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Question			Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
1	(a)	(i)	microbes / (living) organisms / cells / enzymes ; (make) product / for human benefit / (carry out) conversion / reaction / industrial process ;	2	CREDIT microorganisms / bacteria / prokaryotes / fungi CREDIT living things CREDIT cell components / parts of cells CREDIT example such as (named) food or medicine BUT IGNORE cheese (as stated in question) IGNORE process unqualified
1	(a)	(ii)	microbes / AW , killed / removed / not present ; enzymes <u>denatured</u> ; (so no) competitors / unwanted reactions / (human) health risk ;	2 max	Mark the first two suggestions IGNORE contamination / sterile IGNORE idea of preserving milk AW for microbes as in (a)(i) plus ACCEPT organisms DO NOT CREDIT microbes denatured CREDIT (no) competition CREDIT (no) food spoilage / change of flavour / loss of quality CREDIT (no) pathogens / harmful microbes / TB “Kills harmful microbes” or “Kills pathogens” scores 2 marks (mps 1 & 3)

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1	(b)	(i)	<p>1 enzyme ;</p> <p><i>plus any 2 of the following</i></p> <p>2 (enzyme) not, changed / used up ; ora</p> <p>3 <i>idea of ESC (forms) / substrate and enzyme (bind) ;</i></p> <p>4 products (and enzyme) released at end ;</p>	<p>1</p> <p>max 2</p>	<p>Award mp 1 plus 2 max from the other mark points</p> <p>1 ACCEPT globular / tertiary / catalyst / catalytic (protein)</p> <p>2 ora = can be used again / re-used IGNORE enzyme recycled</p> <p>3 ESC = enzyme-substrate complex ACCEPT substrate entering active site</p>
1	(b)	(ii)	<p>1 (enzyme can be removed to be) used again ;</p> <p>2 (enzyme can) to leave pure(r) product ; ora</p> <p>3 (enzyme) more stable / more efficient / works better ;</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>Mark the FIRST suggestion on each numbered line IGNORE 'cheaper' without qualification</p> <p>2 ACCEPT cheaper / easier, downstream processing</p> <p>3 CREDIT less susceptible to, pH / temperature, change / extremes "enzymes work at high temperatures" = 0 "enzymes work at higher temperatures" = 1 (because comparative statement made)</p>

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1 (c)	<p><i>This is a QWC question</i> <i>Section I - Obtaining the gene</i></p> <p>1 use restriction, enzyme / endonuclease ; 2 to, cut out / get / isolate, (rennin) gene / DNA coding for rennin or to, fragment / digest, DNA ;</p> <p>3 <u>gene</u> probe ; OR 4 obtain rennin mRNA ; 5 (use) reverse transcriptase ; 6 to make cDNA ; OR 7 sequence, rennin (protein) ; 8 work out base code ; 9 make this DNA sequence ;</p> <p>10 sticky ends ;</p> <p><i>Section II - Vector</i></p> <p>11 cut (open), plasmid / phage ;</p> <p>12 using same <u>restriction</u> enzyme ;</p> <p>13 annealing / base pairing of sticky ends ; 14 join sugar-phosphate backbones ; 15 (using DNA) ligase ; 16 <u>recombinant</u>, vector / plasmid / phage / DNA ;</p> <p><i>Section III - Introduction into host cell</i></p> <p>17 mix with bacteria ; 18 detail of conditions ; 19 <u>transformation</u> (plasmid) / <u>transduction</u> (phage) ;</p>	max 7	<p>1 CREDIT named example e.g. <i>Eco</i> R1, <i>Bam</i> H1, <i>Hin</i> dIII 2 DO NOT CREDIT 'cut gene' IGNORE 'break up DNA'</p> <p>NOTE 1-9 CREDIT whichever of the three alternative "obtaining the gene" protocols yields most marks, either award marking points 1-3 or 4-6 or 7-9</p> <p>10 can be awarded, once only, in Sections I or II</p> <p>11 DO NOT CREDIT 'cut out plasmid' DO NOT CREDIT 'ring of DNA' unless it is clear that plasmid is being referred to</p> <p>12 CREDIT same named enzyme (re. mp1)</p> <p>13 CREDIT idea of sticky end bases hydrogen bonding 14 CREDIT formation of phosphodiester bonds</p> <p>18 e.g. Ca²⁺ ions added / heatshock (freeze then inc to 40°C) 19 CREDIT transform / transformed / transduce / transduced IGNORE transgenic</p>
	<p>QWC – sequencing of steps – at least 1 mark point scored from each of the three sections, in the correct order ;</p>	1	<p>I. obtaining gene (mp 1 – 9) followed by II. vector (mp 13 – 16) followed by III. introduction to host cell (mp 17 – 19)</p>
	TOTAL	17	

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2	(a)	(i)	red ; vermillion ; cinnabar ;	3	
2	(a)	(ii)	(recessive) epistasis / epistatic ;	1	ACCEPT complementary epistasis DO NOT CREDIT dominant epistasis
2	(a)	(iii)	<p>1 gene products are enzymes ;</p> <p>2 multi-enzyme / multi-step, pathway ;</p> <p>3 <u>3</u>, steps / enzymes, change tryptophan to red pigment ;</p> <p>4 product of one reaction / intermediate compound, is, substrate / starting point, for next ;</p> <p>5 dominant allele gives, functional / wild-type / AW, enzyme ;</p> <p>6 recessive allele gives, non-functional / different / AW, enzyme ;</p>	max 3	<p>2 needs to be a clear generalised statement (and not implied - e.g. by awarding mp 3)</p> <p>IGNORE 'metabolic' pathway (as given in question)</p> <p>3 ACCEPT V, C <u>and</u> B are responsible for the change of tryptophan to red</p>
2	(b)	(i)	<p>1 if (<i>red-eyed parent</i>) was heterozygous there would be no difference between, sexes / males and females ;</p> <p>2 red-eyed males and white-eyed females would occur ;</p> <p>1:1:1:1 ratio or 1:1 ratio in both sexes ;</p>	max 2	<p>IGNORE ref to sex linkage</p> <p>2 ACCEPT "because there are no red-eyed males and white-eyed females (in results)" "all 4 phenotypes would, occur / be represented" DO NOT infer phenotype(s) from genotype(s)</p> <p>3 If 4 phenotypes stated / listed <i>together with the ratio</i>, then award mp 2 as well</p>

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2	(b)	(ii)	parental genotypes	XrXr	XRY-			;	3	<p>ACCEPT alternative letters only if a KEY is given. Must have capital letter for dominant allele and small (same) letter for recessive allele.</p> <p>CREDIT GAMETES either on the correct line or in correct place on Punnett square, whichever is correct. They do not need to be in circles.</p> <p>ACCEPT ecf once only if Y wrongly shown as carrying 'r' allele</p> <p>ACCEPT ecf once only if X and Y missing</p> <p>DO NOT CREDIT F1 genotypes written in blank space if F1 phenotypes put on bottom lines instead</p>	
			gametes	Xr	XR and Y-			;			
			F1 genotypes	XRXr	XrY-			;			
2	(b)	(iii)	phenotype of fly	O	E	O - E	(O - E) ²	$\frac{(O - E)^2}{E}$	4	<p>One mark per row</p> <p>ACCEPT fractions in last column (4/25)</p> <p>ACCEPT not significant IGNORE ref to happening by chance</p> <p>ACCEPT ecf for last two points IGNORE arguments referring to null hypothesis</p>	
			red-eyed female	27	25	2	4	0.16			;
			white-eyed male	23	25	-2	4	0.16			;
			$\chi^2 = 0.32$;								
			no significant difference (at 95% confidence level) ;								
Total								16			

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3	(a)	(i)	<p>1 similar / same, cells / metabolism ;</p> <p>2 similar / same / share, <u>genes</u> or have <u>genes</u> in common ;</p> <p>3 similar / same, (embryonic) development ;</p> <p>4 shared, ancestry / ancestor or all related by evolution ;</p>	max 2	<p>1 ACCEPT they are all eukaryotic cells</p> <p>4 CREDIT due to phylogeny ACCEPT all same <u>kingdom</u> IGNORE 'they are all animals'</p>
3	(a)	(ii)	<p>1 small ;</p> <p>2 short life cycle ;</p> <p>3 easy to, keep / breed / AW ;</p> <p>4 cheap (to buy / keep) ;</p> <p>5 readily available / common / not rare ;</p> <p>6 large cells ;</p> <p>7 previously well-studied / many known mutants ;</p>	max 2	<p>Mark the FIRST answer on each numbered line</p> <p>2 ACCEPT fast development / mature quickly / fast reproductive rate / short generation time</p> <p>3 ACCEPT produce many offspring</p> <p>7 ACCEPT genome has been, mapped / sequenced</p>
3	(b)	(i)	scanning ; electron (microscope) ;	2	<p>CREDIT SEM = 2 marks ACCEPT transmission electron / TEM = 1 mark IGNORE micrograph</p>
3	(b)	(ii)	description of legs in place of antennae in, mutant / 3.2 / AW ;	1	<p>ACCEPT projections on head / antennae / feelers, <u>longer</u> (in Fig. 3.2)</p> <p>DO NOT CREDIT antennae / projections vs. none DO NOT CREDIT mandibles / fangs DO NOT CREDIT incorrect statement e.g. legs on mouth</p>
3	(b)	(iii)	homeotic / homeobox / hox ;	1	

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3 (c)	<p>1 <i>synthesis</i></p> <p>2 DNA, copied into / →, mRNA or described ;</p> <p>3 <u>transcription</u> / <u>transcribed</u> ; one strand copied ;</p> <p>4</p> <p>5 complementary base-pairing ;</p> <p>6 triplet code / code read in threes / codon is 3 bases ;</p> <p>7 base sequence determines amino acid sequence ;</p> <p>8 <u>translation</u> ;</p> <p>9 <u>ribosomes</u> ; role of tRNA described ; (max 6)</p> <p>10 <i>roles of polypeptides</i></p> <p>11 (named) structural protein ; enzymes / catalyse reactions / control metabolism ;</p> <p>12</p> <p>13 hormones / growth factors ;</p> <p>14 receptor proteins ; adenyl cyclase / cAMP ;</p> <p>15</p> <p>idea of switching genes, on / off ;</p> <p>16</p> <p>homeotic / homeobox, genes</p> <p>17 or homeodomain proteins ; <i>idea of master switch gene /</i> one gene turns on/off whole set of other genes / cascades of gene switching ;</p> <p>18</p> <p>apoptosis ; (max 6)</p>	7 max	<p>MAX 6 marks for synthesis MAX 6 marks for roles</p> <p>1 DO NOT CREDIT descriptions that contain errors</p> <p>3 ACCEPT coding / sense / non-sense / template, strand (implying one only)</p> <p>4 CREDIT description of base pairing as correct to context</p> <p>9 e.g. “tRNA brings amino acid” or “tRNA anticodon binds to mRNA codon”</p> <p>10 e.g. actin / myosin / collagen / keratin</p> <p>12 CREDIT growth hormone / GH / somatotrophin / FSH</p> <p>14 most likely to be expressed in context of mp 12</p> <p>15 CREDIT transcription factors / regulatory proteins / repressor proteins</p>
	QWC – balanced account ;	1	At least 2 marks from points 1 - 9 and at least 2 marks from points 10 – 18
	Total	16	

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4	(c)	(i)	humans are, diploid / $2n$; chromosomes, are in pairs / homologous ; one, (copy / gene / allele), from each parent / on each chromosome of pair ;	2 max	DO NOT CREDIT ref to bivalents
4	(c)	(ii)	(gel) <u>electrophoresis</u> ;	1	
4	(d)	1	13 b-p deletion (has most serious consequences) ;	3 max	6 CREDIT could be a silent mutation / 1 b-p substitution may not have an effect
		2	frameshift / alter reading frame ;		
		3	genetic code is triplet / read in groups of 3 bases ;		
		4	alters all amino acids (coded for) after the mutation ;		
		5	21 b-p deletion causes 7 amino acids to be lost ;		
		6	substitution changes, one / no, amino acids ;		
4	(e)	1	<u>natural selection</u> ;	4 max	3 CREDIT increases reproductive success / AW 4 ACCEPT more promiscuous / AW 6 MUST HAVE time element
		2	<u>selective advantage</u> ;		
		3	(allele / behaviour) increases, survival / breeding / AW ;		
		4	(because) helped, find food / find new resources / make new tools / get mates ;		
		5	<u>allele</u> passed on (to next generation) ;		
		6	(allele / behaviour) increased in frequency over, generations / time ;		
Total				19	

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5	(a)	ecosystem ; producers / autotrophs ; primary ; trophic level(s) ; biotic / living ; minerals / elements ;	6	DO NOT CREDIT plants DO NOT CREDIT trophic CREDIT named, element / ion, e.g. nitrogen, nitrate ACCEPT symbol e.g. N / NO ₃ ⁻ ACCEPT nutrient DO NOT CREDIT energy / waste products
5	(b)	(i) 1 limiting / density-dependent, factors ; 2 <u>carrying capacity</u> ; 3 intraspecific competition ; 4 for, food / nesting sites ; 5 interspecific competition ; 6 with, deer / tree shrew / giant squirrel ; <i>larger squirrel populations</i> 7 attract more predators ; 8 parasites / diseases, spread more easily ;	max 4	3 ACCEPT description e.g. • “competition with other members of the same species” • “competition with other (small) squirrels” 4 ACCEPT they run out of food 5 ACCEPT description e.g. “competition with other species” 7 DO NOT CREDIT predation alone, must be linked to larger squirrel population 8 DO NOT CREDIT disease alone, must be linked to larger squirrel population

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5	(b)	(ii)	species richness & evenness decrease ; ora (richness) 29 → 26 (species) ; (evenness) large numbers of, 2 / some, species, but, low numbers / none, of other species ;	max 2	ACCEPT they both, decrease / decline / fall or they were higher at start ACCEPT 6 → 4 or 2 fewer (from table) or 3 fewer (from text) CREDIT suitable named e.g.s from table
5	(c)	(i)	rare initially / AW ; prey, numbers have reduced / have become extinct / have left the area ; idea of slower reproductive rate / AW ;	max 1	ACCEPT that there weren't very many at start DO NOT CREDIT 'lack of food' unless has indicated that food is an animal ACCEPT don't breed as fast / don't have as many offspring
5	(c)	(ii)	1 aesthetic / amenity / recreational, value ; 2 (eco)tourism ; 3 to, preserve biodiversity / preserve genetic diversity / stop extinction ; 4 ref. interactions between species / need to preserve whole habitat ; 5 (rainforest species / preserve gene pool as) could be useful, in future / as potential, for, medicine / genetic engineering / AW ; 6 to support indigenous peoples / AW ; 7 to stop effect of deforestation on, atmosphere / climate / soil ; 8 AVP ;	max 3	Mark the FIRST suggestion on each numbered line 1 ACCEPT description, e.g. beautiful / so people will visit / so people will use it for leisure 2 ACCEPT description, e.g. raise money from visitors 3 ACCEPT description, e.g. keep more species 4 ACCEPT description, e.g. if habitat destroyed there will be a knock-on effect on many species 5 ACCEPT for drugs, pharmaceuticals, GM or GM e.g. (like crop improvement) 6 ACCEPT let native people continue to live in forest income for indigenous people 7 ACCEPT to stop, CO ₂ % rising / global warming / erosion or forest acts as C, sink / store 8 e.g. • habitat for pollinators • habitat for predators of pests DO NOT CREDIT 'right to life'

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5	(d)	<p><i>management practices</i></p> <p>M1 coppicing / pollarding / description ; M2 selective felling / description ; M3 rotational felling / description ; M4 strip felling ; M5 replant after felling ; (max 2)</p> <p><i>explanation of benefits re. sustainability</i></p> <p>B1 preserves / prevents disruption to, habitat / ecosystems / nesting sites ; B2 maintains / increases, species diversity / biodiversity ; B3 prevents, soil erosion / leaching ; B4 less disturbance by machinery ; B5 AVP ; (max 2)</p>	max 4	<p>LOOK FOR key ideas expressed in different ways</p> <p>M1 CREDIT coppicing with standards / rotational coppicing M2 ACCEPT only some trees cut down M3 ACCEPT cycle of felling different areas</p> <p>B5 CREDIT specific benefits linked to a practice e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • faster recovery due to seeding from untouched areas nearby (M3) • pollarding so deer can't eat shoots (M1) </p>
Total			20	

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6	(a)	<p>1 to cope with changing conditions / AW ;</p> <p>2 avoid <u>abiotic</u> stress ;</p> <p>3 to maximise photosynthesis or to obtain more, light / water / minerals ; ora</p> <p>4 avoid, herbivory / grazing ;</p> <p>5 to ensure, germination in suitable conditions / pollination / seed set / seed dispersal ;</p>	max 2	<p>1 Looking for a general statement DO NOT CREDIT “adapt to change”</p> <p>3 CREDIT named elements / ions IGNORE nutrients</p> <p>4 methods of preventing grazing could include producing more toxins / more spines / encouraging stinging ants IGNORE predation</p> <p>5 DO NOT CREDIT ‘maximise reproduction’ without further qualification</p>															
6	(b)	<p>(i)</p> <p>1 in water / in A / with no abscisic acid, germination increases as conc. GA increases ;</p> <p>2 when abscisic acid present / in B, no germination ;</p> <p>3 maximum germination 90% with 5 mol dm⁻³ GA, in water / without abscisic acid ;</p> <p>4 2 comparative figures (x and y refs. plus units) ;</p> <p>5 GA concentration increases, logarithmically / by a factor of 10, on x axis ;</p> <p>6 10 times more GA gives, 3 (conc 0.05 to 0.5) / 0.5 (conc 0.5 to 5), times more germination ;</p>	4 max	<p>2 DO NOT CREDIT ‘inhibits germination’ (as this is a conclusion not a description)</p> <p>3 ACCEPT 91% (± 2%) for 90%</p> <p>4 EITHER compare A and B at the same GA conc OR two points on same line with units for both</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1346 1209 1921 1433"> <thead> <tr> <th>GA conc (mol dm³)</th> <th>A (%)</th> <th>B (%)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>0</td> <td>10 ± 2</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0.05</td> <td>22 ± 2</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0.5</td> <td>66 ± 2</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>91 ± 2</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	GA conc (mol dm ³)	A (%)	B (%)	0	10 ± 2	0	0.05	22 ± 2	0	0.5	66 ± 2	0	5	91 ± 2	0
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6	(b)	(ii)	<p>1 so temperature doesn't affect results / so only desired variable(s) changed / to show just the effect of plant hormones ;</p> <p>2 since temperature affects enzyme activity ;</p> <p>3 suitable / optimum, temperature for (lettuce) germination ;</p>	2 max	<p>1 ACCEPT fair test IGNORE to control temperature / temperature is a limiting factor / temperature is a controlled variable</p> <p>2 CREDIT "optimum temperature for enzyme activity" or "this is the temperature when enzymes work best"</p> <p>3 ACCEPT 'these' seeds</p>
6	(b)	(iii)	<p>1 <u>volumes</u> of liquid(s) ;</p> <p>2 ABA concentration ;</p> <p>3 oxygen availability ;</p> <p>4 age of seeds ;</p> <p>5 previous storage of seeds / viability idea ;</p> <p>6 genotype / variety, of seeds ;</p> <p>7 size / type of, petri dish / filter paper ;</p> <p>8 length of time experiment left for (before recording results) ;</p> <p>9 space between seeds ;</p> <p>10 AVP ;</p>	3 max	<p>Mark the FIRST suggestion on each numbered line DO NOT CREDIT conc, GA / giberrellin (as this is the independent variable) IGNORE number of seeds (as given in the question)</p> <p>1 DO NOT CREDIT amounts / levels CREDIT volume of, water / GA / ABA</p> <p>3 IGNORE carbon dioxide</p> <p>6 CREDIT "from same batch of seeds" or "seeds from same plant"</p> <p>10 e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • light qualified (duration / intensity / wavelength) • use of distilled water • all lids, off / on </p>

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6	(c)	<p>1 seedless, fruits / grapes ;</p> <p>2 weedkillers ;</p> <p>3 rooting powder / to grow cuttings / used in tissue culture ;</p> <p>4 control fruit ripening ;</p> <p>5 controls fruit drop ;</p> <p>6 restrict hedge growth ;</p> <p>7 preserve, cut flowers / green vegetables ;</p> <p>8 specific example of improved fruit quality ;</p> <p>9 producing malt / in brewing ;</p> <p>10 AVP ;</p> <p>11 AVP ;</p>	2 max	<p>Mark the FIRST TWO suggestions IGNORE the names of plant growth regulators</p> <p>4 could be used to speed up or slow down</p> <p>8 e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • longer stalks on grapes • longer apples </p> <p>10 & 11 e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • promoting sexual maturity in conifers • promoting latex flow in rubber plants • promoting sexual maturity in female cucumber plants • longer nodes in sugar cane • restricting growth in, chrysanthemums / other e.g. </p>
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