first ONE only)** Any (1)

3.5.2

Differences between African apes and humans	
African apes	Humans
- Small cranium✓	- Large cranium✓
- Brow ridges are well developed✓	- Brow ridges are not well developed✓
- Large canines✓	- Small canines✓
- Palate is long and rectangular✓ / U-shaped	- Palate is small and semi-circular✓/ C-shaped
- Large jaws✓	- Small jaws✓
- More protruding jaws✓/ prognathous	- Less protruding jaws✓/non-prognathous
- Cranial ridges present✓	- No cranial ridge✓
- Foramen magnum in a backward position✓	- Foramen magnum in a forward position✓
- Sloping face✓	- Flat face✓
- Less developed zygomatic arch✓	- More developed zygomatic arch✓
- Less developed chin✓	- More developed chin✓
- Diastema between the teeth✓	- No diastema between the teeth✓

(Mark first TWO only) Table 1 + (2X2) (5)

- 3.5.3 - short✓ and wide✓ (broad) (2)
- (8)**

- 3.6 3.6.1 Mitochondrial DNA✓ (1)

- 3.6.2 - Fossils of *Homo habilis* were found in Africa only✓
- The oldest fossils of *Homo erectus* were found in Africa✓, while
 - the younger fossils of *Homo erectus* were found in other parts of the world✓
 - The oldest fossils of *Homo sapiens* were found in Africa✓ while



- the younger fossils of Homo sapiens were found in other parts
of the world✓ Any (4)
(5)
[50]

B: **TOTAL SECTION** **100**

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