

**GCE** 

# **Biology A**

Unit H420A/02: Biological diversity

**Advanced GCE** 

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In mark scheme:

Annotation	Meaning
DO NOT ALLOW	Answers which are not worthy of credit
IGNORE	Statements which are irrelevant
ALLOW	Answers that can be accepted
()	Words which are not essential to gain credit
_	Underlined words must be present in answer to score a mark
ECF	Error carried forward
AW	Alternative wording
ORA	Or reverse argument

# In RM Assessor:

Annotation	Meaning
<b>~</b>	Correct response
×	Incorrect response
I	Ignore
GM	Point already given (i.e. Given Mark)
~~~	Underline (for ambiguous / contradictory wording)
^	Omission
•	Marking point partially met
BOD	Benefit of doubt
NBOD	Benefit of doubt not given
CON	Contradiction
ECF	Error carried forward
BP	Blank page

## **Subject-specific Marking Instructions**

#### INTRODUCTION

Your first task as an Examiner is to become thoroughly familiar with the material on which the examination depends. This material includes:

- the specification, especially the assessment objectives
- the question paper
- the mark scheme.

You should ensure that you have copies of these materials.

You should ensure also that you are familiar with the administrative procedures related to the marking process. These are set out in the OCR booklet **Instructions for Examiners**. If you are examining for the first time, please read carefully **Appendix 5 Introduction to Script Marking: Notes for New Examiners**.

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	C✓	1	
2	A✓	1	
3	B✓	1	
4	C✓	1	
5	C✓	1	ALLOW A
6	B✓	1	
7	A✓	1	ALLOW B
8	B✓	1	
9	B✓	1	
10	B✓	1	ALLOW C
11	D✓	1	
12	A✓	1	
13	B✓	1	
14	B✓	1	
15	D✓	1	
	Tot	al 15	

**DO NOT CREDIT** ambiguous letters, e.g. B/D hybrids

Q	uesti	on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
16	(a)	(i)	estimate will be inaccurate (because of low numbers) ✓	2	IGNORE refs to conspicuousness of tags  ALLOW catching one more jaguar will make a big difference to the calculated number  ALLOW the technique only works well with large populations
			dangerous (for collector or jaguar) ✓		IGNORE difficult to catch  ALLOW the jaguars might die IGNORE inhumane / cruel / stressful
		(ii)	1 appropriate calculation of , observed / expected , population density ✓	4 max	1 CREDIT e.g.  • 3.3 / 3 (jaguars per 100 km²)  • 13.55 / 13 / 14 (est. pop. in 271 km²)  • 0.05 and 0.033 / 0.03 (jaguars per km²)  • 20 and 30.1 / 30 (mean area per jaguar)  1 IGNORE significant figures
			2 lower than estimate ✓		2 ALLOW ecf from candidate's calculation
			3 so does not support ✓		3 Must be in context of mp 1 or 2
			4 low / unknown , repeatability / reproducibility (of results) ✓		4 ALLOW low reliability 4 ALLOW ref. to one-off study / should be repeated 4 IGNORE accurate / valid
			5 (some) support because , figure / 3 , is close (enough) to , estimate / 5 ✓		
			6 some individuals not photographed ✓		6 ALLOW some not caught by camera
			7 idea that if many individuals not trapped population could be higher than estimate ✓		

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
(iii)	human sightings idea of any one of the following misidentification seeing the same individual twice exaggeration / lying poor recollection jaguars likely to be in , places / times , humans are not method unlikely to spot cubs (as still in den) ✓	2	IGNORE hard to spot
	footprints idea of any one of the following misidentification might disappear (before recording) multiple prints in same spot makes counting difficult same print might be counted on different occasions many prints made by the same individual hard to distinguish individual jaguars footprints not always left ✓		IGNORE misidentification if given in human sighting
(b)	conservation because there are (local) people there ✓  sustainable use ✓	3 max	Cannot be implied from another marking point. Look for positive statement, CREDIT if preservation people would not be there
	(area used for) logging / farming / nut production ✓		CREDIT logging / farming / nut production , not consistent with preservation
	active measures / work , to maintain , biodiversity / habitat / park ✓		CREDIT preservation would leave park untouched CREDIT active management  NB preservation would leave park untouched by people = mp 4 not mp 1
	Total	11	

Q	uesti	on		Ans	wer			Marks	Guidance
17	(a)	(i)	YR, Yr, yR, yr ✓					1	ALLOW ry, Ry, RY, rY
		(ii)	genotypes YyRr, Yyrr, yyRr, yyrr ✓	•				2	ALLOW YRyr , Yryr, yRyr, yryr
			phenotypes yellow round, yellow wr	inkled,	green ro	ound, green w ✓	rinkled		phenotypes must correspond to correct genotype  DO NOT CREDIT if no or incorrect genotypes are given
	(b)	(i)	8.73 or 8.8 ✓ ✓ ✓					3	ALLOW correct answers up to 4 s.f. ALLOW 2 marks any answer between 8.73 and 8.8
			0	Е	(0-	E) <sup>2</sup> /E			
			58	63	0.40	25/63			If answer is incorrect ALLOW 1 mark for correct expected numbers: 63,
			31	21	4.76	100/21			21, 21, 7
			21	21	0	0			<b>ALLOW</b> 1 mark for correctly calculated (O-E) <sup>2</sup> /E numbers: 0.40, 4.76, 0, 3.57
			2	7	3.57	25/7			OR
									ALLOW 2 marks for 636 to 638 (ECF from incorrect expected numbers – 9, 3, 3, 1)

(ii)	1 2 3	supports because (critical / table , value =) 7.82 ✓  difference is significant as (X²) , higher than , 7.82 / critical value ✓  (less than) 5% / 1 in 20 , probability / chance , that difference is due to chance ✓ ora  X²/ calculated value is , smaller than , 9.35 / value at p=0.025 ✓  greater than , 2.5% / 1 in 40 , probability that difference	3 max	ALLOW correct interpretation of significance of incorrect X² value in part (i) If candidate has miscalculated degrees of freedom CREDIT only mps 2 and 3 IGNORE reject null hypothesis  1 ALLOW 7.82 highlighted in table  2 ALLOW difference is not significant as (selected number) less than (selected) critical value  3 ALLOW > 5% chance that difference is due to chance (if consistent with candidate's X² and critical value)  4 ACCEPT X² / calculated value is , close to critical value / 7.82 / value at p=0.05 4 ACCEPT X² / calculated value , < , 11.34 / value at p=0.01  5 ACCEPT > 1% probability that difference is due
4111		is due to chance ✓ ora		to chance
(iii)	1	(autosomal) <u>link</u> age ✓	3 max	<ul> <li>1 IGNORE sex linkage / mutations</li> <li>1 ALLOW idea of lethal genes</li> <li>1 ALLOW genetic drift if number of individuals is small (in suggestion or explanation)</li> </ul>
	2	(both) genes / alleles , occur on same , chromosome / autosome / chromatid ✓		
	3	no independent assortment ✓		
	4	(so) <u>alleles</u> , inherited together / end up in same		
	l _	<u>gamete</u> ✓		
	5	(unless) crossing over occurs / chiasma forms		<b>5 ALLOW</b> if the genes are close together there is
		between gene loci ✓		less chance of crossing over

(c) (i)	Please refer to the marking instructions on page 4 of this In summary: Read through the whole answer. (Be prepared to recognise a Using a 'best-fit' approach based on the science content of the or Level 3, best describes the overall quality of the answer. Then, award the higher or lower mark within the level, accord award the higher mark where the Communication State award the lower mark where aspects of the Communication.  The science content determines the level. The Communication Statement determines the mark within the level.	and credit un ne answer, fi ding to the <b>C</b> ement has be ation Statem	nexpected approaches where they show relevance.) irst decide which of the level descriptors, Level 1, Level 2 communication Statement (shown in italics): een met. nent have been missed.
	Level 3 (5–6 marks) A reference to the nature of the genetic code AND an outline of how alleles are transcribed and translated AND a detailed explanation of why the y allele results in a different primary structure.  There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured and uses scientific terminology at an appropriate level. The information presented is relevant and substantiated.	6	Indicative scientific points may include:  Genetic code (G)  • DNA base sequence codes for amino acid sequence  • reference to mRNA base sequence  • triplet code / 3 bases = 1 amino acid  • degenerate code  • substitution could result in same amino acid
	Level 2 (3–4 marks)  An outline of some key aspects of transcription and translation AND an explanation of why a change in the sequence of bases in a gene causes a change in the primary structure of the polypeptide it codes for.  OR  A detailed explanation of why a change in the sequence of bases in a gene causes a change in the primary structure of the polypeptide it codes for.  There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure and use of appropriate scientific language. The information presented in the most part relevant and supported by some evidence.		<ul> <li>Transcription (C)</li> <li>transcription then translation</li> <li>complementary base pairing</li> <li>synthesis of mRNA strand</li> <li>role of RNA polymerase</li> </ul> Translation (L) <ul> <li>mRNA binds to ribosome</li> <li>tRNA binds to mRNA</li> <li>tRNA brings specific amino acid</li> <li>mRNA translated into polypeptide</li> </ul> Effect of y allele (M)

	Total	19	
(c) (ii)	(active) enzyme / protein / product , will still be synthesized even if you only have one Y allele ✓	1	<b>CREDIT</b> you need 2 y alleles to prevent the (functional) enzyme being synthesized
	Level 1 (1–2 marks) A reference to the mechanism of protein synthesis AND reference to the effects of a mutation or the nature of the genetic code.  OR A description of some aspects of the mechanism of protein synthesis.  OR A description of the nature of the genetic code or the effects of mutation.  There is an attempt at a logical structure with a line of reasoning. The information is in the most part relevant.  O marks No response or no response worthy of credit.		<ul> <li>substitution / frame-shift</li> <li>different base sequence of DNA</li> <li>different mRNA codon</li> <li>different tRNA anticodon</li> <li>tRNA brings different amino acid</li> <li>different sequence of amino acids</li> <li>amino acid sequence is primary structure</li> </ul>

C	uestic	n	Answer	Marks	Guidance
18	(a)		2 max	IGNORE cell signalling	
			production / AW of , callose ✓		ALLOW formation of tylose ALLOW production of chemical to prevent spread ALLOW production of lignin
			release / production , of (named / toxic) chemical ✓		IGNORE insecticide / antibacterial / pheromones IGNORE contain chemicals
			leaf drop / abscission ✓		
			necrosis ✓		CREDIT (rapid) death of , plant / tissue (to limit spread) IGNORE death unqualified
	(b)	(i)	reduced / no , genetic variation ✓	2 max	ALLOW genetically identical / same genetics ALLOW same / similar , alleles IGNORE same / similar , genes
			control (more) <u>variable</u> s ✓		
			increases <u>valid</u> ity ✓		ALLOW makes it valid
		(ii)	procedure tissue culture / micropropagation ✓	2	IGNORE cuttings / vegetative propagation ALLOW clear description
			asepsis important because reduces , microorganisms / contamination ✓		ALLOW without asepsis microbes might grow ALLOW reduces competition for , space / nutrients / resources IGNORE infection / pathogens

(iii)	clone C = 952 ± 2 ✓ ✓ ✓	3	<b>ALLOW</b> 2 marks for any answer between 915 and 990
			If answer is incorrect ALLOW 1 mark for 700 (area of triangle) and
			ALLOW 1 mark for 252 (area of rectangle)
(iv)	0.76(16) ✓	1	ALLOW 76(.2)% / 76/100 / 19/25 / 7.6 x 10 <sup>-1</sup> ALLOW ECF for answer to part (iii) ÷ 1250 ALLOW e.g. 0.564 / 56% (if answer to (iii) is 700)
(v)	(shows) total / cumulative , infection over time  (of study) ✓  idea that on different days the level of infection could be different ✓	2 max	
	any reference Fig.18 to support ✓		ALLOW descriptive or numeric reference
(vi)	light intensity ✓ light duration ✓	2 max	Mark the first 2 answers with exception of ignored answers below.  IGNORE temperature / wind speed / rainfall
			ALLOW day length IGNORE light exposure
	soil (named) mineral (content) ✓ soil , water / moisture (content) ✓		IGNORE nutrients / ions / solutes / nitrogen
	soil type ✓ soil pH ✓ humidity ✓ air pollution ✓		IGNORE water availability
	·		IGNORE carbon dioxide
	Total	14	

Q	uesti	on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
19	(a)		chimpanzee has (relatively) smaller / shorter / thinner , thumb ✓ longer / narrower , palm ✓ thicker fingers ✓ wider wrists ✓	2 max	ACCEPT ora for human IGNORE size IGNORE creases IGNORE longer fingers IGNORE less space between fingers
	(b)	(i)	0.177 ± 0.004 ✓✓	2	Max 1 if answer not given to 3 s.f. <b>ALLOW</b> 1 mark for a number between 5.2 and 5.3 ÷ 30
		(ii)	time since divergence $5.25 \pm 0.25$ million years $\checkmark$ range $4.2 \pm 0.2$ to $6.3 \pm 0.3$ (million years) $\checkmark$	2	Unit is required for mark  ACCEPT 2.1 ± 0.1 (million years)

(iii)	(iii) Please refer to the marking instructions on page 4 of this mark scheme for guidance on how to mark this question					
	In summary: Read through the whole answer. (Be prepared to recognise and credit unexpected approaches where they show relevance.) Using a 'best-fit' approach based on the science content of the answer, first decide which of the level descriptors, Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3, best describes the overall quality of the answer.  Then, award the higher or lower mark within the level, according to the Communication Statement (shown in italics):  award the higher mark where the Communication Statement has been met.  award the lower mark where aspects of the Communication Statement have been missed.					
	The science content determines the level. The Communication Statement determines the mark within a level.					
	Level 3 (5–6 marks) A supported reason for AND a supported reason against reclassification AND discussion of the basis of the classification system.  There is a well-developed line of reasoning, which is clear and logically structured and uses scientific terminology at an appropriate level. The information presented is relevant and substantiated.  Level 2 (3–4 marks) A supported reason for OR against reclassification AND a reference to how organisms are classified.  OR A reference to some evidence that supports AND does not support reclassification AND a reference to how organisms are classified.	6	Indicative scientific points may include:  valid (V) because the indicative point may be subsumed within reference to a supporting figure • recent divergence  ofigs to support from Fig 19.3  • occupy same branch on phylogenetic tree  of as seen in Fig 19.1  invalid (I) because the indicative point may be subsumed within reference to a supporting figure  • divergence less recent than chimpanzee			
	There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure and use of appropriate scientific language. The information presented in the most part relevant and supported by some evidence.		and bonobo  o figs to support from Fig 19.3			

	Level 1 (1–2 marks) A supported reason for OR against reclassification. OR A reference to some evidence that supports OR does not support reclassification AND a reference to how organisms are classified.  There is an attempt at a logical structure with a line of reasoning. The information is in the most part relevant.  O marks No response or no response worthy of credit.		<ul> <li>as seen in Fig 19.1</li> <li>different anatomy         <ul> <li>as seen in Fig 19.2</li> </ul> </li> <li>prinicples of classification (P)         <ul> <li>may be implied during discussion of V and I points</li> <li>phylogeny is basis of classification</li> </ul> </li> <li>species that , diverged recently / share similar base sequence , occupy same group</li> <li>original classification based on comparative anatomy</li> <li>recognition that biochemistry is more accurate than comparative anatomy</li> <li>scientific knowledge develops over time</li> <li>change justified by new molecular evidence</li> </ul>
(iv)	no / little , because , homeobox genes / they , are highly conserved (within animal kingdom) ✓ (only) that humans and chimpanzees , belong to the same kingdom / are animals ✓	1 max	
	Total	13	

Q	uesti	on	An	swer		Marks	Guidance
20	(a)	(i)	two , 6-membered rings / hexos (1-4) glycosidic bond ✓ two CH₂OH (groups) ✓ rings contain one , oxygen ator			2 max	IGNORE 6-carbon ring ALLOW two 5C-rings  IGNORE molecule IGNORE oxygen / 0 , molecule
		(ii)	lactose (contains) beta / β-glucose	maltose (contains) alpha / α- glucose	<b>✓</b>	3	IGNORE description of structural difference
			β-glycosidic bond sugars in opposing orientation / flipped / AW	α-glycosidic bond both (monomers) in same direction / AW	✓		IGNORE refs to inversion of, e.g. CH <sub>2</sub> OH
	(b)	(i)	bonds contain energy ✓ (bonds) can be broken by (responded) so , can move (within continuous) can form H because AVP ✓	ell) ✓		3 max	CREDIT used in glycolysis / converted to pyruvate / phosphorylated / (easily) converted to glucose

Q	Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
		(ii)	(too) big ✓ unable to pass between phospholipids ✓ OR	2	IGNORE charged / polar  CREDIT needs , channel / (lactose) permease IGNORE phospholipid bilayer
			no / small , concentration gradient ✓ needs , carrier protein / pump ✓		DO NOT CREDIT channel ALLOW needs active transport protein
		(iii)	(mammal diet high in milk, so) high lactose concentration ✓ (structural) gene for protein channel / lactose permease gene / lac Y , is , transcribed / expressed / switched on ✓ (protein is) lactose permease ✓	2 max	ORA for older mammals ALLOW lactose is present  ALLOW description of lactose causing repressor protein to leave operator ALLOW lac operon is switched on
	(c)		<ol> <li>zero the colorimeter / set to zero ✓</li> <li>using blank ✓</li> <li>use red filter ✓</li> <li>use known concentrations (of lactose) ✓</li> <li>(produce) serial / series , dilutions ✓</li> <li>construct calibration curve ✓</li> </ol>	4 max	3 ALLOW red light / orange filter  4 ALLOW a list of stated concentrations 5 ALLOW clear description 6 ALLOW plot concentration against, transmission / absorbance

C	Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
		<ul> <li>7 test <u>unknown</u> sample (using the same method) ✓</li> <li>8 use / read from , graph / calibration curve , to determine (unknown) concentration ✓</li> </ul>		8 Cannot be assumed from mp 6
		Total	16	

Q	uesti	on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
21	(a)		restriction , enzyme / endonuclease ✓ same ✓ complementary ✓	3 max	ALLOW restriction (endonuclease)  IGNORE sticky ends
	(b)		the gene / the DNA fragment , inserted into plasmid ✓  complementary bases (pair / anneal) ✓  formation of hydrogen bonds ✓ formation of phosphodiester bonds ✓  using (DNA) ligase ✓	3 max	ALLOW the bit of DNA combines with ring of bacterial DNA  ALLOW complementary sticky ends  DO NOT CREDIT in context of making hydrogen bonds
	(c)		use of marker (gene) ✓  (genes for) fluorescence / colour change ✓  (examine fluorescence under) UV , light / radiation ✓  antibiotic resistance (gene) ✓ (then) grow on agar containing antibiotic ✓	3 max	IGNORE replica plating  ALLOW (gene for) glowing  ALLOW use GFP  ALLOW test for survival in antibiotic

Questic	on Answer	Marks	Guidance
(d)	make , single stranded DNA / cDNA / complementary DNA 🗸	2 max	IGNORE mRNA ALLOW make copy DNA
	using , reverse transcriptase / reverse transcription ✓		
	make double-stranded DNA using DNA polymerase ✓		
(e)	(increase in antibiotic) <u>resistan</u> ce ✓	1	DO NOT CREDIT immune
	Total	12	

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