

MARK SCHEME for the June 2005 question paper

9700 BIOLOGY

9700/04

**Paper 4 (Structured Question A2 Core),
maximum raw mark 60**

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		A	B	E
Component 4	60	43	37	21

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MAXIMUM MARK: 60

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- 1 (a) a nucleotide ;
with three phosphate groups ;
an organic / nitrogenous base / adenine ;
a pentose sugar / ribose ;
ref. ester linkages / covalent bonds ; **3 max**
- (b) synthesized from ADP and P_i ;
soluble molecule ;
diffuses rapidly / transported easily ;
on hydrolysis / removal of (third) phosphate ;
energy released / 30.5 kJ (mol⁻¹) ;
ref.(idea) intermediary (between energy yielding and energy requiring reactions) ; **3 max**
- (c) oxidative phosphorylation ;
NADH₂ to, cristae / inner membrane ;
oxidised to NAD ;
ref. transfer of electrons to electron carriers / ETC ;
H⁺ pumped into intermembrane space ;
ref. to H⁺ gradient ;
H⁺ (diffuses) through ATP synthase / stalked particle ;
results in ADP and P_i to ATP ;
ref. chemiosmosis ;
ref. substrate level phosphorylation ; **4 max**

Total: 10

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Question

- 2 (a) metaphase 1 / (late) prophase 1 ; **R** early / middle 1
- (b) 1 ref. (homologous chromosomes) pairing / synapsis ;
- 2 ref. to chiasma / crossing over ;
- 3 exchange of genetic material ;
- 4 between non-sister chromatids / AW ; **3 max**
- (c) 1 breakage of linkage groups / ref. new linkage groups ;
- 2 may have different alleles ;
- 3 creates new combinations of alleles ;
- 4 when sister chromatids separate ; **2 max**
- (d) ref. idea of random orientation at metaphase I and II / random alignment of homologous chromosomes on spindle equator ;
- subsequently leads to independent assortment ;
- 2^n possible combinations when n is number of chromosome pairs ;
- ref. to chromosome mutation qualified ;
- extra detail ;
- ref. gametes haploid (so can fuse) ;
- random fusion of gametes ;

N.B. 3 sets of 2/3 marks

4 max
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- 3 (a)** idea of energy conversion (linked to receptor) ;
 Na⁺ in / AW ;
 depolarization ;
 receptor / generator potential ;
 ref. to threshold ;
 (therefore) action potential / wave of depolarisation ;; **3 max**
- (b)** (in / from) CNS / brain / spinal cord ;
 ref. to synapse with intermediate / relay neurone ;
 ref. to neuromuscular junction / (neuro)transmitter released ;
 ref. response ; **3 max**
- (c)** ref. synapses ;
 vesicles containing transmitter only found on preSM ;
 receptors for transmitter only found on postSM ;
 ref. to refractory period / hyperpolarisation ; **2 max**

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- 4 (a) A epidermal cell ;
- B guard cell ; 2
- (b) allows carbon dioxide into leaf ;
- as rest of leaf covered with waxy / waterproof cuticle ;
- down concentration gradient / diffuses ; *for either O₂ or CO₂*
- controls water (vapour) loss ;
- ref. to faster diffusion through small pores / edge effect ;
- oxygen out ; 4 max
- (c) ref. to chloroplasts ;
- sausage shaped / AW ;
- joined only at ends ;
- unevenly thickened walls / thick above and below / thin furthest from the pore ;
- ref. vacuole ; 2 max

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Question

- 5 (a)** stroma of chloroplast ; 1
- (b)** combines with (5C compound) RuBP ;
to form unstable 6C compound / forms 2 molecules of (3C) GP ;
ref. enzyme / rubisco ; 2 max
- (c)** reduced NADP and ATP ;
(ATP is) source of energy ;
(reduced NADP is for) reduction of GP(PGA) to triose phosphate (TP) ;
ref. use of ATP in regeneration of RuBP ;
ref. to source of phosphate / phosphorylation ; 3 max
- (d)** RuBP, accumulates / goes up ;
due to reduced combination with CO₂ / AW ; *in either RuBP or GP, not both*
GP, goes down / not as much being formed ;
due to conversion to TP ; 3 max

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Question

6 (a) *auxin = IAA*

- 1 auxin produced in apical bud / AW ;
- 2 diffuses down stem ;
- 3 active transport (cell to cell) ;
- 4 role of plasmodesmata ;
- 5 also in phloem ;
- 6 (auxin) inhibits growth of lateral buds ;
- 7 plant grows up instead of branching out ;
- 8 removal of apical bud allows lateral buds to grow ;
- 9 AVP ; e.g. auxin concentrated in lateral bud / auxin in low amounts in lateral bud
- 10 AVP ; e.g. correct ref to effect of ABA / cytokinins

6 max

- (b)**
- 11 seed absorbs water ;
 - 12 by osmosis ;
 - 13 gibberellin produced by embryo plant ;
 - 14 passes to aleurone layer ;
 - 15 switches on / activation, transcription enzyme genes / AW ;
 - 16 storage proteins broken down to amino acids ;
 - 17 stimulates synthesis / release of amylase ;
 - 18 amylase diffuses / moves into endosperm ;
 - 19 breaks down / hydrolyses starch to maltose ;
 - 20 maltose to glucose ;
 - 21 glucose diffuses / moves into embryo plant ;
 - 22 provides source of energy for growth of embryo plant ;

9 max

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Question

- 7 (a) 1 ref. continuous / discontinuous variation ;
 2 genetic / inherited variation ;
 3 variation in phenotype / characteristics / AW ;
 4 (can be due to) interaction of genotype and environment ;
 5 e.g. of characteristic that influences survival ;
 6 ref. intraspecific competition / struggle for existence ;
 7 those with favourable characteristics survive / AW ;
 8 pass on favourable characteristics to offspring ;
 9 those with disadvantageous characteristics die ;

6 max

- (b) 10 ref. to definition of species ;
 11 ref. allopatric ;
 12 geographical isolation ;
 13 ref. to examples e.g. islands / lakes / mountain chains / idea of barrier ;
 14 ref. to example organism ;
 15 ref. to populations prevented from interbreeding ;
 16 isolated populations subjected to different selection pressures / conditions ;
 17 over time sufficient differences to prevent interbreeding ;
 18 ref. sympatric ;
 19 ref. to reproductive isolation ;
 20 ref. behavioural barriers (within a population) ;
 21 e.g. day active / night active ;
 22 correct ref. to gene pool ;
 23 change in allele frequencies ;

9 max

Total: 15