Questions are for separate science science students only

Q1.

Farmers can increase the growth rate of farm animals by controlling the animals' diets.

A farmer has 1000 chickens.

- The farmer feeds the chickens on seeds from maize plants.
- 1 hectare of land produces 16.4 tonnes of maize seeds.
- The maize seeds have an energy content of 16 MJ per kg.
- Chickens can use 80% of the energy in maize seeds.
- Each chicken needs 46 MJ of energy to grow to full size.

(a) Calculate the area of land needed to provide enough energy from maize seeds for 1000 chickens to grow to full size. **(biology only)**

Give your answer in m^2.

Give your answer to 3 significant figures.

1 hectare = 10 000 m^2

1 tonne = 1000 kg

Area of land (3 significant figures) = _____ m^2

(5)

(b) Another farmer produced 4200 kg of maize seeds in a field.

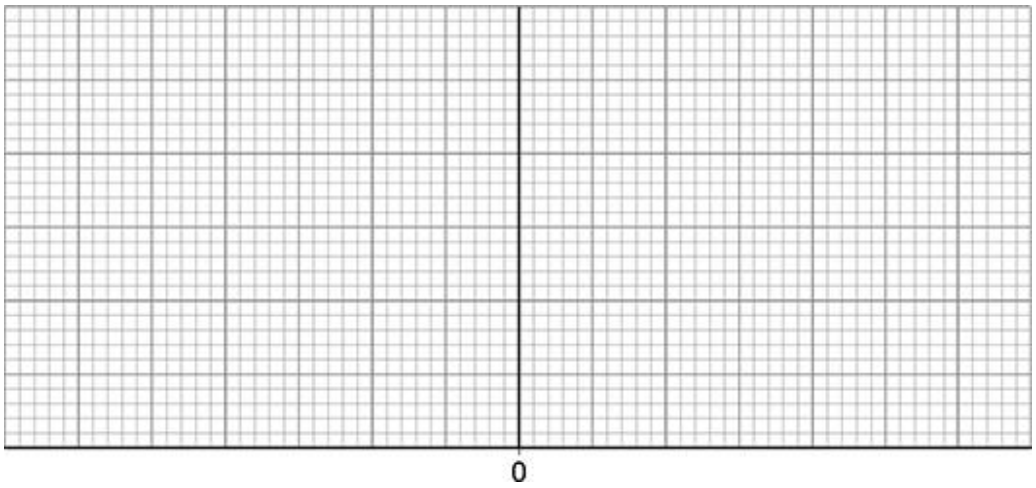
The farmer fed the maize to 1000 chickens.

At full size, the mean mass of one chicken was 2.2 kg.

Complete the figure below to show a pyramid of biomass for the food chain from the maize seeds to 1000 chickens. **(biology only)**

You should:

- label the x-axis
- use a suitable scale.



(3)

(c) Calculate the ratio of chicken biomass to maize seed biomass.

Use data from part (b).

Give your answer in its simplest form. **(biology only)**

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Ratio = _____ : _____

(2)

(d) Chickens can use 80% of the biomass from the maize seeds they eat for respiration and growth.

What happens to the remaining 20% of the biomass in the maize seeds? **(biology only)**

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(1)

Protein is an important part of a chicken's diet.

- Proteins contain 20 different types of amino acid.
- A chicken can make many of the 20 amino acids from other substances in the diet.
- Essential amino acids are amino acids the chicken **cannot** make.
- Essential amino acids must be included in the diet.

Maize seeds contain protein but the proportion of some essential amino acids is low.

Scientists have produced a type of maize called Quality Protein Maize (QPM).

The table below compares the proportions of seven essential amino acids in normal maize seeds and in QPM seeds.

Amino acid	Mass of amino acid in protein in g/kg	
	Normal maize	Quality protein maize (QPM)
Leucine	122.2	88.1
Lysine	28.9	41.9
Methionine	19.9	18.1
Phenylalanine	49.4	40.9
Threonine	34.5	36.5
Tryptophan	7.3	16.3
Valine	45.9	51.2

(e) Which amino acids are found in significantly higher proportions in the QPM seeds?

Tick (✓) **one** box. **(biology only)**

Lysine and tryptophan ☐

Lysine and valine ☐

Threonine and tryptophan ☐

Threonine and valine ☐

(1)

(f) The table above shows that 1 kg of QPM contains less leucine than 1 kg of normal maize.

Suggest why a diet containing less leucine does **not** slow down the growth of chickens. **(biology only)**

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(1)

(Total 13 marks)

Q2.

Glyphosate is a herbicide used in agriculture.

Soya bean plants have been genetically modified (GM) to be resistant to glyphosate.

A farmer can increase the yield of soya beans by:

- growing GM soya bean plants
- spraying glyphosate on the field.

(a) Explain how the use of GM soya bean plants **and** glyphosate can increase the yield of soya beans. **(biology only)**

(6)

(b) Suggest **two** reasons why some people are concerned about the use of GM soya bean plants.

Do **not** refer to ethical concerns or religion in your answer. **(biology only)**

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2 _____

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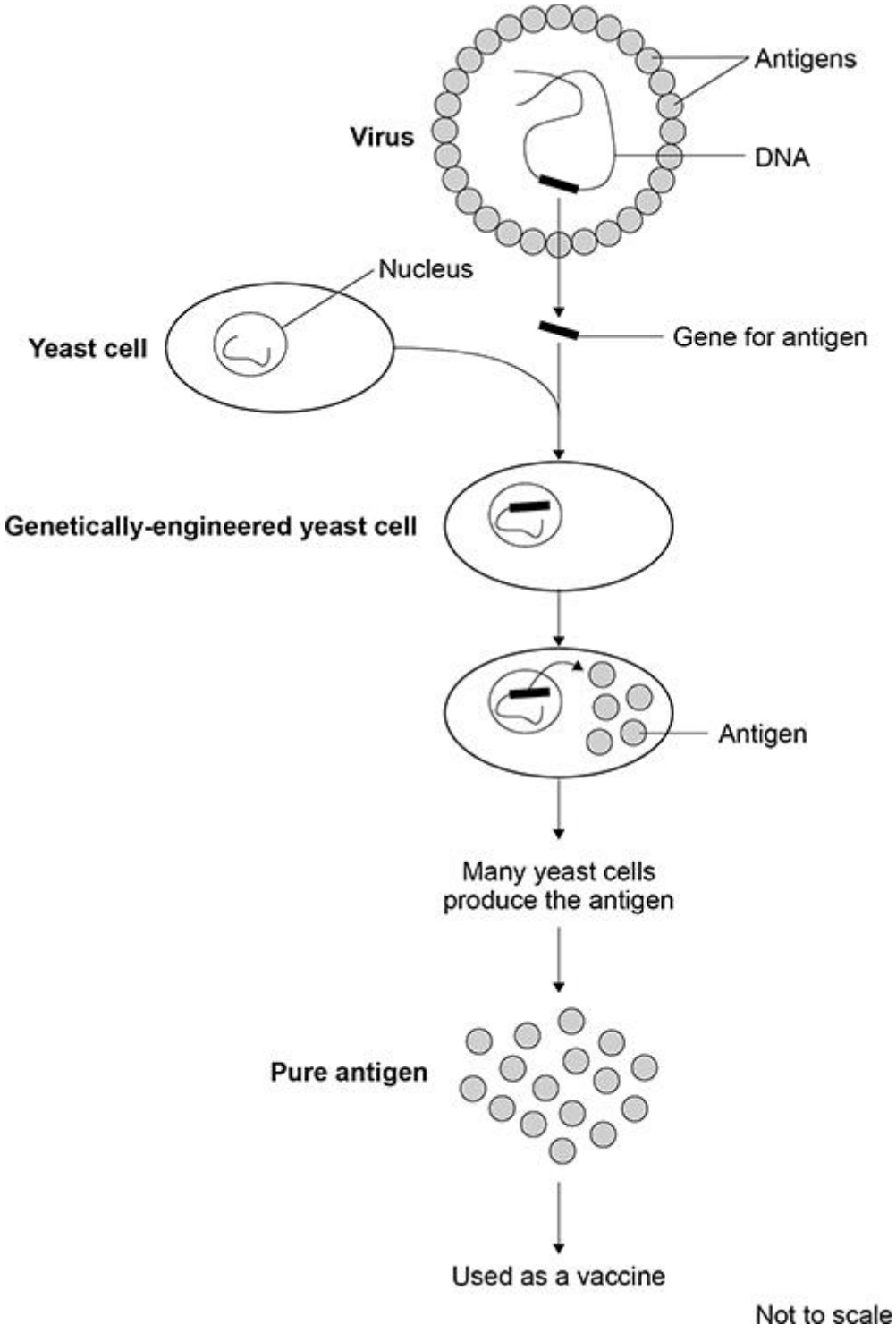
(2)

(Total 8 marks)

Q3.

Genetic engineering can be used for making many useful products.

The figure below shows how a vaccine against a virus can be made by genetic engineering.



Use information from above figure to answer parts (a) and (b).

(a) Which part of the virus is put into the yeast cell? **(HT only)**

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(1)

(b) Which part of the virus is made by the yeast cell? **(HT only)**

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(1)

(c) A long time ago, vaccines were made in a different way.

The virus was heated to stop it reproducing.

The vaccine contained whole viruses.

Why might the vaccine containing heat-treated viruses be dangerous? **(HT only)**

Tick (✓) **one** box.

The viruses may be inactive.	☐
The viruses may cause an infection.	☐
The viruses will not mutate.	☐

(1)

Genetic engineering can also be used in agriculture.

Weeds are a problem for farmers because the weeds compete with crop plants.

(d) Give **three** factors that the weeds and crop plants compete for.

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2 _____

3 _____

(3)

Glyphosate is a weed killer used in agriculture.

Genetically modified (GM) maize is a food crop that is resistant to glyphosate weed killer.

Farmers can spray glyphosate on a field to kill the weeds where the GM maize is growing.

(e) Suggest **one** advantage of using glyphosate on fields where GM maize is growing. **(biology only)**

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(1)

(f) Suggest **one** problem of using glyphosate on fields where GM maize is growing.

Do **not** refer to cost in your answer. **(biology only)**

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(1)

(Total 8 marks)