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B15



Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Specification reference
01.1	23		1	AO1
	46		1	4.6.1.6
	alleles		1	
	dominant		1	
	recessive		1	
01.2	BB – homozygous dominant	all three correct for 2 marks	2	AO1
_	Bb – heterozygous	one or two correct for 1 mark		4.6.1.6
	bb – homozygous recessive			
01.3	BB – Brown eyes		1	AO1
	Bb – Brown eyes		1	4.6.1.6
	bb – Blue eyes		1	
01.4	the baby may be born with brown eyes, or may be born		1	AO2
	with blue eyes			4.6.1.6
01.5	as the mother may be heterozygous for the eye colour gene		1	AO2
				4.6.1.6
02.1	image B		1	AO2
	as the chromosomes are identical / XX		1	4.6.1.8
02.2	mother XX, father XY		1	AO1
	resulting allele combinations XX, XY, XX, XY		1	4.6.1.8
	half offspring boys, half offspring girls		1	
	50% chance of offspring being a girl		1	
02.3	12.5%	allow ecf from 02.2	3	AO2
		allow 50% chance for each child for 1 mark		4.6.1.8
		allow (0.5 ³) x 100 for 2 marks		MS1c



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02.4	Manchester		1	AO2
02.4	1:1 ratio a statistical probability		1	4.6.1.8
	the larger the sample size the more likely the sample will		1	
	show the statistical likelihood			
03.1	additional finger(s) / toe(s)		1	AO1
				4.6.1.7
03.2	caused by dominant allele		1	AO1
	so if either parent passes on the dominant / faulty/		1	4.6.1.7
	polydactylyl allele the child will have the condition			
03.3	father – D d	accept any letter providing the correct	1	AO2
	mother – d d	uppercase/lowercase combination is used	1	4.6.1.7
03.4	diagram correctly showing father and mothers alleles	allow ecf from 3.3	1	AO2
	possible alleles of offspring Dd, dd, Dd, dd		1	4.6.1.7
03.5	1:1	accept 2:2	1	AO2
				4.6.1.7
03.6	genetic cross diagram/calculated value shows expected		1	AO2
	statistical outcome		1	4.6.1.7
	combination of alleles random		1	
	so actual offspring will not necessarily follow statistical			
	likelihood			



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03.7	Any six from:		6	AO3
	 polydcatyly is caused by a dominant allele 			4.6.1.7
	 only one allele is required to inherit condition 			
	 higher likelihood of inheriting condition 			
	 relevant figure quoted e.g. 75% chance of polydactyly from beterozygous parents 			
	 polydactyly does not reduce life expectancy 			
	 so allele for polydactyly likely to be passed on to offspring 			
	CF is caused by a recessive allele			
	 two recessive alleles need to be inherited to inherit condition 			
	 so likelihood of inheriting condition relatively low 			
	 relevant figure quoted e.g. 25% chance of CF from heterozygous parents 			
	• CF reduces life expectancy / can cause infertility so allele for CF less likely to be passed on to offspring			
0/ 1	the allele which will always be expressed if present		1	A01
04.1				4.6.1.6
04.2	DD, Dd	both required for 1 mark	1	AO2
				4.6.1.6
04.3	offspring alleles DD, Dd, DD, Dd		1	AO2
			1	4.6.1.6
04.4	100% likelihood of dimples being present		1	AO2
	as all allele combinations contain the dominant allele		1	4.6.1.6
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04.5	gametes contain half the parents chromosomes/ Alleles		1	AO2
	present in each gamete cell are random / different			4.6.1.6
	gametes fuse / join/ combine randomly		1	
	so each offspring will inherit different combinations of		1	
	alleles so look different			
	overall alleles from which offspring are produced are the		1	
	same so they look similar			
05.1	any two from:	accept any other correct symptom	2	A01
	regular lung infection			4.6.1.7
	persistent coughing			
	shortness of breath			
	 poor growth rate / weight gain 			
	infertility			
05.2	cystic fibrosis caused by recessive allele		1	AO2
	carrier will have the allele combination C c		1	4.6.1.7
	disorder only expressed if both alleles are recessive		1	
05.3	fathers alleles Cc, mothers alleles Cc		1	AO2
	offspring alleles CC, Cc, Cc, cc		1	4.6.1.7
05.4	25%		2	AO2
				4.6.1.7
				MS 1c
05.5	280	1 mark: chance of couple meeting who are both	5	AO2
		carriers = $(1/25)^2 / 0.0016$		4.6.1.7
		1 mark: Chance of offspring from two carrier		MS1c
		having CF = 0.25		
		3 marks: Probability of a couple being carriers and		
		having a child with CF = 0.0004		
		4 marks: Number with CF = 700000×0.0004		
06.1	mitosis		1	A01
				4.6.1.1





06.2	any four from:	3	A01
00.2	DNA replicates / 2 copies of the chromosomes are		4.1.2.2
	formed		
	• one set of chromosomes is pulled to each end of the cell		
	The nucleus divides		
	cytoplasm and cell membrane divides		
	to form 2 identical cells		
07.1	24	1	AO2
			4.6.1.6
07.2	12	1	AO2
			4.6.1.6
07.3	two parents are required	1	AO1
	gametes fuse together	1	4.6.1.6
07.4	any four from:	4	A02
	 copies of the DNA / genetic information is made 		4.6.1.2
	cell divides twice		
	 to form four gametes / pollen cells 		
	 each with a single set of chromosomes 		
	each pollen cell is genetically different / non identical		
08.1	polymer / chain of nucleotides	1	A01
	two strands	1	4.6.1.4
	arranged as a double helix	1	
08.2	specific sequence of amino acids	1	A01
	create a specific protein (which carries out a particular	1	4.6.1.4
	function)		
08.3	the complete set of genes / genetic material present in a	1	AO1
	cell / organism		4.6.1.4
08.4	find genes linked to disease	1	A01
	understand / design treatments for inherited disorders	1	4.6.1.4
	trace ancestry /human migration	1	



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09.1	ovaries		1	A01
				4.6.1.2
09.2	testis		1	A01
				4.6.1.2
09.3	any four from:	to achieve full marks students must mention at	4	A01
	Similarities:	least one similarity and one difference		4.6.1.2
	 starts with one parent cell 			4.1.2.2
	 genetic material is copied 			
	Differences:			
	• mitosis produces 2 cells / meiosis produces 4 cells			
	• mitosis produces diploid cells (2 sets of chromosomes)/			
	meiosis produces haploid cells (1 set of chromosomes)			
	• in mitosis the cell divides once / in meiosis the cell			
	divides twice			
	mitosis produces clones (genetically identical cells) /			
	meiosis produces genetically different cells			
09.4	any three from:		3	A01
	 each gamete is (genetically) different 			4.6.1.2
	 random combination of half of the parents 			
	chromosomes			
	 meeting of sperm and egg is random 			
	unique combination of parental chromosomes/alleles			
	combined			
09.5	gamete cells are produced by meiosis		1	A01
	contain half the number of chromosomes / haploid cell		1	4.6.1.2
	when egg and sperm join chromosome number if returned		1	4.1.2.2
	to normal / a full set / diploid cell			
	cells in early embryo / fertilised egg divide by mitosis to		1	
	grow into a foetus / baby			



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10.1	pancreas releases digestive enzymes for fats / starches /		1	AO2
	proteins		1	4.6.1.7
	digested / broken down		T	
	villi provide large surface area for digestion		1	
	if surface area reduced fewer soluble / digested molecules		1	
	will be able to pass into bloodstream		-	
10.2	any two from:		2	AO2
10.2	• pathogens enter lungs and are trapped in mucus			4.6.1.7
	cilia are unable to move mucus out of the lungs			
	pathogens remain and cause infection			
10.3	Social:	to award 6 marks, answers should include at least	6	AO3
	• allows a couple a choice about whether or not to being	one relevant point for each of social, economic and		4.6.1.7
	a child into the world with a genetic disorder	ethical considerations		
	 screening enables health service / support services to 			
	plan extent of support networks	allow other valid arguments		
	Economic:			
	 cost of procedure small compared with cost of lifetime care 			
	enables couple to make pragmatic choice about			
	whether they will be able to financially support child effectively			
	Ethical:			
	• risk of parents 'choosing' characteristics of their child			
	right to life of unborn foetus			
	enables implication that some conditions are not 'desirable'			
	 may increase prejudice 			
	could prevent a child being born who may suffer from pain / constant medical intervention			



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11.1	male <u>and</u> brown hair		2	AO2
11.2	recessive allele		1	AO2
	as neither parent shows this characteristic		1	
	but the offspring does show the characteristic		1	
11.3	heterozygous		1	AO2
11.4	mother genotype Bb, father genotype bb	accept a different letter used to represent the	1	AO2
	parents gametesB b b b	alleles but capitalisation must be correct	1	
	offspring Bb, bb, Bb, bb		1	
	50% will have red hair		1	
12.1	shortness of breath / tiredness / anaemia		1	A02
				4.6.1.7
12.2	bind to / carry oxygen		1	AO1
				4.2.2.3
12.3	(cells clump together) and block blood vessels		1	AO2
	can stop blood reaching the brain		1	4.2.2.2
	oxygen cannot reach the brain resulting in a stroke		1	
12.4	oxygen		1	AO1
				4.4.1.1
13.1	0.020		2	AO2
				4.4.1.2
13.2	the data does follow		1	AO2
	light intensity $\alpha \frac{1}{1}$.		1	4.4.1.2
	$k = 1 d^2$		1	
	k ≈ 2500		1	
	all values fall within approx 5% of mean value / are very			
	similar therefore rule is correct / valid			

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13.3	x-axis: light intensity (arbitrary units), with linear scale 0–40	1	AO2
	au		4.4.1.2
	plots to tolerance ±1 mm	1	
	linear best fit line	1	
13.4	rate of photosynthesis directly proportional to light	1	AO2
	intensity		4.4.1.2
	therefore light intensity is the limiting factor	1	
	other limiting factors (temperature / carbon dioxide	1	
	concentration) would have caused the rate to fall below a		
	directly proportional relationship / gradient of the line to		
	decrease		
13.5	shortness of breath / tiredness / anaemia	1	A02
10.0			4.6.1.7
14.1	differences in the characteristics within a species	1	A01
			4.6.2.1



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14.2	place seeds of plant A and plant B	award one mark per marking point	6	AO3
	in different environmental conditions			4.6.2.1
	condition suggested e.g. different temperatures / access to	award up to four marks for an appropriate method		
	different volumes of water / different light intensity			
	allow time for plants to grow			
	suggestion of monitoring growth e.g. change in mass,			
	change in height, number of leaves			
		award up to two marks for a discussion of genetic		
	Discussion of how to deduce whether effect is caused by	and environmental effects on growth rate		
	genes or the environment:			
	• compare growth (rate) of plants grown from seeds from			
	sunflowers A and B			
	• plants of sunflower A in all conditions will have grown			
	more or less (rapidly) than sunflower B in the same			
	conditions, as they have different genes			
	 the plants in different conditions will grow to different 			
	heights as they have different environmental factors			
	supplied or removed			
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