# GCE

# Biology A

## H420/03: Unified biology

Advanced GCE

# Mark Scheme for Autumn 2021

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**Annotations**

| Annotation | Meaning |
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| **DO NOT ALLOW** | Answers which are not worthy of credit |
| **IGNORE** | Statements which are irrelevant |
| **ALLOW** | Answers that can be accepted |
| ( ) | Words which are not essential to gain credit |
| __ | Underlined words must be present in answer to score a mark |
| **ECF** | Error carried forward |
| **AW** | Alternative wording |
| **ORA** | Or reverse argument |

## Marking Annotations

| Annotation | Use |
|---|---|
| BOD | Benefit of Doubt |
| CON | Contradiction |
|  | Cross |
| ECF | Error Carried Forward |
| GM | Given Mark |
|  | Extendable horizontal wavy line (to indicate errors / incorrect science terminology) |
| I | Ignore |
|  | Large dot (various uses as defined in mark scheme) |
|  | Highlight (various uses as defined in mark scheme) |
| NBOD | Benefit of the doubt not given |
|  | Tick |
| ^ | Omission Mark |
| BP | Blank Page |
| L1 | Level 1 answer in Level of Response question |
| L2 | Level 2 answer in Level of Response question |
| L3 | Level 3 answer in Level of Response question |

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<tr><td>1</td><td>a</td><td></td><td>(A =) spiracle ✓<br>(B =) trachea ✓</td><td>2</td><td>2.3</td><td>ALLOW spiracles<br>DO NOT ALLOW tracheoles<br>ALLOW chitin (rings) / taenidia / tracheal tube / tracheae</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td>b</td><td>i</td><td><table><tr><th></th><th>Mouth closes</th><th>Buccal cavity floor lowers</th><th>Operculum opens</th><th>Oxygen diffuses into capillaries</th></tr><tr><td>Water moves into the buccal cavity</td><td></td><td>✓</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Water moves across the gills and out of the buccal cavity</td><td>✓</td><td></td><td>✓</td><td>✓</td></tr></table>All 4 columns correct ✓✓</td><td>2</td><td>1.2</td><td>3 columns correct = ✓</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td></td><td>ii</td><td>remove operculum / described (rather than cutting up the ventral side) ✓<br>use pins to hold fish (rather than a hand) ✓<br>remove gills and observe under a microscope ✓</td><td>1 max</td><td>3.3</td><td>IGNORE ‘remove gills’ unqualified<br><br>IGNORE ‘use a microscope’ unqualified</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td>c</td><td>i</td><td>60 ($cm^3$) ✓</td><td>1</td><td>2.2</td><td>1.44 $dm^3$ = 1440 $cm^3$<br>1440 / 24 = 60</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td></td><td>ii</td><td>inbreeding / AW, reduces genetic diversity ✓<br><br>(more) homozygous recessive alleles (for CPF) ✓<br><br>idea of allele for CPF linked to gene for desirable trait (so inherited together) ✓</td><td>1 max</td><td>2.5</td><td>ALLOW ‘inbreeding creates smaller gene pool’<br>ALLOW ‘more homozygous recessive genotypes (for CPF)’<br>ALLOW (leads to) inbreeding depression e.g. ‘CPF gene on same chromosome as (named) desirable trait ‘</td></tr>
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| | | iii | *idea of* compare genomes of, dog breeds / individual dogs ✓<br><br>*idea of* identify, alleles / genotypes / base sequences (in WHTs), that are present (only) in dogs with CPF ✓<br><br>*idea of* identify dogs that are carrying (the allele for) CPF ✓<br><br>(use of) computational biology / bioinformatics, to link genes with CPF ✓<br><br>*idea of* linking DNA sequences to specific proteins (i.e. proteomics) ✓ | **2 max** | 2.5 | e.g. 'compare DNA of dogs with and without CPF'<br>e.g. 'identify, allele / gene, that causes CPF'<br><br>e.g. 'can identify mutated protein from DNA sequence' |
| | | iv | weakened / dead / inactivated, (parvo)virus ✓<br><br>antigens from the (parvo)virus ✓<br><br>mRNA to produce(parvo)virus proteins ✓ | **1 max** | 2.1 | **IGNORE** 'dormant form of virus'<br>**ALLOW** 'attenuated form of virus'<br>**ALLOW** viral coat proteins |
| | | v | memory cells have, reduced in number / AW ✓ | **1** | 2.5 | **ALLOW** to produce more memory cells (to improve immunity)<br>**DO NOT ALLOW** 'no memory cells left' |
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| 2 | a | | ***Please refer to the marking instructions on page 4 of this mark scheme for guidance on how to mark this question.***<br><br>***In summary:***<br>*Read through the whole answer. (Be prepared to recognise and credit unexpected approaches where they show relevance.)*<br>*Using a 'best-fit' approach based on the science content of the answer, first decide which of the level descriptors,* ***Level 1****,* ***Level 2*** *or* ***Level 3****, best describes the overall quality of the answer.*<br>*Then, award the higher or lower mark within the level, according to the* ***Communication Statement*** *(shown in italics):*<br>o *award the higher mark where the Communication Statement has been met.*<br>o *award the lower mark where aspects of the Communication Statement have been missed.*<br><br>• ***The science content determines the level.***<br>• ***The Communication Statement determines the mark within a level.*** | | | |
| | | | **Level 3 (5-6 marks)**<br>Describes in detail, with no major errors, the stages of mitosis in all three cells.<br><br>*There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured. The information presented is relevant and substantiated.*<br><br>**Level 2 (3-4 marks)**<br>Describes, with few errors or omissions, the stages of mitosis in all three cells.<br>**OR**<br>Describes in detail, with no major errors, at least two cells.<br><br>*There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The information presented is relevant and supported by some evidence.*<br><br>**Level 1 (1-2 marks)**<br>Describes the stages of mitosis, with some errors, in at least one cell.<br>**OR**<br>Describes stages of mitosis with no link to cells in question | **6** | 2.5<br>2.7 | **Indicative scientific points (including details in bold) may include (but are not limited to):**<br><br>*Cell C:*<br>• Prophase<br>• Chromosomes condense<br>• Chromosomes have become visible (but are unordered)<br>• Nuclear envelope and nucleolus have disappeared<br><br>*Cell D:*<br>• (Early) anaphase<br>• Spindle fibres are shortening<br>• Chromatids are separating and are being pulled to opposite sides of the cell |

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| | | | *There is an attempt at a logical structure with a line of reasoning. The information is in the most part relevant.*<br><br>**0 marks**<br>No response or no response worthy of credit. | | | *Cell E:*<br>• (Late) telophase<br>• Chromatids have been pulled to opposite sides of the cell<br>• A new cell membrane is visible down the centre of the cell<br>• Cytokinesis/ the cell is beginning to divide |
| | **b** | **i** | *idea that* (some) cells contain incorrect number of chromosomes ✓ | **1** | 3.1 | e.g. cells do not contain the diploid number of chromosomes / cells contain different numbers of chromosomes |
| | | **ii** | G1 (checkpoint) **AND** *idea that* cells (with damaged DNA) should be stopped from entering the S phase ✓<br><br>G1(checkpoint) **AND** *idea that* this is the point where DNA damage is checked ✓ | **1** | 3.1 | **DO NOT ALLOW** G2 (as if this was not working both replication and mitosis would occur) |
| | **c** | | *Binary fission has*<br><br>chromosome(s) do not condense prior to separation ✓<br><br>no lining up of chromosomes, in pairs / across equator ✓<br><br>no separation of chromosomes into chromatids ✓<br><br>chromatids not joined at centromere ✓<br>no, centrioles / spindle fibres ✓<br>one large chromosome rather than several smaller chromosomes ✓<br><br>(replication of) circular DNA / plasmid(s) ✓ | **2 max** | 2.5 | **Mark as continuous prose**<br>**ALLOW** ora throughout<br>**IGNORE** ref to nuclear membrane disappears<br>**ALLOW** 'no lining up of DNA across equator'<br>**ALLOW** 'no separation of chromatids'<br>**DO NOT ALLOW** 'no chromosomes being pulled to opposite sides of cell' |

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| | d | i | *'For' statement:*<br><br>no lag phase (is shown) ✓<br>no (clear), stationary / death / decline, phase ✓<br><br>*idea that* decrease between day 3 and 4 is not typical of standard growth curve ✓<br><br>*'Against' statement:*<br>*idea that* lag phase may be present but day 0 data are not shown ✓<br><br>exponential / log / rapid growth, phase present (between day 1 and 2) ✓<br><br>*idea that* stationary / death / decline, phase may occur later ✓<br><br>*General point*:<br>*idea that* presence of limited nitrate is responsible for the (non-standard) growth curve ✓ | **4 max** | 3.1 | **ALLOW** clear descriptions of stages of growth curve e.g 'there is no fall in number of cells at end of growth curve'<br><br>e.g. 'lag phase may occur between day 0 and day1'<br><br>**ALLOW** 'growth rate increases (between days1-5) but then rate of growth slows down'<br><br>e.g. 'reduction in nitrate could lead to fall in cell numbers between day 3 and 4' / 'as nitrate levels fall bacterial cell numbers are still increasing' |

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| | | ii | **FIRST CHECK ON ANSWER LINE**<br>**If answer = 2.5 x $10^6$ award 3 marks**<br><br>$10^{4.7}$ = 50,118.72336 ✓<br><br>x 50 (= 2,505,936.168) ✓<br><br>standard form = 2.5 x $10^6$ ✓ | **3** | 2.4 | **ALLOW any value between $10^{4.5}$ and $10^{4.8}$**<br>**i.e. 1.6 - 3.2 x $10^6$ award 3 marks**<br>**ALLOW** 31,622.7766 – 63,095.73445<br>**ALLOW** any correct rounded value<br><br>This mark should be awarded to 'x50' seen anywhere in the working, regardless of the value being multiplied<br>This mark should be awarded for correctly converting to standard form, regardless of the value being converted as **ECF**<br>**MAX 2** for correct answer not converted to standard form |
| | | iii | serial dilution ✓<br>*idea of*<br>grow colonies (on agar plate) and count number of colonies ✓<br>*idea of* scale up /multiply up, count (to estimate population size) ✓ | **2 max** | 2.7 | <br><br>**ALLOW** *idea of* flow cytometry / described |
| | **e** | | Short /AW ✓<br>pollutants / contaminants ✓<br><br>metabolites ✓ | **3** | 1.1 | <br>**ALLOW** pollution / contamination / waste / oil /solvents /pesticides / benzene / plastics / chemicals<br><br>**IGNORE** impurities / faeces / toxins / bacteria / pathogens |
| **3** | **a** | | *callose…*<br>(has) 1-3 and 1-6 glycosidic bonds ✓<br><br>(is) branched ✓<br><br>(is) helical ✓<br><br>*idea of* alternate glucose molecules are not rotated 180° ✓ | **2 max** | 2.1 | <br>**ALLOW** cellulose (has only) 1-4 glycosidic bonds<br>**ALLOW** cellulose is, not branched / straight chains<br>**ALLOW** cellulose is not helical<br>**IGNORE** callose is more compact<br>**ALLOW** *idea of* alternate glucose molecules rotated 180° in cellulose |

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| | b | | ***Please refer to the marking instructions on page 4 of this mark scheme for guidance on how to mark this question.***<br><br>***In summary:***<br>*Read through the whole answer. (Be prepared to recognise and credit unexpected approaches where they show relevance.)*<br>*Using a 'best-fit' approach based on the science content of the answer, first decide which of the level descriptors,* ***Level 1****,* ***Level 2*** *or* ***Level 3****, best describes the overall quality of the answer.*<br>*Then, award the higher or lower mark within the level, according to the* ***Communication Statement*** *(shown in italics):*<br>o *award the higher mark where the Communication Statement has been met.*<br>o *award the lower mark where aspects of the Communication Statement have been missed.*<br><br>• ***The science content determines the level.***<br>• ***The Communication Statement determines the mark within a level.*** | | | |
| | | | **Level 3 (5-6 marks)**<br>A valid plan for testing the effect of temperature on callose production, including details of control variables **and** some details of callose measurement.<br><br>*There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured. The information presented is relevant and substantiated.*<br><br>**Level 2 (3-4 marks)**<br>A valid plan, with some details, for testing the effect of temperature on callose production, including **either** details of control variables **or** some details of callose measurement.<br><br>*There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The information presented is relevant and supported by some evidence.*<br><br>**Level 1 (1-2 marks)**<br>A plan that mentions observing callose production **or** controlling variables. | | 3.3<br>3.4 | **Indicative scientific points may include (but are not limited to):**<br><br>*General experimental details to improve validity*:<br>• a suitable range of temperatures (e.g. 0, 10, 20, 30, 40° C)<br>• a suitable sample size or the idea of repeats (e.g. 50 plants)<br>• idea of a baseline measure of callose levels before the experiment<br><br>*Control variables*:<br>• same species / size / genetics of plant (e.g. using cloned plants)<br>• light intensity and duration (e.g. 12 hours of light and 12 hours of dark) |

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| | | | *There is an attempt at a logical structure with a line of reasoning. The information is in the most part relevant.*<br><br>**0 marks**<br>No response or no response worthy of credit. | | | • pH / nutrients / water regime (e.g. using the same soil and water supply)<br>• maintaining aseptic conditions and monitoring infections (and removing infected plants from the experiment)<br><br>*Callose observation*:<br>• use a microscope<br>• take tissue samples<br>• standardise the size and location of tissue samples<br>• take samples from different sites<br>• use of stain (e.g. aniline blue)<br>• immunofluorescence |

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<tr><td>fungus</td><td>yes</td><td>yes</td><td>black sigatoka</td></tr>
<tr><td>bacterium</td><td>no</td><td>yes</td><td>ring rot</td></tr>
<tr><td>virus</td><td>no</td><td>no</td><td>tobacco mosaic (virus) / TMV</td></tr>
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One mark per correct row; all correct = ✓✓✓</td><td>3</td><td>1.1</td><td>ACCEPT any other correct examples of viral diseases in plants</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td>d</td><td></td><td>example of chemical defence ✓<br><br>example of physical defence ✓</td><td>1 max</td><td>1.1</td><td>e.g. (production of) pheromones / poisons / toxic compounds / named examples (phenols, tannins, alkaloids, Bt toxin)<br>e.g. folding in response to touch / thorns/ spines</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td>e</td><td></td><td>insects (may) develop resistance ✓</td><td>1</td><td>2.1</td><td>ALLOW ‘insects become resistant’<br>DO NOT ALLOW references to immunity<br>DO NOT ALLOW insecticides cause mutations leading to resistance</td></tr>
<tr><td>4</td><td>a</td><td></td><td>(carry out) Benedict’s test / described ✓<br><br>(if test for reducing sugar negative) boil with (dilute) HCl and (re)test (with Benedict’s) ✓</td><td>2</td><td>2.7</td><td>ALLOW ‘add Benedict’s (solution)’</td></tr>
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<tr><th>Description of amino acid</th><th>Name of amino acid</th><th>Justification</th></tr>
<tr><td>Converted to pyruvate with the fewest changes</td><td>Alanine</td><td>(Both have) 3 carbon atoms / Same number of carbon atoms</td></tr>
<tr><td>Converted to alpha-ketoglutarate with the fewest changes</td><td>Glutamic acid</td><td>(Both have) 5 carbon atoms / Same number of carbon atoms</td></tr>
<tr><td>The amino acid with the highest respiratory quotient (RQ)</td><td>Aspartic acid</td><td>Highest proportion of oxygen atoms (in its structure) / lowest proportion of C-H bonds (relative to other bonds)</td></tr>
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First row correct ✓<br>Second row correct ✓<br>Aspartic acid ✓<br>Aspartic acid explanation ✓
</td><td>4</td><td>3.1</td><td>ALLOW (both have) 3C atoms<br>DO NOT ALLOW ‘same number of C and, H / O, atoms’<br><br>IGNORE ‘both have 2 carboxyl groups’<br><br>ALLOW (both have) 5C atoms<br>DO NOT ALLOW ‘same number of C and, H / O, atoms’</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td></td><td>ii</td><td>decarboxylation / carbon dioxide produced ✓<br>dehydrogenation / hydrogen removal / reduced NAD produced / reduced FAD produced✓<br>ATP produced ✓<br>succinyl co-A / succinate / fumarate / malate / 4 C intermediate, produced ✓</td><td>2 max</td><td>1.2<br>2.5</td><td>ALLOW mp’s from correct equations</td></tr>
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| | c | | *idea of* establishment of $H^+$ ion gradient ✓<br><br>$H^+$ ions, flow down a concentration gradient / AW ✓<br><br>from intermembrane space to matrix ✓<br>through ATP synthase ✓<br>energy, provided / AW, to join ADP and Pi ( to form ATP) ✓ | **3 max** | 1.1 | e.g. ' pumping protons into intermembranal space'<br>**DO NOT ALLOW** '$H^+$ ions pumped (from intermembrane space / through ATP synthase)<br><br>**DO NOT ALLOW** 'energy produced to join ADP and Pi' |
| | d | | *0 watts*: (mainly) carbohydrates respired / AW ✓<br>*50 watts:* (more) fats / lipids /amino acids / proteins, respired /AW ✓<br><br>*250 watts:* (more) anaerobic respiration /AW ✓ | **3** | 3.1 | **ALLOW** (mainly) glucose respired<br>**DO NOT ALLOW** 'only, fats/amino acids / proteins, respired' |
| **5** | **a** | | <table><tr><th>Statement about amylose</th><th>True or False?</th></tr><tr><td>Amylose is soluble</td><td>False</td></tr><tr><td>Amylose is branched</td><td>False</td></tr><tr><td>Amylose is formed by condensation reactions</td><td>True</td></tr></table><br>All 3 correct = ✓ | **1** | 1.1 | |
| | b | | *D. antarctica habitat*:<br>lower (maximum) light levels ✓<br><br>*idea of* reason for lower (maximum) light levels ✓<br><br>*idea that* optimum rate of photosynthesis (in its habitat) is at a lower light intensity than that of *Z. mays* ✓ | **2 max** | 3.2 | **ORA** *Z. mays habitat*<br>**ALLOW** less available light / darker habitat / more shaded<br>e.g more cloud cover / shorter day length / taller / competing, plants (shade fern)<br><br>e.g. rate of photosynthesis is higher at lower light levels compared to *Z. mays* |

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| | c | i | **FIRST CHECK ON ANSWER LINE**<br>**If answer = 0.943 award 3 marks**<br><br>$\Sigma d^2 = 2$ ✓<br><br>$n(n^2 - 1) = 210$ ✓<br><br>$1 - (6 \times 2) / 210 = 0.943$ ✓ | **3** | 2.4 | **ALLOW** calculator value (0.942857) or any correctly rounded value<br><br>**ALLOW ECF** final answer if incorrect values used for $\Sigma d^2$ and / or $n(n^2 - 1)$ for mp3 |
| | | ii | significant positive correlation (at 0.05 confidence) ✓ | **1** | 3.1 | **ALLOW ECF** correct conclusion based on incorrect calculated value from **c(i)** |
| | | iii | no significant (positive) correlation ✓ | **1** | 3.1 | |
| | d | i | *idea of* little (visible) light available / plants absorb most light available / only certain wavelengths of light available underwater ✓<br><br>*idea of* it absorbs light, at different wavelengths, compared to aquatic plant species ✓<br><br>*idea of* absorbs wider range of wavelengths (compared to chlorophyll A alone) ✓ | **1** | 3.2 | e.g. 'longer wavelengths of light available in their aquatic environment'<br><br>e.g. 'able to use, far red / longer, wavelengths compared to aquatic plants'<br><br>e.g. 'able to absorb wavelengths of light that Chlorophyll A does not' |
| | | ii | Z ✓ | **1** | 2.8 | |
| | | | **Total** | **70** | | |

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