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## GCE

## Biology A / Human Biology

## Unit BYA3

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**Question 1**

- (a) Organism that lives in / on another organism / host and which is living / causing it harm; **1**
- (b) Human / named location in human  
(Fresh) water *reject 'marine'*  
Snail  
Human / named location in human  
*All 4 correct = 2 marks*  
*Any 3 correct = 1 mark* **2**
- (c) Any 3 of:  
'Suckers' (*or reasonable description in context*) for attachment / so not dislodged (from blood vessel);  
Absence of locomotory organelles in adult since remain in blood vessel / other valid explanation;  
(Digestive) enzymes to rupture blood vessel / burrow through skin;  
Large number of eggs to increase chance of finding secondary host / snail / complete lifecycle;  
Ciliated cercariae to swim through water;  
Large number of cercariae to increase chance of finding main host / human;  
Surface proteins / resistant layer to prevent attack by host / prevent digestion;  
Use of intermediate host to complete life cycle; **3 max**
- Total 6 marks

**Question 2**

- (a) (i) A / identified (e.g. 7):  
has  $\frac{1}{2}$  mass of DNA in B /  $\frac{1}{4}$  mass of DNA in C / would have  $\frac{1}{2}$  chromosome number of B / contains least DNA / has 23 chromosomes; **1**  
*Reject haploid*
- (ii) 14 (arbitrary units);  
Diploid number of chromosomes re-established;  
Gametes are haploid (*or concept explained*) / each gamete will contain 7 units; **2 max**
- (b) Separation of chromatid pairs / chromatids within a pair / chromosomes;  
*Reject 'homologous chromosomes'* **1**
- Total 4 marks

**Question 3**

- (a) Bacterium (always found) in diseased organism and not in healthy organism;  
Bacterium (can be) cultivated / cultured / isolated;  
(Pure) cultures of the bacterium must cause the same disease / symptoms when introduced into (susceptible) other organisms;  
Can be re-isolated (from the other experimentally infected animals); **4**
- (b) Spread by droplet infection / breathed in / airborne; **1**
- (c) (i) Numbers falling before vaccination introduced; **1**
- (ii) Better housing conditions / other social reason e.g. diet;  
Better awareness of disease / improved medical care;  
Fewer susceptible people / more immune;  
Availability of antibiotics post circa 1940; (*reject before*)  
*Reject 'hygiene'* **1 max**
- (d) HIV affects cells of immunological system / white blood cells / lack of functional white blood cells / eq (means a person is more susceptible); **1**  
*Reject 'affects immune system'*

Total 8 marks

**Question 4**

- (a) (i) A disease-causing organism / bacterium; **1**
- (ii) Weakened organism; **1**
- (a) (At 95% level) most people are immune;  
5% / few vulnerable / susceptible individuals (remain in population); *Reject 'not immune'*  
Little chance of contact (with affected person); **2 max**
- (c) (i) Number of births each year varies / changes seen more easily / allow valid comparisons to be made / provides an indication of likelihood of outbreak of disease; **1**
- (ii) 3600; **1**
- (d) Antibodies not produced by body;  
No memory cells;  
Short-term / not lifelong;  
Antibodies (*or context established*) donated by mother / across placenta / in milk; **2 max**

Total 8 marks

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**Question 5**

- (a) (i) Enzymes and (colourless) dye; *ignore wrong names of enzymes* **1**
- (ii) Glucose oxidase;  
Peroxidase; *accept 'peroxide reductase'* **2**
- (iii) Enzymes are specific / glucose oxidase only reacts with glucose /  
Peroxidase only reacts with hydrogen peroxide  
*OR*  
A → H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> and B → colour change; **1**
- (b) No glucose in urine / person not diabetic / concentration  
normal in blood **1**
- (c) Enzyme-based method is quantitative / more sensitive /  
specific to glucose / ora; **1**
- Total 6 marks**
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**Question 6**

- (a) Lower blood pressure / less turbulence (in veins);  
*Reject 'no pressure'.* **1**
- (b) (Collagen in) damaged blood vessel wall / platelets;  
(Activates) thrombokinase / thromboplastin;  
In presence of calcium (ions) / plasma enzymes / factor 8;  
Prothrombin converted to thrombin;  
(Thrombin causes) conversion of fibrinogen into fibrin;  
*Latter two must be in correct sequence for both marks.* **4 max**
- (c) (i) (Greater blood) turbulence; **1**
- (ii) Arrow at point of branch or just below in coronary artery;  
*Reject 'above branch'.* **1**
- Total 7 marks**
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**Question 7**

- (a) *Penicillium* / fungus produces / secretes antibiotic / penicillin;  
Penicillin (*reject Penicillium*) / antibiotic will kill / inhibit the growth  
of bacteria / other microorganisms; **2**
- (b) Reduce rate of (population) growth / slow division of bacteria /  
cells / reduced metabolism;  
So nutrient supplies not exhausted / toxins not accumulating; **2**
- (c) (mRNA) cannot be translated / translation cannot occur;  
Peptide bonds are not formed / amino acids cannot join /  
polypeptide not formed;  
No codon-anticodon binding; **2 max**

**Total 6 marks**

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**Question 8**

- (a) Identify those at risk from developing cancer;  
So as to avoid relevant environmental factors / enable early diagnosis;  
Identify risk in families; **2 max**
- (b) *Mutation of suppressor gene – up to 4 marks*
1. Mutation is a change in the DNA / sense strand;
  2. Base sequence altered / e.g.;
  3. Suppressor gene produces wrong instructions / has different code;
  4. (Therefore) different amino acid sequence;
  5. Different protein structure / non-functional protein;
- Malignant tumour – up to 2 marks*
6. Cell division by mitosis;
  7. Tumour cells growth abnormal / continuous / uncontrolled / rapid;
  8. Tumour cells spread / invade other tissues / form secondary tumours / metastasis;
  9. Via blood / lymph system; **6 max**
- (c) (i) Most lung cancer occurs in smokers / non-smokers also develop lung cancer;  
Smoking increases the risk of lung cancer;  
Smoking is an environmental factor for lung cancer;  
Smokers' risk more than 4x that of non-smokers / correct ref to figures;  
(But) only a small proportion of smokers develop lung cancer;  
Smokers more likely to develop other lung disease than cancer; **3 max**
- (ii) Do not know size of sample / might be small sample in study;  
Genetic differences / predisposition;  
Could be different age at which started to smoke;  
Could be different number of cigarettes smoked per day;  
Could be different tar levels in cigarettes smoked;  
Could be different sexes in sample;  
Other valid; **2 max**
- (d) All exposed to same environmental conditions / factors / no regional variations;  
Same level of pollution / example; *reject less pollution*  
Similar diet / example;  
Same water supply;  
Easier to screen whole population;  
Easier to follow family history / people related;  
Identify genetic differences in those affected (since everything else the same) / less genetic diversity; **2 max**

**Total 15 marks**

**Question 9**

- (a) Carrier of foreign DNA / gene; **1**
- (b) (i) *Pst* I; **1**
- (ii) (Loss of) marker gene;  
Genetic code / base sequence / DNA altered;  
(So) gene no longer functional; **2 max**
- (iii) Separate DNA strands to expose sense strand / probe only a single strand;  
Probe contains a complementary base sequence to gene;  
Attaches to complementary sequence if gene present;  
Presence / location indicated by radioactivity / fluorescence; **3 max**
- (c) So cells cannot conjugate / link;  
To stop transfer of DNA;  
To reduce risk of other organisms in environment getting altered genes; **2 max**
- (d) 1. DNA is double stranded / double helix;  
2. Unwinds / separates / hydrogen bonds break;  
3. Two strands / sense / antisense strands exposed / act as templates;  
4. DNA nucleotides in nucleoplasm / link together / form polynucleotide;  
5. Complementary base pairing / described;  
6. Role of DNA polymerase;  
7. Two identical copies of DNA made;  
8. Each contains one of original strands / semi-conservative; **6 max**

Total 15 marks

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