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for the guidance of teachers**

**9700 BIOLOGY**

**9700/43**

Paper 4 (A2 Structured Questions), maximum raw mark 100

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Mark scheme abbreviations:

<b>;</b>	separates marking points
<b>/</b>	alternative answers for the same point
<b>R</b>	reject
<b>A</b>	accept (for answers correctly cued by the question, or by extra guidance)
<b>AW</b>	alternative wording (where responses vary more than usual)
<b><u>underline</u></b>	actual word given must be used by candidate (grammatical variants excepted)
<b>max</b>	indicates the maximum number of marks that can be given
<b>ora</b>	or reverse argument
<b>mp</b>	marking point (with relevant number)
<b>ecf</b>	error carried forward
<b>I</b>	ignore
<b>AVP</b>	Alternative valid point (examples given as guidance)

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1 (a) 96 ;; [2]  
allow one mark for correct working with either incorrect answer or answer not rounded down

- (b)
1. stop killing ;
  2. education ;
  3. stop trade in tiger parts ;
  4. zoos / national parks ;
  5. captive breeding / AW ;
  6. release back into wild ;
  7. replant forests / AW ;
  8. protect remaining forest / stop deforestation ;
  9. AVP ; e.g. incentives to indigenous people / ban use in circuses or as pets [4 max]

- (c) *assume animalia unless otherwise stated*
1. heterotrophic / AW ;
  2. locomotion ; **ora**
  3. male gametes motile ; **ora**
  4. detail cell structure ; e.g. no cell wall / no tonoplast **ora ignore ref. to cellulose** [2 max]

[Total: 8]

2 (a) 1. allele for lactase deficiency is recessive ; **A** allele for lactose intolerance  
2. parents, heterozygous / carriers ;  
3. child homozygous recessive ; [2 max]

- (b) (i)
1. at low temperatures activity of, immobilised lactase is lower (than free lactase) / free lactase is higher (than immobilised lactase) ;
  2. ref 42–43 °C as changeover point ;
  3. maximum activity of immobilised lactase is lower (than free lactase) / **ora** ;
  4. *idea of* optimum temperature of immobilised lactase 40–45 °C and optimum for free lactase is 35 °C ;
  5. comparative figures at any one temperature ; (*units required for temperature only*) [3 max]

- (ii) *assume immobilised accept ora*
1. harder for substrate to reach enzyme ;
  2. harder for product to pass out of bead ;
  3. accumulation of product leads to product inhibition ;
  4. *idea of* enzyme less able to move leading to fewer ES complexes / AW ; [2 max]

- (c)
1. can re-use enzyme / enzyme not lost / AW ;
  2. ref. cost effective ;
  3. *idea of*, easier to purify product / less contamination of product ;
  4. greater stability at higher temperatures / thermostable ;
  5. *idea of*, copes with any pH / pH stable ; [3 max]

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- 3 (a) (i) mitosis / multiplication / increase in number of cells ; **R** meiosis / growth / maturity / replicating [1]
- (ii) meiosis **I** / reduction division / description ; [1]
- (iii) maturation / differentiation / description ; [1]

(b)

statement	letter
contains protective fluid	<b>J</b> ;
produces oestrogen	<b>H</b> ;
has glycoprotein receptors	<b>G or H</b> ;
contains 23 chromosomes	<b>G or K</b> ;

[4]

- (c) 1. hormone treatment ; **R** LH / HCG  
 2. to stimulate follicle development ;  
 3. superovulation / several follicles develop at same time ;  
 4. oocytes harvested ; *penalise eggs once*  
 5. detail of harvesting ;  
 6. semen / sperm, collected from man ;  
 7. *idea of sperm activated* ;  
 8. sperm added to oocyte(s) in dish ;  
 9. (potential embryos) inspected, two – three days later / 6–8 cell stage ;  
 10. embryo(s) inserted into uterus (through cervix) ;  
 11. AVP ; any two from e.g. donor oocytes / donor sperm / hormones to prepare uterine lining / ICSI *ignore ref. to oestrogen* [5 max]

- (d) 1. percentage of live births decreases / miscarriage rate increases, with age ;  
 2. (as) fewer hormones / unbalanced hormones (in older woman) ;  
 3. (as) genetic defects / mutations, increase in oocyte (with age) ;  
 4. placental function less efficient ; [2 max]

**[Total: 14]**

- 4 (a) (i) 1. anthers, versatile / loosely attached / attached at one point (to filaments) ;  
 2. anthers / stamens / tassels / androecium, on long filaments / hang out (of, plant / flower) ;  
 3. anthers / stamens / tassels / androecium, above leaves / high up ;  
 4. stigmas / silks, hang out (of, plant / flower) ;  
 5. stigmas / silks, large surface area / hairy / feathery / long, (to catch pollen) ;  
 6. no / small, petals allow access to wind / AW ; *ignore references to pollen* [3 max]

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- (ii) 1. increased genetic variation / increased heterozygosity / more diverse gene pool / increased gene pool ;  
 2. reduced inbreeding / prevents inbreeding depression ;  
 3. less likely that harmful recessive alleles will be expressed ;  
 4. hybrid vigour ;  
 5. ability to respond to named change in conditions ; e.g. climate / disease / pests [2 max]

(b) (i) *must be comparative statements*

1. maize has greater rate of photosynthesis (at all temperatures) / ora ;  
 2. optimum for maize is at 23°C while optimum for wheat is at 17.5°C ;  
**or**  
 highest rate for maize is 39 units while highest rate for wheat is 26 units ;  
 3. after 17.5°C increase for maize while decrease for wheat ; [2 max]

- (ii) 1. maize is C4 ;  
 2. PEP carboxylase more efficient at higher temperatures (than rubisco) ;  
 3. photorespiration occurring in wheat ; **ora**  
 4. oxygen, instead of carbon dioxide, combines with RuBP ;  
 5. less fixation of carbon dioxide ;  
 6. Calvin cycle slows down ;  
 7. AVP ; e.g. detail of Kranz anatomy **R** ref. denaturation [3 max]

- (c) (i) 1. protein in aleurone layer ;  
 2. which is removed in white rice ; **A** outer layer(s) removed  
 3. ref. different species ; [2 max]

- (ii) 1. wheat has more iron / comparative figs ;  
 2. ref. haemoglobin ;  
 3. low haemoglobin linked to anaemia ; [2 max]

**[Total: 14]**

5 (a) (i)

correct order	letter of step
1	C
2	H
3	F
4	A
5	D
6	B
7	E
8	G

**H F A** all above **D** ;  
**H F A** in correct order ;

**B E G** all below **D** ;  
**B E G** in correct order ;

[4]

(ii) **A** – (DNA) ligase ;  
**H** – reverse transcriptase ;

[2]

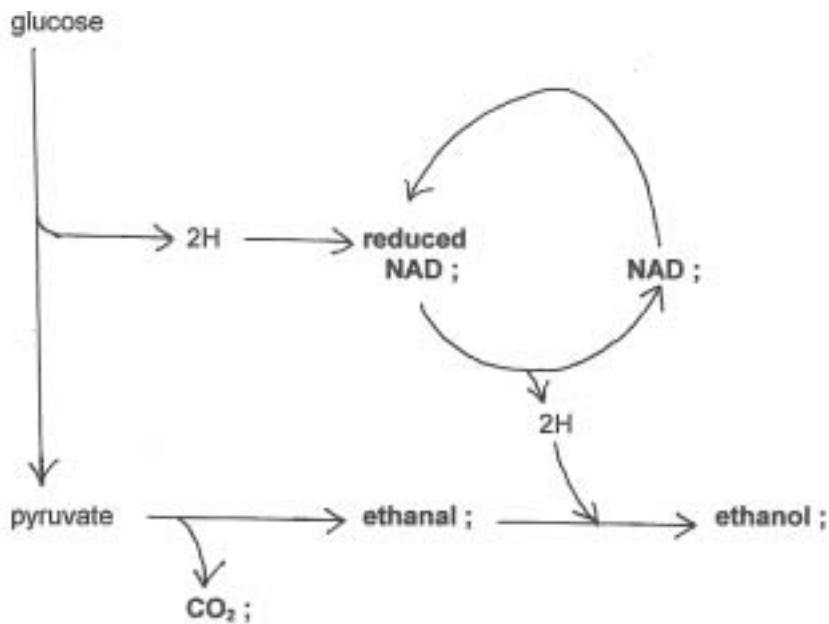
- (b)
1. it is identical to human insulin / **ora** ;
  2. (more) rapid response ;
  3. no / fewer, rejection problems / side effects / allergic reactions ; **R** immune response
  4. ref. to ethical / moral / religious, issues ;
  5. cheaper to produce in large volume / unlimited availability ; **R** cheap to produce
  6. less risk of, transmitting disease / infection ;
  7. good for people who have developed tolerance to animal insulin ;

[2 max]

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6 (a)



[5]

(b) *in mammals*

1. lactate produced / no ethanol produced ;
2. no, decarboxylation / carbon dioxide released ;
3. single step ;
4. lactate dehydrogenase ;
5. reversible ;

[3 max]

(c) *in anaerobic respiration*

1. only glycolysis occurs / Krebs cycle stops / link reaction stops ;
2. glucose, not fully broken down / still contains energy ;
3. pyruvate does not enter mitochondrion ;
4. (no oxygen) so no final electron acceptor (in ETC) ;
5. ETC stops ;
6. no oxidative phosphorylation ;

[3 max]

[Total: 11]

7 (a)

event	initial effect of event on blood concentration of		
	glucose	insulin	glucagon
meal containing sucrose	increase	increase	decrease
meal containing only protein	no effect	no effect	no effect ;
fasting	decrease	decrease	increase ;
exercising	decrease	decrease	increase ;
meal containing starch	increase	increase	decrease ;

[4]

- (b) 1. affects liver cells ; **R** muscle cells / liver and muscle cells  
 2. promotes glycogenolysis / AW ;  
 3. promotes use of fatty acids in respiration ;  
 4. promotes gluconeogenesis / AW ;  
 5. results in rise in (blood) glucose concentration ;  
 6. back to, norm / set point ;

[3 max]

[Total: 7]

- 8 pressure ;  
 mothers / sisters / (female) relatives / (female) offspring ;  
 alleles ;  
 generations ;  
 inbreeding ;

[5]

[Total: 5]

- 9 (a) 1. myelin sheath insulates axon ;  
 2. *idea of* depolarisation / action potentials, only at nodes of Ranvier ;  
 3. ref. saltatory conduction / AW ;

[2 max]

- (b) (i) 1. (impulse from TENS) causes release of endorphins ;  
 2. endorphins attach to morphine receptors ;  
 3. slows / stops, ACh release ;  
 4. no / less, binding of ACh on receptors ;  
 5. in postsynaptic membrane ;  
 6. fewer / no, action potentials/ impulses, to pain centre (in brain) ;  
 7. AVP ; e.g. ref role of  $Ca^{2+}$

[4 max]



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- (ii) *any two from*
1. no need to use drugs ;
  2. no addiction to drugs ;
  3. patient can control the treatment / AW ;
  4. fewer / no, side effects ;
  5. cheaper ;

[2 max]

[Total: 8]

- 10 (a)
1. closely packed to absorb (maximum) light ;
  2. vertical / at right angles to surface of leaf to reduce number of cross walls ;
  3. large vacuole pushes chloroplasts to edge of cell ;
  4. chloroplasts at edge short diffusion path for carbon dioxide ;
  5. chloroplasts at edge to absorb (maximum) light ;
  6. large number of chloroplasts to absorb (maximum) light ;
  7. cylindrical cells **or** air spaces to circulate gases / provide a reservoir of CO<sub>2</sub> ;
  8. moist cell surfaces for diffusion of gases ;
  9. cell walls thin for (maximum) light penetration / diffusion (of gases) ;
  10. chloroplasts can move towards light to absorb (maximum) light ;
  11. chloroplasts can move away from high light intensity to avoid damage ;

[7 max]

(b) *accept annotated diagram*

12. arranged in light harvesting, clusters / system ;
13. primary pigments / chlorophyll a ;
14. at reaction centre ;
15. P700 / PI, absorbs at 700(nm) ;
16. P680 / PII, absorbs at 680(nm) ;
17. accessory pigments / chlorophyll b / carotenoids, surround, primary pigment / reaction centre / chlorophyll a ;
18. pass energy to, primary pigment / reaction centre / chlorophyll a ;
19. P700 / PI, involved (in cyclic photophosphorylation) ;
20. (light absorbed results in) electron excited / AW ;
21. emitted from, chlorophyll / photosystem ;
22. flows along, chain of electron carriers / ETC ;
23. ATP synthesis ;
24. electron returns to, P700 / PI ;

[8 max]

[Total: 15]

- 11 (a)
1. (amino acid) code is three, bases / nucleotides ; **A** triplet code
  2. (gene) mutation ; **R** chromosome mutation
  3. base / nucleotide, substitution / addition / deletion
  4. addition / deletion, has large effect (on amino acid sequence) ;
  5. frame shift ;
  6. completely new code after mutation / alters every 3 base sequence which follows ;
  7. substitution may have little or no effect / silent mutation ;
  8. different triplet but same amino acid / new amino acid in non-functional part of protein ;
  9. substitution may have big effect (on amino acid sequence) ;
  10. could produce 'stop' codon ;
  11. sickle cell anaemia / PKU / cystic fibrosis ;
  12. reference to transcription or translation in correct context ; **A** description

[8 max]

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- (b) 13. (haemophilia) allele on X chromosome ; A gene  
 14. sex-linked ;  
 15. (haemophilia) allele recessive ;  
 16. man, homogametic / has one X chromosome ;  
 17. Y chromosome does not have blood clotting gene ;  
 18. only daughter(s) get his X chromosome ;  
 19. daughter(s) carrier(s) of (haemophilia) allele ;  
 20. grandson(s) 50% chance of having, (haemophilia) allele / haemophilia ;  
 21. granddaughter(s) 50% chance of carrying, (haemophilia) allele ;  
*allow following marks from diagram*  
 22. correct symbols ; e.g.  $X^H$  and  $X^h$  explained  
 23. man's genotype ; e.g.  $X^hY$  *ignore partner's genotype*  
 24. F1 (daughter's) genotype ; e.g.  $X^HX^h$  *ignore her partner's genotype*  
 25. F2 (grandson's) genotypes ; e.g.  $X^hY$   $X^HY$  *both required*  
 26. F2 (granddaughter's) genotypes ; e.g.  $X^HX^H$   $X^HX^h$  *both required* or  $X^hX^h$   $X^HX^h$  [7 max]

[Total: 15]