

WJEC (Eduqas) Biology A-level
Topic 2.2: Cell Division
Questions by Topic - Mark
Scheme

1.

Question		Marking details	Marks Available
1.	(a)	Root <u>tip</u> / shoot <u>tip</u> / meristem;	1
	(b)	A Anaphase; B Prophase; C Telophase; D Metaphase;	4
	(c)	Interphase; It is the longest phase;	2
	(d)	(All cells) would be {haploid/half the number of chromosomes}; NOT cells have fewer/ less chromosomes (All cells) would be genetically different;	2
Question 1 Total			[9]

2.

Question		Marking details	Marks Available							
			AO1	AO2	AO3	Total	Maths	Prac		
2	(a)	J, K & M = 2 marks 2 correct = 1 marks 0/1 correct = 0 marks If use more than three letters then deduct one mark for each additional letter		2		2				
	(b)	(i)	<p>4 correct for 2 marks 2/3 correct for 1 mark 0/1 correct = 0</p>				2		2	
		(ii)	Eggs/ female gametes/ ova are produced by <u>meiosis</u> (1) Sperm/male <u>gametes</u> are produced by <u>mitosis</u> (1)			2	2			
	(c)	(i)	1. 3.4 units DNA {before replication / in <u>early</u> interphase}/ {quantity of DNA halves/ returns to original value} {following cytokinesis / (at the end of)telophase} (1) 2. {6.8 units of DNA/ DNA doubles} due to <u>DNA replication</u> (1) 3. (6.8 units of DNA will be present during) (Late) interphase/ prophase/ metaphase/ anaphase(1)		3		3			
		(ii)	{mitosis is faster/ <u>more</u> mitosis} in young spider mites than older spider mites/ <u>ORA</u> (1) Young spider mite - mitosis required for growth (and repair of muscle tissue) / Older spider mite – mitosis required for repair (of muscle tissue only) (1)			2	2			
Question 2 total			0	7	4	11	0	0		

3.

Question			Marking details	Marks Available	
3	(a)	(i)	Produce {gametes / sex cells} / halves chromosome number / produces haploid cells / introduce <u>genetic</u> variation;	1	
		(ii)	Testes / ovaries;	1	
	(b)	(i)	X-centriole AND Y-spindle (fibre) / microtubules;	1	
		(ii)	div I 2 chromosomes in each cell 1 big 1 little; straddling equator; Ignore lack of crossing over div II 2 chromosomes in each cell 1 big 1 little; showing correct recombinants;	4	
	(c)		1 pair reversed across equator;	1	
	(d)	(i)	Prophase I; NOT prophase alone	1	
		(ii)	Drawing showing non sister chromatids <u>crossing over</u> ; and parts being exchanged; Accept correct annotations or second diagram	2	
		(iii)	Crossing over / chiasmata;	1	
	Question 3 Total				[12]

4. (a)

2 chromosomes in female cell;

1 chromosome in male cell;

Diagrams must match each other.

Accept 'chromatids' in each cell. Do not accept chromatid in male cell if chromosomes drawn in female cell or opposite. [2]

(b)

(i)

2 Chromosomes arranged on equator of spindle; (ignore orientation) [2]

2 V shaped {chromosomes / chromatids} with centrosomes towards each centriole/pole;

Ecf from one diagram to other.

(ii)

Labelling: chromatids, centromere, spindle, centrioles, equator, cell membrane.

2 marks for 4 correct labels on either diagram;

1 mark for 3. [2]

(iii)

To provide {genetically identical cells / clones};

Repair / replacement {of cells / tissue} / regeneration qualified;

NOT growth. [2]

(iv)

Making gametes / sperm cells / sex cells / produce haploid cells for reproduction; [1]

(v)

Meiosis / reduction division;

Spelling must be correct. [1]

(vi)

Genetic variation (in the offspring) / restore diploid number (in zygote) OWTTE; [1]

(c)

Fertilised eggs will develop into females, unfertilised eggs into males; (both for 1 mark);

Accept: fertilised will give genetically varied ants, unfertilised would give clones;

IGNORE haploid / diploid. [1]

Question total 12

5.

Question	Marking details	Marks Available
5 (a) (i)	B, D, C, F, E;	1
(ii)	Cytokinesis;	1
(b) (i)	4 cells are produced compared with 2 / cells are haploid as oppose to diploid/only contain one set of chromosomes compared with two sets of chromosomes; NOT 2 chromosomes (can be neutral) As a result of two (consecutive) divisions;	2
(ii)	(Meiosis produces haploid gametes which) allows the diploid state to be restored {at fertilisation/in the zygote} / prevents doubling of the chromosome number at fertilisation; Meiosis produces <u>genetically</u> different {gametes/cells} / results in <u>genetic</u> variation (in the offspring);	2

Question 5 Total

[6]

6.

Question	Marking details	Marks Available					
		AO1	AO2	AO3	Total	Maths	Prac
6 (a) (i)	{A has/meiosis I results in} two {cells/nuclei} and {B has/ meiosis II results in} 4 / A results from one division and B results from two divisions (1)		1		1		1
(ii)	plane/angle of section of through cell may not include a nucleus (1) (where nucleus visible) may have been cut at different {levels/planes} (1)	1	1		2		2
(b)	anaphase II meiosis (1) Any two (x1) from: Cell is haploid as only 4 chromosomes / resulting cells will {only have one copy of each chromosome/be haploid} (1) if mitosis two copies of each chromosome / lack of homologous pairs (1) if anaphase I each chromosome would have 2 chromatids / (anaphase II) involves the separation of (sister) chromatids (1)		2	1	3		
	Question 6 total	1	4	1	6	0	3

7.

Question		Marking details	Marks Available
7	(a)	<p>Any 4 from</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> {nuclear membrane / nucleolus} disappear; <u>chromosomes</u> {shorten / thicken / contracts / condense} / chromatin condenses; (appear as) <u>two / pair / sister</u> chromatids; NOT pairing up chromatids joined at centromere; spindle forms; Reject ref to centrioles making spindle fibres <p>Accept labelled diagram for 3, 4 and 5</p>	Max 4
	(b)	<p>$5/100 \times (24 \times 60)$ or $(24 \times 60)/20 = 72$ Correct Answer = 2 marks correct calculation, incorrect answer = 1 mark</p>	2
	(c)	<p>Any 3 from</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> both show <u>interphase</u> because DNA {doubles / changes from 2 to 4 / replicates}; NOT DNA increases unqualified (with vincristine) there is {no halving of DNA / DNA does not decrease from 4 to 2 arbitrary units}; (lack of spindle fibres) prevents chromatids being pulled to the {poles / ends of spindle}(in anaphase); allow chromosomes therefore no cytokinesis / no separation into two cells; daughter cells not produced 	Max 3
	(d)	<p>meiosis produces <u>genetically</u> different cells AND mitosis produced {<u>genetically</u> identical cells / clones}; meiosis halves chromosome number AND mitosis maintains chromosome number / cells produced by meiosis are haploid AND those by mitosis are diploid ;</p>	2
		Question 7 total	[11]

8. (a)

[4]

Role	Mitosis	Meiosis
	✓	X
	X	✓
	X	✓
	✓	✓

(not: hybrid ticks)

(b) joined pair of chromatids;
chromatid labelled and centromere labelled;

[2]

(c) centromere splits;
chromatids pulled to (opposite) poles;
by shortening/ contraction of spindle fibres;

[3]

(d) centrioles;

[1]

(Total 10 Marks)

9. (a) (i) Stage A – telophase; 2
Stage C – metaphase;
- (ii) Centromeres split/ divide; 2
Chromatids/ chromosomes are being pulled to (opposite)
poles;
(due to) contraction/ shortening of the spindle (fibres);
- (b) (i) Interphase; 1
- (ii) The (quantity of) DNA has doubled / (quantity of) DNA changes 1
from 6 to 12; NOT increase
- (iii) Meiosis; (correct spelling) 2
(At the end of the cell cycle) the (quantity) of DNA has been
halved (and halved again) / can describe with numbers
/involves 2 (consecutive) divisions;
Ignore reference to chromosomes

10.	Question	Marking details	Marks Available
	(a)	40;	1
	(b) (i)	Correct diagram; two chromosome pairs vertically orientated one of each pair on each side of the equator one pair of chromosomes bigger than the other	1
	(ii)	Correct labelling of chromatid, <u>centromere</u> , <u>centriole</u> , spindle fibres 2 marks for 4 correct labels 1 mark for 2 or 3 correct labels	2
	(iii)	Correct diagrams; Two chromosomes in each cell (one large and one small) Centromeres on dotted line	1
	(iv)	{Random/independent} assortment of {chromosomes/ chromatids}/ description of {random/independent assortment}; crossing over/ chiasmata; produces haploid cells;	3
		Question 10 Total	[8]

11. (a) (i) J K L H I 1
- (ii) I = telophase 1
- L = metaphase 1
- (b) (i) interphase 1
- (ii) ATP production/ metabolically active; 2
- Replication of DNA; NOT synthesis/ doubling
- {Making/ replacing} new organelles/ replication of
- mitochondria/ chloroplasts
- NOT replication of organelles
- Protein synthesis;
- Cell increase in size (not growth) (any two)
- (c) DNA Doubled / DNA content increased from 20 to 40 1
- and then halved (to maintain DNA content) (in two daughter 1
- cells.)
- (ignore reference to chromosomes)
- (d) Two genetically identical daughter cells are produced; 2
- {Genetically identical/ clone} of parent cell.

(Total 10 marks)

12.

Question			Marking details	Marks Available					
				AO1	AO2	A03	Total	Maths	Prac
12	(a)	(i)	They have no nucleus/chromosomes NOT DNA	1			1		
		(ii)	Male + Not all homologous/ Different sex chromosomes/ there is one pair where the chromosomes are different/ one large and one small/ X and Y chromosomes It has a Y chromosome	1			1		
		(iii)	I = 6 chromosomes/3pairs + II = 3 chromosomes	1			1		
		(iv)	One large X shaped chromosome and one small ^ shaped chromosome drawn either side of the equator (1) Spindle fibres drawn (1)		2		2		
			Question 2 total	3	2	0	5	0	0