



**NATIONAL
SENIOR CERTIFICATE**

GRADE 12

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**LIFE SCIENCES
MARKING GUIDELINE**

MARKS: 150

This marking guideline consists of 11 pages.

PRINCIPLES RELATED TO MARKING LIFE SCIENCES

1. **If more information than marks allocated is given**
Stop marking when maximum marks are reached and put a wavy line and 'max' in the right-hand margin.
2. **If, for example, three reasons are required and five are given**
Mark the first three irrespective of whether all or some are correct/incorrect.
3. **If whole process is given when only a part of it is required**
Read all and credit the relevant part.
4. **If comparisons are asked for, but descriptions are given**
Accept if the differences/similarities are clear.
5. **If tabulation is required, but paragraphs are given**
Candidates will lose marks for not tabulating.
6. **If diagrams are given with annotations when descriptions are required**
Candidates will lose marks.
7. **If flow charts are given instead of descriptions**
Candidates will lose marks.
8. **If sequence is muddled and links do not make sense**
Where sequence and links are correct, credit. Where sequence and links are incorrect, do not credit. If sequence and links become correct again, resume credit.
9. **Non-recognised abbreviations**
Accept if first defined in answer. If not defined, do not credit the unrecognised abbreviation, but credit the rest of the answer if correct.
10. **Wrong numbering**
If answer fits into the correct sequence of questions, but the wrong number is given, it is acceptable.
11. **If language used changes the intended meaning**
Do not accept.
12. **Spelling errors**
If recognisable, accept the answer, provided it does not mean something else in Life Sciences or if it is out of context.
13. **If common names are given in terminology**
Accept, provided it was accepted at the national memo discussion meeting.
14. **If only the letter is asked for, but only the name is given (and vice versa)**
Do not credit.

15. **If units are not given in measurements**
Candidates will lose marks. Marking guidelines will allocate marks for units separately.
16. **Be sensitive to the sense of an answer, which may be stated in a different way.**
17. **Caption**
All illustrations (diagrams, graphs, tables, etc.) must have a caption.
18. **Code-switching of official languages (terms and concepts)**
A single word or two that appear(s) in any official language other than the learner's assessment language used to the greatest extent in his/her answers should be credited, if it is correct. A marker that is proficient in the relevant official language should be consulted. This is applicable to all official languages.

SECTION A

QUESTION 1

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|-----|--------|--|----------|------|
| 1.1 | 1.1.1 | B ✓✓ | | |
| | 1.1.2 | A ✓✓ | | |
| | 1.1.3 | A ✓✓ | | |
| | 1.1.4 | B ✓✓ | | |
| | 1.1.5 | A ✓✓ | | |
| | 1.1.6 | D ✓✓ | | |
| | 1.1.7 | C ✓✓ | | |
| | 1.1.8 | C ✓✓ | | |
| | 1.1.9 | C ✓✓ | | |
| | 1.1.10 | C ✓✓ | (10 x 2) | (20) |
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| 1.2 | 1.2.1 | Incomplete ✓ dominance | | |
| | 1.2.2 | Non-disjunction ✓ | | |
| | 1.2.3 | Karyotype ✓ | | |
| | 1.2.4 | Haemophilia ✓ | | |
| | 1.2.5 | Meninges ✓ | | |
| | 1.2.6 | Ovovivipary ✓ | | |
| | 1.2.7 | Parental care ✓ | (7 x 1) | (7) |
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| 1.3 | 1.3.1 | Both A and B ✓✓ | | |
| | 1.3.2 | A only ✓✓ | | |
| | 1.3.3 | None ✓✓ | (3 x 2) | (6) |
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| 1.4 | 1.4.1 | Dihybrid cross ✓ | | (1) |
| | | | | |
| | 1.4.2 | (a) bbnn ✓✓ | | (2) |
| | | (b) Bitter ✓ | | (1) |
| | | (c) BN Bn bN bn ✓✓ | | (2) |
| | | | | |
| | 1.4.3 | bbNn is sweet with yellow spots ✓ | | |
| | | Bbnn is bitter with no yellow spots ✓ | | (2) |
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| | 1.4.4 | The various 'factors' controlling the different characteristics are separate entities, not influencing each other in any way, and sorting themselves out independently during gamete formation. ✓✓ | | (2) |

- 1.5 1.5.1 Cloning ✓ (1)
- 1.5.2 - Better quality fruits/vegetables/meat/increased shelf-life/better nutritional value ✓
- Better yield/higher quantity of products
- More money for the farmer/community ✓
- (MARK FIRST TWO ONLY)** (2)
- 1.5.3 (a) Mitosis ✓ (1)
- (b) Meiosis ✓ (1)
- 1.5.4 (a) 38 ✓ (1)
- (b) 38 ✓ (1)

TOTAL SECTION A: 50

SECTION B

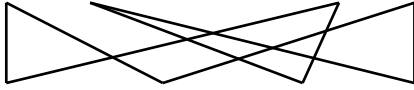
QUESTION 2

- 2.1 2.1.1 Chromosomes ✓/chromatids/genes/allele (1)
- 2.1.2 - Mitochondria ✓
- Chloroplasts ✓
- (Mark first ONE only)** (1)
- 2.1.3 (Nitrogenous) bases ✓ (1)
- 2.1.4 - Transcription ✓*
- The double helix DNA unwinds ✓
- The double-stranded DNA unzips ✓/weak hydrogen bonds break
- to form two separate strands ✓
- One strand is used as a template ✓
- to form mRNA ✓
- using free RNA nucleotides from the nucleoplasm ✓
- The mRNA is complementary to the DNA ✓/A complements U, G complements C
- mRNA now has the coded message for protein synthesis ✓
- 1 compulsory mark + Any 5** (6)
- 2.2 2.2.1 (a) 4 ✓/ Four (1)
- (b) 3 ✓/Three (1)
- 2.2.2 CTC ✓ (1)
- 2.2.3 - The DNA triplet CAG changed to TAG ✓/ C changed
- The codon GUC changed to AUC ✓
- The anticodon sequence changed ✓/ CAG to UAG
- The amino acid valine was replaced by isoleucine ✓
- This results in a different protein ✓/ enzyme
- The active site of the enzyme changes ✓*/shape of enzyme changes
- Therefore, the enzyme no longer fits the substrate/ carbohydrate ✓*
- * 2 compulsory marks + Any 3** (5)
- 2.3 2.3.1 Crossing over ✓ (1)
- 2.3.2 Homologous chromosomes ✓ (1)
- 2.3.3 - Attaches the chromosome to the spindle fiber ✓
- Joins the two halves of a double-stranded chromosome (Any 1) (1)

- 2.3.4 - Chromosomes pair ✓ up/homologous pairs form
- exchange of genetic material occurs ✓
- between chromatids ✓ /adjacent chromosome pairs
- at points called chiasmata ✓/chiasma (Any 3 x 1) (3)
- 2.3.5 - It brings about variation ✓ which may
- improve chances of survival ✓ of organisms (2)
- 2.4 2.4.1 Progesterone ✓ (1)
- 2.4.2 - The blood concentration of hormone Y increased after day 14 ✓ /
ovulation
- maintaining the thickness of the uterus lining ✓/endometrium (2)
- 2.4.3 Endometrium ✓ (1)
- 2.4.4 - The level of hormone Y/progesterone decreased ✓
- resulting in a decrease in the thickness of the uterus lining ✓
- followed by menstruation ✓
- This indicates that fertilisation did not occur ✓ (Any 3 x 1) (3)
- 2.4.5 - FSH ✓ / Follicle Stimulating Hormone
- stimulates the development of the follicles into an ovum ✓
- LH ✓/ Luteinising Hormone
- stimulates ovulation ✓ (4)
- 2.5 2.5.1 (a) An allele that is expressed (shown) in the phenotype when found
in the heterozygous and homozygous condition ✓ (1)
- (b) Two parents (Tom and Lee) both with Cadasil have a child
(Abby/ Bob) without Cadasil ✓
- OR**
- If recessive all of Tom and Lee's children would have Cadasil ✓ (1)
- 2.5.2 (a) Heterozygous ✓ (1)
- (b) He has children without Cadasil ✓

OR

If he was homozygous all children would have Cadasil (1)

2.5.3	P ₁	Phenotype	Male with Cadasil	x	Female without Cadasil ✓
		Genotype	Dd	x	dd ✓
	<i>Meiosis</i>	G/gametes	D, d	x	d, d ✓
	<i>Fertilisation</i>				
	F ₁	Genotype	Dd, Dd, dd, dd ✓		
		Phenotype	50% child with Cadasil, 50% child without Cadasil ✓*		
	P ₁ and F ₁ ✓				
	Meiosis and fertilisation ✓				

***1 compulsory mark + Any 5**

OR

P ₁	Phenotype	Male with Cadasil	x	Female without Cadasil ✓									
	Genotype	Dd	x	dd ✓									
	Meiosis												
	Fertilisation	<table><tr><td>Gametes</td><td>D</td><td>d</td></tr><tr><td>d</td><td>Dd</td><td>dd</td></tr><tr><td>d</td><td>Dd</td><td>dd</td></tr></table> <p>1 mark for correct gametes 1 mark for correct genotypes</p>			Gametes	D	d	d	Dd	dd	d	Dd	dd
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F ₁	Phenotype	50% child with cadasil, 50% child without cadasil ✓*											
P ₁ and F ₁ ✓													
Meiosis and fertilisation ✓													

***1 compulsory mark + Any 5 (6)**

- 2.6 2.6.1 - Stemcells are undifferentiated cells ✓
 - That have the ability to grow and differentiate ✓
 - into any tissue ✓ in the body (3)

2.6.2 It is less controversial ✓ using skin cells than embryonic cells. (1)

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QUESTION 3

3.1 3.1.1 Man A has:

- Many ✓ /enough/more sperms
- normally shaped ✓ /healthy sperms

OR

Man B has

- Fewer ✓ /not enough/lesser sperms
- abnormally shaped ✓ /unhealthy sperms (2)

- 3.1.2 - Sperm has a neck area with large amount of mitochondria ✓ which will produce energy ✓ for the sperm to move to the Fallopian tube.
 - Sperm has a tail ✓ which propel the sperm/make movements ✓ so the sperm could move to the Fallopian tube (2 x 2) (4)

- 3.1.3 - Females have XX (identical) type and males have XY (non-identical) chromosome and one Y chromosome ✓
 - When the sperm with X chromosome fuses with the ovum, the child will have XX type of sex chromosomes (girl child) ✓
 - If the sperm with a Y chromosome fuses with the ovum, the child will have an XY type of sex chromosome (boy child) ✓ (3)

3.1.4

Spermatogenesis	Oogenesis
Occurs in the testes/ seminiferous tubules ✓	Occurs in the ovary ✓
Influenced by testosterone ✓	Influenced by FSH
Occurs continuously ✓	Occurs once during every menstrual cycle ✓
Four sperm cells are produced ✓	One ovum is produced ✓

(Mark first TWO only) Table 1 + (Any 2 x 2) (5)

3.2 3.2.1 Middle ear ✓ (1)

3.2.2 Ossicles ✓ (1)

- 3.2.3 - The bones will not move and vibrate ✓ in reaction to sound
 - resulting in hearing loss ✓ (2)

- 3.2.4 - Eustachian tube ✓*
 - When a person goes skydiving, the atmospheric pressure changes all the time ✓
 - When descending, the Eustachian tube cannot equalise the pressure ✓ on both sides of the tympanic membrane/the pressure on both sides will not be the same.
 - which may cause the tympanum to rupture ✓/damage
1* compulsory mark + 3 (4)

- 3.2.5 The surface area of the eardrum is larger than that of the oval window, ✓
 thus a greater force is concentrated into a smaller area. ✓ (2)

- 3.3 3.3.1 Reflex action ✓ (1)
- 3.3.2 As the bee approaches the man's eye,
- light from the bee reaches the light sensitive cells (receptors) in the eye ✓ /the receptors in the eyes are stimulated and converted stimulus into an impulse ✓
 - the impulse travels via the sensory neuron ✓ to the spinal cord
 - In the spinal cord, the sensory neuron makes a synaptic contact ✓
 - with the interneuron. ✓
 - Which makes synaptic contact with motor neuron ✓ and
 - transmits the impulse ✓
 - to the muscles in the eyelid ✓ / effectors
 - The muscles in the eyelid respond by contracting ✓
 - shutting the man's eye before the bee hit his eye ✓
 - This is known as reflex action. (Any 5 x 1) (5)
- 3.3.3 (a) - cataract scatters and blocks the light ✓ as it passes through the lens,
- preventing a sharply defined image from reaching your retina ✓
- as a result, your vision becomes blurred ✓ (Any 2 x 1) (2)
- (b) $\frac{17,2}{100} \checkmark \times 151,34 \checkmark \text{ million} = 26,03 \text{ million} \checkmark$ (3)
- 3.4 3.4.1 (a) effect of caffeine ✓ (1)
- (b) (an individual's) reaction time ✓ (1)
- 3.4.2 $(8 + 13 + 11 + 17 + 10 + 14 + 13 + 13) = \frac{99}{8} \checkmark = 12,4 \checkmark$ (2)
- 3.4.3 - The experiment was repeated seven more times ✓
- The average was used ✓ (1)
- 3.4.4 - Use a larger sample of individuals ✓ / perform investigation on several other people
- Use other (measures) amounts of coffee ✓
- Use different / more time intervals ✓
(Mark first TWO only) (2)

3.4.5

**Criteria for marking the graph**

Title of the graph (both variables) (T)	1
Bar graph is drawn (Type) (B)	1
Correct labels for X- and Y-axes + correct unit (L)	1
Appropriate scale for both axes (S)	1
Only the correct 3 areas have been represented (A)	1
Plotting of the graph (P)	1 bar drawn correctly: 1
	2 bars drawn correctly: 2

NOTE:

If the wrong type of graph is drawn, marks will be lost for:

- Correct type of graph ✓
- Plotting of the graph ✓

The axes can be transposed.

A bar graph can have horizontal bars.

(6)

3.4.6 Caffeine slows down ✓/reduce an individual's reaction time. ✓

(2)

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TOTAL SECTION B: 100
GRAND TOTAL: 150