

**QUESTIONSHEET 1**

- (a) (i) a population of similar organisms that are capable of interbreeding to form fertile offspring;  
they are reproductively isolated from other such populations/cannot interbreed with other species to form fertile offspring; 2
- (ii) an obstacle to interbreeding;  
thus limiting gene flow between parts of the gene pool;  
thus enabling divergence; max 2
- (b) (i) Allopatric: speciation due to populations occupying different geographical areas;  
thus there is no gene flow between the populations;
- Sympatric: speciation where the populations occupy the same geographical locality;  
but gene flow is restricted between the populations/demes; 4
- (ii) Prezygotic: prevents fertilisation and the formation of zygotes;
- Any two examples:  
geographical isolation/  
seasonal/mature at different times/  
ecological/live in different habitats but in same region/  
behavioural/incompatible mating rituals/incompatibility/cannot fertilise due to physiological incompatibility;;
- Postzygotic: fertilisation can occur but hybrids are either not formed or are sterile; 4
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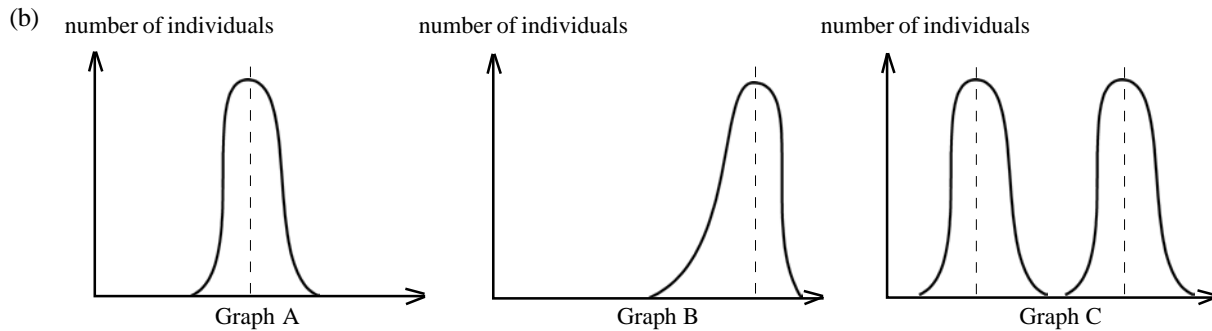
**QUESTIONSHEET 2**

- (a) prolific breeding/rapid reproduction rate/quick maturing/huge reproductive capacity;  
abundant food supply enabling rapid growth/little or no competition for food;  
no/few predators to reduce numbers;  
could burrow under fences; max 2
- (b) no natural resistance/immunity to the virus;  
rabbit population was dense/animals lived close together in burrows;  
thus supported a huge flea population/fleas could easily jump from rabbit to rabbit;  
thus the virus was transmitted very easily from rabbit to rabbit; max 2
- (c) a few rabbits developed resistance/immunity to the virus;  
possibly as a result of gene mutation;  
these rabbits survived and bred;  
passing on the resistance/mutant gene to their offspring;  
these also developed immunity to the virus (before it caused symptoms/killed them);  
thus resistant rabbits were selected and non-resistant rabbits died; max 4
- (d) not all rabbits inherit the resistance gene and so some succumb to the virus;  
the virus may have mutated changing its infectivity/pathogenicity; 2
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**QUESTIONSHEET 3**

(a) A = stabilising; B = directional; C = disruptive;

3



3 correct graphs;;; 3 correct means;;;

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(c) artificial selection practised by humans;

cattle/sheep/pigs or other example;

improved milk/beef yield/improved wool yield/improved hardiness/improved bacon yield/ any other example;

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(a) shape of beak;

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(b) different diets;

some eat insects some eat seeds/nuts;

beaks become adapted over many generations by variation (mechanisms) and most efficient forms are selected;

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(c) ancestors from South American landmass/Ecuador blown by storms/winds;

or carried on driftwood;

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(d) new variations would arise due to meiosis/fertilisation;

(and) due to continued mutation;

most successful variations would survive better (than less suitable adaptations);

ref to many different niches on the island to which the birds might become adapted;

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(e) that they are now separate species;

due to reproductive isolation;

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(f) bill shape/bird song/mating dances or ritual movements;; (any two)

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**QUESTIONSHEET 5**

- (a) cross pollination can only occur within the gene pool of a species;  
cannot bring in new genes because of reproductive isolation between different species; 2
- (b) some alleles express multiple effects in the phenotype;  
for example 'mottled colour' in mice and a 'defect in copper absorption' are controlled by the same allele/any other  
valid example;  
effect of a particular genotype may be modified by different environmental influences; max 2
- (c) even in self fertilisation gametes vary because of meiosis;  
variation introduced due to random assortment/chiasmata;  
mutation may produce variation; max 2
- (d) DNA replication must be accurate enough to give genetic stability;  
but a low level of inaccuracy allows mutation;  
and so gives variation allowing evolutionary potential/development; 3
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**QUESTIONSHEET 6**

- (i) B; (ii) D; (iii) A; (iv) G; (v) C; (vi) F; (vii) I; (viii) E; (ix) J; (x) H; 10
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**QUESTIONSHEET 7**

- (a) (i) the relative proportions of the alleles of a gene present in the population;  
can be measured by geneticists and monitored for changes; 2
- (ii) mutation;  
migration;  
natural selection; 3
- (b) in a large randomly-mating population there is a fixed relationship between gene and genotype frequencies;  
in the absence of mutation, migration and natural selection;  
these frequencies remain constant from generation to generation; 3
- (c) proportion of non tasters (tt) =  $\frac{105}{300} = 0.35$ ;  
since  $p + q = 1$ , then (tt) which is  $q^2 = 0.35$ , thus  $q = 0.59$ ;  
thus  $p = 1 - 0.59 = 0.41$ ;  
thus  $2pq (Tt) = 2 \times 0.41 \times 0.59 = 0.48$  or 48%; 4
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**QUESTIONSHEET 8**

- (a) (i) differential rates of reproduction in nature;  
leading to an increase in frequency of some genes/genotypes and a decrease in others; **2**
- (ii) the ability of a species to reproduce new offspring;  
far more offspring are generally produced than can survive (due to limitations in environmental provisions or to predation); **2**
- (iii) variations which are inherited from generation to generation;  
which if they give advantage will also give survival value; **2**
- (iv) organisms which are capable of interbreeding to form fertile offspring;  
not separated from other members of the species by reproductive isolation/breeding barriers; **2**
- (b) far more offspring are produced than can be supported by the environment;  
thus there will be a struggle for survival and the best adapted will survive to reproduce more of the same/  
the least adapted will die out; **2**
- (c) gene flow might be restricted by organisms being sexually mature at different times;  
or by failing to mate by having different mating rituals;  
or by a geographical barrier;  
or by physiological incompatibility/or by living in different ecological niches/any other valid example; **4**
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**QUESTIONSHEET 9**

- (a) populations/islands X and Y are relatively close/not geographically isolated;  
thus birds can still come into contact and breed together;  
no chance for any mutations to become genetically isolated/no chance for demes to become established;  
so little divergence occurs between X and Y/still reproductively compatible;  
population Y probably arose from population X because of prevailing winds;  
chromosomes of hybrids will still pair in meiosis (so gametes can form); **max 4**
- (b) populations/islands Y and Z are geographically isolated;  
thus will not normally interbreed;  
thus mutations/genetic variation in the two populations will occur independently;  
thus become isolated by post-zygotic isolation/chromosomes of Y differ from those  
of Z/will not pair in meiosis (to form gametes);  
Z probably arose from Y as blown by winds rather than originating from X;  
not diverged sufficiently to have different courtship rituals/behavioural patterns;  
some Y may still be blown to Z allowing occasional interbreeding (although this has now become ineffective); **max 5**
- (b) population/island X is geographically isolated from population Z;  
by ocean and island Y;  
thus mutations/genetic variation in the two populations has continued independently;  
they are now reproductively isolated because their courting/mating behaviours differ;  
incompatible mating rituals/courtship dances/plumage colours/breeding times;  
this is pre-zygotic isolation;  
ref to chromosomes of X will no longer match with those of Z even if they could mate; **max 5**

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**QUESTIONSHEET 10**

- (a) (i) (from the distribution map it is clear that) the populations are isolated on different islands/groups of islands;  
 even though they are not separated by huge distances/may not like flying over water/psychological barrier to crossing water;  
 gene mutations/genetic variation may cause different plumage patterns/colours;  
 which are selected for/of survival/camouflage value on different islands;  
 since interbreeding is restricted these variations can become established;  
 but if they do interbreed chromosomes can still pair in meiosis so gametes can be made (by offspring)/not reproductively isolated;  
 also courtship rituals are still compatible/not behaviourally isolated; **max 5**
- (ii) continued restriction on interbreeding/isolation;  
 continued mutation/genetic variation;  
 this must be selected for and become established;  
 until behavioural/mating rituals become incompatible/behavioural isolation;  
 and chromosomes become so different that meiosis cannot occur in any hybrids;  
 since pairing/synapsis of chromosomes cannot occur; **max 4**
- (a) prezygotic isolation operates before fertilisation occurs/prevents fertilisation;  
 for example, geographic/behavioural/ecological/seasonal/incompatible gametes;  
 postzygotic isolation operates after fertilisation;  
 for example, hybrid sterility/hybrid inviability or premature death; **4**

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gene;  
 sympatric;  
 allopatric;  
 geographical;  
 pre-zygotic;  
 seasonal;  
 ecological;  
 post-zygotic;  
 inviable; sterile; (these two points can be given either way round)

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**QUESTIONSHEET 12**

- (a) ref to use of warfarin as rat poison/its action as an anticoagulant resulting in bleeding;  
interferes with action of vitamin K;  
mutation of normal gene to mutant gene which gave warfarin resistance;  
the mutant resistant gene acted as a dominant;  
thus both homozygotes and heterozygotes could survive exposure to warfarin;  
allowed rapid spread of the resistant strain of rats/alleles (throughout Britain); **max 4**
- (b) original population of moths were white with black specks;  
camouflaged against predation (by birds) on bark of silver birch trees;  
silver birch bark became darker during the industrial revolution due to pollutants/soot;  
occasional black mutants appeared in the population/ref gene mutation to give melanic form;  
these were better camouflaged (on the polluted bark) than the normal/white forms;  
thus the white forms were predated on and the black forms survived to breed;  
thus the black/melanic forms were selected for (and the population of moths became melanic); **max 4**
- (c) influenza virus has a very high mutation rate;  
due to base changes in its RNA/in one or more of its 8 genes/pieces of RNA;  
these change the nature of the surface antigens/neuramidase/haemagglutinin;  
(every few months) small genetic changes occur causing small antigenic changes/antigenic **drift**/producing new **strains** of influenza;  
(every few years) much larger genetic changes occur causing major antigenic change/antigenic **shift**/producing new **species/**  
**subtypes** of influenza;  
ref antigenic drift produces epidemics/antigenic shift produces pandemics;  
antibodies against one strain of influenza are unlikely to protect against new strains/species of influenza; **max 4**
- (d) only hard parts/bones/exoskeletons/plant cell walls stand a chance of fossilisation;  
most dead organisms just rot away/decay/may be eaten;  
conditions for fossilisation are relatively rare;  
body needs to be buried in anaerobic conditions to prevent decay;  
suitable example/peat/ river mud/silt/sand;  
and where petrification/impregnation with inorganic salts can occur;  
most fossils are still buried/hidden in rocks/sections of the fossil record may be destroyed by earthquakes/weathering; **max 4**

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