## **Questions**

Q1.

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Crossing over occurs between two genes found on the same chromosome.

The recombination frequency reflects the likelihood of crossing over occurring. It depends on how close the genes are on the chromosome.

Explain why crossing over between two different genes, located on a pair of homologous

chromosomes, results in a maximum of 50% of gametes with the recombinant alleles.

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#### Q2.

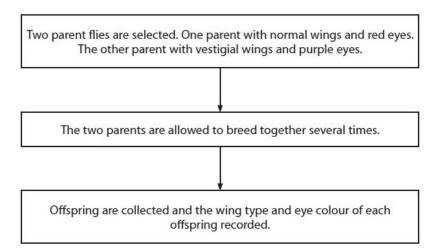
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In fruit flies, the gene for wing type is located on the same chromosome as the gene for eye colour.

The flow diagram shows an experiment used to calculate the recombination frequency for these two genes.



The table shows the results of one experiment.

Description of offspring	Number recorded	
Normal wings and red eyes	672	
Vestigial wings and purple eyes	592	
Normal wings and purple eyes	75	
Vestigial wings and red eyes	69	

The recombinant frequency is the percentage of offspring that have a different combination of characteristics compared with the parents. It is the proportion of the total number of offspring.

Calculate the recombinant frequency for this pair of genes.

Give your answer to three significant figures.

Answer ...... %

(Total for question = 1 mark)

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A zygote is formed when gametes fuse at fertilisation.	
Explain how meiosis results in genetic variation in the gametes.	
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Mitosis is involved	d in growth	and repair	of tissues and	organs.
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Metaphase is one stage of mitosis.

(i) Draw and label the parts of a chromosome, as it would appear during metaphase of mitosis.	
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(ii) Describe the events that take place during metaphase of mitosis.	
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(Total for question = 4 marks)

## Q5.

In cancers, cells divide uncontrollably.

Colchicine is an anti-cancer drug that inhibits mitosis.

The effects of treating cells with colchicine were investigated.

Animal cells were cultured in a single layer in plastic dishes.

Colchicine was added to the culture and the mean number of cells in three stages of mitosis was determined over a period of 192 hours.

The table shows the results of this investigation.

Time after treating cells with colchicine	Mean number of cells				
/ hours	Prophase	Metaphase	Anaphase		
0	11.7	33.3	15.3		
6	9.3	41.3	9.3		
12	3.0	41.7	3.0		
24	3.7	49.0	0.0		
48	4.3	68.7	0.0		
96	2.3	80.0	0.0		
192	0.7	86.3	0.0		

(i) Explain the results shown in the table.	
	(3)
(ii) Describe how these results could have been obtained.	
	(3)

(Total for question = 6 marks)

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Recombination of alleles can be due to the crossing over that occurs during meiosis. This process results in gametes with different combinations of alleles and genetic variation in the offspring.

When does crossing over first take place?

(1)

□ A metaphase I
□ B metaphase II
□ C prophase I
□ D prophase II

(Total for question = 1 mark)

### Q7.

A student investigated the number of dividing cells in an onion root tip.

The student made a root tip squash and counted the number of cells at each stage of the cell cycle. The table shows the results.

Number of cells at each stage of the cell cycle				
Prophase	Metaphase	Anaphase	Telophase	Interphase
4	2	1	1	90

(i) Calculate the mitotic index for these results using the formula

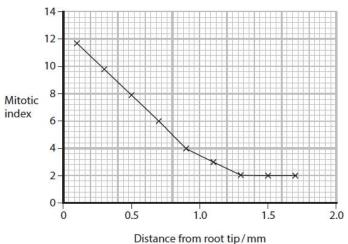
$$Mitotic index = \frac{number of actively dividing cells}{total number of cells} \times 100$$

(2)

Answer .....

(ii) The mitotic index depends on the distance from the root tip.

The graph shows the relationship between the mitotic index and the distance from the root tip.



Explain the relationship shown in the graph.

(2)

(Total for question = 4 marks)

Q8.

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Number of cells at each stage of the cell cycle					
Prophase	Metaphase	Anaphase	Telophase	Interphase	
4	2	1	1	90	

The student used the following method to prepare the root tip squash.

- 1. Cut a small piece from the tip of a growing onion root and place it in weak acid.
- 2. Transfer the root tip to a microscope slide.
- 3. Add a drop of stain.
- 4. Use a mounted needle to flatten the piece of root and place a coverslip on top.
- 5. View using low power objective lens of a microscope.
- 6. Count the cells at each stage of the cell cycle.

Justify two improvements to this method.

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(Total for question = 2 marks)

### Q9.

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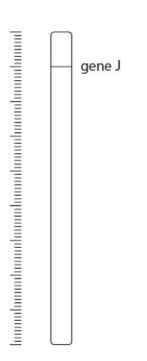
The table shows the recombinant frequencies between four genes, J, K, L and M, located on the same chromosome.

Pairs of genes	Recombinant frequency (%)
J and K	12.0
J and M	15.0
L and K	3.0
L and M	6.0

A genetic map can be produced by drawing a scale diagram to show the location of these genes.

The diagram shows the position of gene J on a chromosome.

Complete the diagram to show the position of genes K, L and M on this chromosome.



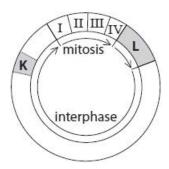
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### Q10.

Mitosis is one of the stages of the cell cycle.

The diagram represents some of the stages in the cell cycle.



The duration of each stage of the cell cycle is directly proportional to the number of cells in that stage.

A student made a squash preparation of a root tip and counted the number of cells in each stage of the cell cycle.

The results are shown in the table.

Stage of cell cycle	Number of cells
Interphase	169
Prophase	5
Metaphase	8
Anaphase	2
Telophase	62

(i)	The cells in this root tip had a cell cycle time of 23 hours.
	Calculate the time, in minutes, that these cells spent in anaphase.

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(ii) The student then used the same method to study mitosis in a root tip from another plant of the same species.

The student worked out that the cells spent 8% less time in anaphase. Calculate the time, in minutes, that these cells spent in anaphase.

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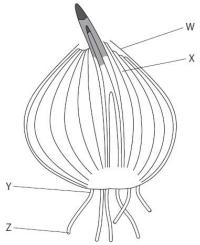
(iii) Explain why these two calculated values are not identical.	
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Q11.

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  $\boxtimes$ .

Onion bulbs that are growing can be used to make slides of plant tissue to observe the stages of mitosis.

The diagram shows a section through an onion bulb that is starting to grow.



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(iii) Explain how to make a temporary preparation to show the stages of mitosis, after a the stain to the slide.	
	(1)
(ii) Name a stain that can be used to show the stages of mitosis.	(4)
<ul> <li>A W</li> <li>B X</li> <li>C Y</li> <li>D Z</li> </ul>	(1)
(i) Which of the parts, W, X, Y or Z, should be used to prepare a slide showing mitosis	(1)

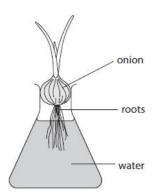
### Q12.

A student read that some plants do not grow well in waterlogged soil.

The student formed the following hypothesis:

Adding water to soil inhibits mitosis in root cells.

To test this hypothesis, the student grew onion roots in the apparatus shown.



The tips of the onion roots were removed and observed for stages of mitosis.

The photomicrograph shows a preparation from one onion root tip.

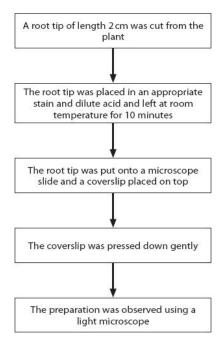


Devise a method the student should use to investigate the effect of waterlogged soil on mitosis in root cells.

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### Q13.

A student made a squash preparation of a root tip to observe the stages of mitosis. The diagram shows the method that the student used.



The student was disappointed with the slide that had been prepared because the nuclei were poorly stained and no stages of mitosis could be seen.

(i) Explain why the student had to make sure that an appropriate stain was used.	
	(2)
<ul><li>(ii) Describe the changes that need to be made to this method to allow stages of mitosis to be seen.</li></ul>	)
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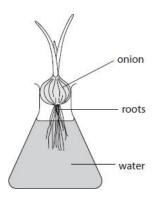
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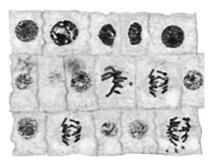
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Describe how to prepare a microscope slide of root tissue to show stages of mitosis.	
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#### Q15.

During mitosis, microtubules form the spindle.

These microtubules are made of a protein called tubulin.

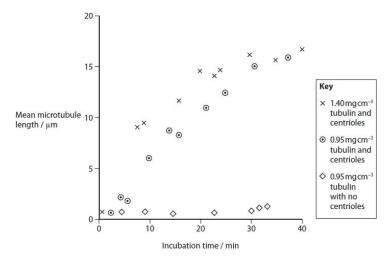
Individual tubulin molecules are globular with a diameter of 25 nm.

Thousands of tubulin molecules are assembled together to form long, hollow microtubules.

The involvement of centrioles in spindle formation was investigated using the following method:

- in the first experiment, purified tubulin at a concentration of 1.40 mg cm-3 was mixed with centriole fragments
- the mixture was incubated at 35 °C
- every few minutes, the length of any microtubules formed was measured
- in a second experiment, a mixture containing 0.95 mg cm<sup>-3</sup> tubulin and centriole fragments was used
- in a third experiment, 0.95 mg cm<sup>-3</sup> tubulin with no centriole fragments present was used
- each of these three experiments was repeated several times.

The graph shows the results of this investigation.



(i) Analyse the data to comment on the relationship between centrioles and tubulin in the production of microtubules.

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(Total for question = 8 marks)

(ii) Explain why the centriole fragments and tubulin were each in a buffer	
solution at 35 °C before being used in these experiments.	(4)
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Q16.

Adult female cabbage aphids (Brevicoryne brassicae) undergo either asexual reproduction or sexual reproduction depending on the time of year.

The photograph shows some cabbage aphids on a cabbage leaf.

Explain why a juvenile aphid is genetically identical to its parent.



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Q17.

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Name the type of chromosome mutation that results in Down's syndrome.
Some genetic disorders result from chromosome mutations.

#### Q18.

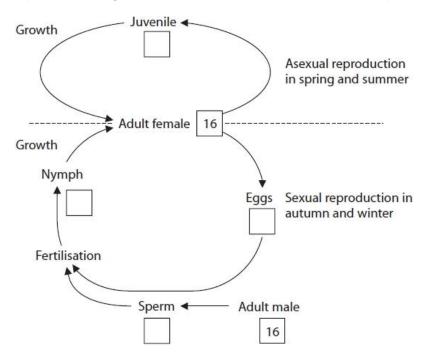
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The photograph shows some cabbage aphids on a cabbage leaf.



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Some of the boxes in the diagram show the number of chromosomes present in a single cell from a particular stage of each of the alternative methods of reproduction.



(i) Complete the empty boxes in the diagram to show the number of chromosomes present in a single cell at that stage of reproduction.

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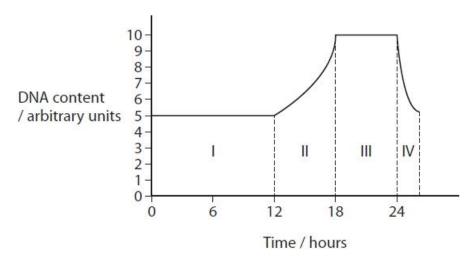
(ii) Label the arrows on the diagram with the letter **M** to show where meiosis takes place.

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(Total for question = 3 marks)

Q19.

The graph shows the DNA content of a cell during four stages, I, II, III and IV, of one cell cycle.



Describe what is happening during stage IV in the cell cycle.

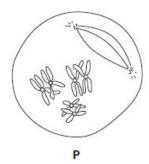
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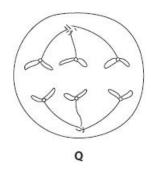
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## Q20.

Mosquitoes have cells with a diploid number (2n) of six.

The diagram shows two cells from a male mosquito at different stages of meiosis.





(i) Which row of the table shows the stages of meiosis of cells P and Q?

P Q A anaphase II anaphase I 5 4 В metaphase I prophase I C prophase I anaphase II D prophase II metaphase II

(ii) Non-disjunction occurred during meiosis I.

Which of the following shows the number of chromosomes in each of the four sperm cells produced?

1	Α	4, 3, 3, 2
	В	4, 4, 2, 2
	С	6, 6, 7, 5
	D	7, 7, 5, 5

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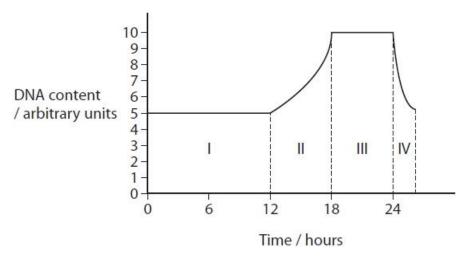
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Q21.

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  $\boxtimes$ .

The graph shows the DNA content of a cell during four stages, I, II, III and IV, of one cell cycle.



(i)	ln ۱	which	stage does DNA replication take place?	(4)
		A B C D	stage I stage II stage III stage IV	(1)
(ii)	Ex	plain	the role of the enzyme ligase in DNA replication.	
				(3)
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(Total for question = 4 marks)

## Q22.

Down's syndrome in humans is caused by non-disjunction.

The chance of having a baby with Down's syndrome increases as the age of the mother increases.

At age 40, the probability of having a baby with Down's syndrome is 0.018.

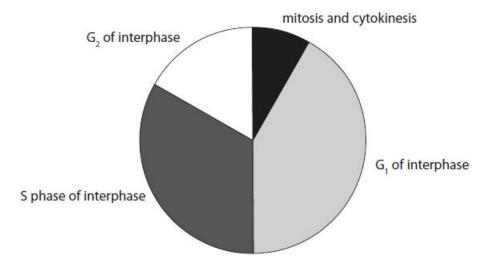
In 2016 the number of women aged 40 in the UK was estimated to be 500 000.

The pregnancy rate for women in the UK aged 40 is 14 pregnancies per 1000 women per year.

Calculate the number of babies with Down's syndrome that were expected in 2016 in the UK.

## Q23.

The diagram shows four stages in a human cell cycle.



The cell cycle time for this cell is 24 hours.

Give an estimate for the length of time that this cell spends in each of the four stages of the cell cycle.

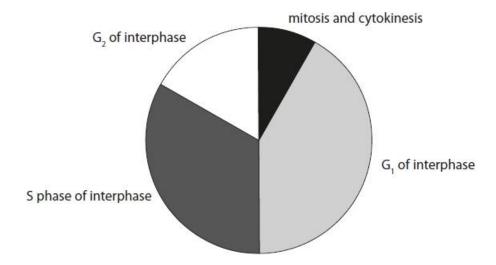
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Stage of cell cycle	Estimate for the length of time that this cell spends in each stage/hours
mitosis and cytokinesis	
G <sub>1</sub> of interphase	
S phase of interphase	
G <sub>2</sub> of interphase	15

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## Q24.

The diagram shows four stages in a human cell cycle.



The percentage of cells in any one stage is proportional to the length of time of that stage.

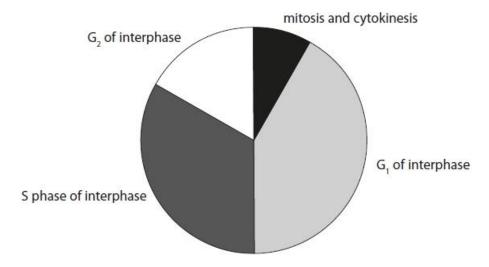
Describe an investigation that could be carried out to confirm the length of time of mitosis and cytokinesis for these human cells.

(4)

(Total for question = 4 marks)

## Q25.

The diagram shows four stages in a human cell cycle.



A cell in  $G_1$  of interphase contains 68 arbitrary units of DNA.

Explain how the DNA content and the structure of the chromosomes of this cell will change during the cell cycle.

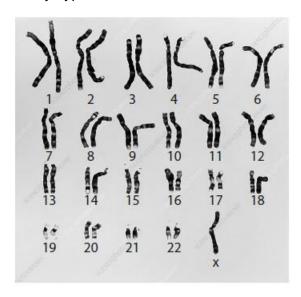
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Q26.

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 diagram shows a human karyotype.



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(i)	Wh	ich c	f the following identifies the human with this karyotype?	
		A B C D	female with Down's syndrome female with Turner's syndrome male with Down's syndrome male with Turner's syndrome	(1)
(ii)	Wł	nich (	of the following would cause the karyotype in the diagram?	(4)
		A B C D	non-disjunction producing a monosomy non-disjunction producing a polysomy translocation producing a monosomy translocation producing a polysomy	(1)

(Total for question = 2 marks)

Q27.

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  $\boxtimes$ .

A queen bee can lay both fertilised and unfertilised eggs.

Fertilised eggs develop into diploid females.

Unfertilised eggs develop into haploid males.

(i) Explain which type of cell division produces gametes in female bees.	
	(2)
(ii) Explain which type of cell division produces gametes in male bees.	
	(2)
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(iii) Which row identifies the features that contribute to genetic variation in the offspring of bees?

		Random fusion of gametes		assortr	endent ment of osomes	Crossir	ng over
		Female offspring	Male offspring	Female offspring	Male offspring	Female offspring	Male offspring
]	Α	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	В	✓	×	×	✓	×	<b>✓</b>
]	C	✓	×	✓	×	✓	×
]	D	×	×	✓	×	✓	×

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#### Q28.

During mitosis, microtubules form the spindle.

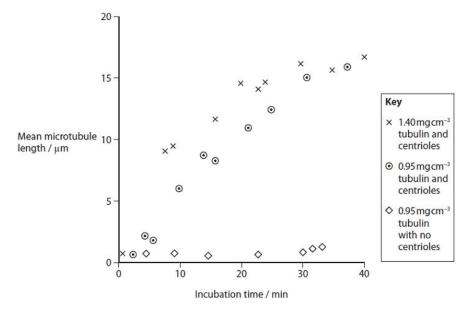
These microtubules are made of a protein called tubulin.

Individual tubulin molecules are globular with a diameter of 25 nm.

Thousands of tubulin molecules are assembled together to form long, hollow microtubules.

- in the first experiment, purified tubulin at a concentration of 1.40 mg cm-3 was mixed with centriole fragments
- the mixture was incubated at 35 °C
- every few minutes, the length of any microtubules formed was measured
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- in a third experiment, 0.95 mg cm<sup>-3</sup> tubulin with no centriole fragments present was used
- each of these three experiments was repeated several times.

The graph shows the results of this investigation.



It was observed that for the mixture of 1.40 mg cm<sup>-3</sup> tubulin with centriole fragments the mean length of microtubules decreased after 40 minutes.

Explain why the microtubule length decreased after 40 minutes.

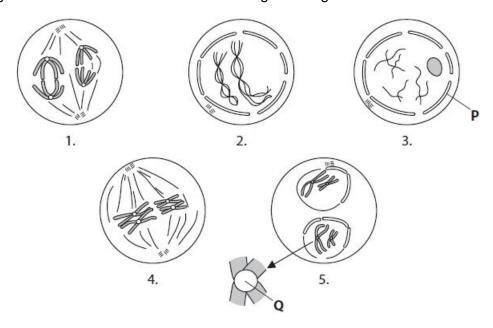
(2)

(Total for question = 2 marks)

# Q29.

In some diploid organisms, haploid cells are produced by meiosis.

The diagram shows an animal cell at various stages during the first division of meiosis.



(i) Identify the correct sequence in the diagram that shows the first division of meiosis.

		(1)
■ A	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	( )
В	2, 5, 4, 1, 3	
	3, 2, 4, 1, 5	
D	5, 4, 1, 2, 3	

(ii) Identify the parts labelled P and Q.

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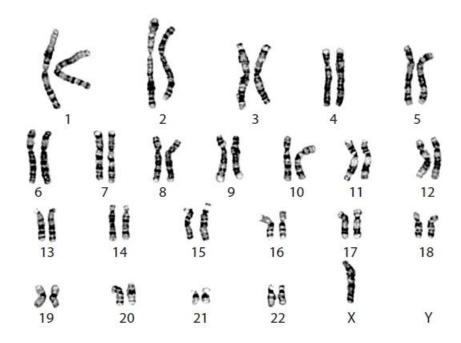
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Q30.

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  $\boxtimes$ .

A karyotype shows the chromosomes found in the cells of an individual.

The photograph shows a karyotype from a child with a genetic condition.



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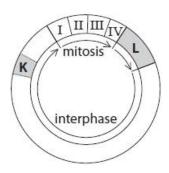
(i)	Wh	ich o	of the following identifies the genetic condition shown in the photograph?	(4)
	** ** **	_	Down's syndrome due to monosomy Down's syndrome due to polysomy Turner's syndrome due to monosomy Turner's syndrome due to polysomy	(1)
(ii)	WI	hich p	process would have caused the genetic condition shown by this karyotype?	(4)
	** ** **	A B C D	base insertion base substitution non-disjunction translocation	(1)

(Total for question = 2 marks)

Q31.

Mitosis is one of the stages of the cell cycle.

The diagram represents some of the stages in the cell cycle.



(a) Explain what happens to the DNA content and the number of chromosomes in the stage labelled <b>K</b> .
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(b) Name the stage of the cell cycle labelled <b>L</b> .
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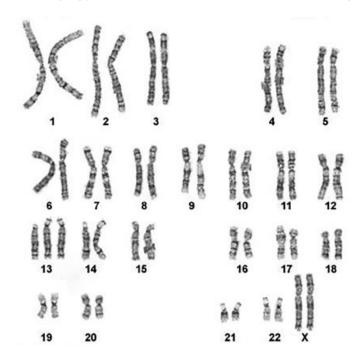
# Q32.

Some genetic disorders result from chromosome mutations.

Genetic disorders can be diagnosed by looking at an individual's karyotype.

A karyotype shows the number of each type of chromosome present in a cell.

The diagram shows the karyotype of the cells taken from a female embryo.



Explain what conclusion can be made about this female embryo.

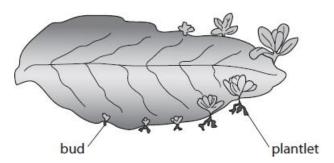
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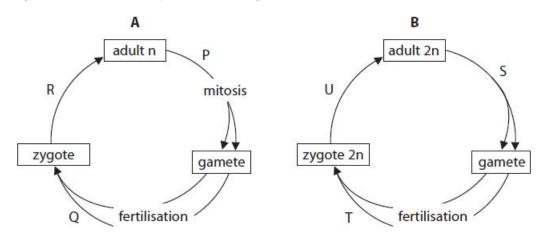
## Q33.

The diagram shows a leaf of Bryophyllum.

Some of the cells at the edges of the leaf divide to form buds. These buds can develop into individual plantlets.



The diagrams show the life cycles of two organisms, **A** and **B**.



(i) Which row of the table correctly describes the zygote of organism  ${\bf A}$  and the gametes of organism  ${\bf B}$ ?

		Zygote of organism A	Gametes of organism B
×	Α	diploid	diploid
X	В	diploid	haploid
X	c	haploid	diploid
	D	haploid	haploid

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(ii)	Which row in the	table shows	where meiosis	occurs in	each life c	ycle?
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 Life cycle A
 Life cycle B

 □ A
 P
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 □ B
 Q
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 □ C
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 □ D
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iii) E	xplain	the sigr	nificance	of meios	sis in livin	ig organi	sms.		
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A student made a squash preparation of a root tip to observe the stages of mitosis.

The student used the following statements to identify cells in metaphase.

- Pairs of homologous chromosomes lined up along the equator of each cell.
- Crossing over taking place.
- Chromatids visible.

The number of correct statements a	bout metaphase	n root tip	cells is
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(1)

A none

B one

C two

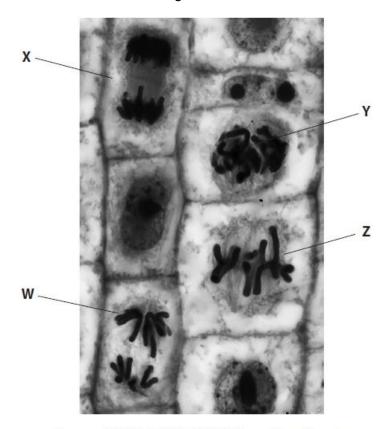
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(Total for question = 1 mark)

#### Q35.

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 photograph shows cells in different stages of mitosis.



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(i) Which of the following correctly identifies the stages shown in the photograph?

	w	x	Y	z
⊠ A	anaphase	telophase	prophase	metaphase
В	anaphase	prophase	telophase	metaphase
□ C	prophase	anaphase	metaphase	telophase
☑ D	telophase	metaphase	anaphase	prophase

(1)

(ii) Colchicine is a chemical that inhibits mitosis.

A student investigated the effect of colchicine on mitosis.

Two sets of genetically identical cells were grown in culture. Colchicine was added to one culture of cells but not to the other culture of cells.

Six hours after treatment, the mean percentages of cells in each stage of mitosis were determined.

The results are shown in the table.

Mitosis	Mean percentage of cells in stage $\pm$ Standard Deviation					
stage	cells cultured without colchicine	cells cultured with colchicine				
interphase	84.8 ± 4.2	82.8 ± 3.2				
prophase	10.2 ± 2.2	16.3 ± 3.1				
metaphase	1.8 ± 0.4	0.8 ± 0.2				
anaphase	1.8 ± 0.2	0.7 ± 0.1				
telophase	1.4 ± 0.3	0.4 ± 0.1				

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(Total for question = 5 marks)

(3)

Q36.

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  $\boxtimes$ .

(i) Complete the table with a √ or x to compare the events during mitosis and meiosis.
 The first row in the table has been completed for you.

Event	Mitosis	Meiosis I	Meiosis II
chromosomes shorten and thicken	✓	~	×
homologous chromosomes pair together			
crossing over can cause genetic variation			
homologous chromosomes separate			
sister chromatids separate			

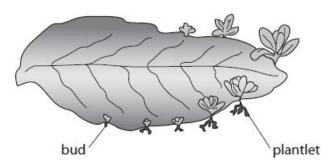
(II) vvnicn	of the following increases the number of different alleles in a population?	
A B C D	crossing over gene mutation independent assortment of chromosomes during nuclear division random fusion of gametes	(1

(Total for question = 4 marks)

Q37.

The diagram shows a leaf of Bryophyllum.

Some of the cells at the edges of the leaf divide to form buds. These buds can develop into individual plantlets.



(i)	i) Name the type of nuclear division that produces the plantlets.			
		(1)		
 (ii)	State <b>two</b> advantages of this type of reproduction.			
		(2)		

(Total for question = 3 marks)

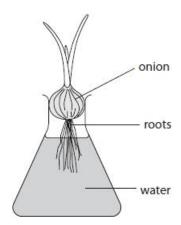
#### Q38.

A student read that some plants do not grow well in waterlogged soil.

The student formed the following hypothesis:

Adding water to soil inhibits mitosis in root cells.

To test this hypothesis, the student grew onion roots in the apparatus shown.



The tips of the onion roots were removed and observed for stages of mitosis.

The photomicrograph shows a preparation from one onion root tip.



Calculate the percentage of cells in this photomicrograph in anaphase.

(2)

Answer .....

(Total for question = 2 marks)

(1)

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w	J	J

Genetic variation results from the recombination of alleles during meiosis.

(i) Which row of the table correctly shows when independent assortment and crossing over take place during meiosis?

 Independent assortment
 Crossing over

 □ A metaphase I anaphase I

 □ B metaphase I prophase I

 □ C prophase I anaphase I

 □ D prophase I metaphase I

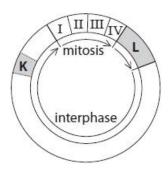
ii) Describe the process of crossing over that occurs during meiosis.	
	3)

(Total for question = 4 marks)

Q40.

Mitosis is one of the stages of the cell cycle.

The diagram represents some of the stages in the cell cycle.



Explain why cells carry out mitosis.	
	(2)
(Total for question - 2 mar	·kc'

Some genetic disorders result from chromosome mutations.
Translocation is one type of chromosome mutation.
Describe how translocation occurs.
(2)
(Total for question = 2 marks)
Q42.
Genetic variation results from the recombination of alleles during meiosis.
State what is meant by the term <b>allele</b> .
(1)
(Total for question = 1 mark)

# Mark Scheme

#### Q1.

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
	An explanation that makes reference to two of the following:		
	<ul> <li>crossing over occurs between chromatids (between the same homologous chromosomes) (1)</li> <li>therefore (only) half the chromosomes (produced by anaphase II) will be recombinant chromosomes (so maximum of 50%) (1)</li> </ul>	ACCEPT will have recombinant {genes / alleles}	(3) Exp
	<ul> <li>crossing over does not always take place (so can be less than 50%) (1)</li> </ul>		

### Q2.

Question Number		Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
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## Q3.

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
	An explanation that makes reference to two of the following:	IGNORE references to maternal and paternal chromosomes throughout	
	<ul> <li>meiosis results in recombination of alleles (1)</li> <li>due to {independent / random} assortment (of chromosomes) (1)</li> </ul>	ACCEPT description e.g. pairs of homologous chromosomes line up (on the equator) randomly	(2) Exp
	(and) due to crossing over between chromatids (between the same homologous chromosomes) (1)	ACCEPT description e.g. genetic material is swapped between chromatids (between the same homologous chromosomes)  DO NOT ACCEPT wrong description/ wrong stage IGNORE mutations	

## Q4.

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
(i)	A drawing that shows the following:  • {one / two} chromatids drawn and labelled (1)  • joined at the centromere, which is labelled (1)	1 correct label and 1 incorrect label = 1 mark 2 correct labels and 1 incorrect label = 1 mark 2 correct labels and 2 incorrect labels = 0 marks	(2)
	labelled (1)	2 correct labels and 1 incorrect label = 1 mark	

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
(ii)	A description that makes reference to the following:		
	<ul> <li>chromosomes line up along the equator (of the cell) (1)</li> </ul>	ACCEPT middle / metaphase plate pairs of chromatids DO NOT ACCEPT chromatids	(2) EXP
	<ul> <li>spindle fibres (from the centrioles) attach to the {centromere / chromosome} (1)</li> </ul>	IGNORE spindle fibres start to contract DO NOT ACCEPT chromatids	

## Q5.

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
(i)	An explanation that makes reference to the following:		82
	the number of cells in metaphase increases because colchicine stops the cells from	ACCEPT stuck in metaphase	
	moving out of this phase (1)	ACCEPT stuck in metaphase	
	<ul> <li>the number of cells in anaphase {decreases / goes to zero} as the cells are not moving out of metaphase (1)</li> </ul>		(3) EXP
	<ul> <li>because colchicine {interferes with spindle fibres / stops centromeres being split / stops chromatids being pulled apart} (1)</li> </ul>	ACCEPT going into mitosis	
	<ul> <li>number of cells in prophase decreases as there are fewer cells to pass through the cell cycle (1)</li> </ul>		

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
(ii)	A description that makes reference to three of the following:  • cells grown with colchicine for a period of time (1)	ACCEPT treated DO NOT ACCEPT plant cells	
	<ul> <li>minimum of three plastic dishes sampled at each of the time intervals (shown in the table) (1)</li> </ul>	ACCEPT acetocarmine, Giemsa, methylene blue, toluidine blue	
	<ul> <li>cells stained with (acetic / propionic / ethano) orcein (1)</li> </ul>	ACCEPT observe how many IGNORE observe unqualified	(3) EXP
	<ul> <li>cells observed under a microscope and the number of cells in each stage of the cell cycle counted (1)</li> </ul>		LAP

## Q6.

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
	The only correct answer is C		
	A is incorrect because crossing over has taken place by metaphase I		(1)
	B is incorrect because crossing over takes place in meiosis I		(1) COMP
	<b>D</b> is incorrect because crossing over takes place in meiosis I		

#### Q7.

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
(i)	Calculation of number of dividing cells (1)  Calculation of mitotic index (1)	8 8.2% / 8.16%	Grad
		Correct answer with no working gains full marks	(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
(ii)	An explanation that includes the following		
	as distance (from root tip) increases, mitotic index decreases (1)	Allow negative correlation between mitotic index and distance from root tip	
	(because) cells {differentiate / become specialised / elongate} further from the root tip (1)	Accept converse Accept meristem is close to tip	Exp (2)

## Q8.

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
	An answer including two of the following:		
	<ul> <li>use {strong / concentrated} acid to {break down middle lamella / break down pectins / separate layers of cells} (1)</li> </ul>	Accept use of standardised length of root tip	
	<ul> <li>heat to intensify effect of {acid / stain} (1)</li> </ul>	to ensure you include just the dividing area	
	press (on cover slip) to form a single layer of cells (1)		
	view at high power to see details (of chromosomes) (1)	Accept view at high power to see chromosomes (clearly)	Exp (2)

#### Q9.

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
3	A diagram that shows the following:		
	L drawn below J (1)	J	
	K and M indicated correctly (1)		
	<ul> <li>diagram drawn to (approximate) scale (9, 3, 3) (1)</li> </ul>		
		L L	
		₩ к	
		м	
		NB Everything must be correct to award all 3 marks	(3) EXP

## Q10.

Question Number	Acceptable Answer		Additional Guidance	Mark
(i)			Example of calculation	
	fraction of cells in anaphase	(1)	2 ÷ 246	
	length of anaphase in minutes calculated	(1)	1380 x (2 ÷ 246) = 11.22 minutes Allow 11 / 11.2 Correct answer with no working gains full marks	(2)

Question Number	Acceptable Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
(ii)	calculation of 8%     (1)	Allow ecf from 6(d) (i)  Example of calculation $(11.22 \times 8) \div 100$ $(11.2 \times 8) \div 100$ $(11 \times 8) \div 100$	
	subtraction of calculated value from 11.22 (1)	11.22 - 0.898 = 10.32 / 10.3 / 10 11.2 - 0.896 = 10.30 / 10.3 / 10 11 - 0.88 = 10.12 / 10.1 / 10 Correct answer with no working gains full marks	(2)

Question Number	Acceptable Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
(iii)	An explanation that makes reference to two of the following:		
	the student may have selected a different part of the root tip OR different plants had different {age / rates of growth / mitotic index / rates of respiration / genes} (1)	Allow different growing conditions e.g. light , temperature	
	it is difficult to identify the correct stage of mitosis (1)	e.g. late anaphase can be confused with early telophase, early anaphase can be confused with metaphase	
	not many cells will be in anaphase OR variation due to {chance / error} will have a large effect on the calculated value	Allow only two cells found in anaphase / small sample size	
	(1)		(2)

### Q11.

Question Number	Answer	Mark
(i)	The only correct answer is D	
	A is not correct because W is not a meristem	
	B is not correct because X is not a meristem	(1)
	C is not correct because Y is not a meristem	

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
(ii) (acetic) orcein		ACCEPT Feulgen, acetocarmine, toluidine blue	
			(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
(iii)	An explanation that makes reference to two of the following:		
	heat to intensify the stain (1)		
	{squash / tease} the tissue to separate the cells (1)		
	apply a coverslip {in order to view at high magnification / stop evaporation} (1)		(2)

## Q12.

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
	An answer that makes reference to four of the following:		
	use waterlogged soil and non-waterlogged soil / range of water content (1)		
	use same plant variety / type / species / age / size (1)	DO NOT ACCEPT nutrients	
	<ul> <li>control {temperature / light / soil type / mineral ions / pH}</li> </ul>	DO NOT ACCEPT less than 24 hours	
	(1)	e.g both cut at 2mm	
	leave for same stated time     (1)		
	take cells from same part of root tips     (1)		(4)

### Q13.

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
(i)	An explanation that makes reference to the following:  • a stain is needed to see	ACCEPT can see	
	chromosomes that would not be clearly visible (1)	chromatids, nucleus	
	because the stain must attach to {chromosomes / DNA / histone}     (1)	ACCEPT {take up / absorb} stain	(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
(ii)	A description that makes reference to four of the following:		
	<ul> <li>use {5 mm / shorter} piece of root tip</li> <li>(1)</li> </ul>		
	add acid and then stain separately     (1)	ACCEPT use more concentrated acid	
	<ul><li>heat the root tip in { acid / stain }</li><li>(1)</li></ul>		
	tease the cells apart before staining     (1)	ACCEPT maceration	
	intensify the stain by warming (after squashing) (1)		(4)

### Q14.

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
	A description that makes reference to four of the following:		
	use warm acid     (1)		
	(1) toluidine blue Schiff's / Giem	e.g. acetic orcein / toluidine blue / Schiff's / Giemsa /	
		Feulgen / (aceto)	
<ul> <li>macerate or tease with needle <ul> <li>(1)</li> <li>use coverslip and squash</li> <li>(1)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
		(4)	

## Q15.

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
(i)	An evaluation that makes reference to four of the following:		
	centrioles are clearly needed because the microtubules did not increase in length (significantly) in the absence of centrioles (1)		
	the concentration of tubulin is significant because 1.40 produced longer microtubules	ACCEPT greater concentration of tubulin produces longer microtubules	
	than 0.95 (in the first 30 minutes) (1)		
	because the higher concentration of substrate increased {the number of collisions / rate of reaction}     (1)		
	<ul> <li>the rate of increase of microtubule growth is non-linear / mean microtubule length appears to reach a maximum at {17 μm / after 30 min}</li> <li>(1)</li> </ul>	,	(4)
	this suggests that there is another limiting factor     (1)		

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
(ii)	An explanation that makes reference to the following:		
	a buffer can prevent change to the pH     (1)	ACCEPT description of equilibration	
	equilibrate because the experiment is carried out at 35 °C (1)	ACCEPT may prevent bonding between {tubulin molecules / tubulin and centrioles}	
	a change in {pH / too high temperature} may {denature / change the shape} of the {proteins / tubulin /centriole fragments} (1)		(4)
	because {hydrogen / ionic} bonds may be {changed / disrupted}     (1)		

#### Q16.

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
	An explanation that makes reference to the three from the following:		
	Asexual reproduction occurs due to mitosis (1)		
	when DNA replication takes place (1)		
	so that, mitosis can divide sister chromatids equally into each cell (1)	Allow Cells receive identical chromosomes / {chromosomes or DNA } from only one parent	
	therefore cells produced have no genetic variation (1)	Allow no (independent assortment of chromosomes or random fusion of gametes or crossing over) takes place	(3)

### Q17.

Question Number	Answer		Mark
	Non-disjunction	ACCEPT Translocation, polysomy, aneuploidy, trisomy, partial trisomy, partial aneuploidy	(1)

### Q18.

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
(i)	juvenile and nymph both 16 (1)		
	eggs and sperm both 8 (1)		(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
(ii)	M on arrows before eggs and sperm		(1)

## Q19.

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
	A description that makes reference to the following:  • DNA content halves (1)	ACCEPT from 10 to 5 au	
	cytoplasm is dividing / cytokinesis     (1)	ACCEPT cell elongates / spindle fibres push poles apart / cell membrane contracts at equator of the cell	(3)
	because two (daughter) cells are formed     (1)		18

### Q20.

Question Number	Answer	Mark
(i)	The only correct answer is C	
	<b>A</b> is not correct because P is in prophase I and Q is in metaphase II	
	<b>B</b> is not correct because P is in prophase I and Q is in metaphase II	
	<b>D</b> is not correct because P is in prophase I and Q is in metaphase II	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
(ii)	The only correct answer is B	
	A is not correct because if non-disjunction occurred in meiosis I, it would generate one cell with four chromosomes (each composed of two chromatids) and one cell with two chromosomes (each composed of two chromatids). These cells would divide in meiosis II to generate two cells with four chromosomes and two cells with two chromosomes.	
	chromosomes and two cells with two chromosomes.  C is not correct because if non-disjunction occurred in meiosis I, it would generate one cell with four chromosomes (each composed of two chromatids) and one cell with two chromosomes (each composed of two chromatids). These cells would divide in meiosis II to generate two cells with four chromosomes and two cells with two chromosomes.	
	<b>D</b> is not correct because if non-disjunction occurred in meiosis I, it would generate one cell with four chromosomes (each composed of two chromatids) and one cell with two chromosomes (each composed of two chromatids). These cells would divide in meiosis II to generate two cells with four	
	chromosomes and two cells with two chromosomes.	(1)

### Q21.

Question Number	Answer	Mark
(i)	The only correct answer is B	
	A is not correct because in stage I the DNA remains at 5 a.u.	
	C is not correct because in stage III the DNA remains at 10 a.u.	
	D is not correct because in stage IV the DNA content reduces not increases	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
(ii)	An explanation that makes reference to two of the following:		
	joins sections of DNA together / repairs breaks in the phosphodiester backbone     (1)	ACCEPT join Okazaki fragments / joins fragments produced from copying the lagging strand / needed for working in 3' to 5' direction	
	by forming phosphodiester bonds     (1)	ACCEPT between (mono) nucleotides	(3)
	(forms bonds) between phosphate and     {deoxyribose / sugar / pentose }     (1)		

### Q22.

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
	An answer that makes reference to the following:	Correct answer gains full marks	
	number of pregnancies calculated (1)	(500 000 ÷1000) × 14 = 7 000	
	<ul> <li>number of babies calculated (1)</li> </ul>	(1.8 ÷ 100) x 7 000 =	
		or	
		14 x 500 = 7000 and then 7000 x 0.018 =	2.1120
		126	(2)

## Q23.

Question Number	Answer		Additional Guidance	Mark
3	An answer that makes following:	reference to the	All correct = 2 marks	
	Stage of cell cycle	Estimated length of time cell spends in this stage / hours	G <sub>2</sub> and S / mitosis and G <sub>1</sub> = 12 hours total =1 mark	
	mitosis and cytokinesis	2		
	G <sub>1</sub> of interphase	10		
	S phase of interphase	8		(2) EXP
	G <sub>2</sub> of interphase	4		

### Q24.

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
	A description that makes reference to the following:     use a method similar to a root tip squash to stain thecells (1)      count the number of cells in mitosis.	ACCEPT description of technique that includes at least relevant two steps e.g.heating in acid and staining with acetic orcein	
	(and cytokinesis) (1)      divide the number of cells     in mitosis by the total     number of cells counted     (1)		(4) EXP
	and work out as a proportion of 24 hours (1)		

## Q25.

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
	An explanation that makes reference to five of the following:  • DNA content will double by the end of {S phase / interphase}(1)	ACCEPT increase to 136 arbitrary units of DNA	
	because DNA synthesis takes place (before mitosis) (1)      the chromosomes will now consist		
	of pairs of chromatidsjoined together at the centromere (1)  • During mitosis the chromatids		
	separate and chromosomes now consist of one DNA molecule (by theend of mitosis (1)	ACCEPT (return to) 68 arbitrary units of DNA	(5)
	DNA content will return to normal by the end of cytokinesis(1)		EXP
Э	<ul> <li>because chromatids are separated into (two new) daughtercells (1)</li> </ul>		

### Q26.

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
(i)	B Female with Turner's syndrome  A is incorrect because the human has		
	one X B is incorrect because the human is female C is incorrect because the human is female		1
(ii)	A Non-disjunction producing a monosomy  B is incorrect because it is a monosomy C is incorrect because it is due to non-disjunction C is incorrect because it is		
	C is incorrect because it is due to non-disjunction		

### Q27.

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
(i)	An explanation that makes reference to the following:		
	• meiosis (1)		
	because haploid gametes produced from a diploid cell /number of chromosomes is halved		
	(1)		(2)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
(ii)	An explanation that makes reference to the following:  • mitosis (1)  • because the number of chromosomes remains the same (1)	ACCEPT haploid cells can only divide by mitosis / do not need reduction division	
			(2)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
(iii)	The only correct answer is C	
	A is not correct because random fusion of gametes can't produce a haploid male	
	B is not correct because independent assortment of chromosomes and crossing over can occur in the formation of gametes used to form a fertilised egg (a female)	(1)
	D is not correct because random fusion of gametes would occur to form a fertilised egg (a female)	

## Q28.

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
	An explanation that makes reference to two of the following:	ACCEPT the {equilibrium between forming and breaking / optimum length} was reached at	
	they shorten in the same way as they do during cell division     (1)	approximately 30 minutes	
	some of the microtubules may break / were shortened by the centriole  (1)		(2)
	tubulin can detach from the microtubules as well as join (1)		

### Q29.

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
i	C 3, 2, 4, 1, 5		(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
ii	P – nuclear envelope (1) Q– centromere (1)	accept nuclear membrane, nucleus membrane	(2)

### Q30.

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
(i)	C Turner's syndrome due to monosomy		
	A is incorrect because there are not three copies of chromosome number 21 B is incorrect because there are not three copies of chromosome number 21 D is incorrect because Turner's syndrome is a monosomy		

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
(ii)	C non-disjunction		
	A because it is not a gene mutation B is incorrect because it is not a gene mutation D because there is a missing chromosome is incorrect		1

### Q31.

Question Number	Acceptable Answer		Additional Guidance	Mark
(a)	An explanation that makes reference to the following:			
	DNA {synthesis / replication}	(1)		
	therefore DNA (content) doubles	(1)		
	(new) chromatids are formed	(1)		
0	but the number of chromosomes sta the same	ays (1)		(4) EXP

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
(b)	cytokinesis		(1)

#### Q32.

Question Number	Answer		Mark
	An explanation that makes reference to the following:		
	polysomy / not Down's Syndrome     (1)	ACCEPT trisomy, aneuploidy DO NOT ACCEPT has {Turner's / Down's} Syndrome	
	because {of chromosome 13 / more than two copies of one chromosome}  (1)	ACCEPT chromosome 21 only two copies ACCEPT extra chromatid	(2)

### Q33.

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
i	B diploid and haploid		(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
ii	C-RS		(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
iii	An explanation that refers to three of the following:  • source of genetic variation (1)  • because it involves random {assortment / fertilisation / crossing over } (1)  • because it enables contribution of {DNA / genes / alleles } from two individuals (1)  • because it produces new combinations of alleles (1)  • genetic variation allows organisms to adapt to environmental change (1)		
			(3)

## Q34.

Question Number	Answer	Mark
	The only correct answer is B	
	A is not correct because chromatids are visible in metaphase	
	C is not correct because the first two statements only occur in meiosis not mitosis	
	<b>D</b> is not correct because the first two statements only occur in meiosis not mitosis	(1)

### Q35.

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
(i)	Α		66
	🗵 A anaphase telophase prophase metaphase		
	B is incorrect because X is not prophase C is incorrect because W is not prophase		
	D is incorrect because W is not telophase		1

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
(ii)	An answer that makes reference to four of the following:		
	colchicine has no effect on the percentage of cells in interphase (1)		
	colchicine arrests cells at prophase     (1)	Accept colchicine stops (many) cells at prophase / cells can only reach prophase with colchicine	
	colchicine inhibits spindle (formation)     (1)		
	fewer cells reach {metaphase / anaphase / telophase} with colchicine / more cells reach {metaphase / anaphase / telophase} without colchicine / more cells at prophase with colchicine /fewer cells at all phases except prophase (1)	Accept converse	
	correct reference to overlapping of standard deviations (1)	Accept converse	4

#### Q36.

Question Number		Answer			Additional Guidance	Mark
(i)	Feature	Mitosis	Meiosis I	Meiosis II		
	homologous chromosomes pair together	×	<b>4</b>	×		
	crossing over can cause genetic variation	×	1	×		
	homologous chromosomes separate	×	~	×		
	sister chromatids separate	1	×	1		
		(1)	(1)	(1)		
	1	3				(3)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
(ii)	The only correct answer is B	
	<b>A</b> is not correct because crossing over does not alter the DNA sequence of a gene to produce new alleles	
	<b>c</b> is not correct because independent assortment does not alter the DNA sequence	
	<b>D</b> is not correct because random fusion of gametes does not alter the DNA sequence	(1)

#### Q37.

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
i	mitosis	accept mitotic	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
ii	An answer that make reference to two of the following:		(2)

#### Q38.

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
	<ul><li>division (1)</li></ul>	$3 \div 16 = 0.1875$	
	<ul> <li>multiplication</li> <li>(1)</li> </ul>	0.1875 × 100 = 18.75 / 18.8 /19	(2)

### Q39.

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
(i)	B (metaphase I, prophase I)		(1)

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(ii)	A description that makes reference to three of the following:	Ignore crossing over and prophase I	
	homologous chromosomes line up     (1)	Allow reference to bivalent	
	chiasmata form     (1)	Allow description of chiasmata e.g. chromatids overlap	
	break in {DNA / chromatid / chromosome } occurs (1)	•	
	genetic information exchanged between {chromatids} (1)		(3)

### Q40.

Question Number	Acceptable Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
	An explanation that makes reference to the following:	Carry Million Development (Section 1988)	
	growth / repair / asexual reproduction     (1)	Ignore repair damaged cells or cell growth (unless qualified by a suitable cell type such as a muscle cell) Allow replace cells	
	because this needs {genetically identical cells / clones / cells with the same number of chromosomes } (1)		(2)

### Q41.

Question Number	Answer		Mark
	A description that makes reference to the following:	ACCEPT one mark only for an answer that makes reference to {part of a chromosome / genes} being swapped between (non- homologous) chromosomes	
	part of a chromosome breaks off     (1)	ACCEPT phosphodiester bonds break ACCEPT genes or section of DNA DO NOT ACCEPT parts of a gene	
	this then joins to another (non-homologous) chromosome (1)	DO NOT ACCEPT homologous chromosome	(2)

### Q42.

Question Number	Acceptable Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
	different {version of / form of} a gene (1)	Ignore different type of gene	
		Allow found at the same locus on a chromosome	
		Ignore sequence of DNA that codes for a protein	(1)