

Mark Scheme (Results)

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General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.
- Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
Number			
1(a)	An answer that makes reference to the following point:		
	 group of organs that work together to perform {one / one or more / specific} functions 		(1)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
Number			
1(b)(i)	An answer that makes reference to the following point:		
	 group of (similar) cells working together to perform a (specific) function 		(1)

Question Number	Answer					Mark
1(b)(ii)	Structure	Propels male gamete towards female gamete	Modified by the action of cortical granules	Produce ATP by respiration	Contain linear DNA	
	flagellum	⊠ A				
	mitochondria			⊠ C		
	nucleus				⊠ D	
	zona pellucida		⊠B			(4)

Question An Number	nswer	Additional guidance	Mark
	 n answer that includes the following points: capsule correctly drawn and labelled (1) (at least) two pili correctly drawn and labelled (1) 	Example of diagram cell wall cell wall	(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
2(b)	An answer that makes reference to four of the following points:		
	 increasing sodium chloride concentrations (above 10 g dm³) decreases the growth rate (of both bacteria) (1) (salt concentration between 0-6 g dm³ caused) an initial 	ACCEPT negative correlation (between sodium chloride concentration and growth rate)	
	{increase / constant} rate (1)more rapid decrease in <i>L. piscium</i> growth rate (1)	ACCEPT converse	
	B. thermosphacta had a larger growth rate (than L. piscium at all sodium chloride concentrations) (1)	ACCEPT converse	
	• <i>B. thermosphacta</i> was able to continue growing in sodium chloride concentrations above {22-25} g dm³ whereas <i>L. piscium</i> had no growth / <i>L. piscium</i> stopped growing at a concentration {38-46} g dm³ below the concentration that <i>B. thermosphacta</i> stopped growing (1)	Accept <i>B. thermosphacta</i> is more {tolerant / resistant} (than <i>L. piscium</i>) of higher sodium chloride concentrations Accept <i>B. thermosphacta</i> stopped growing at {62-70} g dm³ whereas <i>L. piscium</i> stopped growing at {22-24} g dm³	
	 data is more scattered about the line of best fit for B. thermosphacta (than L. piscium) 	ACCEPT converse	(4)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
Number			
3(a)(i)	A calculation in which:	Example of calculation:	
	 calculation of volume of sphere (1) calculation of volume of hemisphere to nearest whole number (1) 	answer between 65416.67 to 65476.19 whole number answer between 32708 to 32738	(2)
		Correct answer scores full marks	

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3(a)(ii)	An explanation that makes reference to two of the following:		
	(because) calabash fruits are renewable / more can be grown / will not run out / available to future generations (1)		
	biodegradable / can be broken down by decomposers (1)		
	• carbon neutral (1)	ignore produces less greenhouse gases	(2)

Question	Answer	Mark
Number		
3(b)(i)	The only correct answer is B one	
	A is not correct because they provide support to the plant	
	B is not correct because they are not involved in transporting substances	
	C is not correct because they are not involved in transporting substances	(1)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
Number 3(b)(ii)	An answer that makes reference to four of the following:	ACCEPT piecing together from adjacent sentences	
	Similarities:		
	both (fibres) contain cellulose (in the cell wall) (1)	ACCEPT both have a cell wall	
	both have tubular structures (1)		
	both do not contain a nucleus (1)	ignore organelles	
	Differences (max 3):		
	 phloem (sieve tubes) have {sieve plates / (perforated) end walls} whereas xylem (vessels) have no {end walls / sieve plates} (1) 		
	 phloem (sieve tubes) {contain cytoplasm / are not hollow} whereas xylem (vessels) {do not contain cytoplasm / are hollow} (1) 	ACCEPT phloem (sieve tubes) contain living cells whereas xylem (vessels) contain dead cells	
	 phloem (sieve tubes) contain no {lignin / secondary thickening} whereas xylem contain {lignin / secondary thickening} (1) 	ACCEPT phloem cell walls are thinner than xylem cell walls / converse	
	phloem have plasmodesmata whereas xylem have pits (1)	ACCEPT xylem have pits whereas phloem do not / phloem have plasmodesmata whereas xylem do not	(4)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4(a)(i)	 An answer that makes reference to the following points: centrioles and spindle fibres shown (1) 6 chromosomes being pulled to each pole (1) 	Example of diagram:	
			(2)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
Number			
4(a)(ii)	A calculation in which:	Example of calculation:	
	 calculation of number of degrees per minute (1) 	270 ÷ (9 × 60) = 0.5°	
	 calculation of number of degrees (including unit) (1) 	$0.5 \times 20 = 10^{\circ}$	
			(2)
		Correct answer scores full marks	

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4(b)(i)	location of gene(s) on a(n Indian muntjac) chromosome	ACCEPT {nucleotide base pairs / allele} for gene ACCEPT chromatid for chromosome	(1)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
Number			
4(b)(ii)	An explanation that makes reference to the following points:		
	• (egg cells are) haploid (1)	ACCEPT contain {3 / half the number of} chromosomes	
	 (egg cell chromosomes) have {an altered base sequence / different alleles} (than body cell chromosomes) (1) 	do not accept genes	
	 due to {(random) mutations (during DNA replication) / crossing over / random assortment / independent assortment} (1) 	ACCEPT chromosomes mutations due to errors in separation of {chromatids / chromosomes}	
			(3)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4(c)	An answer that makes reference to two of the following points:		
	• (because the parents are) different species (1)		
	(because {maternal and paternal / 3 and 23}) chromosomes would not pair up (1)	ACCEPT because diploid number (of either species) could not be restored ignore parents have different number of chromosome pairs	
	• (therefore) cannot make {haploid / sperm / egg} cells (1)	ACCEPT meiosis cannot occur	(2)

Question	Answer	Mark
Number		
5(a)(i)		
	The only correct answer is B endemic	
	A is not correct because the correct term is endemic	
	C is not correct because the correct term is endemic	
	D is not correct because the correct term is endemic	(1)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
Number			
5(a)(ii)	A calculation in which:	Example of calculation:	
	correct difference (1)	950-7100 = (-)6150	
	correct percentage change (1)	(-6150 ÷7100) x 100 = (-)87(%)	(0)
			(2)
		Correct answer scores full marks	

Question Number	Answer
*5(b)	Answers will be credited according to candidate's deployment of knowledge and understanding of the material in relation to the qualities and skills outlined in the generic mark scheme. The indicative content below is not prescriptive and candidates are not required to include all the material indicated as relevant. Additional content included in the response must be scientific and relevant. • common ancestor {lived on Hawaii islands / had shorter beak than Amakihi / less powerful beak than Palila} • colonisation of new island / geographical isolation • change in the environment / competition for food / (new) selection pressures • genetic variation in population / mutation resulted in new allele(s) • some alleles conferred an advantage therefore bird more likely to survive and reproduce than other birds and pass on those advantageous alleles to next generation • repeated over many generations leading to new species • idea of reproductive isolation
	 Amakihi Amakihi has a longer beak (therefore) was able to drink (more) nectar from flowers / tree sap / access more spiders / insects Amakihi has larger population due to being adapted to live in more habitats / idea that it can access more types of food sources
	 Palila Palila has a {more powerful beak / beak which could crack open the coat (of seed)} Palila was able to eat (more) seeds / berries
	(6)

			Additional guidance
Level 0	0	No awardable content	
Level 1	1-2	An explanation may be attempted but with limited interpretation or analysis of the scientific information and with a focus on mainly just one piece of scientific information. The explanation will contain basic information, with some attempt made to link knowledge and understanding to the given context.	evolution of generic new species explained with basic information 1 mark – very limited explanation of evolution of a (generic) new species 2 marks – more detailed explanation of evolution of a (generic) new species OR one point about generic explanation plus a basic linkage to either Amakihi or Palila
Level 2	3-4	An explanation will be given, with occasional evidence of analysis, interpretation and/or evaluation of both pieces of scientific information. The explanation shows some linkages and lines of scientific reasoning, with some structure.	Level 1 plus some linkages to either Amakihi or Palila 3 marks = basic linkage for one 4 marks = detailed linkage for one or basic for both
Level 3	5-6	An explanation is made that is supported throughout by sustained application of relevant evidence of analysis, interpretation and/or evaluation of both pieces of scientific information. The explanation shows a well-developed and sustained line of scientific reasoning, which is clear and logically structured.	Level 2 plus detailed linkage to both Amakihi and Palila 5 marks = detailed linkage for one and basic for one 6 marks = detailed linkage for both

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(c)	An answer that makes reference to the following points:		
	 molecular phylogeny / analysis of (the sequences in) biological molecules (1) 	e.g. DNA, mRNA, proteins	
	 (therefore) the species with the {most similarities / fewest differences} (are the most closely related) (1) 		(2)

Question	Answer	Mark
Number		
6(a)		
	The only correct answer is C Y	
	A is not correct because W does not contain mitochondria	
	B is not correct because X does not contain mitochondria	
	D is not correct because Z does not contain mitochondria	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(b)(i)	A description that makes reference to the following points: • named organelle involved in protein production (1)	mitochondria / nucleus / ribosomes / {rough endoplasmic reticulum / rER} / Golgi (apparatus/body)	
	role of organelle described in the production of the enzyme (1)	e.g. mitochondria – produce ATP for protein synthesis (of enzyme) nucleus – site of transcription of enzyme gene / location of gene for enzyme ribosomes -site of protein synthesis / where polypeptide is formed rER -site of protein synthesis / where polypeptide is formed / formation of 3° structure / packaging protein into (transport) vesicle Golgi apparatus – modification of {protein / enzyme} / packaging {protein / enzyme} into (secretory) vesicle	(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(b)(ii)	• 800		(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(b)(iii)	 An explanation that makes reference to four of the following points: doubling the acrosin activity of the sperm cell increases the percentage of egg cells fertilised by 68% / non-linear increase 	ACCEPT greater increase (in percentage of egg cells fertilised) between 2.5 and 3(a.u.)	
	 (because) higher acrosin activity means the sperm cells can digest through all of the {outer layer / zona pellucida} (of more egg cells) (1) 	ACCEPT 100% fertilisation at 5(a.u.) compared to 32% at 2.5(a.u.) ACCEPT digesting the outer layer {faster /more efficiently} / more digestion occurs Accept converse	
	 (allowing) sperm (cells) to {bind to (egg cell) membrane / enter egg (cell)} (1) (so that) sperm nucleus can fuse with egg (cell) nucleus / fusion (of nuclei) can occur (1) 	ACCEPT sperm can reach egg (cell) nucleus ACCEPT sperm can fuse with egg (cell)	
	(low acrosin activity) could result in death of sperm cells before fertilisation could occur (1)	ACCEPT converse	(4)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(c)(i)	image size divided by magnification	ACCEPT 4.5±1 ÷200 ignore unmanipulated equation	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(c)(ii)	An answer that makes reference to three of the following points:		
	 (when a sperm entered egg cell) cortical granules have fused to cell surface membrane / cortical {reaction/enzymes} resulted in hardening of zona pellucida (1) 		
	 as zona pellucida (of some egg cells) are damaged there are areas where it is not {present / hardened} (1) 	ACCEPT some zona pellucida is not hardened	
	 resulting in polyspermy / {an extra / two} sperm have entered (the egg cell) (1) 	reject 3 sperm have entered egg cell	(3)

Question	Answer	Mark
Number	Additional guidance	
7(a)(i)		
	The only correct answer is B one	
	A is not correct because the first statement is correct	
	C is not correct because the generative nucleus divides to form two haploid male gametes	
	D is not correct because the generative nucleus divides to form two haploid male gametes	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
7(a)(ii)	 surface area calculated (1) difference in standard form with units (1) 	4.128 (μm²) 9.02 x 10 ⁻¹ μm²	(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	
7(b)	A description that makes reference to the following points:		
	differential gene expression (1)	ACCEPT only some genes are {active / switched on} / some genes are switched off	
	 by {epigenetic modification / histone modification / DNA methylation} (1) 		
	 {proteins / enzymes} synthesised (from active genes) which (permanently) modify the cell (1) 	ACCEPT {proteins / enzymes} {made / synthesised} produce a {structural / functional / metabolic} change	
	description of modification to become a sclerenchyma cell	e.g. synthesis of {cellulose/ microfibrils / lignin} / secondary thickening / lignification of cell walls	(4)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
Number			
7(c)	An answer that makes reference to four of the following points:		
	 meiosis increases genetic variation / crossing over and {random / independent} assortment occur in meiosis (1) 	ACCEPT meiosis results in haploid cells	
	 the {genes / alleles / loci} for colour and grain length are linked (1) 	ACCEPT linkage is when {genes / alleles} are close together on the same chromosome	
	 (therefore alleles for these traits) will be inherited together / (therefore alleles for these traits) unlikely to be separated during crossing over (1) 		
	 the {genes / alleles / loci} for pea pod wrinkles and {colour/grain length} are not linked (1) 		
	(therefore) the alleles for these traits will be inherited independently due to independent assortment (1)	ACCEPT allele for this trait may be separated from {colour/grain length/ other alleles} due to independent assortment	(4)

Question Number	Answer	wer Additional guidance	
8(a)	An explanation that makes reference to three of the following points:		
	 fewer young tree shoots eaten (after wolves were reintroduced) (1) 	ACCEPT the percentage (of young tree shoots eaten) decreased	
	(because) elk would not graze undisturbed when wolves were around (1)	ACCEPT converse ACCEPT because some elk have been eaten by wolves / fewer elk because wolves are predators (of elk)	
	more (young tree shoots) were eaten in forest habitat (than riverside habitat) / fewer (young tree shoots) were eaten in riverside habitat (than forest habitat) (1)	ACCEPT {larger/more rapid} decrease (in number of shoots eaten) in riverside habitat	
	(because) the mature trees provided some {camouflage / protection} (from the wolves) (1)	ACCEPT (because) elk can hide (from the wolves) in the forest / elk have no {hiding places / protection} from being seen (by the wolves) by the river ACCEPT predation of elk is higher in riverside (habitat)	
			(3)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8(b)	 A description that makes reference to the following points: as the number of elk (per km²) increases the average beaver lifespan decreases (1) 	ACCEPT negative correlation	
	• {larger/rapid} decrease {initially / as population increases from 30 elk (per km²)} (1)	ACCEPT {exponential / non-linear} decrease	
	 very little change in average lifespan of beavers when the number of elk increase above {70/80/90} elk per km² (1) 	ACCEPT the beaver lifespan plateaus when the number of elk increase above {70/80/90} elk per km ²	(3)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
Number			
8(c)(i)	An answer which includes the following points:		
	• (count) number of species (1)		
	• {area / size} of habitat (1)	ACCEPT per unit area	(2)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
Number			
8(c)(ii)	• $(D =) \frac{N(N-1)}{\sum n(n-1)}$	ACCEPT other correct equations e.g. simple biodiversity index = species richness ÷ species evenness	(1)

Question Number	Δηςωργ		
*8(d)	Answers will be credited according to candidate's deployment of knowledge and understanding of the material in relation to the qualities and skills outlined in the generic mark scheme.		
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	 Basic increasing numbers of wolves (until 2003) / decrease in number of wolves (from 2007 to 2010) overall increase in wolves / 20 more wolves in 2010 (than in 1995) 		
	 the numbers of elk decreased as they were hunted by the wolves overall decrease in numbers of elk (from 1995 to 2010) 		
	 the number of cottonwood shoots rapidly increased (after 2003) the number of beaver colonies increased from 1 (in 1999) to 12 (in 2009) 		
	Linkage • the numbers of cottonwood shoots increased {when the numbers of elk decreased / as they weren't being eaten}		
	 beavers and elk have similar niches / beavers were outcompeted for young tree shoots by elk beaver {numbers/colonies} started to increase when {elk population size decreased / more shoots were available} 		
	 discussion of causes of decrease in wolf population e.g. decrease in elk food source introduction of wolves increases biodiversity 		
	 Sustained {more ponds / new habitat} increase {number of species / species richness / biodiversity} 		
	more trees (woodland and riverside habitats) increase {number of species / species richness / biodiversity}		
	biodiversity increases due to additional species in Yellowstone National Park e.g. wolf		
	(6) Expert		

			Additional guidance
Level 0	0	No awardable content	
Level 1	1-2	Demonstrates isolated elements of biological knowledge and understanding to the given context with generalised comments made. Vague statements related to consequences are made with limited linkage to a range of scientific ideas, processes, techniques and procedures. The discussion will contain basic information with some attempt made to link knowledge and understanding to the given context.	Information from one section
Level 2	3-4	Demonstrates adequate knowledge and understanding by selecting and applying some relevant biological facts / concepts. Consequences are discussed which are occasionally supported through linkage to a range of scientific ideas, processes, techniques and procedures. The discussion shows some linkages and lines of scientific reasoning with some structure.	Information from two sections linkage of 2 concepts
Level 3	5-6	Demonstrates comprehensive knowledge and understanding by selecting and applying relevant biological facts / concepts. Consequences are discussed which supported throughout by sustained linkage to a range of scientific ideas, processes, techniques and procedures. The discussion shows a well-developed and sustained line of scientific reasoning which is clear and logically structured.	Level 2 plus Discussion of how biodiversity would be increased

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