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B3



Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Specification reference
01.1	cell is growing		1	AO2
	increasing number of sub-cellular structures / ribosomes / mitochondria		1	1.2.2
	DNA is replicating / producing two copies of each chromosome		1	
01.2	cell C \rightarrow cell B \rightarrow cell A \rightarrow cell D		1	AO2
				1.2.2
01.3	cytoplasm AND cell membrane divide		1	AO2
	to form two (identical) cells		1	1.2.2
01.4	<u>2 × 24</u>	reference to 2 cells (undergoing metaphase) for 1 mark	3	AO2
	11	Accept range 10–11 for 1 mark		1.2.2
	4.4 hours	Accept range 4.4–4.8 hours for 3 marks		MS1c
02.1	an undifferentiated cell that can give rise / differentiate into		1	AO1
	different cell types			1.2.3
02.2	they could replace the cells that are being destroyed /		1	AO2
	differentiate into cells that could produce insulin			1.2.3
02.3	embryonic stem cell can develop into any cell type in body		1	AO2
	adult stem cell / stem cells from bone marrow can only develop into limited range of cell types		1	1.2.3
02.4	no risk / less risk of rejection / some people may not agree		1	AO3
	with using transplanted material			1.2.3

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02.5	$\frac{12}{23} \times 100 = 52\%$		1	AO2
	23 100 - 52%			1.2.3
				Ms1c
02.6	any one from:		1	AO3
	 successful / effective – some / 52% of patients did not need to inject insulin (2½ years later) 			1.2.3
	 unknown – as study needed to be carried out for a longer period of time 			
	 unknown – as study needed to be carried out on a larger sample size 			
	 not successful / ineffective – almost half / 48% of patients needed to return to injecting insulin (after 2½ years) 			
03.1	any three from:		3	A01
	 DNA is arranged into long strands called chromosomes 			1.2.1
	 in body cells chromosomes are normally found in pairs 			
	 chromosomes contain a large number of genes 			
	genes code for characteristics			

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03.2	two daughter cells form (from one parent cell)		1	A01
	each daughter cell has identical DNA/chromosome / same number of chromosomes as the original cell		1	1.2.2 1.1.4
	cells differentiate to form different types of cell		1	
	different types of cells are needed for different functions / specialised cells make different organs/parts of the body		1	
03.3	DNA replicates / two copies of the chromosomes form	full marks can be awarded from a series of labelled	1	A01
	one set of chromosomes is pulled to each end of the cell	diagrams	1	1.2.2
	the nucleus divides		1	
	cytoplasm and/or cell membrane divide		1	
04.1	embryonic stem cells are able to differentiate into any type		1	A01
	of cell			1.2.3
	stem cells are transplanted into patient with condition		1	
	stem cells differentiate into healthy version of damaged / faulty cells, so curing the condition		1	
04.2	bone marrow		1	A01
				1.2.3



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04.3	Possible ethical reasons against research:	award 2 marks for two reasons against research	6	AO3
	 moral status of embryo as a potential human 	ht to life of an unborn embryo / respect for life award 2 marks for explanations of points and development of a balanced argument		1.2.3
	 right to life of an unborn embryo / respect for life 			
	 research could lead to reproductive cloning 			
	 treating a potential life as a means of supporting an existing life, not as something to be protected / valued 	accept other valid reasons for 1 mark each		
	Possible ethical reasons for research:	accept other valid expansion of arguments / explanation of points for 1 mark each		
	 should try to relieve human suffering through any means possible 			
	 embryo has no brain and therefore unable to feel / have an opinion 			
	 many embryos naturally do not develop into full term babies 			
	embryo is not a life until it is born			
	 strict government controls at present prevent reproductive cloning 			
	Development of points			
	 embryos have the potential to develop into a living person; their life would be protected from the moment of birth, and this right should exist from conception 			
	 clones / 'designer babies' could be developed in other countries / may have genetic abnormalities 			

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05.1	meristem				1	A01
						1.2.3
05.2	С				1	AO2
						1.2.3
05.3	DNA replication \rightarrow mitosis \rightarrow ele	ongation \rightarrow diffe	erentiation		1	A01
						1.2.3
						1.1.4
05.4				allow 1 mark for first two rows correct	2	A01
		Animal stem	Plant stem	allow 1 mark for second two rows correct		1.2.3
		cells	cells			1.1.4
	differentiation occurs at a very early stage	~				
	differentiation occurs throughout life		✓			
	differentiations produced are permanent	✓				
	differentiation can be reversed or changed		✓			
06.1	meristems contain undifferentia	ted cells	·		1	AO1
						1.2.3

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06.2	it produces genetically identical offspring / genetic material in the offspring derives from the parent plant only		1	AO1 1.2.3
06.3	any two from:		2	A01
	• quicker			1.2.3
	• cheaper			
	 plants can be transported over a large area / reproduced in a different area 			
	 advantageous characteristics can be maintained 			
07.1	any two from:	allow 2 marks for named adaptations	4	A01
	 long axon – transmit impulses large distances in the body 	allow 2 marks for linked explanation of their role		1.1.3
	 lots of dendrites – make connections with many neurones 			
	 myelin sheath – insulate / speed up impulse 			
07.2	lack of dopamine prevents signals being transmitted from		1	AO3
	neurone to neurone			1.1.3
	signals from the brain are not transmitted (correctly / effectively) to muscles		1	
07.3	stem cells could be used to differentiate into neurones /		1	AO3
	nerve cells			1.2.3
	these could be inserted into the brain		1	
	neurones in the brain produce dopamine allowing nerve cells to transmit information (correctly)		1	

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07.4	any six from:	allow a maximum of 4 advantages or 4 disadvantages	6	AO3
	Advantages			1.2.3
	 many stem cells could be created 			
	 stem cells could differentiate into cells / tissues of any type stem cells would not be rejected by the patient 			
	 additional stem cells would be produced that could be used for research 			
	 reduce waiting time for organ transplants 			
	 no other treatment is available; this offers the only potential treatment for the condition 			
	Possible disadvantages			
	 shortage of donor eggs 			
	 egg donation / collection painful 			
	embryo is destroyed			
	 could lead to cloning of humans in the future 			
	 no guarantee the treatment would be successful 			
	unexpected side effects			
	 risk of infection from operation 			
08.1	an unborn foetal intestinal cell		1	AO2
				1.2.2

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08.2	hair follicles / skin / blood / lining of the digestive system		1	A01
	cells need to be constantly replaced		1	1.2.2
08.3	Any four from :	to achieve full marks, 1 mark must be awarded from	4	A01
	stage 1	each stage		1.2.2
	 cell grows or increases in mass 			
	 number of sub-cellular structures increases 			
	DNA replicates / doubles / is copied			
	stage 2 (mitosis)			
	DNA divides/ nucleus divides into two			
	stage 3			
	 cytoplasm / cell membrane divides 			
	two cells are formed			
08.4	if chromosomes were lost you could lack vital genes / new	accept any other appropriate suggestion	1	AO3
	cells would not work properly / organism might die if it has the wrong number			1.22
09.1	light microscope	only award marks if light microscope selected		AO2
	to check cell was dividing		1	1.2.2
	embryo needs to be alive		1	

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09.2	embryo has not given its permission / embryo has the right to life / some religious beliefs do allow human interference with the process of human reproduction		1	AO3 1.2.3
09.3	egg cell: 0.1 mm = 1×10^{-4} m sperm cell: 2.5 µm = 2.5 × 10^{-6} m order of magnitude difference: $-46 = 2$ / a factor of 100	award 1 mark for unit conversions award 1 mark for correct order of magnitude	1 1	AO2 MS2h 1.1.5
10.1	chromosomes are aligned in the middle of the cell / chromosomes being pulled apart		1	AO2 1.2.2
10.2	 any four from: peel off a thin layer of root tissue using tweezers place on a microscope slide and add a drop of stain lower a coverslip onto the slide use a piece of filter paper to soak up any liquid from around the edge of the coverslip 		4	AO2 1.1.5
10.3	15 × 40 = 600×		1	AO2 MS3d 1.1.5

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10.4	any one from:		1	AO1
	 root hair greatly increases surface area for water to 			1.1.3
	diffuse into cell			1.3.2
	 large vacuole speeds up movement of water from soil into cell 			