

Mark schemes

- 1**
- (a) 1. Contents of phloem vessel pushed into insect's mouth by high pressure;
2. (High pressure in phloem vessel) caused by loading of sugars into phloem in leaf;
3. And (resulting) entry of water by osmosis. 3
- (b) 1. Polysaccharides are insoluble;
2. So do not affect water potential of gut. 2
- (c) 1. (Only few bacteria passed from parent, so) only a few (copies of) genes passed on (inbacteria);
2. May not / does not include all alleles (of genes, so diversity reduced)
OR
Small number of bacteria transmitted means unrepresentative sample. 2
- (d) 1. Number / mass / density of insects per plant;
2. Stage of development / size of plants / insects;
Ignore any abiotic factor 2
- (e) Draw around leaf on graph paper **and** count squares; 1
- [10] (a)** Binary fission;
- 2**
- Reject mitosis* 1
- (b) 1. Keep lid on Petri dish
OR
Open lid of Petri dish as little as possible.
2. To prevent unwanted bacteria contaminating the dish.
OR
L. monocytogenes may be dangerous / may get out.
- OR**
3. Wear gloves
OR
Wear mask

OR

Wash hands;

4. To prevent contamination from bacteria on hands / mouth

OR

Prevent spread of bacteria outside the lab;

OR

5. Use sterile pipette

OR

Flame the loop

OR

Flame the neck of the container of the culture;

6. To maintain a pure culture of bacteria

4 max

- (c) Cinnamon;

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- (d) 1. Thyme is the most effective / best (at 4 °C);

2. Clove and cinnamon same effectiveness at 4 °C as 35 °C (so suitable);

3. Bay and nutmeg are less effective at 4 °C than 35 °C (so unsuitable).

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- (e) Less kinetic energy

OR

Less movement of oil molecules / of phospholipid molecules

1 max [10]

- (a) PKNJ.

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- (b) *Lutra lutra*.

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- (c) Bone / skin / preserved remains / museums.

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- (d) 1. (Hunting) reduced population size(s), so (much) only few alleles left; *Accept bottleneck*

2. Otters today from one / few surviving population(s); *Accept founder effect*

3. Inbreeding. *Allow any two*

2 max

- (e) 1. Population might have been very small / genetic bottleneck;

2. Population might have started with small number of individuals / by one pregnant female / founder effect; 3. Inbreeding. Allow any **two**

2 max

[7] (a) (No – no mark)

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Graph / bar chart only shows number of species, not the name of the species.

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(c) (No – no mark)

1. Mutations are spontaneous / random;
2. Only the rate of mutation is affected by environment;
3. Different species do not interbreed / do not produce fertile offspring;4. So mutation / gene / allele cannot be passed from one species to another.

Ignore references to correlation does not prove causation

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- (d) 1. Initially one / few insects with favourable mutation / allele;
2. Individuals with (favourable) mutation / allele will have more offspring;
3. Takes many generations for (favourable) mutation / allele to become the mostcommon allele (of this gene).

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[8] (a) 1. Kingdom, Phylum, Class, Order, Family;

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2. *Luscinia svecica.*

1 mark for each correct column

Allow Genus and Species if both placed in box for species but not if both placed in genus box

2

(b) Number of different alleles of each gene.

Accept number of different base sequences (found) in each gene

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- (c) 1. Has greater proportion of genes / percentage of genes showing diversity;2. Percentage is 35% compared with 28% / proportion is 0.35 compared with 0.28.

Allow correct figures that are not rounded up, i.e., 34.9% / 0.349 and 27.8% / 0.278

2 [5]

(a) 0.32.

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Correct answer = 2 marks

Accept 32% for 1 mark max

Incorrect answer but identifying 2pq as heterozygous = 1 mark

2

- (b) 1. Mutation produced *KDR minus* / resistance allele;

2. DDT use provides selection pressure;
3. Mosquitoes with *KDR minus* allele more likely (to survive) to reproduce; 4. Leading to increase in *KDR minus* allele in population.

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- (c) 1. Neurones remain depolarised;
2. So no action potentials / no impulse transmission.

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- (e) 1. (Mutation) changes shape of sodium ion channel (protein) / of receptor(protein);
2. DDT no longer complementary / no longer able to bind.

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[10]

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- (a) 1. Size of cotton swab;
2. Dampness of cotton swab;
3. Size of area of skin;
4. Time rubbed on skin;
5. Part of the body / skin sampled;
6. Volume of agar / nutrient concentration of agar;
7. Incubation time;
8. Incubation temperature;

3 max

- (b) 99.8;

OR

57 271;

1 mark for writing out correct calculation: $(401.6 - 0.7)/401.6 \times 100$

OR $(401.6 - 0.7)/0.7 \times 100$

1 mark max for incorrect rounding

Accept answers to any number of significant figures as long as rounding is correct

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- (c) 1. Spread here greater above the mean than below;
2. Some / many Petri dishes had no colonies;
Accept idea that data are not normally distributed / is skewed.

1 max

- (d) 1. Treatment **C** / treatment normally used at the time;

2. (Because) using untreated / soap and water / treatment **A** / treatment **B** would have too great a risk of infection;

Accept C has least / lower risk of infection

Accept description of 'infection'

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[8]

- (a) Hydrolysis (reaction);

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- (b) 1. (Phosphate required) to make RNA;
2. (Phosphate required) to make DNA;
1 and 2. If neither DNA or RNA are named allow one mark for nucleotide/nucleic acid/phosphodiester bonds/sugar-phosphate backbone.
3. (Phosphate required) to make ATP/ADP;
4. (Phosphate required) to make membranes;
Ignore: phospholipids without reference to membranes.
5. (Phosphates required) for phosphorylation;
Accept: as additional mark points any named biological molecule containing phosphate e.g. NADP, AMP, RuBP.

2 max

- (c) Accept answer in range from 3.7 : 1 to 4.1 : 1; *Reject any ratio not : 1.*

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- (d) 1. Seeds/embryo remain dormant/inactive in winter/cold
OR
Growth/development of seed/embryo during winter/cold;
Ignore: hibernate.
Accept: 'seed survives winter/cold'.
Reject: plant develops or seed germinates during winter/cold.
2. Seeds/plants develop in spring/summer
OR
Seeds/plants develop when temperature/light increases;
Accept: seeds/plants develop when more light or when temperature is higher.
Accept: seed germinates/'sprouts' during spring/summer or when temp/light increases.
3. Plant photosynthesis (in spring/when warm);
4. Produce (more) seeds/offspring in spring/growing season;

3 max

- [7] (a) 1. Change in DNA base/nucleotide (sequence);

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Accept: mutation in DNA base (sequence).

Accept: deletion/substitution/addition of a DNA base/nucleotide.

2. Change in amino acid (sequence)/primary structure; *Reject: different amino acid formed.*
Ignore: change in code for amino acid.
3. Alters (position of) hydrogen/ionic/disulfide bonds;
4. Change in tertiary structure (of receptor); *Reject: any reference to active site.*
Ignore: 3°.

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- (b) 1. (Receptor) is not complementary
OR
(HIV) cannot bind/attach and enter/infect (helper) T cell;
Accept: 'complimentary'.
Accept: invade as alternative to infect.
2. No replication (of virus)
OR
No destruction of (helper) T cell;
Accept: reproduction (of virus).

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- (c) 1. Low/lower exposure to HIV (in Europe)
OR
Low/lower number of HIV/AIDS (infections/cases);
Accept: converse.
2. (HIV) has only been present for a short time period
OR
(HIV relatively) recently evolved;
3. Mutation/CCR5 has been around for many years;
Accept: frequency of mutation has always been high.
4. Mutation/CCR5 is advantageous (for something else);

2 max

[8] (a) Bacteria killed;

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Ignore: no growth or growth of bacteria prevented.
Accept: bacteria destroyed.
Accept: no living bacteria.

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- (b) Clear zone would be too large
OR
Clear zones would overlap/merge
OR
Could kill all bacteria (on the plate);
Must convey idea of too large.

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- (c) 1. (Same) size;

Accept: any measure of size e.g. thickness, area, diameter.

Ignore: 'same shape' as shape shown on the diagram.

2. (Same) material/absorbency;
3. In solution for same time period;

Ignore: reference to volume of disinfectant.

2 max

- (d) Any number between 2.5 to 3.2 = **two** marks;;

*Allow **one** mark for an incorrect answer but shows method of calculating how many times more effective D is than B e.g.*

22 divided by 13/14 or 11 divided by 6.5/7 or

1.57/1.6/1.69/1.7.

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[6] (a) Locus;

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Accept: loci

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- (b) Differences in DNA / differences in base sequence of DNA;

Accept: number of different alleles / size/variation in gene pool

Reject: genes

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- (c) 1. Jack Russell (genetic) diversity is (significantly) greatest;
2. Bull terrier (genetic) diversity is (significantly) smallest / is most inbred;
3. Miniature terrier and Airedale terriers are similar;

1-3: do not credit just a list of values

4. Standard deviations do not overlap / do overlap with correct ref to significance;

Reference to significance must be relevant to examples given

Max 3

- (d) 1. (Bull terrier) breeding has included a genetic bottleneck/ small population/more inbreeding/ greater selection (pressure);

Accept: founder effect

2. Reduced number of different alleles/size of gene pool;

Reject: decrease in number of genes

Ignore ref to mutations

OR

3. Miniature (terrier) breeding has included more outbreeding/less selection (pressure);

4. Increased number of different alleles/larger gene pool/more variety of alleles;

Reject if genes used instead of alleles

Reject: lower frequency of alleles

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- (a) 1. Type of feed affects (antibiotic) resistant bacteria (in animals);

Accept: null hypotheses

Accept predictions, for example

More antibiotic resistant bacteria form in animals fed with antibiotics in their food

2. (Antibiotic) resistant resistant infect /are passed on to animals/farmer / resistant resistant are passed between animals;

Accept: bird to bird/bird to human/human to human

Accept: a link (exists) between (antibiotic) resistance in animals and their keepers/farmers – as lowest level QWC

3. Incidence of (antibiotic) resistant resistant differs in chickens and turkeys;

Accept: a comparison, eg 'more resistant bacteria in chickens than turkeys'

4. Incidence of (antibiotic) resistant resistant differs in chicken farmers and turkey farmers;

Accept: a comparison, eg 'more resistant bacteria in chickens than turkeys'

Max 2

- (b) (i) 1. Large(r) percentage of resistant bacteria in turkeys/low(er) percentage of resistant bacteria in chickens;

Accept: E coli for bacteria

Ignore: number, eg. ignore 'more'/'fewer' turkeys/chickens

2. Large(r) percentage of resistant bacteria in turkey farmers/low(er) percentage of resistant bacteria in chicken farmers;

2

- (ii) 1. (More) antibiotic in turkey feed kills (more) non-resistant bacteria / resistant bacteria survive; *Accept: antibiotic creates selection pressure*

Survive must be explicit, not implied by 'reproduce'

2. (Resistant bacteria) reproduce / pass on gene for resistance;

2

- (c) (Human) faeces contain pathogens;

Accept: harmful organisms

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- (d) 1. Large number of farms / farmers (surveyed) / 46;

'Reliable' is used in the question stem

2. So results are (likely to be) representative / can identify anomalous results;

Ignore: reproducible / accurate / valid / reliable

Accept valid explanation of replicates minimising effects of chance

2

- (e) 1. (DNA) hybridisation (of gene for resistance in bacteria taken from bird and farmer);
2. (Identical) strands separate at high(est) temperature;

OR

3. Compare base/nucleotide sequence (of gene for resistance in bacteria taken from bird and farmer);
4. (Identical strains) have identical/same base sequences *Mark in pairs, do not mix and match.*

Accept: bacteria in bird and farmer/both types of bacteria have identical base sequences = 2 marks

2

- (f) 1. (Antibiotic use has) increased cases of bacterial resistance;
Accept: number
2. Transfer/horizontal transmission of (resistance) gene to pathogens/harmful bacteria;
Accept: conjugation
3. (Antibiotic) resistant bacteria cause harm / medical treatments less effective;
Accept: superbug
4. Avoids side effects on animals;
5. Increased demand for organic food;
6. Antibiotic/resistant bacteria could be present in human food;
7. High cost of antibiotics;
8. Legislation has controlled antibiotic use; *Accept: EU/government guidelines*

4 max

[15]

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- (a) 1. Change / mutation in base / nucleotide sequence (of DNA / gene);

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Ignore: references to changing base-pairing

Accept: affect for change, if in correct context

Accept: changes triplets / codons

2. Change in amino acid sequence / primary structure (of enzyme);
Accept: different amino acid(s) coded for
Q *Reject: different amino acids produced / formed / made*
3. Change in hydrogen / ionic / disulfide bonds; *Accept: references to sulfur bonds*
4. Change in the tertiary structure / shape;
Neutral: alters 3D structure / 3D shape
5. Change in active site;

6. Substrate not complementary / cannot bind (to enzyme / active site) / noenzyme-substrate complexes form.

Accept: no E S complexes form

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- (b) 1. Non-SR strain falls more / SR strain falls less / up to $10(\mu\text{g} / \text{cm}^{-3})$;

Must include 10 but only required once in either MP1 or MP2

Ignore: units or absence of

This must be a comparative statement

2. Above $10(\mu\text{g} / \text{cm}^{-3})$, SR strain levels out / off and non-SR strain continues to decrease;

3. Greater difference between strains with increasing concentration of antibiotic.

This must be a comparative statement

2 max

- (c) 1. Division stopped (of both strains by scientist); *Reject: references to mitosis stopping*

2. SR strain still more resistant / fewer die / none die (at higher concentrations of antibiotic).

Accept: SR strain and non-SR strain would be similar if resistance is due to only stopping division

Need some comparison with non-SR

2

- (d) 1. Make a competitive / non-competitive inhibitor;

Mark in pairs either MP1 and MP2 OR

MP3 and MP4

2. Competitive competes with / blocks active site / non-competitive inhibitor affects / changes active site;

Do not mix and match

OR

3. (Make a drug) that inhibits / denatures / destroys enzyme / stringent response; *Accept: drug that 'knocks out' / destroys enzyme*

4. Give at the same time as / before an antibiotic.

2 max

- (e) (SR strain)

1. Fewer free radicals (than non-SR);

Note: has to be comparative statement

2. Produces more catalase (than non-SR);

Accept converse statements for non-SR.

3. Catalase (might be) linked to production of fewer free radicals / breaking down / removing free radicals.

Accept: hydrolysis of radicals by catalase.

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[15]

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- (a) 1. Sugar-phosphate (backbone) / double stranded / helix **so** provides strength / stability

/ protects bases / protects hydrogen bonds;

Must be a direct link / obvious to get the mark

Neutral: reference to histones

2. Long / large molecule **so** can store lots of information;

3. Helix / coiled **so** compact;

Accept: can store in a small amount of space for 'compact'

4. Base sequence allows information to be stored / base sequence codes for amino acids / protein;

Accept: base sequence allows transcription

5. Double stranded **so** replication can occur semi-conservatively / strands can act as templates / complementary base pairing / A-T and G-C so accurate replication / identical copies can be made;

6. (Weak) hydrogen bonds **for** replication / unzipping / strand separation / many hydrogen bonds **so** stable / strong;

Accept: 'H-bonds' for 'hydrogen bonds'

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- (b) 1. (Mutation) in **E** produces highest risk / 1.78;

2. (Mutation) in **D** produces next highest risk / 1.45;

3. (Mutation) in **C** produces least risk / 1.30; *Must be stated directly and not implied*

E > D > C = 3 marks

Accept: values of 0.78, 0.45 and 0.30 for MP1, MP2 and MP3 respectively

If no mark is awarded, a principle mark can be given for the idea that all mutant alleles increase the risk

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- (c) **180**;

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- (d) **(Similarities):**

1. Same / similar pattern / both decrease, stay the same then increase;

2. Number of cells stays the same for same length of time; *Ignore: wrong days stated*

(Differences):

(Per unit volume of blood)

3. Greater / faster decrease in number of healthy cells / more healthy cells killed / healthy cells killed faster;

Accept: converse for cancer cells

Accept: greater percentage decrease in number of cancer cells / greater proportion of cancer cells killed

4. Greater / faster increase in number of healthy cells / more healthy cells replaced / divide / healthy cells replaced / divide faster;

Accept: converse for cancer cells

*For **differences**, statements made must be comparative*

3 max

- (e) 1. More / too many healthy cells killed;
2. (So) will take time to replace / increase in number; *Neutral: will take time to 'repair'*
3. Person may die / have side effects;

2 max

[15] (a) 250 000;

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- (b) (i) Loss of 3 bases / triplet = 2 marks;;
'Stop codon / code formed' = 1 mark max unless related to the last amino acid

Loss of base(s) = 1 mark; *eg triplet for last amino acid is changed to a stop codon / code = 2 marks*

3 bases / triplet forms an intron = 2 marks

Accept: descriptions for 'intron' eg non-coding DNA

'Loss of codon' = 2 marks

2

- (ii) 1. Change in tertiary structure / active site;
Neutral: change in 3D shape / structure
2. (So) faulty / non-functional protein / enzyme;
Accept: reference to examples of loss of function eg fewer E-S complexes formed

2

[5] (a) 1. No interbreeding / gene pools are separate / geographic(al) isolation;

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Accept: all marks if answer written in context of producing increased diversity of plants

1 Do not award this mark in context of new species being formed and then not interbreeding

1 Accept reproductive isolation as an alternative to no interbreeding

2. Mutation;

2 Accept: genetic variation

3. Different selection pressures / different foods / niches / habitats;

3 Accept: different environment / biotic / abiotic conditions or named condition

3 Neutral: different climates

4. Adapted organisms survive and breed / differential reproductive success;

5. Change / increase in allele frequency / frequencies;

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(b) Similar / same environmental / abiotic / biotic factors / similar / same selection pressures / no isolation / gene flow can occur (within a species);

Accept: same environment

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[6]

(a) (i) (We should maintain biodiversity to)

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Prevent extinction / loss of populations / reduction in populations / loss of habitats / save organisms for future generations (idea of);

Neutral: references to 'playing God' / animal rights

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(ii) A suitable example of how some species may be important financially e.g.

1. medical / pharmaceutical uses;

2. commercial products / example given;

3. tourism;

4. agriculture;

5. saving local forest communities;

1 max

(b) 1. Fewer plant species / decrease in plant diversity;

Accept: converse arguments for islands with a high percentage of forest remaining 1. Neutral: fewer plants

2. Fewer habitats nesting sites / niches / food sources / varieties / less protection from predators / hunters / environment;

2. Neutral: fewer homes

2. *Neutral: less food*

2

- (c) 1. Number of (individuals / birds of) each species;
1. *Neutral: number of species*
2. Total number of individuals / birds of all species;
2. *Accept: 'total number of birds' as given context for 'all species' in the investigation*

2

- (d) 1. (Larger birds have) a low(er) SA:VOL;
Neutral: reference to fat / feathers
2. (So) less heat loss / more heat retained;
MP2 is independent of MP1

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[8]

- (a) 2 of the following pairs:

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Mark for explanation must be paired with correct change in structure

1. Larger leaves;
2. Photosynthesis;

OR

Accept converse descriptions of leaves, root and stem: longer root, taller stem, smaller leaves

3. Larger / bigger / thicker root;
4. Storage;

OR

5. Stem shorter / absent;
Accept converse correct explanation

6. Less energy used in stem growth / more energy for producing sugar;

4 max

- (b) Beet ready quicker / less time required / allows land to be used again / harvested earlier;
Allow more crops / many harvests. Ignore references to yield / profit

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- (c) 1. (Diversity) reduced / fewer different alleles / less variation / smaller gene pool;
2. As alleles have been chosen / rejected;

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- (ii) 1. Change in amino acid / (sequence of) amino acids / primary structure;
 1. *Reject = different amino acids are 'formed'*
2. Change in hydrogen / ionic / disulphide bonds alters tertiary structure / active site (of enzyme);
 2. *Alters 3D structure on its own is not enough for this markingpoint.*
3. Substrate not complementary / cannot bind (to enzyme / active site) / noenzyme- substrate complexes form;

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- (b) 1. Lack of skin pigment / pale / light skin / albino;
 2. Lack of coordination / muscles action affected;

2 max

- (c) Founder effect / colonies split off / migration / interbreeding;
Allow description of interbreeding e.g. reproduction between individuals from different populations

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[7] (a) (i) (Human cells) don't have a cell wall;

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Accept "they" refers to human cells.

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- (ii) (Affects) protein synthesis;
Allow description e.g. 'amino acids not joined together / translation.
Reject: affects transcription.

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- (b) 1. Mutation present / occurs;
Ignore antibiotic causes mutation.
2. Resistance gene / allele;
 1. or 2.
Reference to immunity disqualifies first credited marking point.
3. Resistant bacteria (survive and) reproduce;
Reference to mitosis negates marking point 3.

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[4] (a) Difference in DNA / base sequence / difference in alleles / genes / gene pool;

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Neutral: 'fewer alleles' unless qualified e.g. fewer different alleles.

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(b) Environmental;
Accept: Environment 1

(c) Reduced (genetic diversity);
As fewer different / varied alleles / genes / reduced gene pool; 2

[4] (a) (i) Antibiotics kill other bacteria / *Clostridium* is resistant;

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Less / no competition so (*Clostridium*)
reproduces / replicates / multiplies / increases in number;
Reference to bacteria being 'immune' negates first marking point.
Reference to mitosis negates second marking point. 2

(ii) Immune system less effective / more likely to have other
infections / been in hospital;
Accept: 'Weak / lower' immune system'. 1

(b) Attaches to active site (of enzyme);
(Methicillin) is a competitive inhibitor / prevents monomers / substrate
attaching (to enzyme);
'Competes for active site' = 2 marks.
Neutral: 'Prevents monomers joining / attaching to each other'.
*Allow one mark max for answers relating to non-competitive
inhibitor changing active site / preventing substrate attaching. Do
not penalise Methicillin forms an enzyme / substrate complex.* 2

(c) (i) Have other illness / medical condition / 'weak' immune system / disease /infection;
*Reject: Due to 'other factors', 'are smokers', 'are obese' unless
related to disease or illness.* 1

(ii) Increase up to 2006 / 20 (per 100 000) then decreases; 1

(iii) Correct answer in range of 52 – 59.1% = two marks;
Incorrect answer but shows change as between 4.8 – 5.2 / shows
correct subtraction giving this change e.g. 14 – 9 = one mark. 2

[9] (a) Same number of ryegrass seedlings in distilled water;

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(b) (i) Produce null hypothesis;

Carry out Spearman Rank correlation test / find correlation coefficient;

Use values to show $P < \text{critical value}$ / find probability of results being due to chance;

Accept valid example

E.g. There is no correlation between inhibition of germination and the concentration of the extract.

2 max

(ii) May be another factor / named factor (that also inhibits germination);
e.g. amount of water in extract

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(c) (i) Extract inhibits ryegrass germination / extract stops ryegrass starting to grow;
Inhibition of root length / causes ryegrass to have shorter roots;

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(ii) Scientists crushed plants to get extract;

Plants might not secrete substances in the extract into the soil;

These substances might get broken down in the soil;

Wheat and ryegrass might not grow at the same time / wheat plants might not produce substance when ryegrass is growing;

Concentration of extract in the soil might be different from that in solution;

3 max

[9

1 (a) Banding pattern changes as cheetah gets older / difficult to judge as tail is short / fluffy;

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(b) (i) Mean not (always) a whole number;
Standard deviation not (always) zero;

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(ii) Movement of tail / angle of sight / confused it with another band / subjective estimation;

*Accept reference to **Figure 1***

E.g. Bands 2 and 3 have same thickness but look different

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(c) Band width not the same on both sides of tail;

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(d) Offspring of the same family will be more similar genetically;
As have same mother (and father) / parent;
Expect to see more differences in randomly chosen cheetahs;

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