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Subject Details: Biology SL Paper 2 Markscheme

Candidates are required to answer **all** questions in Section A and **one** out of **two** questions in Section B. Maximum total = **50 marks**.

- **1.** Each row in the "Question" column relates to the smallest subpart of the question.
- **2.** The maximum mark for each question subpart is indicated in the "Total" column.
- **3.** Each marking point in the "Answers" column is shown by means of a semicolon (;) at the end of the marking point.
- **4.** A question subpart may have more marking points than the total allows. This will be indicated by "**max**" written after the mark in the "Total" column. The related rubric, if necessary, will be outlined in the "Notes" column.
- 5. An alternative word is indicated in the "Answers" column by a slash (/). Either word can be accepted.
- **6.** An alternative answer is indicated in the "Answers" column by "*OR*". Either answer can be accepted.
- 7. An alternative markscheme is indicated in the "Answers" column under heading **ALTERNATIVE 1** etc. Either alternative can be accepted.
- **8.** Words inside brackets () in the "Answers" column are not necessary to gain the mark.
- **9.** Words that are underlined are essential for the mark.
- **10.** The order of marking points does not have to be as in the "Answers" column, unless stated otherwise in the "Notes" column.

Section B

Extended response questions - quality of construction

- Extended response questions for SLP2 carry a mark total of [16]. Of these marks, [15] are awarded for content and [1] for the quality of the answer.
- [1] for quality is to be awarded when:
 - the candidate's answers are clear enough to be understood without re-reading.
 - the candidate has answered the question succinctly with little or no repetition or irrelevant material.

Section A

C	Questi	on	Answers	Notes	Total
1.	а	i	a. blocks synaptic transmission at (cholinergic synapses);b. binds to (acetylcholine) receptors;		1 max
1.	а	ii	230 g;	accept range of 215 – 265. This takes into account the beginning and end of week 7. Unit required	1
1.	а	iii	 a. all increased in (cumulative) mass gain up to 5–6 weeks OR all decreased (in cumulative mass gain) after 6 weeks; b. both with neonicotinoids have significantly lower (cumulative) mass than the control colonies (at all periods) OR colonies exposed to high concentration always had the lowest (cumulative) mass gain; 	Accept vice versa	2
1.	а	iv	a. less production of honey/wax;b. fewer bees/dispersal of bees/queens;c. bad weather/environmental change/predators/disease/pests;		1 max
1.	b		 a. number of populations may/will decrease; b. both treatments decreased very significantly the number of queens; c. low treatment had (almost) the same effect as the high <i>OR</i> even low levels have as toxic/lethal effects as high levels; d. without new queens, new colonies cannot be founded; e. no/less/little reproduction (as only queens lay eggs); f. new colonies are essential to maintain bumblebee populations; 		3 max

(continued...)

(Question 1 continued)

Q	uesti	on	Answers	Notes	Total
1.	С	i	B. lucorum;		1
1.	С	ii	 a. low doses caused (slight) decrease in (average) egg lengths in 3 species/most species <i>OR</i> low doses caused a slight increase in 1 species/<i>B. pascuorum</i>; b. high doses caused (slightly) lower (average) results in all 4 species (compared to control); c. in only one species/<i>B. pratorum</i>, the high doses caused larger lengths than the low doses; 	Accept any other valid comparison	2 max
1.	d		 a. yes, as even low/both doses (of first neonicotinoid) affect the (overall) development of colonies negatively; (From Graph 1) b. yes, as decreased numbers of queens (likely) affect reproductive capabilities; (From Graph 2) c. the second neonicotinoid (likely) had less/little/no effect on the bees as it had little effect on egg size; (From Graph 3) 	OWTTE	1 max

Q	uestic	on	Answers	Notes	Total
2.	а		undifferentiated/pluripotent/ability to divide/differentiate into any types of cells/differentiate along different pathways;		1
2.	b		a. correct formula: 1.1cm = 500 μ m, 2.7cm = length, $\frac{2.7\times500}{1.1}$ = $X\mu$ m; b. correct answer with unit: 1227 μ m;	Allow answer in range of 1150 μm to 1350 μm.	1 max
2.	С		treatment of Stargardt's disease/leukemia/diabetes/heart disease/Parkinson's disease;	Any other verifiable condition	1
2.	d		a. could improve quality/length of life of the treated person;b. disease could still be passed on to progeny if defective gene/allele in gametes is not replaced/changed;		2

Q	uesti	on	Answers	Notes	Total
3.	а		 a. (in both) anaerobic respiration gives a small amount of ATP/2 ATP/energy from glucose; b. anaerobic respiration occurs when there is no oxygen; c. anaerobic respiration in <u>yeast</u> produces ethanol and carbon dioxide/alcoholic fermentation; d. anaerobic respiration in <u>humans</u> (in muscle) produces lactate/lactic acid/lactic acid fermentation; e. both undergo glycolysis; 	Do not accept mpd if CO ₂ also included	3 max
3.	b	i	 a. water has higher boiling/melting point; b. water has a higher specific heat capacity; c. water has a higher latent heat of vaporization; d. differences due to water having many H-bonds/polarity between the molecules while methane has no H-bonds/polarity; 		2 max
3.	b	ii	a. methane is a greenhouse gas OR methane causes an increase in temperature of the atmosphere; b. methane is one of the most powerful greenhouse gases / more powerful than CO ₂ ; c. methane has a relatively short lifespan compared to CO ₂ /decomposes to CO ₂ ;	Other verifiable sources	2 max

C	Questi	on	Answers	Notes	Total
4.	а	i	pineal gland;	"Brain" not sufficient	1
4.	а	ii	lower in night workers OR later increase/phase difference/shift in night workers;	OWTTE	1
4.	а	iii	Time of day: around 18:00 (locally); OR time that is in the range of local standard bed time; Reason: need to re-establish the increase that occurs after 18:00 hours / reestablish circadian rhythm / OWTTE;	OWTTE	1
4.	b		 a. the black lines represent proteins; b. forms a 'sandwich'/2 layers; c. there is a clear layer in the centre; d. (the clear layer) is composed of phospholipids; e. reference to both membranes being similar; 		3 max

C	Question	Answers	Notes	Total	
5.	а	a. as temperature rises/is higher (than optimal temperature), the enzyme is denatured; b. as the temperature drops the enzyme molecules have less kinetic energy OR fewer successful collisions;	OWTTE OWTTE	2	
5.	b	 a. restriction enzymes/(restriction) endonucleases cut the gene and the bacterial/plasmid/vector DNA in the same/specific restriction sites <i>OR</i> (restriction) endonucleases work by targeting a specific sequence of base pairs in DNA causing both strands of the DNA to break apart; b. (DNA) ligase attaches/inserts the gene to the bacterial/plasmid/vector DNA <i>OR</i> (DNA) ligase joins the vector and gene by fusing their sugar-phosphate backbones together (with a covalent phosphodiester bond); c. correct reference to reverse transcriptase; 	Accept correct mention of reverse transcriptase	2	

Section B

Clarity of communication: [1]

The candidate's answers are clear enough to be understood without re-reading. The candidate has answered the question succinctly with little or no repetition or irrelevant material.

Question		n Answers	Notes	Total
6.	а	a. translation occurs on ribosomes when proteins/polypeptides are synthesized;		
		b. amino acid sequence of a protein is determined by the mRNA;		
		c. mRNA is determined by the order of bases of DNA/order of bases sequence in a gene;		
		d. codons (of 3 bases) on mRNA correspond to one amino acid in a polypeptide;		
		e. codons are on mRNA and anticodons on tRNA;		
		f. mRNA binds to ribosome/(during initiation) small ribosomal subunit binds to the start of the mRNA sequence;		5 max
		g. tRNA transfers an amino acid to large ribosomal subunit/to the ribosome;		
		h. reference to start or stop codon;		
		i. tRNA moves to the next mRNA codon to continue the process, creating an amino acid chain;		
		j. peptide bond formed between amino acids		
		k. translation/order of amino acids depends on complementary base pairing between codons and anticodons;		

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(Question 6 continued)

C	uestion				Answers	Notes	Total
6.	b	a. alleles clea	ırly labelled	for both	parents (in a Punnett square or other format);		
		b. correct gen	notypes for	all four p	ossibilities for children;		
			fa	ther			
			XH	Y			
		mother	X^h X^HX^h	X ^h Y			3
			X ^H X ^H X ^H	X ^H Y			3
			c. phenotypes of the children: the sons would have a 50 % chance of having hemophilia and the daughters would have 0 % chance of having hemophilia/50 % chance of being a carrier; Sex is ment can be provided in the children: the sons would have a 50 % chance of having hemophilia and the ment can be provided in the children: the sons would have a 50 % chance of having hemophilia and the ment can be provided in the children: the sons would have a 50 % chance of having hemophilia and the ment can be provided in the children: the sons would have a 50 % chance of having hemophilia and the ment can be provided in the children: the sons would have a 50 % chance of having hemophilia and the ment can be provided in the children: the sons would have a 50 % chance of having hemophilia and the ment can be provided in the children: the sons would have a 50 % chance of having hemophilia and the ment can be provided in the children in the chil				
6.	С	Clotting pro	ocess:				
		a. blood clotti	ng seals cu	its in the	skin;		
		b. clotting fac	tors are rel	eased (fr	om platelets);		
		c. thrombin is	,				
		d. a cascade		,	•		
		`	,	•	converted to fibrin;		
		f. fibrin forms	a clot/bloc	ks the cu	t/prevents blood from being lost;		7 max
		Consequer	nces of hen	nophilia:			
		g. if a person	does not h	ave enou	gh clotting factors/hemophilia, the clot will not form;		
		h. pathogens	can enter t	he body	more easily;		
		i. (in hemoph	niliacs) bloo	d will be	ost from a cut which affects blood pressure/bleeding to death;		
		j. loss of bloc	od affects a	mount of	hemoglobin/O ₂ carried around the body;		
		k. reference to	lifestyle /	menstrua	l/birth problems	e.g surgery, contact sports	

C	uestion	Answers	Notes	Total	
7.	а	a. communities are made up of populations of different species;			
		b. plants receive energy from the sun/light;			
		c. convert it to chemical energy through photosynthesis;			
		d. chemical energy is stored in organic/C-compounds;			
		e. the energy is passed to other organisms through feeding / reference to food chain		F	
		f. respiration (of plants and animals) converts the chemical energy (of C-compounds) to other useful forms of energy;		5 max	
		g. eventually the chemical energy is lost as heat energy;			
		h. energy is non-recyclable/lost from a community/ecosystem;			
		 i. energy losses between trophic levels limit food chains/mass of top trophic levels/only about 10% of energy is transferred; 			
7.	b	a. (natural selection occurs if) there is variation in degree of drought resistance among members of a population/same species;			
		b. variation is caused by mutations (when changes occur in the DNA/nucleic bases/chromosomes);			
		c. variation during meiosis occurs (with separation of chromosomes);			
		d. variation occurs during sexual reproduction (as different alleles combine);			
		e. some variations make some plants more drought-resistant;			
		f. example of variations: deeper roots/more storage tissue for water/thicker cuticles/less opening of stomata/other verifiable variations;		7 max	
		g. these variations let some survive and reproduce better/have more offspring			
		OR			
		(these variations) confer selective advantage;			
		h. these variations/characteristics are passed onto offspring which survive better;			
		i. natural selection increases the frequency of these characteristics;			
		j. eventually leads to changes/evolution in the species / more drought-resistant plants;			

(Question 7 continued)

C	uestio	Answers	Notes	Total	
7.	С	 Benefits: a. increase crop growth/food productivity; b. with limited water/ less water is used; c. increase amount of land available for food production in dry areas; Risks: d. these plants may out-compete other species in the community/may cause extinction of some species/affect the food chains in the community; e. the modified gene/recombinant DNA may pass to other organisms; f. more grain requires more nutrients from the soil so its quality may diminish/monoculture issues; g. GMO may have health effects in consumers / OWTTE; 	Must include at least one benefit and one risk for [3 max]	3 max	