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QUESTIONSHEET 1

(a) (double helix) of DNA unravels to form two single stranded (primer) DNA molecules;	
these attract complementary (energy rich) nucleotides/nucleoside triphosphates (to primer strands);	
these join to (primer) strands forming daughter DNA;	
under influence of DNA polymerase;	
bases join by hydrogen bonds between complementary pairs;	
and adjacent sugars join by phosphate bridges;	max 4
(b) 2 (arbitrary) units;	1
(c) chromatids separate to poles;	
during anaphase;	
nuclear membranes then reform around two daughter nuclei;	
each containing the diploid number of chromosomes;	max 3
(d) 1 (arbitrary) unit;	1
	TOTAL 9

QUESTIONSHEET 2



TOTAL 6

- (a) (i) 9;
 - 36; (ii)
 - (iii) 36; (iv) 18;
 - (v) 9:

(v) 9;	5
(b) female nucleus = 9 + male nucleus = 9 = 18;	1
 (c) chromosomes of cabbage and radish differ structurally; thus bivalents could not form and meiosis/gamete production would fail; 	2

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QUESTIONSHEET 4

 (a) (i) mitosis; (ii) mitosis; (iii) mitosis <u>and</u> meiosis; (iv) mitosis <u>and</u> meiosis; (v) meiosis; 	5	
(b) germination of haploid spores to form gametophyte in more growth of the haploid gametophyte in mosses/liverworts/ /production of haploid gametes in fern gametophyte;	osses/liverworts; 'growth of fern gametophyte; max 2 TOTAL 7	
QUESTIONSHEET 5		
(a) (i) anaphase; (ii) telophase;		

(iii) (iv)	metaphase; prophase;	4
(b) (i) (ii)	20 units; 10 units;	2
		TOTAL 6

(a) A: pole/aster/centrosome;	
B: chromosome;	
C. spindle;	3
(b) (i) prophase;	1
(ii) anaphase;	1
(c) metaphase;	1
(d) root/shoot tip; vascular cambium:	
cork cambium;	max 2
	TOTAL 8

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QUESTIONSHEET 7

(a)	chron DNA chron	nosomes replicate into chromatids (except at the centromere); deposits on chromosomes (making them stainable/visible); nosomes condense/become shorter/fatter;	
	chron	nosomes become attached to spindle;	
	one s	et migrates to one pole and the other set to the other pole;	
	chron	nosomes revert to interphase condition/long and thin/unstainble/lose DNA;	
	allow	one mark if sequence is correct;	max 5
(b)	(i)	telophase;	1
	(ii)	cell plate/phragmoplast forms:	
		involves vesicles from Golgi complex;	
		cell wall forms;	
		spindle disintegrates;	max 2
			TOTAL 8

QUESTIONSHEET 8

(a) (i)	point where sister chromatids join; position is constant; point of attachment to spindle; chromatids unable to separate without centromere/drawn apart at centromeres (by spindle);	max 2
(ii)	composed of microtubules/tubulin; spindle fibres shorten during anaphase; pull sister chromatids apart;	max 2
(b) proc so p rand chia	luces haploid cells from diploid cells; reserving diploid state when gametes fuse; lom assortment gives genetic variation; smata give genetic variation;	max 2
		TOTAL 6

(a) replication of chromosomes occurs;	
in the S phase;	
synthesis of proteins occurs;	
synthesis of rRNA/mRNA/tRNA occurs;	
cell organelles are produced;	
cell carries out all its (metabolic) functions;	max 3
(b) A: prophase;	
C. anaphase;	
E cytokinesis;	
F: interphase;	4
	TOTAL 7

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QUESTIONSHEET 10

(a)

Stage	Description
Prophase	chromosomes become shorter and thicker;
Metaphase	chromosomes attach to spindle ends at equator;
Anaphase	daughter chromosomes move to the poles;
Telophase	nuclear membranes reappear;
Interphase	chromosomes replicate except at their centromeres;
Cytokinesis	division of the cytoplasm occurs;

(b) (in animals) cytoplasm divides by constriction (between daughter nuclei);

(in plants) a phragmoplast/cell plate/new cell wall is synthesised (between the daughter nuclei);

2

6

TOTAL 8

QUESTIONSHEET 11



 (a) meristems; buds/intercalary meristems; allometric; S; G₂; prophase; chromatids; centromere; 40/20 pairs; 20/10 pairs; diploid; 20; 	12
(b) can secrete/release colchicine into surrounding soil;where it can inhibit mitosis/root growth of nearby plants/inhibit seed germination;	
thus reducing competition from other plants;	
ref to Autumn Crocus being an 'aggressive' plant;	max 2