

## **GCE**

# **Biology A**

Unit H420A/02: Biological diversity

Advanced GCE

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## **Annotations**

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.

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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	
	Total	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 IGNORE difficult to catch
			dangerous (for collector or jaguar) ✓		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) ✓  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 ✓	2	IGNORE hard to spot  IGNORE misidentification if given in human sighting
(b)	conservation because there are (local) people there ✓  sustainable use ✓  (area used for) logging / farming / nut production ✓  active measures / work , to maintain , biodiversity / habitat / park ✓	3 max	Cannot be implied from another marking point. Look for positive statement, CREDIT if preservation people would not be there  CREDIT logging / farming / nut production , not consistent with preservation  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	Question		Answer			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 √	wrinkled		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	(O-	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			ALLOW 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
400		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

#### 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): o award the higher mark where the Communication Statement has been met. o 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) Indicative scientific points may include: A reference to the nature of the genetic code AND an 6 outline of how alleles are transcribed and translated AND Genetic code (G) a detailed explanation of why the y allele results in a • DNA base sequence codes for amino acid different primary structure. sequence • reference to mRNA base sequence There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear • triplet code / 3 bases = 1 amino acid and logically structured and uses scientific terminology at • degenerate code an appropriate level. The information presented is substitution could result in same amino acid relevant and substantiated. **Transcription (C)** Level 2 (3-4 marks) • transcription then translation An outline of some key aspects of transcription and complementary base pairing translation AND an explanation of why a change in the · synthesis of mRNA strand sequence of bases in a gene causes a change in the role of RNA polymerase primary structure of the polypeptide it codes for. OR Translation (L) A detailed explanation of why a change in the sequence of mRNA binds to ribosome bases in a gene causes a change in the primary structure tRNA binds to mRNA of the polypeptide it codes for. tRNA brings specific amino acid • mRNA translated into polypeptide 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 Effect of y allele (M) some evidence.

	Total	19	
(c) (ii	(active) enzyme / protein / product , will still be synthesized even if you only have one Y allele ✓	1	CREDIT 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	Questic	n	Answer	Marks	Guidance
18	(a)			2 max	IGNORE cell signalling
			production / AW of , <u>callose</u> ✓		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	
			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	ALLOW 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 ✓  any reference Fig.18 to support ✓	2 max	ALLOW descriptive or numeric reference
(vi)	light intensity ✓ light duration ✓  soil (named) mineral (content) ✓  soil , water / moisture (content) ✓ soil type ✓ soil pH ✓ humidity ✓ air pollution ✓	2 max	Mark the first 2 answers with exception of ignored answers below.  IGNORE temperature / wind speed / rainfall  ALLOW day length IGNORE light exposure  IGNORE nutrients / ions / solutes / nitrogen  IGNORE water availability  IGNORE carbon dioxide
	Total	14	TOTOTE GUIDOTI GIONIGO

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)	Please refer to the marking instructions on page 4 of this marking instructions on page 4 of this marking insummary:  Read through the whole answer. (Be prepared to recognise and Using a 'best-fit' approach based on the science content of the a or Level 3, best describes the overall quality of the answer.  Then, award the higher or lower mark within the level, according o award the higher mark where the Communication Stateme award the lower mark where aspects of the Communication	credit un nswer, fil to the <b>C</b> e nt has be	nexpected approaches where they show relevance.) first decide which of the level descriptors, Level 1, Level 2 Communication Statement (shown in italics): neen met.
	The science content determines the level. The Communication Statement determines the mark within		
	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.  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.	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  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 and bonobo  ofigs 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>
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	Question		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 β-glycosidic bond	maltose (contains) alpha / α- glucose α-glycosidic bond	✓ ✓	3	IGNORE description of structural difference between glucose and galactose
	(b)	(i)	sugars in opposing orientation / flipped / AW  bonds contain energy ✓ (bonds) can be broken by (responded by soluble so, can move (within compared by the contains of the con	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 ✓	2 max	ORA for older mammals ALLOW lactose is present
			(structural) gene for protein channel / lactose permease gene / lac Y , is , transcribed / expressed / switched on ✓ (protein is) lactose permease ✓		ALLOW description of lactose causing repressor protein to leave operator ALLOW lac operon is switched on
	(c)		<ul> <li>1 zero the colorimeter / set to zero ✓</li> <li>2 using blank ✓</li> </ul>	4 max	ALLOW calibrate to zero
			<ul> <li>3 use red filter ✓</li> <li>4 use known concentrations (of lactose) ✓</li> <li>5 (produce) serial / series , dilutions ✓</li> <li>6 construct calibration curve ✓</li> </ul>		3 ALLOW red light / orange filter  4 ALLOW a list of stated concentrations 5 ALLOW clear description 6 ALLOW plot concentration against, transmission / absorbance

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	uestic	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

Q	uestior	Answer		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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