Cell replication

Question Paper

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Part - B

1 A type of pheasant occurs in a range of colours, especially when bred in captivity. It may, for example, have green or purple plumage.

Sometimes when a green male is crossed with a green female all the offspring, male and female, are green. However, sometimes a green male crossed with a green female results in offspring in which the majority of the offspring are green, but in which some of the females are purple, as shown in Table 2.1.

Table 2.1

phenotype	number of offspring
green male	7
green female	3
purple female	4

(a) (i) Using the results shown in Table 2.1, a geneticist proposed a hypothesis which predicted a 3:1 ratio of green:purple phenotypes. She used the χ^2 test to test her hypothesis.

Complete Table 2.2 to calculate χ^2 .

Table 2.2

	green plumage	purple plumage
observed (O)	7 + 3 = 10	4
expected (E)	10.5	3.5
0 – E		
(O – E) ²		
(O - E) ² E		

$$\Sigma \frac{(O-E)^2}{E} = \chi^2$$

	(ii)	Draw a conclusion from your calculation in Table 2.2, given that the critical value for χ^2 at $p=0.05$ with one degree of freedom is 3.84. Explain why this conclusion should be treated with caution.
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(D)	Plur	nage colour in pheasants is sex-linked.
	in n hete	irds, the sex chromosomes are referred to as W and Z, rather than Y and X as nammals. The W chromosome has no genes that affect plumage colour. The trogametic sex is the female, not the male. Thus the male has two Z chromosomes and the female has one W and one Z chromosome (WZ).
	(i)	Use a genetic diagram to explain the results in Table 2.1.
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	(ii)	Using the same symbols as in (b)(i) , indicate the genotypes and phenotypes of the parents which could give rise to purple male offspring.
		[2]

[Total: 10]

DNA molecules are replicated with a high degree of accuracy yet not always perfectly.
Describe how this occurs and discuss why the survival of a species depends on DNA molecules being stable, yet not absolutely stable.

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