(Quest	ion	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
1	(a)	(i)	DNA / gene / genetic , fingerprinting / profiling / analysis ; DNA / protein / gene , sequencing ; electrophoresis ;	1 max	IGNORE gene testing / gene probing / gene mapping / genome sequencing
1	(a)	(ii)	rarely / do not , produce seed / cross-pollinate / interbreed ; only reproduce asexually ;	1 max	
1	(a)	(iii)	vegetative propagation;	1	IGNORE asexual reproduction (as given in the question)
1	(b)		 genetically identical / little genetic variation ; all susceptible / none resistant , to this disease ; 		 IGNORE clone IGNORE all susceptible to 'disease' in general. Only credit if one particular disease is implied e.g. the / new / fungus / same , disease DO NOT CREDIT immune instead of resistant
			 3 beetles , move / fly , from tree to tree or beetles are vector ; 4 trees grow , in clonal patch / close together or disease spreads through , suckers / roots or connected by , suckers / roots ; 5 the beetles <u>only</u> , live on / target , elm trees ; 6 attempts at control contributed to spread ; 		3 IGNORE simple repetition of text 'beetles spread disease'
			 7 as more trees became diseased then more tree surgery was necessary (contributing to spread of problem); 8 as more trees became infected then more, saws / equipment, were contaminated; 	4 max	

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1	(c)	(i)	1 less / no , movement of water or less / no , water reaches leaves ;		
			2 less / no , minerals / nitrate / phosphate / magnesium / iron ;		 2 CREDIT correct symbols NO₃⁻, PO₄²⁻, Mg²⁺, Fe²⁺, Fe³⁺ IGNORE nutrients IGNORE reference to other substances such as sugars
			3 less / no , chlorophyll formation ;		
			4 chlorophyll breakdown / leaf senescence ;	2 max	
1	(c)	(ii)	 less / no , photosynthesis ; less / no , sugar(s) / amino acid(s) / assimilates / organic molecules ; roots cannot , respire / do active transport / metabolise ; 		2 CREDIT named sugars, e.g. sucrose , glucose , hexose IGNORE nutrients / food
			4 the falling leaves carry the fungus;	2 max	

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1	(d)	1 2	cut plant material into , explant <u>s</u> / small piece <u>s</u> ; example of part of plant used e.g. leaf / stem / root / bud / meristem / dividing region at tip of plant ;		1 DO NOT CREDIT a single cutting
		3 4	sterilise explant ; (with) bleach / sodium hypochlorite / alcohol ;		
		5 6 7 8	place on , agar / growth medium ; containing , glucose / amino acids / nitrates / phosphates ; callus or mass of , undifferentiated / totipotent , cell <u>s</u> ; high auxin and cytokinin (for callus formation) ;		 5 CREDIT place in aerated solution 6 IGNORE polymers / carbohydrates 7 DO NOT CREDIT description of single cell
		9 10 11	subdivide callus / sub-culturing ; treat to induce , roots / shoots ; change plant hormone ratio ;		 9 IGNORE ref. single cells 11 CREDIT description , e.g. high auxin to give roots or (relatively) high cytokinin to give shoots (auxin : cytokinin ratio = 100 : 1 for roots, 4 : 1 for shoots, or similar figures)
		12	transfer to, greenhouse / soil / less controlled environment / non-sterile environment;		figures)
		13	ref. aseptic conditions (anywhere within stages 5-11);	6 max	13 Do not award for sterilising explant (which is mp3)
			QWC – described in logical sequence of steps ;	1	Award QWC for sequence of marks as follows: either mp 1 or 2 then 1 mark from mps 5 – 8 then 1 mark from mp 9 - 12

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1 (e)	 advantages quick ; disease-free / virus-free , stock created ; plants have same feature / uniform plants created ; can reproduce infertile plants ; can reproduce plants that are hard to grow from seed ; create whole plants from GM cells ; production , not determined by seasons / at any time / anywhere in the world ; (plantlets small) can be transported easily / grown in small space ; can save rare species from extinction ; 		 CREDIT the first answer on each prompt line 1 IGNORE ref. large numbers alone 3 refers to plant phenotype e.g. plants , grow at same rate / grow to same height
	 disadvantages 10 expensive / labour intensive , process ; 11 process can fail due to microbial contamination ; 12 all offspring susceptible to same , pest / disease / named environmental factor (e.g. drought) ; 13 no / low / little , genetic variation ; 	4	 12 IGNORE all are susceptible to disease in general (as in 3b) 13 IGNORE loss of alleles
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2	(a)			Mark the first answer on each prompt line. If an additional answer is given that is incorrect or contradicts the correct answer, then = 0 marks
		 A DNA polymerase / Taq polymerase ; restriction endonuclease ; C (DNA) ligase ; plasmid(s) ; E reverse transcriptase ; 	5	B ACCEPT restriction enzyme or named example DO NOT ACCEPT restriction endonucleus
2	(b)	 <i>hospital</i> WBCs , easy to obtain / obtained from blood sample ; WBCs good source of DNA ; mutant gene's location unknown / need to look in whole genome ; 		 ACCEPT idea that these cells less , painful / expensive / dangerous , to obtain 3
		 biotechnology company idea that insulin made in pancreas; many <u>mRNA</u> copies there / <u>mRNA</u> easier to find; AVP; 	4 max	 4 5 6 eg • introns already removed in mRNA

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2	(c)					 For A marks points must be comparative - need to either match the 2 processes and state the advantage (eg PCR is quick and in vivo is slow) or use a comparative adjective (er, less, more, least, most, better, best etc) as shown in the mark scheme. For the related E mark, accept any explanation that is true of one of the processes and relates to the advantage described. (Note that in some cases a statement could be considered as an advantage or as an explanation.) 		
			A1 E1 A2 E2 A3 E3	advantages of PCR PCR quick er ; explanation ; PCR uses less equipment ; explanation ; PCR uses less space ; explanation ;		 A1 E1 eg • few hours versus weeks • 30 cycles • no bacterial growth or screening stages A2 E2 eg • tube and heat block for PCR • multiple test tubes or agar plates for in vivo A3 E3 eg • DNA and enzyme more compact than whole cells • no growth medium required • in vivo requires many plates to be , stored / incubated / refrigerated 		
			A4 E4	PCR less labour-intensive / easi er / (some parts of process) less costly ; explanation ;		 A4 E4 eg • PCR set to run and left in PCR gene is identified & cloned in one stage in vivo requires work to pick out and transfer colonies in vivo requires more purification of DNA at end 		
		contd	A5 E5	PCR combines selection of gene and amplification but in vivo requires separate steps ; explanation ;		 A5 E5 eg • primer selects only correct gene to be copied • in vivo needs probe to identify correct gene 		

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2	(c)	contd	A6 E6	PCR saf er ; explanation ;		 A6 E6 eg • PCR uses DNA and enzymes • PCR does not use whole cells which could cause contamination
			A7 E7	PCR can use low er quality DNA ; explanation ;		A7 E7 eg • can use , old / prehistoric / forensic , DNA
			A8 E8	advantages of in vivo in vivo less prone to mutation ; explanation ;		 A8 E8 eg • Taq polymerase occasionally inserts wrong base • early mutation reproduced many times in PCR • exact correct sequence needed for making therapeutic proteins
			A9 E9	in vivo less expensive ; explanation ;		 A9 E9 eg • materials for growing bacteria cheap • PCR chemicals / primers / Taq polymerase / high temperatures , expensive
			A10 E10	in vivo less technically complex ; explanation ;		 A10 eg • conditions not so critical • optimising PCR takes time
			A11 E11	in vivo useful , when gene less well known / as longer piece of DNA can be cloned ; explanation ;	7 max	A11 E11 eg • searching for new gene • obtains complete gene • PCR has limited size (for cloning)
			QWC	 clearly stated advantage linked to correct explanation ; 	1	2 pairs of A & E marks awarded. (eg A1 & E1 and A5 & E5 A9 & E9 and A4 & E4 etc)
				Total	17	

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3	(a)		(belong to the) same <u>genus</u> ;	1	
3	(b)	(i)	 not much / little / some , competition / niche overlap ; reasons for little competition use / feed on , different sized flowers / different depth of flowers ; vary in proportions of pollen <u>and</u> nectar they collect ; 		 This mark is for a stand alone statement DO NOT CREDIT no competition IGNORE competition unqualified / inter / intra 2 CREDIT correct comparative description or use of data e.g. <i>B. pratorum feed</i> on , bigger / longer / deeper , flowers or <i>B. pratorum</i> 7.4(mm) and <i>B. terrestris</i> 6.3(mm) 3 CREDIT correct description e.g. <i>B. pratorum</i> mostly pollen and nectar and <i>B. terrestris</i> mostly nectar only or comparison of 2 species using table data
			4 fly / live / active / feed / visit flowers , at different times ;		 IGNORE 'different amounts' of pollen and nectar CREDIT correct description of difference e.g. <i>B. pratorum</i> peak in June and <i>B. terrestris</i> in July or <i>B. pratorum</i> appear in earlier in the year or comparison of 2 species using graph data
			 reason for competition idea that fly / live / active / feed / visit flowers , overlaps there must be competition ; AVP ; 	4 max	 5 CREDIT correct description from data e.g. both compete for food between May and September / both collect pollen only from same % flowers 6 e.g. use / feed on , different <u>species</u> of flowers

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3	(b)	(ii)	1	idea of isolation / isolating mechanism / barrier;		
			2	seasonal (difference) / temporal (difference) / males and queens (in different populations) produced in different months / breeding (in different populations) in different months ;		2 CREDIT example of seasonal / temporal (e.g. <i>B. pratorum</i> has its peak number of workers in June and <i>B. terrestris</i> in July)
			3	<pre>behavioural (difference) / visit different (types of) flowers / feed at different times / feed on different food types ;</pre>		3 CREDIT 'different mating rituals'
			4	different flower locations / different (micro)habitats;		
			5	<i>idea that</i> gene flow restricted / no gene flow (between populations) ;		5 must refer to gene /allele
			6	different adaptations / specialisation / niche partitioning ;		6 IGNORE speciation (as implied in Q) - can be mistaken for specialisation
					3 max	X

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3	(c)	(i)	Observation Type	e of behaviour		Mark the first answer in each box. If an additional answer is given that is incorrect or contradicts the
			bee to collect food from a learni flower decreases with opera	ed (behaviour) / ing / ant conditioning / ind error ;		correct answer, then = 0 marks
			All bumble bees start at the bottom of a vertical spike of flowers and work upwards.	e / instinctive ;		ACCEPT taxis / example of taxis eg chemotaxis IGNORE inherited / genetically determined DO NOT CREDIT kinesis
2	(-)	(!!)	late that hatten i warne officient at findin	a / matting facely	2	
3	(c)	(ii)	Idea that better / more efficient , at , findin	ig / getting , tood ;		ACCEPT more food can be collected less, time / energy, spent looking for food easier to find food
			AVP;			e.g. ref to reduces competition from other colonies
					1 max	· ·
3	(d)	(i)				Mark the first answer . If the answer is correct and an additional answer is given that is incorrect or contradicts the correct answer then = 0 marks
			reverse transcriptase ;		1	DO NOT CREDIT DNA (reverse) transcriptase

3 (((d)	(ii)	1	mRNA binds to , (gene) probes / cDNA / ssDNA ,			
				by complementary base pairing ;		1	DO NOT CREDIT in the context of the gene probe binding to DNA
			2	<i>idea that</i> the <i>more</i> active the gene the <i>more</i> mRNA produced ;			
			3	during transcription ;		3	IGNORE translation
			4	<i>more</i> fluorescence indicates <i>more</i> mRNA (bound) ;	3 max		
3 (((d)	(iii)	1	dopamine linked to , ADHD / addiction / risk-taking / adventurous behaviour / hyperactivity / erratic behaviour (in humans) ;		1	IGNORE ref to schizophrenia / Parkinson's This mark is for the effect of the <i>chemical</i> dopamine, not the dopamine receptors alone.
			2	<i>idea of</i> common mechanism in bees and humans (for adventurous behaviour) ;		2	e.g. <i>both</i> have , DRD4 / dopamine receptors e.g. dopamine has the same effect in <i>both</i>
			3	<i>idea that</i> as they are different organisms the mechanisms may not be comparable (even though apparently similar) ;			
			4	AVP;		4	e.g. other genes also involved in , bee / human , behaviour
							te: th have dopamine receptors which are linked to adventurous behaviour' = 1 mark (mp 2 only) th have dopamine receptors and dopamine is linked to adventurous behaviour' = 2 marks (mps 2 & 1)
				Total	3 max 18		

Q	uestic	on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
4	(a)	(i)		2	Mark the first 2 reasons
			(both) to, avoid / counter, (abiotic) stress ;		 CREDIT to avoid named stressors e.g. cold, heat, dryness, humidity or unfavourable conditions only CREDIT descriptions relevant to both animals (avoiding a stressor) and to plants (closing stomata, wintering underground, etc). IGNORE survival and dangers unqualified
			(both) to avoid, being eaten / predation ;		only CREDIT descriptions relevant to both animals (being consumed, being preyed upon) <u>and</u> to plants (being grazed, herbivory).
			(both) to access resources ;		only CREDIT descriptions relevant to both animals (get food) <u>and</u> plants (obtain light, minerals, water)
		(ii)	all points must show a clear comparison between mammals (M) and plants (P)	3	
			1 (M) made in <u>endocrine</u> glands versus (P) made in many plant tissues ;		
			2 (M) move in blood versus (P) move, in xylem / in phloem / from cell to cell ;		 2(P) ACCEPT diffusion / through plasmodesmata, for 'from cell to cell'. ACCEPT by translocation / in transpiration stream IGNORE mass flow
			 3 (M) act on, a few / specific / target, tissues versus (P) act on most tissues / can act in cells where produced ; 		
			4 (M) act more rapidly ; ORA		4 must be comparative e.g. respond faster in mammals
	(b)	(i)	inherited / passed to offspring / passed (down) from parents ;	2	ACCEPT in context of condition or gene
			(caused by) mutation / allele;		

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		(ii)	<u>gene</u> / <u>allele</u> ;	5	Mark the first answer on each prompt line. If the answer is correct and an additional answer is given that is incorrect or contradicts the correct answer then = 0 marks
			(DNA) <u>ligase</u> ; transgenic / transformed ; antibiotic(s) ; (gene / DNA / fluorescent / radioactive) <u>probe</u> ;		ACCEPT recombinant / GE / GM CREDIT named antibiotic e.g. ampicillin, tetracycline
	(c)		fat soluble / non-polar / uncharged / hydrophobic ; (so can move directly through) phospholipid bilayer ;	2	ACCEPT through phospholipid <u>s</u> / through phospholipid membrane DO NOT CREDIT through pores

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(d)	EITHER	4	Mark the first example.
	1 (lac) repressor protein;		
	2 (repressor protein) changes shape when bound to lactose ;		
	3 (with lactose) lifts off <u>operator</u> allowing, transcription / gene expression / binding of RNA polymerase to promoter ; ORA		3 ORA without lactose the protein binds to the <u>operator</u> stopping, transcription / gene expression / binding of RNA polymerase to promoter DO NOT CREDIT mp 3 if ref. made to DNA polymerase or DNA replication
	4 β-galactosidase / enzyme(s) / structural gene(s) ;		4 CREDIT lactose permease
	OR		
	5 homeotic / homeobox / hox (genes) ;		
	6 gene product / protein / transcription factor, binds to DNA;		6 CREDIT homeobox domain / homeodomain, binds to DNA
	7 gene product / protein, starts transcription / is a transcription factor;		7 ACCEPT controls / regulates / stops, transcription
	8 many genes affected / controls body plan ;		8 CREDIT controls, development / segmentation
	Total	18	