Question	Answer	Mark
Number		
1(a)(i)	The only correct answer is c - 660 minutes	
	<b>A</b> is incorrect because G1 lasts just under half of 23 hours which is $11x60 = 660$ minutes	
	<b>B</b> is incorrect because G1 lasts just under half of 23 hours which is $11x60 = 660$ minutes	
	<b>D</b> is incorrect because G1 lasts just under half of 23 hours which is $11x60 = 660$ minutes	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1(a)(ii)	<ol> <li>one of two (DNA) molecules that make up a chromosome / eq;</li> <li>Idea that DNA replicates (in S phase) / eq;</li> </ol>	ACCEPT equivalent wording for mark points 1 and 2  1.ACCEPT each chromatid contains one DNA molecule 1.IGNORE strand	
			(2)

Question	Answer	Mark
Number		
1(a)(iii)	The only correct answer is c –	
	A is incorrect because the cell is in metaphase B is incorrect because the cell is in anaphase	
	<b>D</b> is incorrect because the cell is in interphase	(1)

Question	Answer	Mark
Number		
1(b)(i)	The only correct answer is A - 1, 5, 6, 4, 3, 2	
	<b>B</b> is incorrect because the coverslip has to be put on before the cells are squashed	
	C is incorrect because the cells cannot be teased apart before adding acid	
	<b>D</b> is incorrect because the cells cannot be teased apart before adding acid	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1(b)(ii)		ACCEPT phonetic spellings	
	(acetic/ethanoic/propionic) orcein / Feulgen's (stain)/ toluidine (blue) / (aceto)carmine / methylene blue / Schiff's (reagent);	DO NOT ACCEPT iodine	
			(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
2(a)	Animal cells only:	ACCEPT plural names ACCEPT phonetic spellings DO NOT ACCEPT when more than one answer is given in one part of the diagram if one of these answers is incorrect for the cell type	
	centriole ;	ACCEPT centrosome/cortical granules	
	Animal and plant cells:		
	(cell) membrane / cytoplasm / Golgi (apparatus) / mitochondrion / endoplasmic reticulum / lysosome /nucleus / nucleolus / ribosome ;	ACCEPT correctly qualified answers e.g plasma membrane / rough ER /smooth ER / 80S ribosome IGNORE vacuole	
	Plant cells only:		
	chloroplast / cell wall / amyloplast / tonoplast / plasmodesma / {large / permanent / sap/ eq} vacuole ;	ACCEPT pits / middle lamella	(3)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
2(b)	<ol> <li>peptidoglycan cell wall;</li> <li>loop of DNA / nucleoid;</li> <li>plasmids;</li> </ol>	DO NOT ACCEPT flagellum, glycogen granules, cytoplasm, membrane, ribosomes, 80S ribosomes 1.ACCEPT murein cell wall	
	4. pili ;	4. <b>ACCEPT</b> fimbriae	
	5. (slime) capsule ;	5. <b>ACCEPT</b> slime layer	
	6. 70 S ribosomes	6. <b>IGNORE</b> small ribosomes	(3)
		7. <b>ACCEPT</b> mesosome	

Question Number	Answer Additional guidance Ma	ark
2(c)	IGNORE references to natural selection  1. idea that classification was based on {anatomy / morphology /physical structure / eq};	
	2. idea of use or availability of {improved / electron} microscopes;  2. and 3. <b>named</b> equipment or methods must be given	
	3. ACCEPT a name or description of chemical analysis e.g. proteomics / DNA profiling / DNA analysis	
	<ul> <li>4. idea that {more / new} species {have been / will be} discovered;</li> <li>4. DO NOT ACCEPT new organisms</li> <li>4. IGNORE references to speciation, this has to be in context of discovery or identification of species</li> </ul>	
	5. idea that in the future, technology will continue to develop;  5. e.g. improved technology / chemical analysis / DNA analysis (in the future)	
		(3)

Question	Answer	Mark
Number		
3(a)(i)	The only correct answer is C - 46 23	
	A is incorrect because mitosis does not halve the number of chromosomes	
	<b>B</b> is incorrect because mitosis does not halve the number of chromosomes but meiosis does	
	<b>D</b> is incorrect because meiosis halves the number of chromosomes	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3(a)(ii)	1. to increase the number of <b>primary spermatocytes</b> ;	1. the cells must be named	
	2. idea that large numbers of sperm cells are produced;	2. <b>ACCEPT</b> many more sperm are produced	(2)
		2. <b>ACCEPT</b> increase the number of sperm	

Question	Answer	Mark
Number		
3(b)(i)	The only correct answer is A - P	
	<b>B</b> is incorrect because the acrosome is in the front of the head	
	C is incorrect because the acrosome is in the front of the head	
	<b>D</b> is incorrect because the acrosome is in the head	(1)

Question	Answer	Mark
Number		
3(b)(ii)	The only correct answer is C - S	
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	<b>A</b> is incorrect because the mitochondrion is located in the neck	
	<b>B</b> is incorrect because the mitochondrion is located in the neck	
	<b>D</b> is incorrect because the mitochondrion is located in the neck	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3(b)(iii)	1. (L=) 0.6 × 5 / 3 (μm) ;	Correct answer alone gains three marks	
	2. (M=) $10 \times 5 / 50 \ (\mu m)$ ;	gamb am de marko	
	3. (total length =) $58 (\mu m)$ ;		(3)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4(a)	any two dominant alleles only one dominant allele	e.g. pp Qq Rr e.g. pp qq Rr	
	pp qq rr;		(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4(b)(i)	<ol> <li>idea that one {characteristic / phenotype / eq} determined by more than one gene;</li> </ol>	1. ACCEPT trait, feature, physical appearance, external appearance as eq to characteristic 1.DO NOT award mp1 if answer is in context of genes at the same loci 1.DO NOT award in the context of alleles	
	2. skin colour determined by {three genes / P, Q and R};	2. <b>ACCEPT</b> PP QQ RR unless answer is in context of alleles	(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4(b)(ii)	1. {observable / expressed / eq} {characteristic / feature / eq};		
	2. skin colour ;		(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4(b)(iii)	<ol> <li>idea that there is a range of {phenotypes / characteristics / traits /eq};</li> </ol>	1. <b>ACCEPT</b> normal distribution	
	2. credit list of {skin colours / numerical values};	2. More than two should be stated or listed	(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4(c)(i)	as one variable / factor increases the other decreases	ACCEPT converse ACCEPT lighter the skin the greater the risk of developing skin cancer ACCEPT skin colour increases / numerical value increases as eq to darker ACCEPT inverse relationship DO NOT ACCEPT answers that state a causal relationship	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4(c)(ii)	idea that skin colour is genetic <b>and</b> (exposure to) ultraviolet light is environmental;	1.Piece together if necessary 1.ACCEPT melanin production is genetic 1.ACCEPT genotype as eq to genetic	
	<ol><li>ultraviolet (light / radiation) is known to {cause mutations / be a mutagen};</li></ol>	2. <b>IGNORE</b> radiation	
	3. credit example of result of mutation (at gene level);	<b>3</b> e.g. DNA repair mechanisms decrease, formation of oncogene, tumour suppressor gene affected	
	4. idea that control of cell cycle is lost;	4 e.g. cell growth cannot be controlled, cell division cannot be controlled, no Hayflick limit	(3)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(a)	<pre>Xylem cellulose and lignin; (ignore pectin) absent / eq; absent / eq; Any two from: transport of water transport of mineral (ions) support / eq;</pre>	<b>CARE</b> two correct functions must be stated to gain the one available mark	(4)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(b)	<ol> <li>(starch) contains {large numbers of glucose molecules / polymer of glucose molecules};</li> </ol>	ACCEPT starch can store     a large amount of energy	
	<ol> <li>branched so that it can be {hydrolysed / release energy} easily / eq;</li> </ol>	<ul><li>2. ACCEPT broken down</li><li>2. ACCEPT readily hydrolysed</li><li>2. ACCEPT if amylopectin stated rather than starch</li></ul>	
	<ol><li>compact so that {more/ a lot of} glucose can fit into a particular space / eq;</li></ol>	3. <b>ACCEPT</b> if amylose / amylopectin is stated rather than starch	
	4. insoluble so no osmotic effect / eq ;	4. <b>ACCEPT</b> insoluble so is not lost from the cell / storage organ	(3)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(c)	<ol> <li>supplies water {for photosynthesis / to keep cells turgid} / eq</li> <li>;</li> </ol>	1. to 5. <b>ACCEPT</b> answers in context of (parenchyma) cells need these materials	
	2. supplies magnesium (ions) for synthesis of chlorophyll / eq;		
	<ol><li>supplies nitrate for synthesis of {amino acids / protein / DNA / eq};</li></ol>	3. <b>DO NOT ACCEPT</b> nitrogen	
	4. supplies calcium (ions) for cell wall structure / eq;		
	<ol><li>supplies phosphate for synthesis of {ATP /DNA /eq};</li></ol>		
	6. supports the leaves so they are exposed to sunlight;	5. <b>DO NOT ACCEPT</b> phosphorus	(3)
		6. <b>IGNORE</b> supports the plant	

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(a)	<ol> <li>the {number / variety / range} of species;</li> <li>in a habitat / eq;</li> </ol>	1. DO NOT ACCEPT organisms 1. ACCEPT amount 1. ACCEPT species richness	
	OR  1. the {variety / types} of alleles ;	2. <b>ACCEPT</b> area / region / ecosystem	
	2. in a {gene pool / population / species};		(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
*6(b)(i)		QWC focusing on logical sequence	
	1. idea of testing {different / named} parts of each plant;	1.Do not award if context is using whole plant	
	2. idea of grinding the plant material up;	2. <b>ACCEPT</b> make / use an extract	
	3. idea of preparing a lawn of bacteria ;	3. <b>ACCEPT</b> add bacteria to agar / broth /eq	
	4. credit description of how extract will be added to culture;	4. e.g. adding extract to wells, soaking discs in extract	
	<ol> <li>incubating bacteria at temperature in range 20° to 35°C and stated time in range 1 to 7 days;</li> </ol>		
	6. idea of measuring {diameter / area} of zones of inhibition;	6. <b>ACCEPT</b> measuring the clarity of broth	
	7. indication of using aseptic technique;	7. e.g. using sterile equipment	
	8. repeat experiment <b>and</b> calculating a mean ;	8. <b>ACCEPT</b> taking several diameter measurements and calculating mean	(5)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(b)(ii)	<ol> <li>testing which bacteria were affected;</li> </ol>		
	2. determining the concentration to use ;	2. <b>ACCEPT</b> dosage	
	3. animal testing ;	3. <b>ACCEPT</b> cell toxicity or tissue culture	
	4. testing on (small group of) healthy people ;	tissue cuiture	
	5. testing on a small group of patients / eq;	5. <b>ACCEPT</b> 100-300 if no written description	
	6. idea of testing on a large group of patients / eq;	6. <b>ACCEPT</b> ≥ 1000 if no written description	(4)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(c)	<ol> <li>store seeds;</li> <li>in a seed bank;</li> </ol>	If two methods are described credit the one that yields the higher mark  2. <b>ACCEPT</b> at low	
	OR	temperature <b>and</b> low humidity	
	3. take cuttings ;	3. <b>ACCEPT</b> take explants	
	<ul><li>4. and grow them in {greenhouses / eq};</li><li>OR</li></ul>	4. <b>ACCEPT</b> growing in tissue culture	
	5. make certain areas of the rainforest into protected areas ;		(2)
	<ol><li>so that they cannot be used for {deforestation / housing / eq};</li></ol>		

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
7(a)		Piece together answers if necessary	
	<ol> <li>both {divide indefinitely / are unspecialised / eq};</li> </ol>	1.ACCEPT undifferentiated 1.ACCEPT no Hayflick limit	
	<ol> <li>idea that totipotent stem cells can become all cell types but pluripotent stem cells can become {many / most} cell types;</li> </ol>	2. <b>ACCEPT</b> totipotent can give rise to all cells, pluripotent cannot give rise to placental / extraembryonic cells	(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
*7(b)	1. mitosis to increase number of cells / eq ;	QWC focus on clarity of expression	
	2. idea of responding to {chemical / environmental} stimulus;	2. <b>ACCEPT</b> hormone / external stimulus	
	3. reference to <b>differential gene expression</b> ;		
	4. credit example from question of genes switched on ;	4. e.g. gene for production of insulin switched on in pancreatic cells	
	5. credit example from question of genes switched off;	5. e.g. gene for production of insulin switched off in nerve cells	
	<ol><li>idea of {transcription / mRNA produced} at active genes ;</li></ol>	/ muscle cells / heart muscle cells	
	7. {proteins / polypeptides / eq} produced (from this mRNA);		
	8. idea that this protein (permanently) modifies cell	7. <b>ACCEPT</b> mRNA is translated	
	OR	translated	
	idea that this protein determines {cell structure / function };		
			(6)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
7(c)	<ol> <li>idea they {monitor research / ensure research is necessary};</li> </ol>	ACCEPT to ensure experiments are not unnecessarily repeated	
	2. idea that they issue licences (for stem cell research);	2. <b>ACCEPT</b> idea of giving permission for the research 2. <b>ACCEPT</b> idea that guidelines are adhered to	
	3. idea they monitor sources of stem cells ;		
	<ol> <li>ensure that only early stage embryos are used (as sources of stem cells);</li> </ol>	<ul><li>4. in the UK this is up to 14 days</li><li>4. ACCEPT to determine the maximum age of embryos that can be used</li></ul>	
	5. prevent unethical use of stem cells ;	5. e.g. human cloning, genetic manipulation 5.IGNORE designer babies, playing God, right to life	(3)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
8(a)(i)	The only correct answer is B – behavioural anatomical	
	<b>A</b> is incorrect because wading is behavioural <b>C</b> is incorrect because possessing feathers in anatomical	
	D is incorrect because wading is behavioural	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8(a)(ii)		Piece together answer if	
	1. (the birds) occupy different niches;	necessary	
	2. they have different length of beak / eq;		
	3. idea they have different sources of food / eq;	3. <b>ACCEPT</b> idea of their food is at different depths 3. <b>ACCEPT</b> they have different food	
	4. to avoid competition with each other / eq;	4.ACCEPT less competition	(3)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8(b)(i)	<ol> <li>idea of water supplying the food;</li> </ol>	1.ACCEPT nutrients	
	2. idea of water containing oxygen ;		
	3. {gills / large surface area} for the uptake of oxygen;	3. <b>IGNORE</b> gas exchange	
	4. idea of being protected from predators ;		(3)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8(b)(ii)		ACCEPT converse for summer throughout	
	1. The range is the same in winter and summer;	1. <b>ACCEPT</b> the range is 30mm in both	
	2. tunnels are deeper in the winter / eq;	John III Both	
	3. more tunnels in winter ;	3. <b>IGNORE</b> comments about one specific depth	
	4. greater variation in the number in winter / eq;		(2)

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
Number			
8(b)(iii)			
	1. there is not enough food ;	1.ACCEPT not enough lugworms	
	2. (so) there is competition for {food / lugworms};	2. <b>ACCEPT</b> between godwits	
	<ol> <li>credit explanation of how competition is avoided;</li> </ol>	or with other species	
		3. e.g. move to where the lugworms are not buried so deeply, move to where there are lugworms	
		e.g. change to another food source, feed on species still available, feed on species nearer the surface	
		IGNORE change their diet	(3)