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| Question | Answers | Extra information | Mark | $\qquad$ |
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| 01.1 | 23 <br> 46 <br> alleles dominant recessive |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ \text { 4.6.1.6 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 01.2 | BB - homozygous dominant <br> Bb - heterozygous <br> bb - homozygous recessive | all three correct for 2 marks one or two correct for 1 mark | 2 | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO1} \\ \text { 4.6.1.6 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 01.3 | BB - Brown eyes <br> Bb-Brown eyes <br> $b b$ - Blue eyes |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO1} \\ \text { 4.6.1.6 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 01.4 | the baby may be born with brown eyes, or may be born with blue eyes |  | 1 | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO2} \\ \text { 4.6.1.6 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 01.5 | as the mother may be heterozygous for the eye colour gene |  | 1 | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO2} \\ \text { 4.6.1.6 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 02.1 | image B as the chromosomes are identical / XX |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO2} \\ 4.6 .1 .8 \end{gathered}$ |
| 02.2 | mother XX, father XY resulting allele combinations $X X, X Y, X X, X Y$ half offspring boys, half offspring girls $50 \%$ chance of offspring being a girl |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO1} \\ \text { 4.6.1.8 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 02.3 | 12.5\% | allow ecf from 02.2 <br> allow $50 \%$ chance for each child for 1 mark allow $\left(0.5^{3}\right) \times 100$ for 2 marks | 3 | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO2 } \\ \text { 4.6.1.8 } \\ \text { MS1c } \end{gathered}$ |


| 02.4 | Manchester <br> 1:1 ratio a statistical probability <br> the larger the sample size the more likely the sample will show the statistical likelihood |  | 1 1 1 | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO2} \\ 4.6 .1 .8 \end{gathered}$ |
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| 03.1 | additional finger(s) / toe(s) |  | 1 | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ \text { 4.6.1.7 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 03.2 | caused by dominant allele so if either parent passes on the dominant / faulty/ polydactylyl allele the child will have the condition |  | 1 1 | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ \text { 4.6.1.7 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 03.3 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { father - D d } \\ & \text { mother - d d } \end{aligned}$ | accept any letter providing the correct uppercase/lowercase combination is used | 1 | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO2} \\ \text { 4.6.1.7 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 03.4 | diagram correctly showing father and mothers alleles possible alleles of offspring Dd, dd, Dd, dd | allow ecf from 3.3 | 1 | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO} 2 \\ \text { 4.6.1.7 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 03.5 | 1:1 | accept 2:2 | 1 | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO2} \\ \text { 4.6.1.7 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 03.6 | genetic cross diagram/calculated value shows expected statistical outcome combination of alleles random so actual offspring will not necessarily follow statistical likelihood |  | 1 1 1 | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO2} \\ \text { 4.6.1.7 } \end{gathered}$ |

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| 03.7 | Any six from: <br> - polydcatyly is caused by a dominant allele <br> - only one allele is required to inherit condition <br> - higher likelihood of inheriting condition <br> - relevant figure quoted e.g. $75 \%$ chance of polydactyly from heterozygous parents <br> - polydactyly does not reduce life expectancy <br> - so allele for polydactyly likely to be passed on to offspring <br> - CF is caused by a recessive allele <br> - two recessive alleles need to be inherited to inherit condition <br> - so likelihood of inheriting condition relatively low <br> - relevant figure quoted e.g. $25 \%$ chance of CF from heterozygous parents <br> - CF reduces life expectancy / can cause infertility so allele for CF less likely to be passed on to offspring |  | 6 | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO3} \\ 4.6 .1 .7 \end{gathered}$ |
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| 04.1 | the allele which will always be expressed if present |  | 1 | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ \text { 4.6.1.6 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 04.2 | DD, Dd | both required for 1 mark | 1 | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO} 2 \\ \text { 4.6.1.6 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 04.3 | offspring alleles DD, Dd, DD, Dd |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO2 } \\ \text { 4.6.1.6 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 04.4 | $100 \%$ likelihood of dimples being present as all allele combinations contain the dominant allele |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO} 2 \\ 4.6 .1 .6 \\ \mathrm{MS} 1 \mathrm{c} \end{gathered}$ |


| 04.5 | gametes contain half the parents chromosomes/Alleles <br> present in each gamete cell are random / different <br> gametes fuse / join/ combine randomly <br> so each offspring will inherit different combinations of <br> alleles so look different <br> overall alleles from which offspring are produced are the <br> same so they look similar |  | 1 |  |
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| 09.1 | ovaries |  | 1 | $\begin{gathered} \text { A01 } \\ \text { 4.6.1.2 } \end{gathered}$ |
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| 09.2 | testis |  | 1 | $\begin{gathered} \text { A01 } \\ \text { 4.6.1.2 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 09.3 | any four from: <br> Similarities: <br> - starts with one parent cell <br> - genetic material is copied <br> Differences: <br> - mitosis produces 2 cells / meiosis produces 4 cells <br> - mitosis produces diploid cells (2 sets of chromosomes)/ meiosis produces haploid cells (1 set of chromosomes) <br> - in mitosis the cell divides once / in meiosis the cell divides twice <br> mitosis produces clones (genetically identical cells) / meiosis produces genetically different cells | to achieve full marks students must mention at least one similarity and one difference | 4 | $\begin{gathered} \text { A01 } \\ \text { 4.6.1.2 } \\ \text { 4.1.2.2 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 09.4 | any three from: <br> - each gamete is (genetically) different <br> - random combination of half of the parents chromosomes <br> - meeting of sperm and egg is random unique combination of parental chromosomes/alleles combined |  | 3 | $\begin{gathered} \text { A01 } \\ \text { 4.6.1.2 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 09.5 | gamete cells are produced by meiosis contain half the number of chromosomes / haploid cell when egg and sperm join chromosome number if returned to normal / a full set / diploid cell cells in early embryo / fertilised egg divide by mitosis to grow into a foetus / baby |  | 1 1 1 1 | A01 4.6.1.2 4.1.2.2 |

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


| 11.1 | male and brown hair |  | 2 | AO2 |
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| 11.2 | recessive allele as neither parent shows this characteristic but the offspring does show the characteristic |  | 1 1 1 | AO2 |
| 11.3 | heterozygous |  | 1 | AO2 |
| 11.4 | mother genotype Bb , father genotype bb parents gametes- B b b b offspring $\mathrm{Bb}, \mathrm{bb}, \mathrm{Bb}, \mathrm{bb}$ $50 \%$ will have red hair | accept a different letter used to represent the alleles but capitalisation must be correct | 1 1 1 1 | AO2 |
| 12.1 | shortness of breath / tiredness / anaemia |  | 1 | $\begin{gathered} \text { A02 } \\ \text { 4.6.1.7 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 12.2 | bind to / carry oxygen |  | 1 | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO1} \\ 4.2 .2 .3 \end{gathered}$ |
| 12.3 | (cells clump together) and block blood vessels can stop blood reaching the brain oxygen cannot reach the brain resulting in a stroke |  | 1 1 1 | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO2} \\ 4.2 .2 .2 \end{gathered}$ |
| 12.4 | oxygen |  | 1 | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ \text { 4.4.1.1 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 13.1 | 0.020 |  | 2 | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO2 } \\ \text { 4.4.1.2 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 13.2 | the data does follow $\begin{aligned} & {\text { light intensity } \alpha \frac{1}{\text { distance }^{2}}}^{2} . \\ & \mathrm{k}=\mathrm{Id}^{2} \\ & \mathrm{k} \approx 2500 \end{aligned}$ <br> all values fall within approx. $5 \%$ of mean value / are very similar therefore rule is correct / valid |  | 1 1 1 1 | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO} 2 \\ \text { 4.4.1.2 } \end{gathered}$ |

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| 13.3 | x-axis: light intensity (arbitrary units), with linear scale 0-40 au plots to tolerance $\pm 1 \mathrm{~mm}$ linear best fit line | 1 | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO2} \\ \text { 4.4.1.2 } \end{gathered}$ |
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| 13.4 | rate of photosynthesis directly proportional to light intensity <br> therefore light intensity is the limiting factor other limiting factors (temperature / carbon dioxide concentration) would have caused the rate to fall below a directly proportional relationship / gradient of the line to decrease | 1 1 1 | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO2} \\ \text { 4.4.1.2 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 13.5 | shortness of breath / tiredness / anaemia | 1 | $\begin{gathered} \text { A02 } \\ \text { 4.6.1.7 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 14.1 | differences in the characteristics within a species | 1 | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO1} \\ \text { 4.6.2.1 } \end{gathered}$ |


| 14.2 | place seeds of plant $A$ and plant $B$ in different environmental conditions condition suggested e.g. different temperatures / access to 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 <br> Discussion of how to deduce whether effect is caused by genes or the environment: <br> - compare growth (rate) of plants grown from seeds from sunflowers $A$ and $B$ <br> - 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 <br> - the plants in different conditions will grow to different heights, as they have different environmental factors supplied or removed |
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| award one mark per marking point | 6 | AO3 |
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|  |  | 4.6 .2 .1 |

award up to four marks for an appropriate method
4.6.2.1

