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Advanced Subsidiary GCE

Unit G623: Cells and Molecules

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Q	Question		Grade	Answer	Mark	Guidance
1	а		2c/d 2e/u	 A = Nucleus/ nucleoplasm/ chromatin ✓ B = Chloroplast ✓ C = Vacuole ✓ D = Cell wall ✓ 	4	
	b		c/d e/u	Actual length = $80 \checkmark$ (Accept 79 – 81) 0.053(mm); (accept 80÷1500); (accept 0.0533) \checkmark If 79 mm = 0.053/0.0526 If 81 mm = 0.054	2	ACCEPT tolerance of +/- 1mm for measuring length XY. ACCEPT 1 mark for correct measurement. ACCEPT ecf for correct calculation but incorrect measurement.
	C	i	2c/d e/u	[Level 1] Candidates show a high level of understanding & includes a detailed description, of valid points, expressed clearly and logically. (3 marks) [Level 2] Candidates show some understanding and includes a description of valid points, expressed clearly. (2 marks) [Level 3] Candidates show a basic level of understanding of valid points written in sentences but with limited description. (1 marks)	3	 valid points to include: Calibrate eye piece graticule Using stage micrometer Count number of arbitrary epg units covering cell Repeat/measure length of many cells Calculate mean Convert to mm/µm Compare with others to check reliability Accept Move slide around (to count more than one cell)
	С	ii	c/d	Cell would cover more eye piece divisions/units (as would appear larger but epg scale stays the same) (OWTTE) ✓	1	ACCEPT cell would be bigger/larger on the scale
				Total	10	

Q	Question		Grade	Answer	Mark	Guidance
2	а	i	c/d e/u	Appropriate plotting of points ✓ ✓	2	Award two marks for 6-7 points correctly plotted. Award 1 mark for 4-5 points correctly plotted. Plotting of points – allow tolerance of +/- 0.5 square
		ii	e/u	Appropriate smooth line of best fit \checkmark	1	REJECT 'hairy lines'. REJECT if no ruler used.
	b		a/b	Use graph to find concentration of sucrose where there is 0% change Accept 0.34-0.36 Mol dm⁻³ ✓	1	ecf for sucrose concentration if taken from graph at intersect of x-axis
	С		c/d	 any one from: To prevent evaporation of water ✓ To stop/reduce changes to water potential/solute potential ✓ To prevent contamination ✓ 	1	
	d		2c/d	 any two from: To allow comparison ✓ Not all the discs were the same mass at the start ✓ Not all the discs were the same thickness ✓ Not all the discs were identical/variation in potato discs ✓ Discs may have been obtained from different parts of the potato ✓ Discs may have different surface areas ✓ 	2	REJECT fair test
				Total	7	

Q	Question		Grade	Answer	Mark	Guidance
3	а	i	e/u	Test not 100% accurate/open to error ✓	1	 ACCEPT one from: Whether to inform relatives ✓ Possible life sentence for other family members ✓ Whether to pursue selective abortion ✓ Whether or not patient should have children ✓ Human rights issues of patient including: Employment / insurance / mortgage facilities ✓ AVP with qualification e.g. religious viewpoints/ increased risk of miscarriage ✓
		ii	c/d e/u	any two from: Determination of blood groups ✓ White cell/Red cell/Platelet, counts ✓ Haematocrit/packed cell volume ✓ Mean cell volume ✓ (Mean cell) haemoglobin concentration ✓ Drug tests ✓ Antibody indicators/Hepatitis/HIV/ELISA test ✓ Abnormalities in blood cell types e.g. sickle cell ✓	2	ACCEPT full blood count as alternative to white/red/platelet counts; REJECT ref to cervical smear tests. IGNORE karyotyping
	b	i	c/d e/u	 any two from: Equipment is cheap(er) to buy ✓ Equipment needs less expertise to operate / less training needed for operation ✓ Specimen/tissue, preparation is quicker ✓ Tissue preparation does not involve complex staining ✓ Tissue preparation less likely to cause, artefacts/distortions ✓ 	2	 ACCEPT functional differences of LM e.g. higher magnification/resolution not needed ✓ IGNORE ref to dead/ living cells/ cells viewed in a vacuum

Q	uesti	on	Grade	Answer	Mark	Guidance
3	b	ii	a/b c/d	 Evidence - any one from: enlarged nuclei/irregular shaped nuclei ✓ fatter/larger cells ✓ abundance of chromatin ✓ Explanation - any one from: Uncontrolled, cell division/mitosis ✓ Damage to DNA ✓ HPV infection (owtte) ✓ Increase in DNA replication ✓ Increase in protein synthesis ✓ 	2	ACCEPT presence of koilocytes in CIN.
	C		3a/b	 any three from: Specific ✓ Anti hCG (monoclonal) antibodies in test/ AW ✓ Bind to hCG/ antigen (in urine) ✓ Colour change/ fluorescent / radioactive molecule indicator ✓ 	3	
				Total	10	

Q	Question		Grade	Answer	Mark	Guidance
4	а		6e/u	1 = Black ✓ 2 = Iodine / iodide ✓ 3 = Emulsion ✓ 4 = Acid ✓ 5 = Lilac ✓ 6 = Benedicts ✓	6	
	b	i	a/b 2c/d e/u	 V = phosphate/phosphoric acid ✓ W = (pentose) sugar/deoxyribose ✓ X = base/ guanine / cytosine ✓ Y = nucleotide ✓ 	4	REJECT ref to 'A' and 'T' bases
		ii	c/d	Hydrogen bonds ✓	1	
	С	i	c/d	Codon ✓	1	IGNORE 'Triplet'
		ii	3a/b	CAT ✓ GTA ✓ GAG ✓	3	
			3a/b	 Consequence – any two from: Codon becomes CUC/subsequent codon sequences change ✓ Histidine replaced by leucine ✓ Secondary/tertiary structure of polypeptide changes ✓ Frameshift ✓ Reason: Code is non-overlapping/each codon is read separately ✓ 	3	
				Total	18	

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