

National Qualifications 2018

X707/77/02

Biology Section 1 — Questions

TUESDAY, 15 MAY 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Instructions for the completion of Section 1 are given on *page 02* of your question and answer booklet X707/77/01.

Record your answers on the answer grid on page 03 of your question and answer booklet.

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SECTION 1 — 25 marks Attempt ALL questions

1. Which row in the table describes properties of proteins that allow them to be separated using the techniques shown?

	Protein separation technique					
	Centrifugation Gel electrophoresis					
А	density	charge				
В	charge	density				
С	shape	charge				
D	charge shape					

- 2. Which of the pairs of cell types are fused in order to produce monoclonal antibodies?
 - A T lymphocyte and myeloma
 - B B lymphocyte and myeloma
 - C T lymphocyte and hybridoma
 - D B lymphocyte and hybridoma

3. The three-dimensional structure of a protein is shown.



Which row in the table describes region X?

	Type of secondary structure	Bonding that stabilises secondary structure
Α	β -sheet	peptide
В	α-helix	peptide
С	β -sheet	hydrogen
D	α-helix	hydrogen

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4. The diagram shows some interactions between amino acid R-groups in a polypeptide chain. Which letter shows hydrophobic interactions?



5. A student is preparing media for an experiment to investigate the effect of an inhibitor on cell growth. Flask 1 contains a control medium with no inhibitor.

The concentration of the stock inhibitor solution used to prepare the final solution is 80%.

Flask	Inhibitor volume (cm³)	Glucose volume (cm³)	FBS volume (cm ³)	Buffer volume (cm ³)	Final inhibitor concentration (%)
1	0.00	1.00	5.00	19.00	0
2		1.00	5.00		20

What volumes of inhibitor and buffer should be added to flask 2 to give 25 cm^3 of medium with an inhibitor concentration of 20%?

- A 4.75 cm^3 inhibitor $+ 20.25 \text{ cm}^3$ buffer
- B 4.75 cm^3 inhibitor $+ 14.25 \text{ cm}^3$ buffer
- C 6.25 cm^3 inhibitor + 18.75 cm^3 buffer
- D $6\cdot 25 \text{ cm}^3$ inhibitor + $12\cdot 75 \text{ cm}^3$ buffer

6. Transcription of gene Z only occurs when its transcription factor is dephosphorylated.

The distribution of the transcription factor together with the activities of a protein kinase and protein phosphatase specific to this transcription factor are shown in the table.

Tissue	Transcription factor present	Protein kinase activity	Protein phosphatase activity
Muscle	_	_	+
Heart	+	+	_
Brain	+	_	+

Gene Z is transcribed in the

- A brain only
- B heart only
- C muscle and brain only
- D heart and brain only.
- 7. The effect of changing the concentration of extracellular potassium ions on the function of sodium potassium pumps was investigated.

Starting with an extracellular solution containing no potassium ions, as the concentration of potassium ions is increased the pumps would be expected to

- A pump out potassium ions at a faster rate
- B stay in their phosphorylated conformation for longer
- C pump in sodium ions at a faster rate
- D hydrolyse ATP at a faster rate.

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8. A sample of 10^6 cells was found to contain 0.4 mg protein. Actin comprises 4.5% of the total protein. 42 g of actin contains 6.02×10^{20} molecules.

1 g = 1000 mg

The number of actin molecules per cell is

- A 2.58×10^8
- $B \qquad 2{\cdot}58\times 10^{10}$
- C 2.58×10^{11}
- $D \qquad 2{\cdot}58\times 10^{14}$
- 9. An outcome of the activation of a cell's thyroid hormone receptors by thyroxine is
 - A decreased production of Na/KATPase
 - B increased production of Na/KATPase
 - C decreased metabolic rate
 - D opening of ligand-gated ion channels.

10. The flow diagram shows part of the ADH signal transduction pathway in a collecting duct cell.



Which row in the table shows how this pathway would be altered in an individual with diabetes insipidus?

	Concentration of inactive G-proteins	Phosphorylation of proteins
А	decreased	decreased
В	decreased	increased
С	increased	decreased
D	increased	increased

11. Which row in the table describes the states of the proteins p53 and Rb that would increase the rate of cell division?

	Protein			
	p53 Rb			
Α	activated	phosphorylated		
В	inhibited phosphorylated			
С	activated dephosphorylated			
D	inhibited	dephosphorylated		

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12. Which diagram shows the correct positions of the cell cycle checkpoints? Checkpoint is represented by



13. In a study of transmission of the rabies virus by vampire bats, the density of bat colonies was estimated using mark and recapture techniques.

The total population estimate is given by (MC)/R where the first sample captured is M, the second sample captured is C and the number recaptured is R.

One colony was estimated to have a bat population of 440 following the capture of a second sample of 64 bats, of which 8 were marked.

The number of bats captured initially, marked and released was

- A 32
- B 55
- C 110
- D 128
- 14. Which of the following describes the purpose of a randomised block design?
 - A Controlling for confounding variables
 - B Ranking sample data
 - C Ensuring that sampling is representative
 - D Monitoring the dependent variable

15. Merlins are small birds of prey which chase and capture skylarks. The effect of skylark song on hunting by merlins was studied.

Graph 1 shows the number of successful and unsuccessful attacks on skylarks showing different singing behaviours.

Graph 2 shows how the different singing behaviours affected the mean duration of chases by merlins attacking skylarks.



Which of the following generalisations about skylark singing behaviour is valid?

- A No song decreases the number of attacks by merlins and the time they will chase.
- B No song increases the success of attacks by merlins and the time they will chase.
- C No song increases the number of attacks by merlins and the time they will chase.
- D No song decreases the success of attacks by merlins and the time they will chase.

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16. Humans and many other primates have opposable thumbs. In the giant panda, a modified wrist bone forms a false 'thumb' which is used along with the five digits to manipulate bamboo.

The list shows processes related to evolution.

- 1 Convergent evolution
- 2 Divergent evolution
- 3 Natural selection

Evolution of the thumbs of primates and the false 'thumbs' of giant pandas has involved

- A 1 only
- B 2 only
- C 1 and 3 only
- D 2 and 3 only.
- 17. Which statement includes representatives of all three domains of life?
 - A Insects can be vectors for bacterial infections in plants.
 - B Photoreceptor proteins are found in archaea, plants and animals.
 - C Scientists have cloned genes from archaea that can be expressed in *Escherichia coli*.
 - D Diseases in potato crops can be caused by the transmission of viruses by nematodes.

18. Haemophilia A is a sex-linked condition that slows blood clotting. The allele for normal clotting (X^H) is dominant to the allele for haemophilia A (X^h).

The diagram gives information about the inheritance of haemophilia A in one family.



From the information given, which of the statements is true?

- A The genotype of grandmother P must be $X^{H}X^{h}$ but the genotype of grandmother R cannot be determined.
- B The genotype of neither grandmother can be determined.
- C The genotype of both the unaffected mother and her daughter must be $X^{H}X^{h}$.
- D The genotype of neither the mother or her daughter can be determined.

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19. Red deer in Scotland have no natural predators. Control of the growth of a population to prevent it from outstripping resources is achieved by annual culling. The number killed annually must be greater than the *recruitment* (annual population increase due to births). Since birth rates vary, computer models are used to generate three estimates for recruitment based on birth rates of 30%, 35% and 40%. The number of red deer culled annually is recorded in different areas.

The table shows cull totals for one year in four areas, along with estimated recruitment at each birth rate.

Aroa	Cull total	Estimated recruitment based on birth rate			
Area		30%	35%	40%	
North Ross	2654	2151	2557	2963	
East Loch Ericht	887	897	1066	1234	
Breadalbane	3026	1396	1659	1922	
Knoydart	1082	1079	1283	1487	

If the true birth rate is 35%, the area(s) in which the cull is sufficient to prevent population growth would be

- A North Ross, East Loch Ericht, Breadalbane and Knoydart
- B North Ross, Breadalbane and Knoydart only
- C North Ross and Breadalbane only
- D Breadalbane only.

20. Many species display some characteristics that are typical of r-selection and some that are typical of K-selection.

Which of the following species displays **only** K-selected characteristics?

- A Leatherback turtles: lay up to nine large clutches of eggs per breeding season; hatchlings receive no parental care; small proportion survives to reach sexual maturity.
- B Arctic terns: usually lay two eggs per clutch; adults are aggressive in defence of their young; more than 50% of offspring live to 30 years of age.
- C English oak trees: slow-growing; do not produce seeds until at least 40 years of age; mature trees produce many thousands of seeds annually but only a small proportion germinate.
- D Common dandelions: readily colonise disturbed ground; grow rapidly; flower several times a year; produce many seeds per flower head.
- 21. During the ritualised courtship in peafowl, *Pavo muticus*, the male spreads and shakes his tail feathers to attract a female before stepping back and bowing. This is followed by loud mating calls.

This type of fixed action pattern response can be a result of

- A honest signals
- B imprinting
- C male-male rivalry
- D species-specific sign stimuli.
- 22. An *in vivo* study involves observations made in
 - A the natural habitat of an animal
 - B a living cell culture in the laboratory
 - C a living organism
 - D extracts prepared from living tissues.

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23. Eggs of the parasitic liver fluke *Leucochloridium paradoxum* are found on vegetation and can be eaten by marsh snails, *Succinea putris*. Inside snails, eggs develop into larvae which move to the ends of their tentacles. The tentacles become swollen and brightly coloured, resembling striped caterpillars. Infected snails become more active during daylight when predatory birds mistake the abnormal tentacles for caterpillars and eat them. The larvae within the tentacles complete their life cycle within the birds' bodies. Eggs are passed out of the birds in faeces.

Which items on the list represent part of the extended phenotype of the parasite?

- 1 Prey selection by birds
- 2 Modification of snail tentacles
- 3 Changed activity of snails
- 4 Feeding method of snails
- A 1 and 2 only
- B 1 and 3 only
- C 2 and 3 only
- D 3 and 4 only
- 24. Which row in the table identifies white blood cells capable of long term survival as a part of immunological memory in mammals?

	Type of white blood cell										
	B lymphocytes	B lymphocytes T lymphocytes Phagocytes Natural killers									
Α		✓		✓							
В	✓		✓								
С			1	✓							
D	✓	1									

25. The graphs show data derived from a study investigating the effectiveness of the drug praziquantel (PZQ) on Ugandan children with symptoms of schistosomiasis.



At what age does the data suggest that children would receive most benefit by increasing the dose of the drug?

- A 3 years
- B 5 years
- C 6 years
- D 8 years

[END OF SECTION 1. NOW ATTEMPT THE QUESTIONS IN SECTION 2 OF YOUR QUESTION AND ANSWER BOOKLET]

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SECTION 1 — 25 marks

Attempt ALL questions.

Instructions for the completion of Section 1 are given on page 02.

SECTION 2 — 65 marks

Attempt ALL questions.

A supplementary sheet for question 1 is enclosed inside the front cover of this question paper.

Write your answers clearly in the spaces provided in this booklet. Additional space for answers and rough work is provided at the end of this booklet. If you use this space you must clearly identify the question number you are attempting. Any rough work must be written in this booklet. Score through your rough work when you have written your final copy.

Use blue or black ink.

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The questions for Section 1 are contained in the question paper X707/77/02.

Read these and record your answers on the answer grid on page 03 opposite.

Use **blue** or **black** ink. Do NOT use gel pens or pencil.

- 1. The answer to each question is **either** A, B, C or D. Decide what your answer is, then fill in the appropriate bubble (see sample question below).
- 2. There is **only one correct** answer to each question.
- 3. Any rough working should be done on the additional space for answers and rough work at the end of this booklet.

Sample question

The thigh bone is called the

- A humerus
- B femur
- C tibia
- D fibula.

The correct answer is **B** — femur. The answer **B** bubble has been clearly filled in (see below).



Changing an answer

If you decide to change your answer, cancel your first answer by putting a cross through it (see below) and fill in the answer you want. The answer below has been changed to **D**.



If you then decide to change back to an answer you have already scored out, put a tick (\checkmark) to the **right** of the answer you want, as shown below:







You must record your answers to Section 1 questions on the answer grid on **Page 03** of your **answer booklet**.



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SECTION 2 — 65 marks Attempt ALL questions Question 11 contains a choice

- 1. Read through the supplementary sheet for question 1 before attempting this question.
 - (a) Explain why the rate of uptake by GLUT transporters levels off at high glucose concentrations.
 - (b) Refer to Figure 2 in the supplementary sheet for question 1.

Figure 2 shows GLUT3 has the lowest K_M for glucose.

Explain how this supports the conclusion that GLUT3 has the highest affinity for glucose.

(c) The rate of glucose transport at a given glucose concentration can be calculated using the formula:

 $V = \frac{V_{\max} \times [G]}{K_{M} + [G]}$ V = rate of glucose transport [G] = glucose concentration (mmol per litre)

GLUT2 transporters, found mainly in liver and pancreatic cells, have a K_M of 17 mmol per litre. At this concentration of glucose the rate of transport by GLUT2 is 0.02 mmol/min.

The physiological range of blood glucose concentration in a healthy individual after fasting ranges from approximately 3.9 to 5.5 mmol per litre.

(i) Calculate the rate of glucose transport by GLUT2 when the blood glucose concentration is 5.5 mmol per litre.

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	(ii) Increases in blood glucose concentration lead to increased insulin production by the pancreas. Glucose uptake by GLUT2 is important for this response because as glucose entry via GLUT2 increases the pancreas synthesises more insulin. Suggest why the high K_M of GLUT2 is important in this mechanism for sensing glucose concentration.	1	
(d)	Release of insulin into the bloodstream leads to a rapid increase in the transport of glucose into muscle and fat cells via GLUT4.		
	Explain why this normal response to insulin does not happen in individuals with type 2 diabetes.	2	
(e)	Refer to Figure 3 in the supplementary sheet for question 1.		
	Describe the trend shown in Figure 3.	1	
(f)	Blood serum caffeine levels in people who regularly consume caffeine are typically around 6μ mol per litre.		
	Using Figure 3 predict, with justification, whether this level of caffeine consumption would be likely to have a large effect on the transport of glucose by GLUT1.	1	
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2. (continued)

(b) During one stage in its life cycle, the human parasite *Plasmodium* enters a red blood cell. In order to obtain amino acids that it requires, it digests haemoglobin using a mixture of protease enzymes. This releases the product haem, which is toxic to the parasite. Haem is then converted into non-toxic haemozoin by another enzyme called HDP.



- (i) Name the human disease caused by *Plasmodium*.
- (ii) Chloroquine is one of a number of drugs used to treat this disease.

Suggest how drugs such as chloroquine, that target Stage 2, may provide an effective treatment.

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MARKS DO NOT WRITE IN THIS MARGIN The diagram shows stages in the transmission of a nerve impulse. 3. 4 +30Membrane potential (mV) 5 3 0 -55 - threshold 1 6 -70 2 stimulus applied Time 1 Membrane potential before nerve impulse initiated 2 Binding of a neurotransmitter to a ligand-gated sodium ion (Na⁺) channel 3 Voltage gated Na⁺ channels open 4 Voltage gated Na⁺ channels become inactivated 5 Voltage gated potassium ion (K⁺) channels open 6 Membrane potential after nerve impulse has passed (a) (i) State the term that describes the membrane potential at points 1 and 6. 1 (ii) Use the diagram to calculate the change in membrane potential between points 1 and 4. 1 Space for calculation



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	3.	(a)	 (continued) (iii) Use the information in the diagram to explain the importance of K⁺ channels in nerve transmission. 	2	
		(b)	Tetrodotoxin is a poison found in some fish, such as the pufferfish, which		
			Suggest a possible mechanism for the toxicity of this substance.	1	
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	(b)	It has been suggested that different forms of the GABA _A receptor subunit can arise as a result of alternative RNA splicing. Explain how alternative RNA splicing could result in the production of variant forms of GABA _A receptor subunits.	f 2	
	(c)	Suggest what happens to the receptor protein when GABA binds to it.	- - 1	
	(d)	The drug diazepam increases the effect of GABA molecules by binding to a secondary (allosteric) binding site on GABA _A receptors. State the term used to describe the effect of diazepam on GABA _A receptors.	-) ^ 1	
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5.	(c)	(cont	inued)	MARKS	DO NOT WRITE IN THIS MARGIN
5.	(0)	(i)	State the purpose of injecting cells with buffer solution only.	1	
		(ii)	Give a valid conclusion for this experiment.	1	
	(d)	Once cells.	mitosis is complete, the cytoplasm separates to give two daughter		
		State	the term used to describe this process.	1	
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The trea	follov at cats	wing customer comment was used to promote a product intended to that suffered from cancer.	MARKS
	'My ampu mont prod recor	cat was diagnosed with bone cancer three years ago. Her leg was utated, and I was told that she would only live for another six ths. I saw advertising for <i>Vivafel</i> and immediately started her on this uct. She has been in remission and healthy ever since. I thoroughly mmend this product and the effect it has on cancer in cats.'	
(a)	(i)	What is the conclusion that appears to have been drawn by the cat's owner?	1
	(ii)	Apart from being based on one cat, give one reason why this conclusion is invalid.	1
(b)	Sugg place impr	est why the results of the treatment are unlikely to be caused by a ebo effect, in which even a dummy treatment can bring about some ovement.	1

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	(c)	Trials cats.	to test the effectiveness of the drug Vivafel were set up using living	1	
		(i)	Describe one way to ensure that these trials were ethical.	1	
		(ii)	State an appropriate null hypothesis for these trials.	1	

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8. Giraffes are the tallest terrestrial animals, growing up to 5 m tall. Approximately half of a giraffe's height is due to its long neck. Modern giraffes have evolved from ancestors with much shorter necks.

The figures represent two different hypotheses regarding the evolution of the giraffe's long neck.



Competing browsers hypothesis

Necks for sex hypothesis

Charles Darwin suggested that the long necks evolved by natural selection: longer necks allowed animals to feed higher up trees with less competition the 'competing browsers' hypothesis.

This hypothesis was not thought to be consistent with all the evidence available and a rival hypothesis, 'necks for sex', has been put forward. This suggests long necks have evolved as a result of sexual selection through male-male rivalry, where male giraffes fight for access to females by standing side by side and hitting each other with their heads.

(a) Use the competing browsers hypothesis to explain how long necks evolved by natural selection.



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	(b)	Long Africa of tre	necks evolved around 13 million years ago when much of the an forest was replaced by grassland with a greatly reduced number ees.		
		Expla	ain how this supports the competing browsers hypothesis.	1	
	(c)	(i)	Explain how long necks could have evolved through sexual selection.	1	
		(ii)	A study published in 2013 concluded that there was no sexual dimorphism in neck length in giraffes.	-	
			Suggest how this finding would cast doubt on the necks for sex hypothesis.	1	
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MARKS | DO NOT THIS New Zealand mud snails, Potamopyrgus antipodarum, are widely distributed 9. in freshwater streams and lakes in New Zealand. Snail populations consist of females that reproduce asexually by parthenogenesis together with females that reproduce sexually by cross fertilisation with males. 2 (a) State two disadvantages of sexual reproduction. 1 2 (b) New Zealand mud snails are commonly infected with parasitic worms of the genus Microphallus. Sexual reproduction is more common in the snails when the prevalence of parasites is high. Explain how this observation supports the Red Queen hypothesis. 2 (c) The New Zealand mud snail has become invasive by spreading beyond its native habitat to colonise areas of Europe and North America. Suggest why invasive populations are found to be composed entirely of parthenogenic females. 1



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10. The figure shows an Ebola virus, cause of Ebola virus disease (EVD), prevalent in a number of West and Central African countries. The virus is transmitted to people from wild animals and outbreaks may then occur through human to human transmission.



(a) Ebola viruses have a diameter of $8 \times 10^{-2} \,\mu$ m. Give this measurement in nanometres (nm). (1 nm = $10^{-3} \,\mu$ m) Space for calculation

(b) The flow diagram shows some stages in the replication of this virus.



Explain why the Ebola virus cannot be regarded as a retrovirus.



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	(c)	EVD symptoms result from viral disruption of immune cell function such as the loss of lymphocytes by apoptosis.	
		State the cause of cell death during apoptosis.	1
	(d)	The genes coding for some Ebola virus proteins have a high rate of mutation.	
		Why would this make development of a vaccine more difficult?	1
		EVD bas a yeary bigh mortality rate. Some recearchers have suggested that	
	(e)	new treatments should not be assessed by clinical trials that use negative control groups.	
		State whether you agree or disagree with this suggestion. Justify your answer.	1
	(f)	Apart from medical treatments, suggest one measure that could be effective in controlling or preventing outbreaks of EVD in the tropical regions of Africa.	1
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11.	Ans A	Maximum wer either A or B in the space below and on <i>page 27</i> . Discuss the concept of niche under the following headings:	ARKS	DO NOT WRITE IN THIS MARGIN
		(i) realised and fundamental niche;	3	
		(ii) features of parasite niches.	6	
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	В	Discuss the formation of variable gametes during meiosis under the following headings:		
		(i) the activity of homologous chromosomes;	7	
		(ii) meiosis II.	2	

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Biology Supplementary Sheet

TUESDAY, 15 MAY 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Supplementary sheet for question 1





1. The diffusion of glucose across the plasma membrane of mammalian cells is facilitated by a family of related proteins called GLUT transporters. GLUT transporters have a specific binding site for glucose which alternately faces inside and outside the cell. The orientation of the binding site is brought about by a change in conformation as shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1



Several studies have measured the changes in rates of glucose uptake by GLUT transporters as the concentration of glucose is increased.

Results for four different GLUT transporters are shown in Figure 2.

For each type of GLUT transporter, the rate of transport levels off to a maximum value that is termed V_{max} . The glucose concentration at which the rate of transport is half V_{max} is defined as the K_M of the transporter. K_M values for four types of GLUT are shown in Figure 2.





1. (continued)

Studies have suggested that the chemical caffeine is an inhibitor of glucose transport by GLUT1.

Figure 3 shows data obtained from a recent study of the effect of increasing caffeine concentration on the uptake of glucose by GLUT1. The uptake of glucose in these experiments was measured per litre of intracellular fluid.

Figure 3



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