

## **GCE**

# **Biology**

Unit F215: Control, Genomes and Environment

Advanced GCE

Mark Scheme for June 2017

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Annotation	Meaning
BOD	Benefit of Doubt
CON	Contradiction
×	Cross
ECF	Error Carried Forward
GM	Given Mark
~~~	Extendable horizontal wavy line
I	Ignore
	Large dot (Key point attempted)
NBOD	Benefit of the doubt not given
QWC+	additional QWC credit given
<b>✓</b>	Tick
<b>✓</b> 1	Tick 1
✓ 2	Tick 2
^	Omission Mark

#### Subject specific instructions

Unless otherwise stated, accept phonetic spelling throughout unless there is clear ambiguity with another term.

For each correct mark point awarded the tick annotation should be used.

Ensure that the answers to all part questions are acknowledged with a suitable annotation - e.g.

an omission mark or NBOD if the answer is incomplete or not good enough

a wavy line if some information is inaccurate

CON if a potential mark point is contradicted

a cross if the answer is completely wrong.

Use BOD with care and only if you are certain that the answer is close enough to the required information for the mark.

G	uesti	ion	Answer	Mark	Guidance
1	(a)	(i)	1 succession;		
			2 migration / species introduction / extinction;		CREDIT new, pathogen / disease
			3 named human activity;		CREDIT farming / hunting / building / deforestation /
					artificial selection / named form of pollution
			4 population size (fluctuation);		
			5 natural selection / genetic drift / evolution / speciation;		ACCEPT directional / disruptive, selection
			6 variation in named abiotic factor;		ACCEPT desertification, climate change
			7 named natural disaster;	2 max	e.g. volcanic eruption, flooding
		(ii)	1 collect, grass / plants / producers (from,1 m² / quadrat);		DO NOT ACCEPT collect grassland
					IGNORE take a sample (of the plant)
			2 wash / remove, soil / organisms;		
			3 dry mass / dry in oven / heat to evaporate water;		ACCEPT dry in microwave
			4 ref. constant mass / oven at 105°C;		<b>ACCEPT</b> 101-110°C
			5 ref. (bomb) <u>calorimeter</u> ;		DO NOT ACCEPT colorimeter
			6 energy (in kJ) = temperature rise x mass of water x 4.2		CREDIT ΔH for temperature rise / change
			(plant dry mass)	5 max	CREDIT volume for mass of water
					CREDIT specific heat capacity / 4.18 for 4.2 J g <sup>-1</sup> °C <sup>-1</sup>
	(b)	(i)	<pre>geographic(al);</pre>	1	IGNORE allopatric
		(ii)	DNA / nucleotide / base / gene, sequence (data);		IGNORE genome / mapping / cladistics
					IGNORE genotype sequencing
					IGNORE genetic fingerprinting / DNA profiling
			protein / amino acid, sequence (data);	2	ACCEPT named e.g. cytochrome c, haemoglobin
		(iii)	they can produce fertile offspring;	1	IGNORE viable

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(c)		giant tortoises (accept ORA for mammal throughout)		IGNORE don't need to eat
		1 ectotherm(ic) / control temperature by behaviour / do not use		ACCEPT poikilothermic
		much energy to regulate temperature;		DO NOT ACCEPT cold-blooded
		2 low, BMR / metabolism / rate of respiration;		ACCEPT slow, BMR / metabolism
		3 moves, less / slowly;	2 max	ACCEPT less active / less energy lost in movement
(d)	(i)	year = 365 / 366 / 365.25 days		correct with units = 2 missing or incorrect units = 1
		51100 000 / 51 240 000 / 51 135 000, kg (year -1);;	2	<b>CREDIT</b> 5.11 x 10 <sup>7</sup> kg, etc OR 51 100 tonnes, etc
				ACCEPT kg / year
				DO NOT ACCEPT kJ
				If answer is incorrect, then allow 1 mark for :
				4000 x 35 (1 day) <b>or</b>
				35 x 365 (1 tortoise) <b>or</b> 35 x 366 <b>or</b> 35 x 365.25
	(ii)	less (interspecific) competition (for food);	1	DO NOT ACCEPT intraspecific competition
(e)		(increases), employment / jobs / income / profit / revenue, from,		
		(eco)tourism / scientific research / grants;	1	
		Total	17	

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2	(a)		(positive) phototropism;	1	DO NOT ACCEPT phototropHism / phototaxis
		(i)	<ul> <li>(positive) phototropism;</li> <li>control experiments E1 control         intact / AW, seedling / shoot, (without tip removed);         explanation of purpose         to, show / compare, normal height of intact seedling;</li> <li>E2 control         seedling / shoot, with tip removed;         explanation of purpose         to show, height without auxin /              that elongation depends on, tip / auxin;</li> <li>E3 control         seedling / shoot, with tip removed and replaced with agar block (that does not contain auxin);         explanation of purpose         to show that agar does not cause elongation;</li> <li>E4 control         seedling / shoot, plus barrier plus agar with auxin;         explanation of purpose         to show that auxin moves downwards / AW;</li> <li>control variables V1 variable         temperature;         explanation / purpose</li> </ul>		DO NOT ACCEPT phototropHism / phototaxis  CREDIT growth for height / elongation throughout
			ref. enzyme activity / limiting factor on Calvin cycle;  V2 variable carbon dioxide concentration; explanation / purpose		ACCEPT limiting factor on light independent reaction IGNORE dark reaction  ACCEPT light independent reaction IGNORE dark reaction
			rate of / limiting factor on, Calvin cycle;		ACCEPT light independent reaction IGNORE dark reaction

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	V3 variable light intensity; explanation / purpose rate of / limiting factor on, light dependent reaction;		ACCEPT photolysis / photophosphorylation IGNORE light reaction
	V4 variable light wavelength; explanation / purpose rate of / limiting factor on, light dependent reaction;		ACCEPT photolysis / photophosphorylation IGNORE light reaction
	V5 variable water availability; explanation / purpose ref. osmosis / turgor / cell elongation;		IGNORE transpiration
	V6 variable variety / species of barley; explanation / purpose ref. genetic potential for growth;		
	V7 variable age of seedling; explanation / purpose different, initial heights / growth rates;		ACCEPT different responses to auxin
	V8 variable size of agar block; explanation / purpose ref. diffusion / concentration, of auxin;		
	V9 variable length of time, tip is on agar / agar is on seedling; explanation / purpose ref. diffusion / concentration, of auxin;		
	V10 variable		

Quest	ion		Answer	Mark	Guidance
		length / mass, of s explanation / purp ref. concentration,		4 max	
	(ii)	temperature; carbon dioxide concen water availability; variety / species, of ba age of seedling; size of agar block; length of time, tip is on length / mass, of shoot	rley ; agar / agar is on seedling ;	2 max	Mark first two responses only.  DO NOT ACCEPT repeat variable from (i)
(c)	(i)	Plant hormone  auxin  ethene	Change in levels (e.g. increase, decrease or stays the same) decrease and increase;		Both rows need to be correct for the mark to be awarded
	(ii)	(increase) competition insect / mollusc, herbiv (bacterial / viral / funga	; vory / attack ;	1 max	ACCEPT allelopathy  DO NOT ACCEPT herbivory / grazing unqualified
(d)	(i)	8 704 <b>or</b> 17 409 ; ;		2	Correct answer = 2 marks If answer is incorrect, allow 1 mark for 8 705 or 52 230 ÷ 2 ÷ 3

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								or 17 410 or 52 230 ÷ 3	
(d)	(ii)							Award 1 mark for each correct row	
		Statement	mRNA	rRNA	tRNA			DO NOT CREDIT if additional tick(s) in a row DO NOT ACCEPT hybrid ticks	
		binds to amino acid by condensation			✓	;		ACCEPT crosses in blank squares	
		carries a DNA transcript from nucleus to cytoplasm	<b>✓</b>			;			
		found in the nucleus	✓	✓	✓	;			
		present in the ribosome	✓	✓	✓	;			
		structural component of organelle		✓		;	5		
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(d) (i	i) 1 take (named) explants from (GM), lavender / plant;		1 e.g. pieces of, leaf / stem / root / bud / meristem / apex  DO NOT CREDIT a single cutting or cells
	2 sterilise with, bleach / sodium hypochlorite / ethanol;		
	<ul> <li>3 ref. growth / nutrient / culture, medium OR agar;</li> <li>4 ref. callus formation or</li> <li>mass of, undifferentiated / totipotent, cells;</li> </ul>		3 CREDIT linked to mps 7 / 8 also
	5 auxin and cytokinin promote, mitosis / cell division;		
	6 subdivide callus / sub-culturing;		
	7 (high / increase), cytokinin (: auxin ratio) for shoots;		<b>7 CREDIT</b> cytokinin : auxin ratio = 4 : 1 for shoots
	8 (high / increase), auxin (: cytokinin ratio) for roots;		8 CREDIT auxin : cytokinin ratio = 100 : 1 for roots
			ECF for mp 8 from incorrect mp 7
	9 transfer to, greenhouse / soil / non-sterile environment;	4 max	
			IGNORE gibberellins / other plant hormones and other effects of auxin such as lateral inhibition / phototropism / stem elongation
	QWC – link the roles of named plant hormones to steps in process ;	1	Answer includes two of mps 5, 7 and 8 linked to correct sequence of steps in process.
	Total	21	

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3	(a)	H1	habituation: (innate / instinctive), response decreases after repeated, exposure / stimulus;		
		C1	classical: two stimuli occur together so reflex triggered by, new / conditioned, stimulus;		ACCEPT innate / instinctive / automatic / involuntary, response for reflex
		01	operant: (chance / voluntary) action is, reinforced by reward / deterred by punishment;		ACCEPT strengthened / idea of training or learning
		H2	decreased response to beef is not due to repeated (beef) stimulus / nausea response to chemical does not decrease;		ACCEPT response is to a second stimulus (chemical)  OR lions do not stop having upset stomach response after eating treated beef
		C2	lions learn to associate beef and, chemical (stimuli);		ACCEPT pain / stomach upset, for chemical
		С3	sickness reflex to chemical now due to beef, alone / instead;		ACCEPT lions' instinct to eat beef stops so not classical
		02	lions associate eating beef with, pain / stomach upset;		ACCEPT lions learn that beef causes them pain
		О3	eating beef + chemical is, negatively reinforced / punished;		ACCEPT poisoned / tainted / contaminated, beef for beef plus chemical
		O4	ref. trial and error learning;	5 max	ACCEPT causes a bad outcome
	(b)	(i)	memory; speech;	2	If additional cells are ticked, max 1 for 1 extra tick and 0 marks if 2 or more extra ticks

Quest	ion	Answer	Mark	Guidance
	(ii)	1 myelin / Schwann cells ;		
		2 increased speed (of, transmission / impulse);		ACCEPT faster, quicker, speeded up
				DO NOT ACCEPT an action potential is faster
		3 <u>saltatory conduction</u> ;		ACCEPT depolarisation / action potential / impulse, jumps from node to node
		4 depolarisation / action potential / ion movement, only at nodes (of Ranvier);		ACCEPT only at gaps, between Schwann cells / in myelin sheath
		5 longer <u>local circuits</u> ;	3	
(c)	(i)	biceps and triceps;		ACCEPT bicep and tricep
		to bend / flex, biceps contracts <b>and</b> triceps relaxes <b>or</b> to straighten / extend, biceps relaxes <b>and</b> triceps contracts;	2	e.g. 'to bend, biceps contracts and triceps relaxes' = 2 marks (mps 1 & 2)
	(ii)	(Pi from) creatine phosphate / phosphocreatine ;	1	
(d)		B and E occur together (in either order);		ACCEPT letters at start and end as together (cycle)
		C and D or C and H, occur together (in either order);		
		F and G occur together (in any order);		
		FBA appear in this order in cycle (any start point);	4	IGNORE intervening letters ACCEPT BAF/AFB
		Total	17	

G	uesti	ion	Answer	Mark	Guidance
4	(a)		overgrazing / eating many, plants; interspecific competition with (native) animals; burrows / warrens, kill / decrease, plants; destroy habitats for (native), animals / plants;	2 max	DO NOT ACCEPT competing with plants
	(b)	(i)	use (living) organisms to , control / decrease, population ;	1	ACCEPT microorganisms / pathogens
		(ii)	(-) 92 %;;	2	Correct answer = 2 marks even if no working shown 1 mark if no units.  1 mark for working if final answer incorrect: $ \frac{500 - 40}{500} \times 100  \text{or}  \frac{460}{500} \times 100 $ ACCEPT $\frac{40}{500} \times 100 = 8\%$ $ \frac{500}{500} $ ACCEPT working with 6 extra zeros on figs, or figs x $10^6$
		(iii)	live in , warrens / (large) groups ; low herd immunity;	1 max	IGNORE high density / density-dependent IGNORE not resistant

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		(iv)	(genetic) resistance, developed / evolved;		
			immunity increased / more rabbits were immune;		<b>DO NOT ACCEPT</b> mp2 if linked to natural selection or mutation.
			more rabbits were born than died;		
			carrying capacity not reached / named factor not yet limiting;	2 max	
		(v)	fleas, are vectors / transmit virus; fleas are parasitic and weaken, host / rabbit;	1 max	ACCEPT spread / carry, the virus
		(vi)	foxes eats , new / other, prey / species ;	1	ACCEPT rabbits not foxes', only / main, prey
	(c)	(i)	DNA; polymerase chain reaction / PCR;	2	IGNORE RNA / genetic material / genes
		(ii)	3; 4;	2	CREDIT in either order
		(iii)	antibodies / immunoglobulins ;	1	ACCEPT IgG / IgA
			Total	15	

C	Question		Answer		Guidance	
5	(a)	(i)			ACCEPT mutation / mutated gene / mutant gene / allele	
					throughout.	
			A3242G / gene, contained in (DNA of) mitochondria;		ACCEPT A3242G / gene, contained in mitochondrial DNA	
			mitochondria, are in ovum cytoplasm / come from mother		ACCEPT mitochondrial DNA for mitochondria	
			OR			
			mitochondria do not come from, sperm / father;			
			(only) mother can / father cannot, pass on, A3242G / gene;	3		
					CREDIT 100% inheritance / all offspring inherit, (dominant) gene / MIMD, from affected mother OR	
					all offspring are affected it mother is affected OR	
					no offspring of affected father inherit, gene / MIMD	
		(ii)			ACCEPT sons / fathers / boys / men, for $3$ throughout	
					and daughters / mothers / girls / women, for ♀ throughout	
			males, are XY / have one copy of, gene / allele ; ora for ♀			
			one copy gives, affected male / carrier female;		CREDIT affected males are hemizygous /	
					affected females are homozygous	
			affected / (a) mother will have sons that are (all) affected; affected / (a), mother will have daughters that are carriers; affected / (b), father will have unaffected sons;		ACCEPT have (named sex-linked recessive) condition for affected	
			affected / (b), father will have daughters that are carriers;	3 max		

Questi	ion	Answer		Mark	Guidance	
	(iii)	substitution;				DO NOT CREDIT insertion / deletion / frameshift
		<u>adenine</u> changed to	guanine;			CREDIT adenine is substituted by guanine (2 marks)
		at, base / nucleotide	e / position,3 242;		2 max	DO NOT CREDIT adenine is substituted for guanine
	(iv)	number / proportion	, of mitochondria with mutation ;		1	
(b)	(i)	amino acid sequend	ce / primary structure / tertiary structure, different ;		1	IGNORE base / nucleotide sequence
	(ii)					Award 1 mark for each correct row
		Plasmid feature	Importance			
		Small size	taken up / AW, by bacteria	;		ACCEPT taken up by E. coli
		Plasmid passes to both daughter cells in binary fission	all offspring GM / all cells produce insulin / product	;		CREDIT transgenic / have new gene, for GM CREDIT produces GM clone
		Contains at least one active promoter	switch on / transcribe, gene OR allows RNA polymerase to bind	;		IGNORE switching off, translat(ion), activated CREDIT control gene expression
		Can be cut by different enzymes in different places	insert new gene	;	4	DO NOT CREDIT swap or replace genes IGNORE accept gene CREDIT section of (new / foreign) DNA for gene
				Total	14	

Questi	on	Answer		Guidance
6 (a)	bo	oth:		
		use a, fermenter / bioreactor;		IGNORE fermentator
	S	2 are on a, large / industrial, scale;		
		3 control, pH / temperature;		CREDIT both require optimum temperature / pH
	S <sup>2</sup>	maintain / require, aseptic conditions;		
	D.	continuous: nutrients added and products removed,		CREDIT named nutrient e.g. glucose, amino acids,
		constantly / at intervals		minerals, ammonia.
		OR		IGNORE waste (products)
		batch: nutrients added, once / at start / in fixed amount,		
		and products removed, once / at end;		
	D	2 continuous: exponential / log, phase maintained OR		
		batch: stationary / death, phase(s) occur;		
	D:	3 continuous: used to make (only) primary metabolite OR		
		batch: used to make secondary metabolite;		IGNORE primary metabolites also made in batch culture
	D	4 continuous: more problems from contamination OR		ACCEPT more chance of contamination
		batch: contamination affects one batch only;	4 max	IGNORE disease
	Q	WC;	1	Award for 2 S marks plus 2 D marks
(b)	ni	nitrates <b>and</b> sulfates / NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> and SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> , for protein / polypeptides ;		DO NOT CREDIT if phosphates stated also
	ni	trates <b>and</b> phosphates / $NO_3^-$ and $PO_4^{3-}$ ,for, DNA / RNA / nucleic acids;	2	DO NOT CREDIT if sulfates stated also
		Total	7	

C	Question		Answer		Guidance
7	(a)	(i)	<u>DNA replication</u> <b>OR</b> pairs of chromatids / sister chromatids, formed;		IGNORE doubling DO NOT ACCEPT sister chromatids pair up
			condensation / supercoiling / tight packing, (of DNA);	2	IGNORE become visible
		(ii)	3;		IGNORE 1
			1 and 3 and 5;;	3	All 3 correct = 2 marks 2 correct = 1 mark 1 or 0 correct = 0 marks
		(iii)	mutation (during replication);	1	DO NOT CREDIT if additional answers are given that are incorrect, e.g. independent assortment / crossing over
	(b)	(i)	happens, in asexual reproduction / naturally / in nature plus example;	1	e.g. (root) suckers / basal sprouts / runners / bulbs / tubers / fragmentation / budding / binary fission / formation of identical twins  IGNORE vegetative propagation
		(ii)	environmental effects; detail; e.g. nutrition / light / pathogens / temperature imprinting / epigenetics; (somatic) mutation;		CREDIT random X inactivation
			copies of, parent / mother, not each other;	2 max	
			Total	9	

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