

AS Level Biology B H022/01 Foundations of biology

Question set 3

1 Fig. 1.1 is a photograph of non-identical twin fetuses, **A** and **B**, in the uterus.



fetus A

fetus B

(a) (i) Describe how the diagnostic technique, used to produce the photograph in Fig. 23.1, is used to measure the biparietal diameter of a fetus [3]

Fig. 1.1

(ii) Calculate the crown-rump length (CRL) of fetus **B** in Fig. 1.1.

Use the white line as an indicator for the positions of the crown and rump of the fetus.

Show your working and give your answer to **two** significant figures.

(iii) Fig. 1.2 shows a fetal growth chart.



gestational age (weeks)



Using Fig. 1.2 and your calculation in (a)(ii), estimate the gestational age of fetus B.

[1]

(iv) Suggest two factors that must be taken into account when using the growth chart in Fig. 1.2 to estimate the gestational age of fetus **B**.

[2]

(b) Non-identical twins show as much genetic variation as other offspring.

Using the most appropriate word(s), complete the sentences below about the processes that contribute to genetic variation.

| Two processes occur during meiosis that contribute to genetic variation. During |
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| chromosomes begin to pair up to |
| form a bivalent. Crossing over occurs in which sister exchange |
| genetic information at points of cross over called |
| As meiosis 1 continues, alignment on the equator of the spindle and separation of the |
| chromosomes in each pair to opposite poles of the cell is random. This process is |
| called |

[5]

Total Marks for Question Set 3: 13



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