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GCE Ordinary Level

MARK SCHEME for the May/June 2008 question paper

5090 BIOLOGY

5090/02

Paper 2 (Theory), maximum raw mark 80

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Section A

- 1 (a) (i) A CO₂ / carbon dioxide / carbon(IV) oxide ;
- (ii) B O₂ / oxygen ; [2]
- (iii) arrows same as in Fig. 1.1a for mouse ;
- A out of leaf ;
- B into leaf ; [3]
- (NB mark separately from (i) & (ii), insist on recognisable arrow heads)
- (b) photosynthesis + respiration (R if respiration stops) ;
- at same rate / compensation point AW / stomata closed ;
- ref. light intensity (A ref. sun rising, etc.) ; [3]
- (c) (i) carbohydrate or named / fats / lipids / protein ;
- (ii) protein / amino acid / vitamins / water / nucleic acid / minerals /
- ions / salts / correctly named salt or ion / CHO / fats ; [2]
- (R nitrate / vitamins E & K)

[Total: 10]

- 2 (a) DNA ; [1]
- (b) (no requirement for insistence on comparatives)
- (how) ref. tail / no tail ;
- ref. amount of cytoplasm (R no cytoplasm for sperm) ;
- ref. to shape / length of cells / head or acrosome in sperm ; (R round)
- ref. to position / size / shape of nucleus or nuclei ; (max 3)
- (why) (A v.v. for cheek cell where relevant)
- ref. swimming / movement / reaching ovum AW ; (A motility / mobility)
- ref. absorption of nutrition from seminal fluid ;
- ref. penetrative function of sperm ;
- (nucleus at front of sperm) since only nucleus enters ovum AW ;
- half the amount of (A less) genetic material / haploid ; (max 3) [max 4]
- (c) (i) (A v.v. for cheek cell if clear, otherwise first mentioned assumed to be sperm)
- Any two from: ½ the number, fewer or stated number of chromosomes / haploid,
- ½ the number of genes / amount of DNA,
- either X or Y or only one sex- chromosome,
- ref. shape / size difference,
- ref. mitosis or mitosis (must be to how the cell is produced), ; ; [2]
- (ii) (A v.v. for cheek cell – including negatives where relevant)
- (for sperm) fusion / fertilisation ;
- with another gamete / ovum / egg / nucleus ;
- ref. zygote (production) ;
- restoration of diploid number AW ; [max 3]

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3 (a) one mark per trophic level in any order

large bird / hawk + spider ;

small / yellow bird + (black) flies ;

greenflies / aphids + butterflies + mouse / mice ;

←————→
[beans]

overall web correct ;

[4]

(b) (i) food web ;

[1]

(ii) in either order:

hawk / large bird ;

spider ;

[2]

(c) (i) correct shape (**A** smooth-sided or stepped pyramid) ;

all three levels correctly labelled ;

(upside-down pyramid with producer at top = 1 mark)

[2]

(ii) correct shape ;

all three levels correctly labelled ;

(**A** for ONE mark, correct shape with no labels OR correct shape with wrong but plausible labels. Correct shape + implausible labels = 0)

[2]

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- 4 (a) D glycerol / glycerine ;] A one word only
 E fatty acid ;] per line
 F maltose / (reducing) sugar / disaccharide ; [3]
 (R glucose / sucrose)

- (b) G amylase / diastase / ptyalin ; [1]

- (c) (i) strong heat / ref. high temperature AW / 60 °C or above ;
 denatures / destroys / damages + enzymes ;
 would not tenderise the meat AW / gives enzyme time to work AW ; [3]
 (available only with ref. enzyme damage)

- (ii) protease or any named ;
 acts on / digests / breaks down proteins ;
 changing them to peptides / peptones / proteoses / polypeptides etc. ;
 *smaller or simpler molecules / bonds broken / easier to chew AW ; [max 3]
 (A softer)
 (* this mark available if enzyme chosen was lipase)

[Total: 10]

- 5 (a) (i) roots / root system (R root hairs) ; [1]

- (ii) photosynthesis ; [1]

- (b) (i) Any **three** from:
 water ; for photosynthesis / turgor / transport solvent / hydrolysis / enzyme activity ; (R transpiration)
 magnesium (ions) ; for chlorophyll manufacture ; (R photosynthesis / chloroplasts)
 nitrates ; for making amino acids / proteins / enzymes / growth ;
 calcium (ions) ; for making cell walls / binding cells together AW;
 other correct ion ; and correct function ;
 (e.g. P, K) (P for growth or respiration, K for fruits and guard cell function)
 *sucrose / CHO / sugar / amino acids ; and correct function for example; [max 6]

(NB 'salts for growth' = ONE mark for the line, but not available if a named salt / ion has also been given. 'Growth' can score ONCE ONLY on right hand-side.)

- (ii) xylem (* if this mark scored, then xylem + phloem) ; [1]

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[Section A Total: 50]

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Section B

- 6 (a)** #diffusion ;
epidermis / any layer of correctly named ;
dermis ;
#tissue fluid / plasma ;
#capillary ;

venule / vein / vena cava ;
A
*R.A + R.V. ;

correct ref. pulmonary circulation (either artery or vein) ;
B
lungs ;

*L.A. + L.V. ;
C
aorta / artery / arteriole ; [max 7]
- (marks for *A*, *B* and *C* can be awarded if individually correct within an otherwise confused account)
(* or one for heart – also available within a confused account)
(# mark available anywhere so long as in correct context)
- (b)** stimulus / stimulates (**R** detects) ;
receptor / taste bud / sensor / nerve or sensory endings ;
sensory neurone (**R** nerve) ;
impulses (**R** messages) ;
brain / C.N.S. (ignore refs to spinal cord) ; [max 3]

[Total: 10]

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- 7 (a) (i) protection of flower + in bud AW / may attract insects / ref. P/S ;
- (ii) attraction of insects / landing platform for insects / nectar production ;
(A animals)
- (iii) (manufacture of) pollen / male gametes ;
- (iv) containing ovule / development into fruit / receives pollen ; [4]
(A egg / ovum / female gamete / nucleus)
- (b) (i) plausible name (A grass, conifers or named) ; [1]
(R pomegranate, pawpaw / papaya, cotton)
- (ii) (need not be linked to name)
(anthers) large / long ;
exposed / outside flower / pendulous / dangling / long filaments ;
versatile / hinged AW / flexible / loosely attached ;
(pollen) small / fine ;
light ;
dry / powdery / smooth / round ;
copious AW ; [max 5]
(ignore refs to wings / air bags)

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- 8E (a) (i)** (viruses) reproduce only in living cells /
 contain no normal cell contents – or specified contents ;
 pathogenic AW / cause harm / parasitic ;
 size ref. (300 nm or less / ref. electron-microscope) ;
 protein (coat) ;
 nucleic acid / DNA / RNA (**A** ref. to both) ; (max 4)
- (ii)** (fungi) ref. hyphae / mycelium ;
 structural ref. to hypha or mycelium (e.g. coenocytic AW / stores glycogen) ;
 nutritional ref. (parasitic / pathogenic AW / saprophytic
 saprotrophic / heterotrophic / external digestion) ;
 spores ;
 chitin ; (max 4) [max 7]

- (b)** dead (animals / plants / organisms) ;
 breakdown of proteins / amino acids / urea / faeces +
 to release salts / ions / named ;
 of carbohydrates + to release CO₂ ;
 ref. to re-cycling / used up by plants ; [max 3]
 (**R** energy refs)

[Total: 10]

- 8O (a)** (advantages of fertiliser) increase / maintain soil fertility ;
 better growth AW ;
 *higher yield / greater profit / increased productivity ; (max 2)
 (disadvantages) provides no soil skeleton AW ;
 *greater expense ;
 into water (courses) or named ;
 eutrophication or described or any ref. ;
 death of plants + bacterial proliferation ;
 depletion of O₂ / oxygen debt ;
 high N₂ in water + blue babies / death of water animals ; (max 4)
 (**R** marine life) [max 5]

- (b)** (advantages of insecticides) destruction of (plant) pests AW ;
 *better yield / greater profit / increased productivity ;
 kills vectors of disease ; (max 2)
 (disadvantages) also harms other / useful insects (or named) ;
 *greater expense ;
 pests may become resistant ;
 pollution of (human) foodstuffs ;
 concentration along food chain / non-biodegradable / cannot be metabolised ;
 effect on other organisms (e.g. birds) ; (max 4) [max 5]
 (*only one mark max available – in **(a)** or **(b)**)

[Total: 10]

[Section B Total: 30]