

Mark schemes

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- (a) 1. Same genus;
2. Same evolutionary origin / common ancestor.

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(b)

Taxon	Name of Taxon
Domain	Eukarya
Kingdom	Animalia
Phylum	Chordata
Class	Mammalia
Order	Rodentia
Family	Muridae

3 correct = 2 marks
2 correct = 1 mark
1 or 0 correct = 0 marks

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- (c) 1. (No) SDs of means of body sizes / sizes of parts of bodies overlap;
2. Calculation of correct head and body: tail ratios;
3. Almost identical, so same body shape / proportions;
- (d) 1. Breed the two mice together;
2. (Same species) produce fertile offspring.

3

2

[9] (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

- (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) 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

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- (b) 1. (So) age not a factor in female choice;

2. (So) will attract a mate;

3. (So similar) sexual maturity;

4. (So) have the correct feathers;

4. Accept 'have blue feathers'

2 max

- (c) Number the birds, then numbers out of hat / random number generator;

Both aspects needed for mark

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- (d) 1. That movement was not related to some other factor (than the male);

2. That movement (towards the male) indicated mating behaviour;

3. (Females) only respond to throat feathers (of the male) / do not respond to other visual display / sounds / calls (by the male);

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- (e)
1. Change in sequence of bases / nucleotides;
 2. (As a result of a) deletion / substitution;
 3. Change in amino acid sequence / primary structure;
 4. Change in tertiary structure of protein;
 1. Do not accept 'change in the DNA sequence'
 2. Accept e.g. addition / inversion / duplication / translocation

3

(f) **Yes**

1. (From resource A) birds can detect UV light;
2. (From resource B) difference between UVR and NR significant/ not due to chance;
3. As error bars do not overlap;
 1. max if only **No** marks awarded
 2. Reject idea that 'results' in resource B are significant / not due to chance, must include idea of 'difference'
 3. Reject 'as standard deviations do not overlap'

No

4. UV light may not be involved in mating / other factors may be involved in mating;
5. Some birds in UVR group were attractive to females;
6. (Experiment in resource B) carried out in artificial conditions / only 40 birds used / small sample size;
 6. Neutral: idea that this is only one study / that there are no repeats

4 max

[12] (a) 1. Recognise / identify / attract same species;

5*Ignore: references to letting them produce fertile offspring*

2. Stimulates / synchronises mating / production / release of gametes;
3. Recognition / attraction of mate / opposite sex;

Accept finding a mate

Accept: gender
4. Indication of (sexual) maturity / fertility / receptivity / readiness to mate;
5. Formation of a pair bond / bond between two organisms (to have / raise young).

3 max

- (b) 1. Use a (real) male (with intact wings / no wing removed);
Mark ignoring reference to birds / or other types of animals
Accept: use a real cricket, since only males sing
2. Determine (percentage) response (of females compared with L).
Accept: compare results with L

2

- (c) 1. Lowest / only 30% courtship with no song / K / (or) courtship still occurred when no song played / K;
Note: throughout, for courtship accept response / stimulation / reaction
Neutral: references to methodology
Answer must make clear there is no song / version K
2. Reduced courtship when no ticks / M / there is some courtship when no ticks /M;
3. Reduced courtship when no chirps / N / there is some courtship when no chirps / N;
Accept: use of figures from the table in an explanation
4. (So) courtship must involve a visual stimulus / other factor involved;
5. Chirps more important as lowest courtship when none / N / ticks less important as similar courtship when changed / M;
Must make comparison to gain mark
6. Data only show presence and absence of chirps / 0 and 7 chirps.
Note: 'courtship still occurred when no sound played so a visual stimulus / other factor / something else (e.g. pheromone?) must be involved'
 = 2 marks

4 max

[9] (a) (i) (Grouped according to) evolutionary

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links/history/relationships / common ancestry;
Ignore: closely related, factors, characteristics
Ignore: genetically similar

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- (ii) 1. Able to reproduce;
Accept: smallest taxonomic group/groups of organisms with same genes/ chromosomes/same number of chromosomes
Accept: breed for 'reproduce'
Ignore: mate
Reject: genetically identical
Ignore: similar genes/chromosomes

2. To produce fertile offspring;
Ignore: that are 'viable'

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- (b) Phylum
Class
Family
Genus;

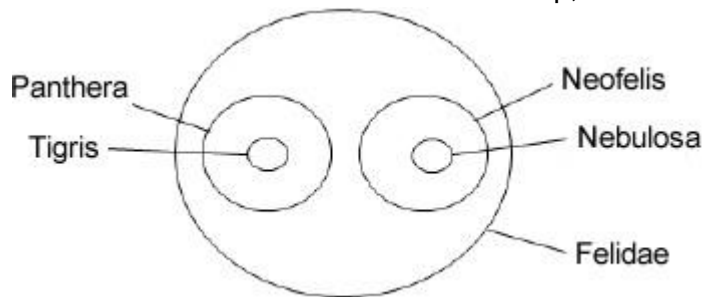
Accept: plural answers phyla / genera / families

*Accept phonetic answers phyllem/phylem/fylum/fyla/phylae/phyli
/jenus/ jenera/familys*

All 4 in correct order for 1 mark

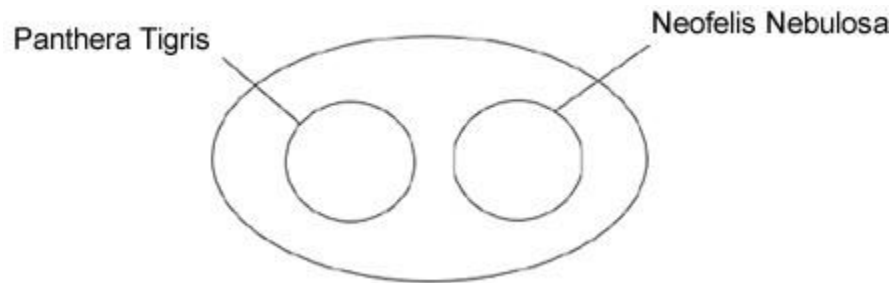
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- (c) 1. Two circles/with two inner circles with no overlap;



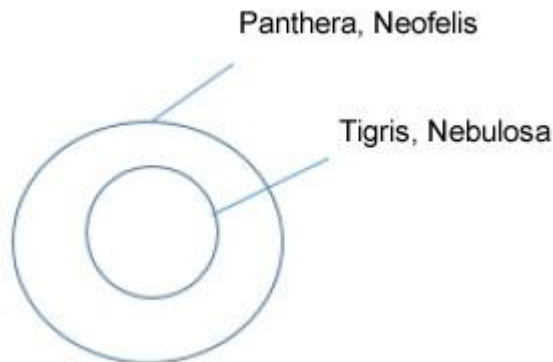
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OR



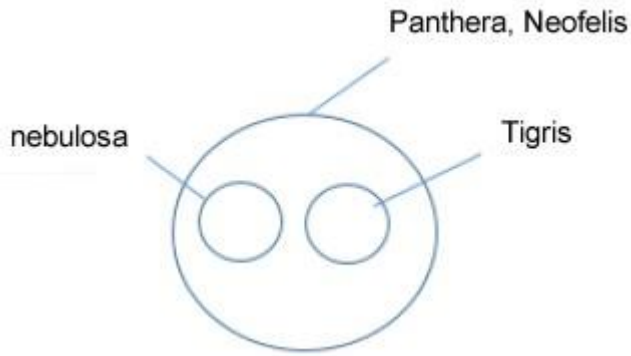
= 2 marks

OR



= 1 mark

OR



= 1 mark

2. Labels correct;
 Ignore underlining / capitals
 Accept: *P tigris/ N nebulosa*
 Accept phonetic spelling

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- (d) 1. South China and Sumatran tigers share a more recent common ancestor;
 Accept: *more closely related (statement must be comparative)*
 Accept: *a labelled hierarchy*
2. (because) identical/same/matching (nucleotide) sequences;
 Accept: *converse for Siberian tiger eg Siberian is less closely related to South China AND Sumatran tigers*



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[8]

- (a) Aves;

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- (b) *Gallicolumba kubaryi*;
 Must have both words and in this order
 Must be capital G
 If starts with k, award mark as impossible to recognise difference
 Ignore: underlining
 Accept: phonetic spelling
 Accept: *G kubaryi (must be a capital / upper case G)*

1

- (c) No overlap.

1

[3]

- (a) (i) 1. Groups within groups;

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Accept: idea of larger groups at the top or smaller groups at the bottom

2. No overlap (between groups); 2

(ii) 3; 1

(iii) Chordata; 1
Accept: if phonetically correct eg 'Cordata'

(b) (i) 1. (To provide) genetic variation; 2
Genetic variation must be directly stated and not implied
2. (Allows) different combinations of maternal and paternal chromosomes / alleles;
Accept: any allele of one gene can combine with any allele of another gene

(ii) 1. (Zedonk has) 47 / odd / uneven number of chromosomes; 2
Accept: diploid number would be odd
Reject: if wrong number of chromosomes is given
2. Chromosomes cannot pair / are not homologous / chromosome number cannot be halved / meiosis cannot occur / sex cells / haploid cells are not produced;
Accept: cannot have half a chromosome
Q Reject: meiosis cannot occur in sex cells

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1 (a) 1. Group of similar organisms / organisms with similar features / organisms with same

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genes / chromosomes;

1. *Accept: same number of chromosomes*

1. *Accept: smallest taxonomic group*

1. *Reject: genetically identical. Only allow 1 max if mentioned*

1. **Q** *Neutral: similar genes / chromosomes*

2. Reproduce / produce offspring;

2. *Accept: breed / mate*

3. That are fertile;

3. *Neutral: that are 'viable'*

'Produce fertile offspring' = 2 marks

2 max

- (b) (i) Correct answer of 6.97 to 7 = 2 marks;
One mark for 6320 as numerator or 906 as denominator;

2

- (ii) 1. Decrease in variety of plants / fewer plant species;
1. *Accept: reference to monoculture or description*
1. *Neutral: fewer plants*
2. Fewer habitats / niches;
2. *Neutral: fewer homes / less shelter*
3. Decrease in variety of food / fewer food sources;
3. *Neutral: less food*
3. *Accept: less variety of prey*

3

- [7] (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;

5

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

Accept: same environment

1

- [6] (a) (i) 1. Groups within groups;

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1. *accept idea of larger groups at the top / smaller groups at the bottom*

2. No overlap (between groups); 2
- (ii) (Grouped according to) evolutionary links / history / relationships / common ancestry;
Neutral: closely related
Neutral: genetically similar 1
- (b) (i) 1. (Only) one amino acid different / least differences / similar amino acid sequence / similar primary structure;
 2. (So) similar DNA sequence / base sequence; 2
- (ii) 1. Compared with humans / not compared with each other;
Accept: degenerate code / more than one triplet (codes) for an amino acid
 2. Differences may be at different positions / different amino acids affected / does not show where the differences are (in the sequence); 1 max
- (iii) 1. All organisms respire / have cytochrome c;
Accept: converse arguments for haemoglobin
 1. *Accept 'more' instead of 'all'*
 1. *Accept 'animals' instead of organisms'*
 2. (Cytochrome c structure) is more conserved / less varied (between organisms);
 2. *Neutral: cytochrome c is conserved* 1 max
- [7] (a) (i) Kingdom / phylum / class;

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Accept Animalia / animal kingdom / Chordata / Chordates / Aves

Allow phonetic spelling

1

(ii) Family;

1

- (b) 1. Shows the spread of the data / how data varies;
 1. *Reject range.*
Accept varies from the mean
 2. Overlap = no difference / due to chance / not significant;
 2. *Allow converse*

2

- (c) 1. Different species would have different amino acid sequences; *Accept more closely related = more similar sequence*
2. Amino acid sequence is the result of DNA / alleles / base sequence;
References to incorrect statements about coding negates second mark

2

[6] (a) (i) *Synodontis batensoda* / *S. batensoda*;

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Ignore spellings

1

- (ii) *Mochokus niloticus*;
Ignore spellings

1

(b) 5;

1

- (c) (i) Fertile offspring produced;
Allow suitable description of offspring being fertile.

1

- (ii) 1. Attracts / recognises same species;
Attracts mate of the same species = two marks.
2. Attracts / recognises mate / opposite sex;
3. Indication of sexual maturity / fertility / synchronises mating; *Allow 'ready to mate'.*
4. Stimulates release of gametes;
5. Form pair bond;

2 max

[6]

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

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1

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

2

1

- (c) Band width not the same on both sides of tail; 1
- (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; 3
- [8] (a) (i) Phylum, Class, Order, Genus;

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- Mantophasma (M) / (Mantophasma) zephyra; 2
- (ii) Groups within (larger) groups;
 No overlap; 2
- (b) Comparison of / look for similar features / structures / appearance; 1
- [5] (a) Kingdom / phylum / class;

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- (b) (i) 6; 1
- (ii) Family; 1
- (iii) The two species of *Mirounga* shared a common ancestor more recently than they did with *Monarchus tropicalis*; 1
- (c) Difference in DNA / base sequence / alleles / genes; 1 [5]

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- (a) Table completed as below:

- (i) Taxon **A** - there is more than one level / taxon below it / genus only has species / only has

18 one level / taxon above it;

- (ii) Taxon **C** - there is more than one level / taxon above it / phylum only has kingdom / only has one level taxon above it;

[2]

- (a) group of organisms with similar features;

19 can (interbreed to) produce fertile offspring;

2

- (b) directional selection;
any TWO from
 selection against one extreme / for one extreme;
 against broadest beaks in B and narrowest beaks in A / for narrowest in B and broadest in A; whole distribution / range / mean / mode / median is shifted towards favoured extreme;

3 max

[5] (a) (i) there are no fertile hybrids found in the overlapping regions;

20

1

- (ii) even if mating took place, there would be no fertile hybrids / different chromosome number / gene pool / evolutionary history / many morphological / biochemical / serological differences;

1

- (b) (i)

Kingdom	Animalia / Animals
Phylum	Chordata
Class	Mammalia
Order	Xenarthra
Family	Dasypodidae
Genus	<i>Dasypus</i>
Species	<i>(D.) novemcinctus</i>
1 mark per correct column	

2

(ii) Family, as all three belong to different genera;

1

[5] (a) phylum, class, order;

21 species, *Acinonyx jubatus*;

2

(b) larger groups containing smaller groups;

1

(c) (i) do not interbreed to produce fertile offspring / different DNA / different niches;

1

(ii) fossil record; evolutionary history / phylogeny; biochemical differences e.g. DNA / proteins / cytochromes; homologous features / named feature; karyotype / number and form of chromosomes;
(discount any example credited in (i))

2

[6] (a) colder / below 0°C (January) areas, cyanogenic plants die in this cold / acyanogenic

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survive; non-cyanogenic allele / gene passed on more often / its frequency increases; warmer (January) areas cyanogenic plants at advantage, because of less herbivore selection pressure / feeding; so cyanogenic survive more often to pass on cyanogenic allele / gene.

4 max

(b) large (and equal) number of quadrats in each area;
(reject several) random sampling method, described;
(accept described 'systematic' method) percentage cover / point hits per quadrat / count plants; mean / average value for each area; statistics test to see if differences significant.

4 max

[8] (a) breed together;

23 if fertile offspring, then same species;

2

(b) isolation of two populations; variation already present due to mutations;

different environmental conditions / selection pressures leading to selection of different features and hence different alleles;
different frequency of alleles; separate gene pools / no interbreeding;

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- (c) selection of mate dependent on colour pattern; prevents interbreeding / keeps gene pools separate;

2

[8]

- (a) large groups are divided into smaller groups;

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(*not just 'hierarchical'*) members of a group have features in common based on anatomy / fossils / embryology / DNA / specific aspect of cell biology / homologous structures;

reflects evolutionary history;

3

- (b) fungi and animals;

1

- (c) (insects and fungi) have common ancestor; they diverged a long time ago / before others referred to in phylogenetic tree;

2

- (d) those with similar sequences put in same groups / are more closely related; the greater difference in amino acid sequence the longer ago the groups diverged;

2

- (e) A - present in all (eukaryotic) species or organisms / quantifiable;
D - extinct species not considered / no timing of events available / only limited number of amino acid sequences / can't include prokaryotic species

2

[10] (a) principle of sequential multiplication ($0.9 \times 0.6 \times 0.75 \times 0.67$);

25

0.27;

(*correct answer 2 marks*)

2

- (b) (i) similar sequence / actions / sign stimuli;

1

(ii) additional action in sequence (species A) / scissor wings blocks sequence in B;

1

- (c) (acts as) sign stimulus; responds only to species-specific sound;

2 [6]

- (a) (i) Order, Family, Genus.

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(*all correct = 2 marks; 2 correct = 1 mark*)

- 2
- (ii) 3 concentric circles in Carnivora, labelled Felidae, Panthera and L; 1
- (b) (i) large groups split into smaller groups (which do not overlap); 1
- (ii) (phylogenetic) based on evolutionary history; shows ancestry of groups / points of divergence / example, e.g. reptiles and birds separated after mammals / reptiles and birds more closely related than mammals; (hierarchical) based on shared characteristics (seen today); 3
- [7] (a) phylum, class, family, genus;

27 1

- (b) (i) more recent common ancestor / DNA in common; 1
- (ii) mutation causes variation; genes (coding) for protein / cytochrome c with different structures; EITHER individuals with a modified cytochrome c have a selective advantage / are selected for / these individuals are more likely to survive to have offspring / have more offspring; *(must link a comparison of survival to reproduction)*
- gene / allele frequency changes over generations / time; OR changed structure does not affect protein function; these structural differences accumulate over time;

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[6]