## **Questions**

Q1.

Wasps are insects that live in groups.

One species of wasp (*Vespula germanica*) has been shown to knock its body repeatedly against a hard surface. This signals the presence and quality of food to other wasps.

When threatened by another animal, it may use its stinger to inject a venom to protect itself.



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Complete the table by giving the name of the type of adaptation.

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| Description of adaptation        | Type of adaptation shown by the wasp |
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| knocking its body to signal food |                                      |
| the stinger                      |                                      |

#### Q2.

Answer the questions with a cross in the boxes you think are correct  $\boxtimes$ . If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box  $\boxtimes$  and then mark your new answer with a cross  $\boxtimes$ .

Moving a limb involves the interaction of muscles, tendons and ligaments.

Tendons and ligaments are important structures in elbow and knee joints.

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| Α | ligaments only        |     |
| В | ligaments and tendons |     |

☑ B ligaments and tendons☑ C tendons only

D neither ligaments nor tendons

(ii) One type of joint injury is a torn ligament. This may be treated by adding a piece of tendon to the ligament. This is because after a period of time, the tendon tissue changes and responds in the same way as a ligament.

Which of the rows in the table correctly describe the changes in this piece of tendon?

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| Row | Piece of tendon shows a change in its | The change is              |  |
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| 1   | genotype                              | an anatomical adaptation   |  |
| 2   | genotype                              | a physiological adaptation |  |
| 3   | phenotype                             | an anatomical adaptation   |  |
| 4   | phenotype                             | a physiological adaptation |  |

**A** row 1 only

■ B row 3 only■ C rows 1 and 2

□ **D** rows 1 and 2□ **D** rows 3 and 4

\*(iii) The photograph shows athletes competing in the modern triathlon.



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The modern triathlon involves three sports: swimming, cycling and running.

An investigation was carried out to compare the level of demand on the body of these three sports during a triathlon.

The investigation involved 12 athletes who were all males of the same age.

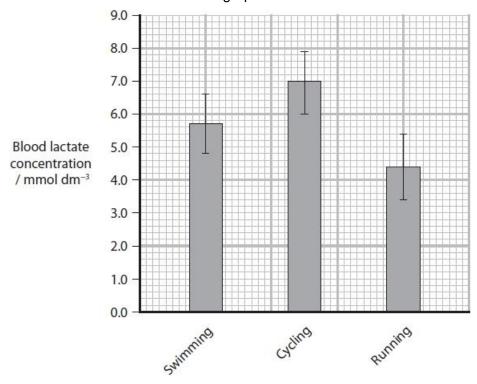
Each athlete carried out the triathlon as shown in the flow diagram. There was no rest period between each sport.



The heart rate for each athlete was measured as they completed each sport. The mean heart rate for each sport was then calculated and is shown in the table.

| Sport    | Mean heart rate / bpm |  |
|----------|-----------------------|--|
| Swimming | 163                   |  |
| Cycling  | 165                   |  |
| Running  | 159                   |  |

The blood lactate level for each athlete was also measured as they completed each sport. Means for lactate level after each sport were calculated. The results are shown in the graph.



It was concluded that cycling was the most demanding of the three triathlon sports. This was followed by swimming and then running.

Evaluate the validity of this conclusion.

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#### Q3.

The genomes of some species of cichlid fish have been sequenced and analysed.

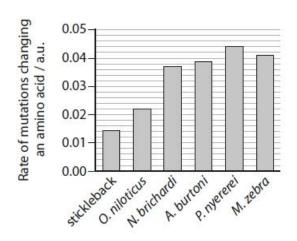
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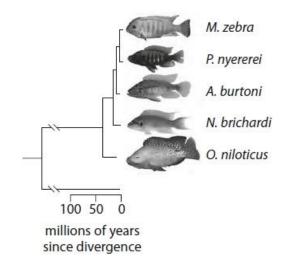
- the rate at which genes have been duplicated to produce additional copies of genes on a chromosome
- the frequency of mutations in transcription factor binding sites
- the rate of mutations that result in a change of an amino acid in a protein.

This information was used to produce a phylogenetic tree.

A comparison was made with a stickleback, which is a slowly evolving fish.

| Speed of evolution                                  | Fish         | Rate of gene<br>duplication<br>/ a.u. | Number of mutations in transcription factor binding sites (compared to O. niloticus) |
|---|--------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Rapidly evolving cichlid fish  Slowly evolving fish | O. niloticus | 45                                    | 0  |
|   | N. brichardi | 45                                    | 214  |
|   | A. burtoni   | 55                                    | 140  |
|   | P. nyererei  | 45                                    | 129  |
|   | M. zebra     | 60                                    | 142  |
|   | stickleback  | 10                                    | 0  |





Phylogenetic tree

| Analyse all the data provided to discuss how several species of cichlid fish have evolved over a short period of time. |     |
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Q4.

Conservation programmes are used to save endangered species.

The Scottish wildcat, shown in the photograph, is a subspecies of the European wildcat, *Felis silvestris silvestris*.



The Cairngorms Wildcat Project estimates that there are 150 breeding pairs left, but the Scottish Wildcat Association believes that only 35 cats remain.

A conservation group proposed that a captive breeding programme, and the relocation of Scottish wildcats, would be necessary to prevent extinction.

| (1)  | State why the Scottish wildcat has been described as <b>endemic</b> .                | (1) |
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| (ii) | The Scottish wildcat can interbreed successfully with domestic cats.                 |     |
|      | Explain the effect this could have on the genetic diversity of the Scottish wildcat. | (2) |
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## Q5.

All known organisms can be placed into one of the three domains of life.

The table shows some information about the three different domains.

| Feature  | Archaea | Bacteria | Eukaryota |
|--|---------|----------|-----------|
| DNA is circular  | Yes     | Yes      | No        |
| DNA is single-stranded   | No      |          | No        |
| Growth inhibited by the antibiotic streptomycin                | No      | Yes      | No        |
| Name of the link between fatty<br>acids and glycerol in lipids | Ether   | Ester    | Ester     |
| Presence of cell wall  | Some    | Yes      |           |
| Methionine required for starting protein synthesis             | Yes     | No       | Yes       |
| Transcription factors required for transcription               | Yes     | No       | Yes       |

Complete the table to show the features in Bacteria and in Eukaryota.

(2)

Q6.

Scientists have studied behavioural, anatomical and genetic variation in elephants.

The table shows some information about two populations of African elephants.

| Population           | Location            | Feeding behaviour  | Anatomical differences   |
|----------------------|---------------------|--|--|
| Forest<br>elephant   |                     | feeds on leaves and fruits<br>of high-growing plants<br>such as shrubs and trees | <ul> <li>lower jaw longer and narrower</li> <li>tusks straighter and downward facing</li> <li>overall a much smaller size</li> </ul> |
| Savannah<br>elephant | African<br>savannah | feeds on grass and leaves<br>of low-growing shrubs                               | <ul> <li>lower jaw shorter and wider</li> <li>tusks more curved and upward facing</li> <li>overall a larger size</li> </ul>          |

The photographs show elephants from the two populations.







Savannah elephant

DNA samples were collected from these two populations of elephants.

One of the genes showing variation was the GBA gene. The table shows the frequency of the alleles of the GBA gene in the two populations.

| GBA allele | Frequency of allele in the elephant population |                 |  |  |
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|            | Savannah elephant                              | Forest elephant |  |  |
| J          | 0.05   | 0.43            |  |  |
| K          | 0.00   | 0.57            |  |  |
| L          | 0.95   | 0.00            |  |  |

| (i) State what is meant by the term <b>allele</b> . |     |
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| (ii) Use the Hardy-Weinberg equation to show that more than 50% of the forest elephant population are homozygous for the GBA gene. |     |
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## Q7.

Some fish live in very cold parts of the sea where ice can form.

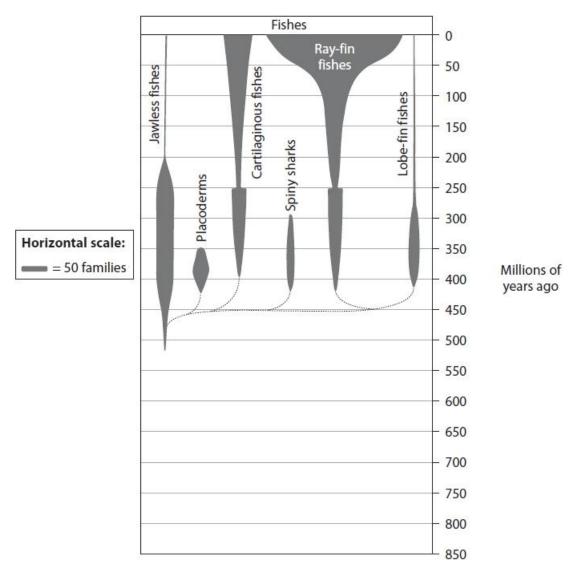
Many of these fish produce anti-freeze proteins, which help to stop ice forming inside the fish.

Sea ice forms only during ice ages.

The table shows Earth's ice ages over the last 1000 million years.

| Ice age        | Time / millions of years ago |
|----------------|------------------------------|
| Quaternary     | 0 to 2.6                     |
| Karoo          | 260 to 360                   |
| Andean-Saharan | 420 to 460                   |
| Cryogenian     | 630 to 850                   |

The diagram shows how the number of families of fishes has changed over time.



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| (i) A    | t whi            | ch time does the diagram show a major loss of biodiversity?  |     |
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| **       | A<br>B<br>C<br>D | 65 million years ago 252 million years ago 359 million years ago 419 million years ago                       | (1) |
| (ii) M   | any d            | different types of anti-freeze protein are produced by ray-fin fishes.                                       |     |
| Ar<br>pr | nalys            | e the data to explain when these ray-fin fish are likely to have evolved the ability e anti-freeze proteins. | to  |
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Q8.

Biodiversity can be reduced by management of habitats.

A study of plant species, other than grasses, found in two lawns was completed.

Lawn A was cut every 14 days. Lawn B was cut every 7 days.

The table shows the number of plants of each species identified.

| DI                  | Number of plants |        |  |  |
|---------------------|------------------|--------|--|--|
| Plant species       | Lawn A           | Lawn B |  |  |
| Daisy               | 18               | 5      |  |  |
| Bee orchid          | 1                | 0      |  |  |
| Dandelion           | 12               | 0      |  |  |
| Clover              | 4                | 0      |  |  |
| Bird's-foot trefoil | 6                | 0      |  |  |

Biodiversity can be compared in different habitats using a formula to calculate an index of diversity (D).

$$D = \frac{N(N-1)}{\Sigma n(n-1)}$$

n = total number of organisms of a particular species

N = total number of organisms of all species

(i) Calculate the index of diversity for lawn A.

Answer ......

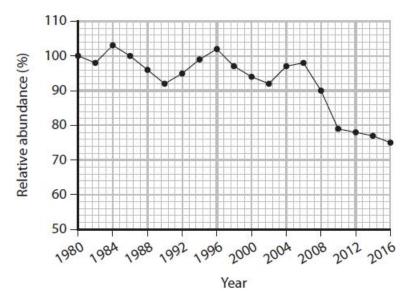
(ii) Herbicides are sprayed on lawns to kill unwanted plants.

Explain how the calculated value would change if a herbicide was used on this lawn.

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Q9.

\* The graph shows the changes in the relative abundance of pollinating wild bee species in the UK. The original sample in 1980 represents a value of 100%.



Explain how the changes in the relative abundance of bee species in the UK may result in the development of a new species of bee orchid.

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Muscular dystrophy is a group of disorders that gradually cause muscles to weaken.

One type of muscular dystrophy, caused by a recessive allele, affects 10 people in 100 000 of the population.

Calculate the number of carriers in a population of 17.02 million.

Use the Hardy-Weinberg equation,  $p^2 + 2pq + q^2 = 1$ 

(3)

Answer .....

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Cystic fibrosis is a genetically inherited condition.

A couple who are both carriers for the condition have a 25% chance of having a baby with cystic fibrosis. In the UK, 1 in 2500 babies born have cystic fibrosis.

Use the Hardy-Weinberg equation to calculate the probability of babies born in the UK being carriers for cystic fibrosis.

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Answer .....

#### Q12.

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| Methionine required for starting protein synthesis             | Yes     | No       | Yes       |
| Transcription factors required for transcription               | Yes     | No       | Yes       |

Explain how the information in the table can be used to show that the Archaea are more

closely related to the Eukaryota than to the Bacteria.

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## Q13.

| Tropical rainforests play a role in maintaining biodiversity and in          | storing carbon.    |
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#### Q14.

Sloths are mammals found in Central and South America.

Sloths are slow moving and use their hooked claws to hold onto branches. They sleep for over 15 hours a day. During this time, their slow metabolism processes their diet of low nutrition vegetation.



Sloths have behavioural, physiological and anatomical adaptations to their environment.

Complete the table using the information provided.

| Type of adaptation | Example |
|--------------------|---------|
| Behavioural        |         |
| Physiological      |         |
| Anatomical         |         |

(Total for question = 3 marks)

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#### Q15.

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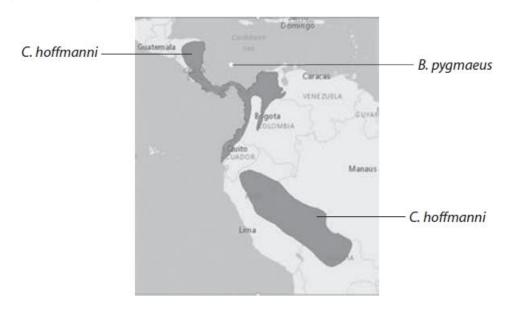
The map shows the distribution of two species of sloth.

There are currently two major populations of *C. hoffmanni* in South America.

B. pygmaeus is restricted to an island off the coast of Central America.

Discuss why the number of sloth species may change in the future.

Each population occupies different habitats.



(Total for question = 5 marks)

#### Q16.

Wildlife conservation can involve keeping animals in zoos as well as protecting habitats. Habitats can be destroyed by road building.

A link road is planned to connect two major roads.

The diagram shows the two possible sites for the link road and two woodland habitats.

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Q17.

The golden snub-nosed monkey (*Rhinopithecus roxellana*) is endemic to high mountainous regions of China.

This endangered species of monkey feeds on seeds.



| State what is meant by the term endemic. |     |
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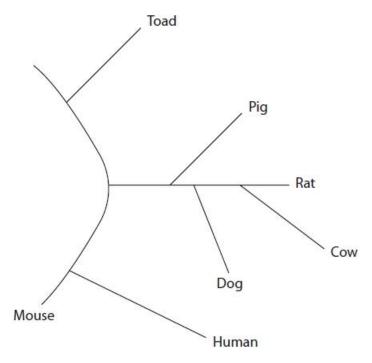
#### Q18.

Trypsin is an enzyme found in many groups of living organisms.

Trypsin specifically acts on a polypeptide to form amino acids.

The primary structures of trypsin molecules from different species have been used to produce a phylogenetic tree for trypsin.

Each branch of the following phylogenetic diagram represents trypsin from a different species.



Explain how the primary structure of trypsin molecules can be used to produce a phylogenetic tree.

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| Explain how these two species of snake could have arisen from a common ancestor. |   |
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#### Q20.

Sloths are mammals found in Central and South America.

Three species of sloth are described in the table.

| Species              | Common name               | Status                |
|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Bradypus pygmaeus    | pygmy three-toed sloth    | critically endangered |
| Choloepus didactylus | Linné's two-toed sloth    | least concern         |
| Choloepus hoffmanni  | Hoffmann's two-toed sloth | least concern         |

It is believed that *C. hoffmanni* and *C. didactylus* shared a common ancestor before becoming isolated on either side of the Andes mountain range.

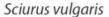
| (i)  | Expl | ain why they are now classed as different species.  |     |
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| (ii) | Whi  | ch of the following describes the term <b>niche</b> with reference to <i>C. hoffmanni</i> ? |     |
| 8    | Α    | the area where <i>C. hoffmanni</i> is found   | (1) |
| 660  | A    | the area where C. nonmann is found  |     |
|      | В    | the preferred diet of <i>C. hoffmanni</i>   |     |
| 1    | С    | the risk of C. hoffmanni becoming extinct   |     |
| 1    | D    | the role of <i>C. hoffmanni</i> in its environment  |     |
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Q21.

Answer the question with a cross in the box you think is correct  $\boxtimes$ . If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box  $\boxtimes$  and then mark your new answer with a cross  $\boxtimes$ .

Red squirrels, *Sciurus vulgaris*, are native to the UK. The grey squirrel, *Sciurus carolinensis*, has been introduced to the UK.







Sciurus carolinensis

The two squirrels are classified as different species because they

- A are geographically isolated
   B cannot produce fertile offspring
   C have different coloured fur
- D occupy a different niche

(Total for question = 1 mark)

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| The population of red squirrels | s on Brownsea | Island is one o | f several protected |
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| populations in the UK.          |               |                 |                     |

| (i)  | The             | e         | se I                  | red squirrels are not classed as endemic to Brownsea Island because they   |           |
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|      | **              | [         | С                     | are also found in other locations are not at risk of extinction are not in competition with grey squirrels have a large population size  | (1)       |
| (ii) | red<br>Ov<br>Na | d :<br>ve | squ<br>er tir<br>ne t | d squirrels on Brownsea Island are geographically isolated from other tirrel populations on the UK mainland. The grownsea Island population of squirrels might develop into a new species the process that could lead to the Brownsea Island population of a becoming a new species. | s.<br>(1) |
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Q23.

Answer the question with a cross in the box you think is correct  $\boxtimes$ . If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box  $\boxtimes$  and then mark your new answer with a cross  $\boxtimes$ .

There are currently three species of badger in the genus *Meles*: the Eurasian badger (*Meles meles*), the Asian badger (*Meles leucurus*) and the Japanese badger (*Meles anakuma*).



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The South Asian badger is currently classed as *Meles meles*.

The pairing that would be expected to be able to mate and produce fertile offspring is

A Asian badger and South Asian badger
 B Eurasian badger and Asian badger
 C Eurasian badger and South Asian badger
 D Japanese badger and South Asian badger

#### Q24.

During the civil war in Mozambique, from 1977 to 1992, 90% of the African elephants were killed for the ivory in their tusks.

Since 1992, the elephant population in Mozambique has increased.

The photograph shows a group of elephants in Mozambique.



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A study of an elephant population in Mozambique was carried out in 2017.

The elephants studied were all born before 1992.

The table shows the number of elephants with and without tusks.

| Elephants     | Number of elephants |
|---------------|---------------------|
| with tusks    | 98                  |
| without tusks | 102                 |

The presence of tusks is controlled by a single gene. The allele for tusks is known to be dominant.

The frequency of alleles in a population can be determined using the Hardy-Weinberg equation.

| Calculate the frequency of the dominant and recessive alleles in this population.<br>Give your answer to 2 decimal places. |    |
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| Frequency of the dominant allele   |    |
| Frequency of the recessive allele  |    |
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| (Total for question = 3 marks  | s) |

#### Q25.

The arctic ground squirrel (*Spermophilus parryii*) lives in Alaska. It has small ears, a cylindrical body and a shorter tail than other species of ground squirrel.

The arctic ground squirrel can survive cold winters by hibernating for up to eight months per year. When hibernating, arctic ground squirrels use stored fat supplies as an energy source.



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Which combination of adaptations shown by the arctic ground squirrel have been described?

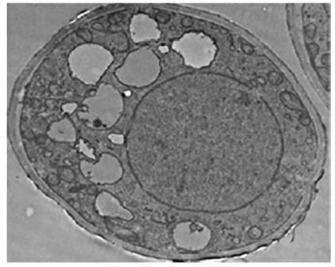
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- A anatomical and behavioural only
- B anatomical and physiological only
- □ C anatomical, behavioural and physiological
- **D** behavioural and physiological only

## Q26.

*Hymenoscyphus fraxineus* (*H. fraxineus*) is the fungus that causes ash dieback. This disease usually kills all the ash trees that it infects.

The electron micrograph shows a section through a fungal cell.



Magnification ×1000

To which group do fungi belong?

🛮 A Archaea

■ B Eukaryota

C Prokaryota

■ D Viruses

(Total for question = 1 mark)

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## Q27.

| The red squirrel population on Brownsea | Island has been | affected by a | disease |
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| caused by a prokaryotic organism.       |                 |               |         |

| (i) | Woese classified organisms into domains.              |                 |   |     |  |
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|     | Which of the following contain prokaryotic organisms? |                 |   |     |  |
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|     |   |                 | sts took blood samples from infected red squirrels and analysed them using an croscope.       |     |  |
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## Q28.

During the civil war in Mozambique, from 1977 to 1992, 90% of the African elephants were killed for the ivory in their tusks.

Since 1992, the elephant population in Mozambique has increased.

The photograph shows a group of elephants in Mozambique.



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A study of an elephant population in Mozambique was carried out in 2017.

The elephants studied were all born before 1992.

The table shows the number of elephants with and without tusks.

| Elephants     | Number of elephants |
|---------------|---------------------|
| with tusks    | 98                  |
| without tusks | 102                 |

In most African elephant populations, 2% to 4% of elephants do not grow tusks.

# **Edexcel Biology A-level - Variety of Life**

| <ul> <li>(i) Explain why the percentage of elephants without tusks in Mozambique will probably<br/>ncrease in the future.</li> </ul> |     |
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| ii) Describe how the Hardy-Weinberg equation can be used to provide evidence for changes in the elephant population in Mozambique.   |     |
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#### Q29.

There are two main types of woodland in the UK. One consists of broadleaved deciduous trees, the other contains coniferous trees that have needle-like leaves.

The table shows some of the species of plant growing underneath the trees in a deciduous woodland.

| Species       | Number of individuals of each species (n) | n(n – 1) |  |
|---------------|---|----------|--|
| Woodrush      | 2   |          |  |
| Holly         | 8   |          |  |
| Bramble       | 1   |          |  |
| Yorkshire fog | 9   |          |  |
| Sedge         | 3   |          |  |

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(ii) Calculate the diversity index (D) using the data in the table.

$$D = \frac{N(N-1)}{\Sigma n(n-1)}$$

(2)

Answer .....

(Total for question = 7 marks)

Q30.

There are currently three species of badger in the genus *Meles*: the Eurasian badger (*Meles meles*), the Asian badger (*Meles leucurus*) and the Japanese badger (*Meles anakuma*).

The Bosphorus Strait is a channel of water that separates populations of badgers.

Badgers found to the west of the Bosphorus Strait are *M. meles*. The badgers found to the east of the Bosphorus Strait are thought to be a new species.

| (i) Explain how molecular phylogeny can be used to show that these two populations are reproductively isolated. |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| (ii) Describe how mutations in badgers to the east of the Bosphorus Strait may lead to the population           | is  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| becoming a separate species.  | (4) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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Q31.

*Plasmodium falciparum* is a single-celled eukaryotic organism. *P. falciparum* causes the disease malaria when it invades red blood cells.

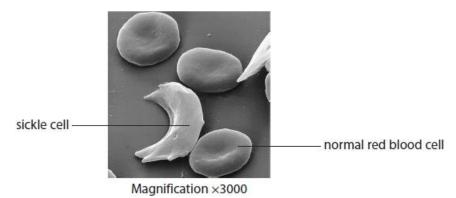
If untreated, malaria can result in a shorter than normal life span.

The high mortality rate of people with malaria has been claimed to be one of the greatest selection pressures on the human genome in recent history.

Sickle cell anaemia is a genetic condition.

People who are homozygous for the sickle cell allele have red blood cells that become deformed in shape when they are deoxygenated.

The electron micrograph shows these deformed sickle cells alongside normal red blood cells.



(i) The image of the normal red blood cell labelled in the electron micrograph has a diameter of 2 cm.

Which of the following is the actual diameter of this red blood cell?

(1)

- A 0.67 μm
- B 6.7 μm
- D 670 μm
- (ii) People with a heterozygous genotype for this condition do not develop severe sickle cell anaemia.

The Yoruba are a group of people who live in West Africa.

In a population of 600 Yoruba individuals, 24 were found to have severe sickle cell anaemia.

Calculate the number of heterozygous individuals in this population.

Use the Hardy Weinberg equation,  $p^2 + 2pq + q^2 = 1$ .

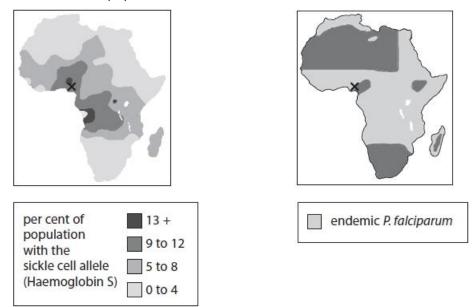
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\* (iii) Individuals who are heterozygous for this condition are resistant to a severe form of malaria, called cerebral malaria, that affects the brain. Individuals who are homozygous for the sickle cell allele are more likely to develop severe sickle cell anaemia.

The maps show the percentage of the population with the allele for sickle cell anaemia and the distribution of P. falciparum in Africa. The location of the Yoruba people is indicated with a cross ( $\times$ ).



Analyse the data to explain how malaria has affected the percentage of individuals in the Yoruba population with the allele for sickle cell anaemia.

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| Scientists measure biodiversity u | ising both | species | richness | and | the |
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| heterozygosity index.             |            |         |          |     |     |

State what is meant by the following terms:

(2) species richness

heterozygosity index

(Total for question = 2 marks)

Q33.

A study of the genetics of grass snakes has led to the identification of a new species of grass snake in the UK.

The barred grass snake was thought to be a variation of the common grass snake, *Natrix natrix*.

However, the barred grass snake, *Natrix helvetica*, has been found to be a different species.

Both types of grass snake are normally found in lowland regions in the south of England. The snakes can be more than a metre long, are found near water and eat mainly amphibians such as frogs and newts.

The common grass snake is olive green with a bright yellow collar.

The barred grass snake, shown in the photograph, is grey with black markings.



| State what is meant by the term species. |     |
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There are many reasons why humans may lose muscle mass.

Two known causes are hip replacement surgery and some genetically inherited conditions.

Muscular dystrophy (MD) is a range of genetically inherited conditions in which a loss of muscle mass can occur.

Limb-girdle muscular dystrophy (LGMD2A) is a rare type of MD. Only six people per million have this recessive condition.

In 2018 there were 66.5 million people in the UK.

(i) Calculate the number of people in the UK who are carriers of LGMD2A using the Hardy-Weinberg equation.

 $p^2 + 2pq + q^2 = 1 ag{3}$ 

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| Explain why the frequency of this allele may change from one generation to the ne   |       |
| <ul><li>ii) In the human population, the frequency of the allele for LGMD2A may change from<br/>generation to the next.</li></ul> | m one |
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| Explain how the Hardy-Weinberg equation can be used to show that natural selection is occurring in a population. |
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| Q36.   |
| Some fish live in very cold parts of the sea where ice can form.   |
| Many of these fish produce anti-freeze proteins, which help to stop ice forming inside the fish.                 |
| The production of anti-freeze proteins is an example of  |
| A anatomical adaptation B change in allele frequency C physiological adaptation D reproductive isolation         |
| (Total for question = 1 mark)  |

#### Q37.

The saiga antelope is found in the grasslands of Eurasia. In the 1970s its population was 1 250 000. The population has decreased due to loss of habitat and a disease outbreak in 2015.

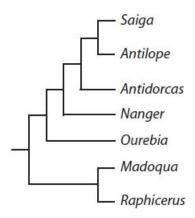
Population estimates suggest as few as 50 000 individuals remain.

Conservation efforts aim to ensure that the population recovers to previous levels.



Saiga antelopes are related to a wide range of other species of antelope.

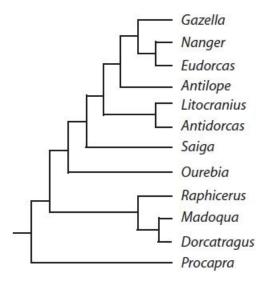
The diagram shows the phylogenetic relationships between some antelopes. This diagram was produced using data from analysis of a protein.



(i) Explain how this diagram indicates that saiga antelopes are more closely related to *Antilope* than to *Antidorcas*.

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(ii) This is a more recent classification diagram based on a study of the mitochondrial genomes of antelopes.



Deduce how this study led to different opinions about the relationship between Saiga and Antilope.

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(Total for question = 5 marks)

Q38.

Answer the question with a cross in the box you think is correct  $\boxtimes$ . If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box  $\boxtimes$  and then mark your new answer with a cross  $\boxtimes$ .

The bee orchid, *Ophrys apifera*, is pollinated by a species of bee, *Eucera longicornis*, that is found in parts of the UK.

Males of this species of bee mistake the flower for a female bee.

The bee orchid can also self-pollinate.



The niche of *E. longicornis* is that it

| ■ A | feeds on the orchid                         |
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| В   | is found in the same location as the orchid |
| С   | looks like the orchid flower                |
| D   | pollinates the orchid                       |

(Total for question = 1 mark)

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Q39.

Conservation programmes are used to save endangered species.

The Scottish wildcat, shown in the photograph, is a subspecies of the European wildcat, *Felis silvestris silvestris*.



The Cairngorms Wildcat Project estimates that there are 150 breeding pairs left, but the Scottish Wildcat Association believes that only 35 cats remain.

A conservation group proposed that a captive breeding programme, and the relocation of Scottish wildcats, would be necessary to prevent extinction.

Explain how molecular phylogeny could be used to determine the relationships between the Scottish wildcat and other subspecies of European wildcat.

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# Mark Scheme

#### Q1.

| Question<br>Number | Answer                                   |                                      | Additional Guidance | Mark |
|--------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------|------|
|                    | Description of adaptation                | Type of adaptation shown by the wasp |                     |      |
|                    | (knocking its<br>body to signal<br>food) | Behavioural (1)                      |                     |      |
|                    | (the stinger)                            | Anatomical (1)                       |                     | (2)  |

### Q2.

| Question<br>Number | Answer  | Mark |
|--------------------|---|------|
| (i)                | The only correct answer is A - ligaments only  B is not correct because the tendons do not join bones to bones in the elbow joint  C is not correct because the tendons do not join bones to bones in the elbow joint  D is not correct because the ligaments do join bones to bones in the elbow joint | (1)  |

| Question<br>Number | Answer   | Mark |
|--------------------|--|------|
| (ii)               | The only correct answer is D rows 3 and 4  |      |
|                    | <b>A</b> is not correct because the tendons showing a change is not a change in genotype |      |
|                    | <b>B</b> is not correct because the tendons also show a physiological adaptation         | (1)  |
|                    | <b>C</b> is not correct because the tendons showing a change is not a change in genotype |      |

| Question | Answer   |     |
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| * (iii)  | Answers will be credited according to candidates' deployment of knowledge and understanding of materialin relation to the qualities and skills outlined in the generic mark scheme.  |     |
|          | The indicative content below is not prescriptive and candidates are not required to include all the materialwhich is relevant. Additional content included in the response must be scientific and relevant.  |     |
|          | Indicative content Valid because:  • {sufficient replicates / 12 individuals} used and a mean calculated  • All same gender  • Means of both heart rate and blood lactate agree with conclusion  • Spread of data (standard deviation / error bars) between cycling and running does not overlap                           |     |
|          | Not valid because:  Insufficient / only 12 individuals involved  Insufficient detail relating to the athletes e.g. they maybe athletes that focus on different sports/have done more than one previous triathlon / more experienced  The three disciplines are always done in the same order / different distances covered |     |
|          | <ul> <li>Spread of cycling data (standard deviation / error bars) for blood lactate overlaps with swimming</li> <li>As no time allowed to recover between sports, some of blood lactate shown for cycling could havebeen produced during swimming</li> </ul>   | (6) |
|          | Agree or not agree with conclusion   |     |

| 3          |       |   | Additional Guidance  |
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| Level<br>0 | Marks | No awardable content  |  |
| Level<br>1 | 1-2   | Limited scientific judgement made with a focus on mainlyjust one method, with a few strengths/weaknesses identified.  | Considers one area only e.g.<br>comparingmean data or<br>spread of data only   |
|            |       | A conclusion may be attempted,<br>demonstrating isolatedelements of<br>biological knowledge and<br>understanding butwith limited evidence<br>to support the judgement being made. | Conclusion based on only one<br>set of data or only one sport<br>considered e.g. cycling ismost<br>demanding   |
| Level<br>2 | 3-4   | A scientific judgement is made through<br>the application of relevant evidence,<br>with strengths and weaknesses of each<br>method identified.                                    | Considers both a valid and an invalid aspect e.g. relevance of spread of data forlactate concentrations overlap in some cases or elements of the study |
|            |       | A conclusion is made, demonstrating linkages to elements of biological knowledge and understanding, with occasionalevidence to support the judgement being made.                  | Conclusion given that takes<br>both valid andinvalid aspects<br>into account   |
| Level<br>3 | 5-6   | A scientific judgement is made which is supported throughout by sustained application of relevant evidencefrom the analysis and interpretation of the scientific information.     | Considers both a range of valid and invalidaspects   |
|            |       | A conclusion is made, demonstrating sustained linkages tobiological knowledge and understanding with evidence to support the judgement being made.                                | A conclusion based<br>on a range of<br>considered evidence   |

## Q3.

| Question<br>Number | Indicative content  |
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|                    | Answers will be credited according to candidate's deployment of knowledge and understanding of the material in relation to the qualities and skills outlined in the generic mark scheme.                                  |
|                    | The indicative content below is not prescriptive and candidates are not required to include all the material which is indicated as relevant. Additional content included in the response must be scientific and relevant. |
|                    | Section of relevant data  |
|                    | <ul> <li>higher rate of mutations than in {slowly evolving fish / sticklebacks}</li> </ul>  |
|                    | <ul> <li>relatively high rate of mutations that change amino acids compared to slowly evolving fish</li> </ul>  |
|                    | <ul> <li>low rate of gene duplication in slowly evolving fish / high rate of gene duplication in cichlid<br/>fish</li> </ul>  |
|                    | higher rate of mutations in regulatory sequences in cichlid fish  |
|                    | <ul> <li>variety of habitats available providing different selection pressures</li> </ul>   |
|                    | Consequences of data described  |
|                    | <ul> <li>more {amino acid changes / gene duplications} the greater number of alleles in gene pool</li> <li>altered amino acids result in altered protein function</li> </ul>  |
|                    | changes in regulatory sequences allow for different gene expression in tissues etc  |
|                    | <ul> <li>duplicated genes can be used for new functions without loss of original function / polygenic<br/>phenotypes</li> </ul>   |
|                    | <ul> <li>variety of habitats provide a number of niches suitable for cichlid fish with different<br/>adaptations to exploit</li> </ul>  |
|                    | Linkages made to rate of evolution  |
|                    | <ul> <li>example of an altered protein function e.g. enzymes that work at different pH / temperature</li> </ul>   |
|                    | tolerance   |
|                    | development of new phenotypes   |
|                    | <ul> <li>{new enzymes/ different mouth shapes} allow new food types to be exploited</li> </ul>  |
|                    | <ul> <li>changes in {pigmentation / mouth shape} allow speciation</li> </ul>  |

| Level   | Mark  | Descriptor  | Additional guidance  |
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| Level 0 | Marks | No awardable content  |  |
| Level 1 | 1-3   | Demonstrates isolated elements of biological knowledge and understanding to the given context with generalised comments made.                       | At least one relevant piece of data described e.g. higher mutation rate.                             |
|         |       | Vague statements related to consequences are made with limited linkage to a range of scientific ideas, processes, techniques and procedures.        | A consequence described for the data – e.g. linking mutations to protein structure                   |
|         |       | The discussion will contain basic information with some attempt made to link knowledge and understanding to the given context.                      | Basic clear conclusion attempted e.g. different proteins are produced                                |
| Level 2 | 4-6   | Demonstrates adequate knowledge and understanding by selecting and applying some relevant biological facts/concepts.                                | At least two pieces of relevant data<br>referred to.  Consequences of at least two pieces            |
|         |       | Consequences are discussed which are occasionally supported through linkage to a range of scientific ideas, processes, techniques and procedures.   | of data explained  |
|         |       | The discussion shows some linkages and lines of scientific reasoning with some structure.   | Linkages made to evolution of the fish e.g. changes in phenotype                                     |
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| Level 3 | 7-9   | Demonstrates comprehensive knowledge and understanding by selecting and applying relevant knowledge of biological facts/concepts.                   | At least three pieces of relevant data referred to   |
|         |       | Consequences are discussed which are supported throughout by sustained linkage to a range of scientific ideas, processes, techniques or procedures. | Consequences of each piece of data explained   |
|         |       | The discussion shows a well-developed and sustained line of scientific reasoning which is clear and logically structured.                           | Linkages to evolution discussed, e.g.<br>the types of adaptations that may<br>arise due to mutations |

## Q4.

| Question<br>Number | Answer  | Additional Guidance     | Mark |
|--------------------|---|-------------------------|------|
| (i)                | An answer that makes reference to the following:  • it is found {in one location / only in Scotland}  (1) | DO NOT ALLOW<br>habitat | (1)  |

| Question<br>Number | Answer   | Additional<br>Guidance  | Mark |
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| (ii)               | An explanation that makes reference to the following:  • increases (genetic diversity)/increases size of gene pool (1)  • because of introduction of {new/different} alleles (into the population) (1) | ALLOW increase<br>variety of alleles<br>ALLOW maintain<br>genetic diversity | (2)  |

#### Q5.

| Question<br>Number | Answer                                  | Additional guidance | Mark |
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|                    | An answer that makes reference to:      |                     |      |
|                    | <ul> <li>no (in row two) (1)</li> </ul> |                     |      |
|                    | some (in row five) (1)                  |                     | (2)  |

## Q6.

| Question<br>Number | Answer  | Additional Guidance | Mark |
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| (i)                | A answer that makes reference to the following:                         |                     |      |
|                    | {alternative form / different form / version / variation} of a gene (1) | IGNORE type of gene | 1    |

| Question<br>Number | Answer   | Additional Guidance  | Mark |
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| (ii)               | correct use of Hardy-Weinberg<br>equation (1)                | Example of calculation $p^2+2pq+q^2=1$   |      |
|                    | correct calculation of probability of<br>each homozygote (1) | p <sup>2</sup> = either 0.185 or 0.325<br>q <sup>2</sup> = either 0.325 or 0.185 |      |
|                    |  | or<br>2pq = 0.43 x 0.57 x 2  |      |
|                    | correct answer (1)   | = 0.4902<br>frequency = 50.98 % /<br>51% (which is greater<br>than 50%)          |      |
|                    |  | Correct answer with<br>no working gains full<br>marks                            | 3    |

## Q7.

| Question<br>Number | Answer                  | Mark |
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| (i)                | B 252 million years ago | (1)  |

| Question<br>Number | Answer  | Additional Guidance                                 | Mark |
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| (ii)               | An explanation that makes reference to three of the following:  |   |      |
|                    | (sea) ice is a selection pressure for<br>AFPs / AFPs are advantageous (only)<br>when there is (sea) ice (1)   | ALLOW AFPs allow fish to survive the ice age        |      |
|                    | so AFPs are likely to have { appeared / increased in frequency } during an ice age (1)  |   |      |
|                    | the only ice ages since the existence of<br>the ray-fin fish are the Quaternary and<br>Karoo (1)  | ALLOW during the Karoo /<br>Quaternary<br>(ice age) |      |
|                    | therefore ray-fin fish producing AFPs<br>are likely to have evolved { in the last<br>2.6 million years / between 260 and<br>360 million years ago } (1) | (ice age)   |      |
|                    |   |   | (3)  |

## Q8.

| Question<br>Number | Answer  | Additional guidance                             | Mark |
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| (i)                |   | Example of calculation                          | 52 6 |
|                    | N(N-1) is calculated (1)                            | 41 x 40= 1640                                   |      |
|                    | sum of n(n-1) is calculated (1)                     | 480   |      |
|                    | correct value for diversity index<br>calculated (1) | 3.4 / 3.42                                      |      |
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| Question<br>Number | Answer  | Mark |
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| (ii)               | An explanation that makes reference to the following:               |      |
|                    | the value will decrease (1)   |      |
|                    | <ul> <li>because there will be fewer species present (1)</li> </ul> |      |
|                    |   | (2)  |

## Q9.

| Question | Indicitive content  |
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|          | Answers will be credited according to candidate's knowledge and understanding of the  |
|          | material in relation to the qualities   |
|          | and skills outlined in the generic mark scheme.   |
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|          | as relevant. Additional content included in the response must be scientific and relevant.                                       |
|          | The diversity will reduce due to increased self-pollination   |
|          | Populations that self-pollinate will still produce some variation in their offspring  |
|          | This variation will be reduced as only one parents' alleles are used  |
|          | Genetic drift may occur   |
|          | Similarities to E. longicornus may not be as obvious  |
|          | Because there is no advantage / selection pressure to look like a bee   |
|          | Chance of different gene pool   |
|          | Leading to formation of two new species   |
|          | The lack of <i>E. Longicornus</i> in areas of the UK will increase the chance of new species of bee orchid developing there     |

| Level | Marks |   | Additional Guidance   |
|-------|-------|---|---|
| 0     | 0     | No awardable content  |   |
| 1     | 1-2   | An explanation may be attempted but with limited interpretation or analysis of the scientific information with a focus on mainly just one piece of scientific information.  The explanation will contain basic information with some attempt made to link knowledge and understanding to the given context. | Reduced biodiversity –<br>less pollination by<br>bees<br>Fewer bees mean that<br>more orchids will<br>self-pollinate  |
| 2     | 3-4   | An explanation will be given with occasional evidence of analysis, interpretation and/or evaluation of both pieces of scientific information.  The explanation shows some linkages and lines of scientific reasoning with some structure.   | Self-pollination will<br>cause reduced diversity<br>Change in allele<br>frequencies in the<br>population  |
| 3     | 5-6   | An explanation is made which is supported throughout by sustained application of relevant evidence of analysis, interpretation and/or evaluation of both pieces of scientific information.  | Idea of genetic drift –<br>loss of alleles from<br>populations  If not pollinated by<br>bees, alleles leading<br>to that adaptation no<br>longer an advantage           |
|       |       | The explanation shows a well-developed and sustained line of scientific reasoning which is clear and logically structured.  | Phenotype may change<br>– may result in new<br>species evolving<br>Areas where there are<br>fewer bees will be<br>more likely to have<br>new orchid species<br>evolving |

### Q10.

| Question<br>Number | Answer  | Additional Guidance                             | Mark |
|--------------------|---|---|------|
|                    |   | Example of calculation                          |      |
|                    | correct values calculated for p and q (1)                               | p= 0.99 q = 0.01                                |      |
|                    | correct calculation of proportion of<br>heterozygotes (1)               | 2pq = 2 × (0.99 × 0.01) = 0.0198                |      |
|                    | correct calculation of number of<br>heterozygotes in the population (1) | 0.0198 × 17 020 000 = 336 996 carriers          |      |
|                    |   | Correct answer with no working gains full marks | (3)  |

## Q11.

| Question<br>Number | Answer   | Additional Guidance  | Mark |
|--------------------|--|--|------|
|                    |  | Example of calculation   |      |
|                    | • correct use of Hardy-Weinberg equation (1)                     | p <sup>2</sup> +2pq+q <sup>2</sup> = 1   |      |
|                    | • correct calculation of allele frequencies (1)                  | q = 0.020 and p = 0.980  |      |
|                    | correct probability of heterozygote frequency     calculated (4) | 2pq = 2 x (0.98 x 0.02)  |      |
|                    | calculated (1)   | 3.92% / 3.9% / 0.0392 / 0.039<br>ALLOW $\frac{49}{1250}$ as a fraction for probability |      |
|                    |  | Correct answer with no working gains full marks  |      |
|                    |  | ALLOW 2 marks for correct allele frequencies alone                                     | 920  |
|                    |  |  | (3)  |

## Q12.

| Question<br>Number | Answer   | Additional guidance   | Mark |
|--------------------|--|---|------|
|                    | An explanation that makes reference to three of thefollowing:  • (because) there are {more similarities / fewer differences} between the Archaea and the Eukaryota (1)  • (because) there are {fewer similarities / more differences} between the Archaea and the Bacteria (1) | ALLOW correct number of similarities / differences for Archaea and Eukaryota  ALLOW correct number of similarities / differences for Archaea and Bacteria |      |
|                    | <ul> <li>two similarities between Archaea and Eukaryota(from table) described (1)</li> <li>(so) the more recently they have evolved from a common ancestor (1)</li> </ul>  | e.g. not inhibited by streptomycin/<br>methioninerequired for starting<br>protein synthesis / transcription<br>factors required for transcription         | (3)  |

### Q13.

| Question<br>Number | Answer   | Additional Guidance               | Mark |
|--------------------|--|-----------------------------------|------|
| (i)                | A description that makes reference to              |                                   |      |
|                    | (counting) the number of<br>different species  (1) | ALLOW measure species richness    |      |
|                    | (counting) number of individual per species        | ALLOW determined population sizes | (2)  |

| Question<br>Number | Answer   | Additional guidance   | Mark |
|--------------------|--|---|------|
| (ii)               | An answer that makes reference to  | 4% of plants, 3.6% of<br>vertebrates or 4% of the<br>combined total     |      |
|                    | or  percentage of {plants / vertebrate } in Madagascar that are endemic to Madagascar e.g.   | 80.9% plants 78.1% of vertebrates endemic                               |      |
|                    | or  percentage of world {plant / vertebrates / total}  endemic to Madagascar   | 3.2% of plants, 2.8% of<br>vertebrates or 3.2% of<br>the combined total |      |
|                    | or  density of {plant / vertebrates / total} on {Madagascar / Earth}  • species density of {animals / plants} in Madagascar is higher than for the Earth | ALLOW a large number of species relative to the area                    | (3)  |
|                    | many of the species found in<br>Madagascar are not found<br>anywhere else  |   |      |

### Q14.

| Question<br>Number | Answer   | Additional Guidance      | Mark     |
|--------------------|--|--------------------------|----------|
|                    | An answer which makes reference to the following:          |                          |          |
|                    | (behavioural) slow<br>moving/sleep for long<br>periods (1) | ALLOW sleep for 15 hours |          |
|                    | (physiological) slow<br>metabolism (1)                     |                          | (3)      |
|                    | (anatomical) hooked claws     (1)                          |                          | <b>1</b> |

## Q15.

| Question<br>Number | Indicative content  |  |  |
|--------------------|---|--|--|
|                    | Answers will be credited according to candidate's knowledge and understanding of the material in relation to the qualities and skills outlined in the generic mark scheme.  |  |  |
|                    | The indicative content below is not prescriptive and candidates are not required to include all the material which is indicated as relevant. Additional content included in the response must be scientific and relevant. |  |  |
|                    | Species number may increase due to:   |  |  |
|                    | Fragmentation of habitat / geographical isolation   |  |  |
|                    | Different selection pressures on populations of C. hoffmanni  |  |  |
|                    | Different allele frequencies within separate populations  |  |  |
|                    | Evolution leading to formation of new species   |  |  |
|                    | Species number may decrease due to:   |  |  |
|                    | B. pygmaeus is currently critically endangered  |  |  |
|                    | Only one population   |  |  |
|                    | Therefore could be vulnerable to inbreeding depression  |  |  |
|                    | At risk of natural disaster, disease, predation etc   |  |  |
|                    | Therefore may become extinct  |  |  |
|                    |   |  |  |
|                    |   |  |  |
|                    |   |  |  |
|                    |   |  |  |
|                    |   |  |  |

| Level | Marks |   | Additional Guidance   |
|-------|-------|---|---|
| 0     | 0     | No awardable content  |   |
| 1     | 1-2   | An explanation may be attempted but with limited interpretation or analysis of the scientific information with a focus on mainly just one piece of scientific information.  | Geographical isolation.  B. pygmaeus is currently critically endangered.  |
|       |       | The explanation will contain basic information with some attempt made to link knowledge and understanding to the given context.   | C. hoffmanni becoming more than one species or B. pygmaeus becoming extinct   |
| 2     | 3-4   | An explanation will be given with occasional evidence of analysis, interpretation and/or evaluation of both pieces of scientific information.  The explanation shows some linkages and lines of scientific reasoning with some structure.                           | C. hoffmanni Different habitats with different selection pressures leading to natural selection. Or B. pygmaeus has only one population / endemic to one island                                 |
| 3     | 5-6   | An explanation is made which is supported throughout by sustained application of relevant evidence of analysis, interpretation and/or evaluation of both pieces of scientific information.  The explanation shows a well-developed and sustained line of scientific | (Must consider both species) C. hoffmanni populations accumulate different allele frequencies and develop into different species. B. pygmaeus more vulnerable to becoming extinct with reasons. |
|       |       | reasoning which is clear and logically structured.  |   |

### Q16.

| Question<br>Number | Answer  | Additional<br>Guidance | Mark |
|--------------------|---|------------------------|------|
| (i)                | A answer that makes reference to the following:     the area inhabited by a particular {     species / organism } (1) |                        | (1)  |

| Question<br>Number | Answer  | Additional guidance                                     | Mark |
|--------------------|---|---|------|
| (ii)               | An answer that makes reference to the following:     biodiversity {measured / compared} using a diversity index (1)     species richness (assessed) (1) | ALLOW count the number of differentspecies in an area   |      |
|                    | <ul> <li>genetic diversity of {populations / species}         <ul> <li>(1)</li> </ul> </li> <li>presence of any {endemic / rare} species (1)</li> </ul> | ALLOW endangered species / speciesat risk of extinction | (4)  |

### Q17.

| Question | Answer                                      | Additional guidance         | Mark |
|----------|---|-----------------------------|------|
| Number   |   |                             |      |
|          | found only in one geographical location (1) | ALLOW one area of the world | (1)  |

### Q18.

| Question<br>Number | Answer  | Additional Guidance  | Mark |
|--------------------|---|--|------|
|                    | An explanation that makes reference to  • determine the sequence of amino acids (for trypsin)  • determine the number of {differences / similarities} in sequences (of amino acids) between species  • the greater the number of differences the less closely related the species are | ALLOW differences and similarities in primary structure  ALLOW more similarities more closely related  ALLOW greater difference in sequence longer the time from a common ancestor | (3)  |

### Q19.

| Question<br>Number | Answer  | Additional guidance   | Mark |
|--------------------|---|---|------|
|                    | An explanation that makes reference to four of the following:   |   |      |
|                    | mutation leads to { variation within the population of grass snakes / (snakes with) different colour or markings } (1)     (natural selection led to) those snakes which were better camouflaged surviving to reproduce (1) |   |      |
|                    | (therefore) giving rise to two populations with differing allele frequency (1)  | ALLOW separate gene pools develop or a change in allele frequency |      |
|                    | (as the result of natural selection) the two populations<br>became reproductively isolated (1)  | ALLOW can no longer breed with                                    |      |
|                    | sympatric speciation (in the context of new species developing in the same habitat) (1)   | each other  | (4)  |

### Q20.

| Question<br>Number | Answer  | Additional Guidance | Mark |
|--------------------|---|---------------------|------|
| (i)                | An explanation which makes reference to the following:     they are no longer able to interbreed to produce fertile offspring (1) |                     |      |
|                    | because     populations have     become     reproductively     isolated (1)   |                     | (2)  |

| Question<br>Number | Answer   | Mark |
|--------------------|--|------|
| (ii)               | D - The role of <i>C. hoffmanni</i> in its environment   |      |
|                    | The only correct answer is D   |      |
|                    | A is not correct because the area where C, hoffmanni is found is not a description of niche      |      |
|                    | B is not correct because the preferred diet of C. hoffmanni is not a description of niche        | (1)  |
|                    | C is not correct because the risk of C. hoffmanni becoming extinct is not a description of niche | (1)  |

### Q21.

| Answer  | Mark  |
|---|---|
| B — cannot produce fertile offspring  |   |
| The only correct answer is B  |   |
| A is not correct because the populations of the same species can be geographically isolated |   |
| C is not correct because individuals of the same species can have different coloured fur    |   |
| D is not correct because a species may occupy a different niche                             | (1)   |
|   | B – cannot produce fertile offspring  The only correct answer is B  A is not correct because the populations of the same species can be geographically isolated  C is not correct because individuals of the same species can have different coloured fur |

### Q22.

| Question<br>Number | Answer   | Mark |
|--------------------|--|------|
| (i)                | A - They are also found in other locations   |      |
|                    | The only correct answer is A   |      |
|                    | B is not correct because they are not at risk of extinction refers to endangered not endemic |      |
|                    | C is not correct because the term endemic is not related to competition                      |      |
|                    | <b>D</b> is not correct because the term endemic is not related to population size           | (1)  |

| Question<br>Number | Answer                    | Additional Guidance                                      | Mark |
|--------------------|---------------------------|--|------|
| (ii)               | natural selection     (1) | ALLOW (allopatric) speciation or reproductive isolation. | (1)  |

### Q23.

| Question<br>Number | Answer  | Mark |
|--------------------|---|------|
|                    | The only correct answer is – C Eurasian badger and South Asian badger as they belong to the same species      |      |
|                    | A is incorrect because the Asian badger and the South Asian badger are unable to produce fertile offspring    |      |
|                    | B is incorrect because the Eurasian badger and Asian badger are unable to produce fertile offspring           | (4)  |
|                    | D is incorrect because the √apanese badger and the south Asian badger are unable to produce fertile offspring | (1)  |

#### Q24.

| Question<br>Number | Answer   | Additional guidance                            | Mark |
|--------------------|--|--|------|
|                    | An answer that makes reference to the following  | Example of calculation                         |      |
|                    | Hardy-Weinberg equation stated (1)   | $p^2 + 2pq + q^2 = 1.0$                        |      |
|                    | <ul> <li>correct calculation of frequency of<br/>homozygous recessive individuals (1)</li> </ul> | q <sup>2</sup> = 102 ÷200 = 0.51               |      |
|                    | 20   | Dominant allele = 0.29                         |      |
|                    | <ul> <li>correct calculation of frequency of<br/>dominant and recessivealleles (1)</li> </ul>    | Recessive allele= 0.71                         |      |
|                    |  | Correct answer with no workinggains full marks | (3)  |

#### Q25.

| Question<br>Number | Answer   | Mark |
|--------------------|--|------|
|                    | C - anatomical, behavioural and physiological                        |      |
|                    | The only correct answer is $oldsymbol{c}$                            |      |
|                    | A is incorrect because there is also a physiological adaptation      |      |
|                    | $m{B}$ is incorrect because there is also a behavioural adaptation   |      |
|                    | <b>D</b> is incorrect because there is also an anatomical adaptation | (1)  |

### Q26.

| Question<br>Number | Answer   | Mark |
|--------------------|--|------|
|                    | B - Eukaryota  |      |
|                    | The only correct answer is <b>B</b>  |      |
|                    | <b>A</b> is incorrect because the electron micrograph has a nucleus and other membrane bound organelles so must be a eukaryote |      |
|                    | C is incorrect because the electron micrograph has a nucleus and other membrane bound organelles so must be a eukaryote        | (1)  |
|                    | <b>D</b> is incorrect because the electron micrograph has a nucleus and other membrane bound organelles so must be a eukaryote | (1)  |

#### Q27.

| Question<br>Number | Answer   | Mark |
|--------------------|--|------|
| (i)                | C – only Archaea and Bacteria                          |      |
|                    | The only correct answer is C                           |      |
|                    | A is not correct because Eukaryota are not prokaryotic |      |
|                    | B is not correct because Bacteria are also prokaryotic |      |
|                    | D is not correct because Archaea are also prokaryotic  |      |

| Answer   | Additional Guidance   | Mark  |
|--|---|---|
| A description that makes reference to four of the following: |   |   |
| presence of a cell wall (1)                                  |   |   |
| circular DNA / plasmids (1)                                  |   |   |
| {small / 70S} ribosomes (1)                                  |   |   |
| pili / flagellum (1)   |   |   |
| capsule / mesosome (1)                                       |   | (4  |
|  | A description that makes reference to four of the following:  • presence of a cell wall (1)  • circular DNA / plasmids (1)  • {small / 70S} ribosomes (1)  • pili / flagellum (1) | A description that makes reference to four of the following:  • presence of a cell wall (1)  • circular DNA / plasmids (1)  • {small / 70S} ribosomes (1)  • pili / flagellum (1) |

#### Q28.

| Question<br>Number | Answer   | Additional guidance | Mark |
|--------------------|--|---------------------|------|
| (i)                | An explanation that makes reference to three of the following  • many of the elephants with tusks were killed (for their ivory) / large percentage of population do nothave tusks (1)  • elephants without tusks were more likely to surviveand breed (1)  • therefore passing on alleles for not having tusks (1)  • increasing the frequency of homozygousrecessives in the population (1) | ALLOW converse      |      |
|                    |  |                     | (3)  |

| Question<br>Number | Answer  | Additional guidance | Mark |
|--------------------|---|---------------------|------|
| (ii)               | calculate the {allele     frequencies/ number of     dominant and recessive alleles}     (in the populationin     Mozambique) (1)      (regular) sampling over a period of time (1) |                     | (2)  |

### Q29.

| Question<br>Number | Answer  | Additional guidance            | Mark |
|--------------------|---|--------------------------------|------|
| (i)                | Correct completion of the table  n(n-1)  2  56  0  72 | All figures need to be correct |      |
|                    |   |                                | (1)  |

| Question<br>Number | Answer                            | Additional guidance   | Mark |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---|------|
| (ii)               |                                   | Example of calculation                                      |      |
|                    | correct calculation of N(N-1) (1) | N(N-1) =23 x 22 = 506                                       |      |
|                    | correct calculation of D (1)      | <b>Σn(n</b> -1) = 136 506 ÷ 136 D = 3.72 ALLOW 3.7          |      |
|                    |                                   | ALLOW ecf from 7(a)(i) Correct answer without working gains | (2)  |
|                    |                                   | Correctanswer without working gains full marks              |      |

#### Q30.

| Question<br>Number | Answer  | Additional guidance                 | Mark |
|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|------|
| (i)                | An explanation that makes reference to the following:   | ALLOW RNA                           |      |
|                    | <ul> <li>comparing similarities and differences<br/>in {DNA/proteins} (1)</li> </ul>  |                                     |      |
|                    | <ul> <li>comparison of { nucleotide<br/>sequences / amino acid<br/>sequences } (1)</li> </ul>                                     | ALLOW If sequences seen on          |      |
|                    | <ul> <li>the greater the number of<br/>differences, the more likely they<br/>are to be reproductively<br/>isolated (1)</li> </ul> | one side but not seen on the other. | (3   |

| Question<br>Number |  | Additional guidance     | Mark |
|--------------------|--|-------------------------|------|
| (ii)               | A description that makes reference to the following:  • mutations result in production of new alleles (1)  | ALLOW different alleles |      |
|                    | <ul> <li>selection pressures cause the<br/>{alleles/mutations} to be<br/>advantageous (1)</li> </ul>   |                         |      |
|                    | more individuals with the advantageous alleles survive and reproduce (1)   |                         | 40   |
|                    | <ul> <li>after time, the population<br/>would not be able to<br/>reproduce with other badger<br/>species to produce fertile<br/>offspring (1)</li> </ul> |                         | (4)  |

#### Q31.

| Question<br>Number | Answer   | Mark |
|--------------------|--|------|
| (i)                | The only correct answer is B - 6.7 μm                                    |      |
|                    | A is not correct because did not use calculation 20 000 μm ÷ 3000        |      |
|                    | C is not correct because did not use calculation 20 000 μm ÷ 3000        | (1)  |
|                    | <b>D</b> is not correct because did not use calculation 20 000 μm ÷ 3000 | (1)  |

| Question<br>Number | Answer  | Additional Guidance  | Mark |
|--------------------|---|--|------|
| (ii)               | correct value for p and q   | Example of calculation<br>ALLOW 0.2 and 0.8 either<br>way round                            |      |
|                    | <ul> <li>correct proportion of<br/>heterozygotes (2pq)</li> </ul> | 2pq = 2 x (0.8 x 0.2) = 0.32   |      |
|                    | correct number of heterozygotes                                   | number of heterozygotes = 2pq x 600 = 192 Correct answer with no working scores full marks | (3)  |

| Question<br>Number | Answer  |
|--------------------|---|
| * (iii)            | Answers will be credited according to candidate's knowledge and understanding of the material in relation to the qualities and skills outlined in the generic mark scheme.  |
|                    | The indicative content below is not prescriptive and candidates are not required to include all the material which is indicated as relevant. Additional content included in the response must be scientific and relevant. |
|                    | <ul> <li>sickle cell anaemia is more frequent in those areas where malaria is also<br/>found (as shown on the maps)</li> </ul>  |
|                    | <ul> <li>highest proportions of populations with allele for sickle cell anaemia are in<br/>areas where there is malaria</li> </ul>  |
|                    | the Yoruba people live in an area where <i>P.falciparum</i> is found  |
|                    | malaria can be fatal and acts as a selection pressure   |
|                    | <ul> <li>individuals heterozygous for sickle cell anaemia more likely to survive malaria</li> </ul>   |
|                    | these individuals pass on alleles for sickle cell anaemia to their offspring  |
| fa d               | <ul> <li>over time the number of individuals in the population with alleles for sickle<br/>cell anaemia has increased</li> </ul>  |

| Level | Marks | Descriptor   | Additional guidance  |
|-------|-------|--|--|
| 0     |       | No awardable content   |  |
| 1     | 1-2   | An explanation may be attempted but with limited interpretation or analysis of the scientific information with a focus on mainly just <b>one</b> piece of scientific information.  The explanation will contain basic information with some attempt made to link knowledge and understanding to the given context.           | e.g. 9-12% Yoruba have sickle cell allele / Malaria and Sickle cell anaemia are found in the same place OR Heterozygotes resistant to malaria                  |
| 2     | 3-4   | An explanation will be given with occasional evidence of analysis, interpretation and/or evaluation of <b>more than one</b> piece of scientific information.  The explanation shows some linkages and lines of scientific reasoning with some structure.   | Two from level 1  Malaria is a selection pressure  |
| 3     | 5-6   | An explanation is made which is supported throughout by sustained application of relevant evidence of analysis, interpretation and/or evaluation of <b>all pieces</b> of scientific information.  The explanation shows a well-developed and sustained line of scientific reasoning which is clear and logically structured. | Individuals with sickle cell allele survive malaria and pass on allele to offspring.  Over time frequency of sickle cell allele increases in Yoruba population |

### Q32.

| Question<br>Number | Answer  | Additional Guidance  | Mark |
|--------------------|---|--|------|
|                    | An answer that makes reference to the following:  |  |      |
|                    | (species richness) measures number of species     (in a habitat)     (1)                          | ALLOW  |      |
|                    | (heterozygosity index) is a measure of genetic<br>diversity within a { species / population } (1) | ALLOW proportion of<br>heterozygous individuals in a<br>population / formula for<br>heterozygosity index | (2)  |

#### Q33.

| Question<br>Number | Answer   | Additional guidance                                 | Mark |
|--------------------|--|---|------|
|                    | a group of organisms that can interbreed to<br>produce fertile offspring | ALLOW 'breed', 'reproduce', 'mate' for 'interbreed' |      |
|                    |  |   | (1)  |

#### Q34.

| Question<br>Number | Answer                                     | Additional Guidance  | Mark |
|--------------------|--|--|------|
| (i)                |  | Example of calculation   |      |
|                    | correct values for p and q (1)             | p = 0.9975  and  q = 0.0025 OR $p = 0.9976  and  q = 0.0024$ ALLOW opposite values for p and q |      |
|                    | value for 2pq calculated (1)               | 2pq = 0.0048 to 0.0050   |      |
|                    | correct number of people<br>calculated (1) | 319 200 to 332 500   |      |
|                    |  | Correct answer with no working gains full marks  | (3)  |

| Question<br>Number | Answer   | Additional Guidance                          | Mark |
|--------------------|--|--|------|
| (ii)               | An explanation that makes reference to three of the following:   |  |      |
|                    | because the allele for LGMD2A<br>may undergo mutation (1)  | ALLOW random mutations to allele             |      |
|                    | <ul> <li>because gene flow may cause<br/>alleles to be lost or gained from<br/>the population (1)</li> </ul> | ALLOW: immigration / emigration              |      |
|                    | due to { natural selection /    (changed) selection pressure } (1)   | ALLOW confers an advantage /<br>disadvantage |      |
|                    | because people with the<br>condition may not have children<br>(1)  |  | (3)  |

#### Q35.

| Question<br>Number | Answer   | Additional guidance                                  | Mark |
|--------------------|--|--|------|
|                    | An explanation that makes reference to the following:  Hardy-Weinberg equation shows the allele frequency in a population (1)  if natural selection is occurring there would be a change in allele frequency over time (1) | ALLOW reference to change in number of heterozygotes | (2)  |

### Q36.

| Question<br>Number | Answer                     |     |
|--------------------|----------------------------|-----|
|                    | C physiological adaptation | (1) |

## Q37.

| Question<br>Number | Answer   | Additional Guidance                                  | Mark |
|--------------------|--|--|------|
| (i)                | An explanation which makes reference to the following:  • (Saiga more closely related to Antilope) because they shared a common ancestor more recently (1)  • there are more similarities in the protein (1) | e.g. similar sequences of amino acids in the protein | (2)  |

| Question<br>Number | Answer   | Additional Guidance | Mark |
|--------------------|--|---------------------|------|
| (ii)               | An answer which makes reference to the following:                    |                     |      |
|                    | they are less closely related     (1)                                |                     |      |
|                    | DNA { profiling / analysis / comparison } (1)                        |                     | (3)  |
|                    | (detected) more<br>differences in the<br>mitochondrial<br>genome (1) |                     | (3)  |

### Q38.

| Question<br>Number | Answer   | Mark |
|--------------------|--|------|
|                    | The only correct answer is – D pollinates the orchid                                 |      |
|                    | A is incorrect because E. longicornis does not feed on the orchid                    |      |
|                    | B is incorrect because the term niche does not relate to the location of an organism |      |
|                    | C is incorrect because the term niche does not relate to appearance of the organism  | (1)  |

## Q39.

| Question<br>Number | Answer  | Additional Guidance   | Mark    |
|--------------------|---|---|---------|
|                    | An explanation that makes reference to the following:   |   |         |
|                    | <ul> <li>(compare) sequences of {bases in DNA /amino acids in proteins}</li> <li>(1)</li> </ul> | ALLOW nucleotides for bases   |         |
|                    | the more similarities in common the<br>more closely-related the subspecies     (1)              | ALLOW more<br>recently evolved<br>from a common<br>ancestor<br>ALLOW converse | Vosatro |
|                    |   | statements  | (2)     |