



Mark schemes

Q1.

(a)

Classification group
Kingdom
Phylum
Class
Order
Family
Genus
Species

all 4 correct = 2 marks
2 or 3 correct = 1 mark
0 or 1 correct = 0 marks

2

(b) *Geospiza fortis*

ignore underlining or attempted italics or upper and lower case letters

1

(c) offspring have similar beak depths to parents

ignore same beak depths
ignore positive correlation / described

1

(d) parents of a given beak depth produce offspring with several beak depths

allow spread of results for a given parental beak depth about line of best fit
allow range of phenotypes for a given parental beak depth

1

(e) colonisers of Isabela have a range of beak depths

allow colonisers of Daphne have a range of beak depths

1

due to different combinations of alleles of several genes

or

due to different alleles of one gene

or



- due to mutation 1
- large range of (sizes / species of) seeds / food (on Isabela)
or
 large(r) seeds (on Isabela)
allow small range of (sizes / species of) seeds / food on Daphne
or
allow small(er) seeds on Daphne 1
- more competition for seeds / food (on Isabela)
allow less competition for seeds / food on Daphne
ignore competition unqualified 1
- birds with larger beaks get enough food to (survive and) reproduce (on Isabela)
allow birds with smaller / medium beak sizes get enough food to (survive and) reproduce on Daphne 1
- (survivors) pass on (beneficial) alleles to offspring
allow pass on genes / mutation ignore pass on chromosomes / characteristics 1
- (f) Isabela is a large island with more species of plants
or
 Isabela is a large island with more variety in seed / food sizes
or
 Isabela is a large island with more plants / seeds / food 1
- less competition for seeds / food
or
 enough seeds / food for both bird species 1
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Q2.

- (a) 3.7 1
- (b) 2 1
- (c) (different combinations of alleles cause) many / 22 values
allow continuous variation
or



- in-between values
or
 large range of values
or
 there are not only two values
allow there are not only 3 values if 3 is given in part (b) 1
- (d) different protein made
allow change in shape (of enzyme) or change in 3-D structure
ignore denature 1
- active site changed 1
- so substrate does not fit / bind
allow description of substrate
allow cannot form E-S complex
ignore lock and key description 1
- (e) produces (some) offspring with high-fat milk
or
 not all offspring have low-fat milk
ignore reference to alleles 1
- (f) takes less time (to obtain results)
or
 more offspring at the same time
allow other sensible suggestion – e.g. allows screening or allow cow 7 to continue to produce eggs or avoid injury to cow 7 during mating or giving birth 1
- (g) male gametes correct: d (and d) 1
- female gametes correct: D and d 1
- allow 1 mark if gametes are correct but gender not identified*
- correct derivation of offspring genotypes from given gametes
allow 2 × 2 or 2 × 1 derivation 1
- Dd identified as low-fat **and** dd identified as high-fat in offspring
if DD offspring are produced, must also identify as low-fat 1



(h) find female with low(est) fat in milk **and** high(est) milk yield
allow choose from 7, 9, 12, 13 which has the highest yield

1

find male whose female offspring have high(est) milk yield **and** low(est) fat in milk

allow choose from 16 or 18 whose female offspring has the highest yield

1

or

find female with lowest fat in milk

or cow 13 (1)*

***or**

allow female with high(est) milk yield

find male whose female offspring have high(est) milk yield (1)*

***or**

allow male whose female offspring have lowest fat in milk / male 16

cross the best (for both features) female with the best male

1

select best offspring (for both features) from each generation and repeat for several generations

1

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Q3.

(a)

Classification group	Name
Class	<i>Mammalia</i>
Order	<i>Primates</i>
Family	<i>Lemuroidea</i>
Species	<i>catta</i>

*all 4 correct = 2 marks
 2 or 3 correct = 1 mark
 0 or 1 correct = 0 marks*

2

(b) Lemur catta

ignore capitalisation / non-capitalisation of initial letters

ignore italics / non-italics

ignore underlining / non-underlining



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|-----|---|------------------|
| | | 1 |
| (c) | carried by (favourable) currents on masses of vegetation
<i>allow description of currents from Figure 2</i>
<i>ignore swimming</i> | 1 |
| (d) | isolation of different populations

habitat variation between lemur populations
<i>allow examples – biotic (e.g. food / predators) or abiotic (e.g. temperature)</i>

genetic variation or mutation (in each population)

better adapted survive (reproduce) and pass on (favourable) allele(s) to offspring
<i>allow natural selection or survival of the fittest and pass on (favourable) allele(s) to offspring</i>
<i>allow gene(s) / mutation as an alternative to allele(s)</i> | 1
1
1
1 |
| | (eventually) cannot produce fertile offspring with other populations
<i>allow cannot reproduce 'successfully' with other populations</i>
<i>ignore cannot reproduce unqualified</i> | 1 |
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Q4.

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|-----|---|-------------|
| (a) | less sweating so less water loss

(as) no / little water available in desert | 1
1 |
| (b) | (fat store) can be metabolised / respired to water

(little urine...) conserve water

(hard mouth) not damaged by spines on plants / on food
or
not damaged by hard / dry food | 1
1
1 |
| (c) | dromedary / <i>C.dromedarius</i>
and bactrian / <i>C. bactrianus</i> | 1 |



- no mark for the names, but must be identified*
- because**
same genus
ignore 'both are Camelus'
- 1
- (d) any **two** from:
- the fossil record
 - oldest fossils in N. America
 - or**
 - newer fossils in S. America / in Asia / in Africa
*allow numbers for ages (45 Mya **and** 3 Mya / 6 Mya)*
 - chemical / DNA analysis of living species
allow radioactive dating of fossils
- 2
- (e) isolation of separate camel populations by sea
or
by mountains
- 1
- habitat variation / described between populations
allow examples – biotic (e.g. food / predators) or abiotic
- 1
- genetic variation / mutation in each population
- 1
- 45 million years is sufficient time to accumulate enough mutations
- 1
- natural selection
or
better adapted survive to reproduce
- 1
- pass on favourable allele(s)
allow gene(s)
- 1
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Q5.

- (a) white blood cells have the same DNA / genes / chromosomes
or
have the gene for GH
allow have all the genes
allow all body cells (except RBCs) have all of the genes
- 1
- (b) enzyme has specifically-shaped active site



1

the 2 antibiotic resistance genes have different (sequence of) bases

1

only Tetracycline-resistance gene fits (active site of) enzyme

or

only Tetracycline-resistance gene is complementary to (active site of) enzyme

1

(c)

Ampicillin	Tetracycline
✓	✗
✗	✗
✓	✓

1 mark for each correct row

if no other mark, allow 1 mark for one correct column

1

1

1

(d) clone produced by asexual reproduction

allow by 'mitosis'

1

all DNA / all genes are copied

allow GH gene copied

allow plasmid copied

1

every cell receives a copy

or

receives every gene

or

receives GH gene

or

receives plasmid

or

genetically-identical cells

1

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Q6.

(a) any **two** from:

- so that they do not have specific genetic defects
- to produce docile cats or so they are not aggressive
allow descriptions of aggression such as biting and scratching
- for aesthetic reasons



allow descriptions of suitable aesthetic reasons

2

(b) (cats) are more likely to pass on (recessive) disorders

or

more likely to be susceptible to diseases

1

(c) **Level 2 (3–4 marks):**

A detailed and coherent explanation is given, which logically links the process of selective breeding with explanations of how this produces cats that do not cause allergic reactions.

Level 1 (1–2 marks):

Simple statements are made relating to process of selective breeding, but no attempt to link to explanations.

0 marks:

No relevant content.

Indicative content

process:

- parents with the desired characteristic are selected
- the parents are bred together to produce offspring
- offspring with the desired characteristics are selected and bred
- this is repeated over many generations.

explanations:

- parents who produce the least Fel D1 are initially selected
- in their offspring there will be individuals with differing amounts of Fel D1 produced
- care is taken to ensure cats are healthy and avoid possible problems associated with selective breeding
- over time the population of (selectively bred) cats will produce less Fel D1

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Q7.

(a) three billion

1

(b) mutation(s)

1

breed / reproduce

in this order only

allow pass on their genes

1

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Q8.

- (a) any **two** from:
- larger / longer / thicker
allow examples eg fewer toes or bones fused
 - fewer (bones in total)
allow smaller surface area touching the ground
 - fewer bones touching the ground
- 2
- (b) (i) large(r) surface / area in contact with the ground
- or**
- low / less pressure on ground
- 1
- (so) less likely to sink into mud / ground
- or**
- (so) could run fast(er)
allow easy / easier to escape predators
- 1
- (ii) variation (in size / number / arrangement of bones)
allow mutation(s) (in size / number / arrangement of bones)
- 1
- (and) those with large(r) / few(er) bones more suited to running **or** run faster (on harder / drier ground)
- 1
- these survive **and** breed
allow ref to offspring for breed
- 1
- (so) genes / DNA (for larger / fewer bones) passed on
allow alleles passed on
- 1

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