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Science: Single Award

Unit 1 (Biology)
Higher Tier



[GSS12]

WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2018, MORNING

TIME

1 hour 15 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided at the top of this page.
Write your answers in the spaces provided in this question paper.
Answer **all ten** questions.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 75.
Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.
Quality of written communication will be assessed in Questions **4** and **10**.

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(b) People with Type 1 diabetes have to inject themselves with insulin every day for life. They are advised to take regular exercise and eat a balanced diet.

They have to monitor their blood glucose regularly using special instruments so they know how much insulin to inject.

People who have had diabetes for many years or those who have not controlled their blood glucose well are at risk of complications.

Around 10% of the NHS budget is spent on diabetes.

(i) Using the information provided and your knowledge, suggest **two** reasons why the treatment of diabetes is so expensive.

1. _____

2. _____ [2]

(ii) State **one** long-term effect (complication) of diabetes.

_____ [1]

(iii) Give **one** difference between Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes.

_____ [1]

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3 (a) Vaccinations involve injecting dead or modified microorganisms into people. Normally the vaccination makes individuals immune to the disease that the microorganism causes.

(i) Why must the microorganisms in the vaccination be dead or modified?

[1]

(ii) Explain fully how a vaccination helps provide immunity.

[3]

(b) Colds and flu are caused by viruses. There are many different types of flu and cold viruses. Catching the flu can make people feel very unwell whereas a cold usually has much less of an effect. Elderly people and people with conditions such as diabetes are offered a flu vaccination each year.

(i) Suggest why elderly people are offered a flu vaccination each year.

[1]

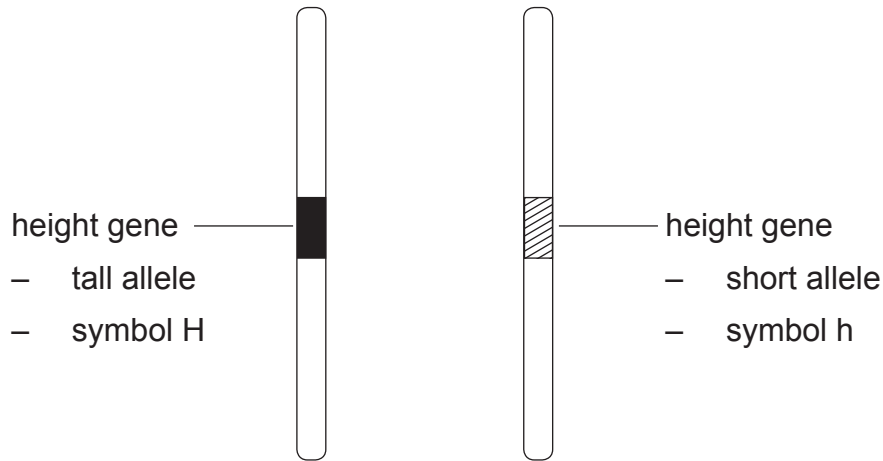
(ii) Use the information provided to suggest **one** reason why a vaccination to protect against colds has not been developed.

[1]

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- 5 The diagram below represents a pair of chromosomes showing the genes for height.



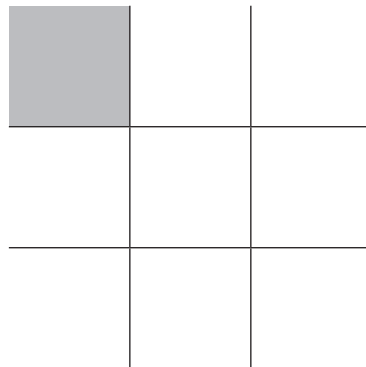
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One chromosome carries the allele for tall (H) and the other the allele for short (h). The allele H is dominant to the allele h.

- (a) What term is used to describe two different alleles for one gene on a pair of chromosomes?

[1]

- (b) (i) Using the Punnett square below, show the offspring produced by crossing the genotype shown in the diagram above with the genotype hh.



[2]

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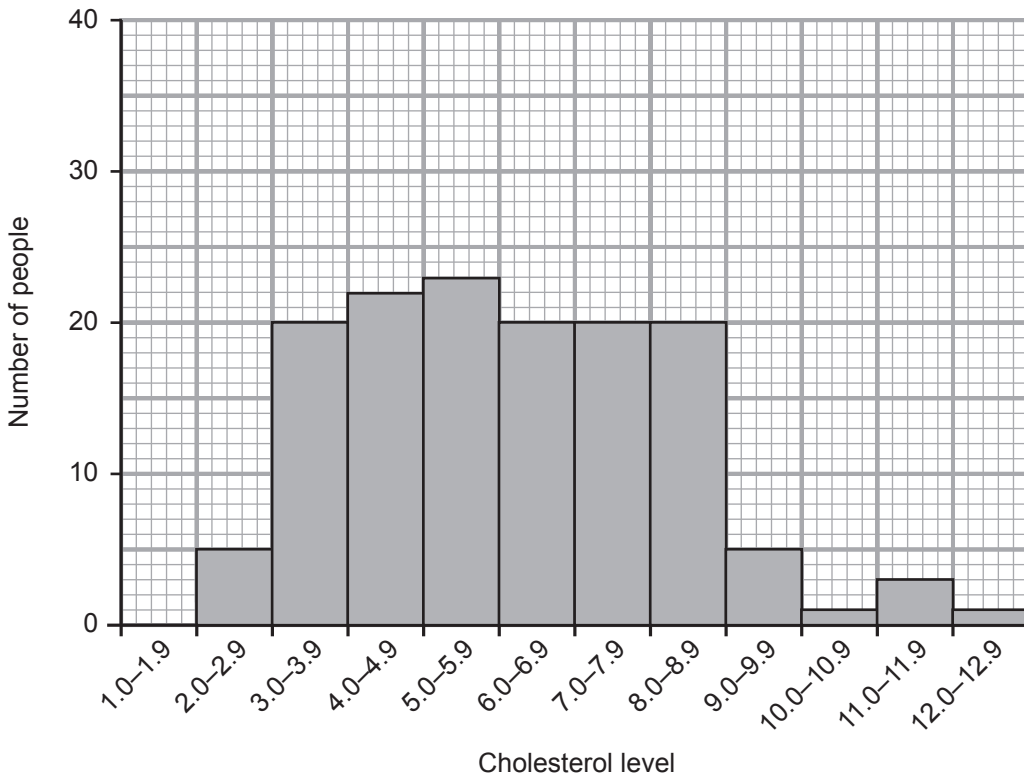
(ii) Complete the table below to give the phenotype for each genotype in your Punnett square.

Genotype	Phenotype

[2]

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- 6 (a) The graph below shows the cholesterol levels of 140 people who were tested at a clinic in one day.



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It is recommended that adults have a cholesterol level of less than 6.

- (i) How many people had a cholesterol level higher than the recommended value?

Answer _____ [1]

- (ii) Name the type of variation shown by the data in the graph. Explain your answer.

Type of variation _____

Explanation _____

_____ [2]

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(b) High cholesterol levels are regarded as a dietary risk factor for heart disease.

Explain how high cholesterol levels can result in a heart attack.

[3]

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- 8 (a) The proportion of the Earth's crops that are Genetically Modified (GM) has increased significantly in recent years. The USA, many South American countries and some European countries grow a wide range of GM crops.

Some types of tomato are produced using GM technology. Many varieties of GM tomatoes remain ripe for much longer than ordinary tomatoes. Some varieties are also seedless.

- (i) Define the term GM crop.

 [2]

- (ii) Using the information provided, suggest **one** reason why the sale of GM tomatoes has increased over time. Explain your answer.

 [2]

The image below shows two anti-GM crop campaigners dressed in protective clothing and holding GM tomatoes.



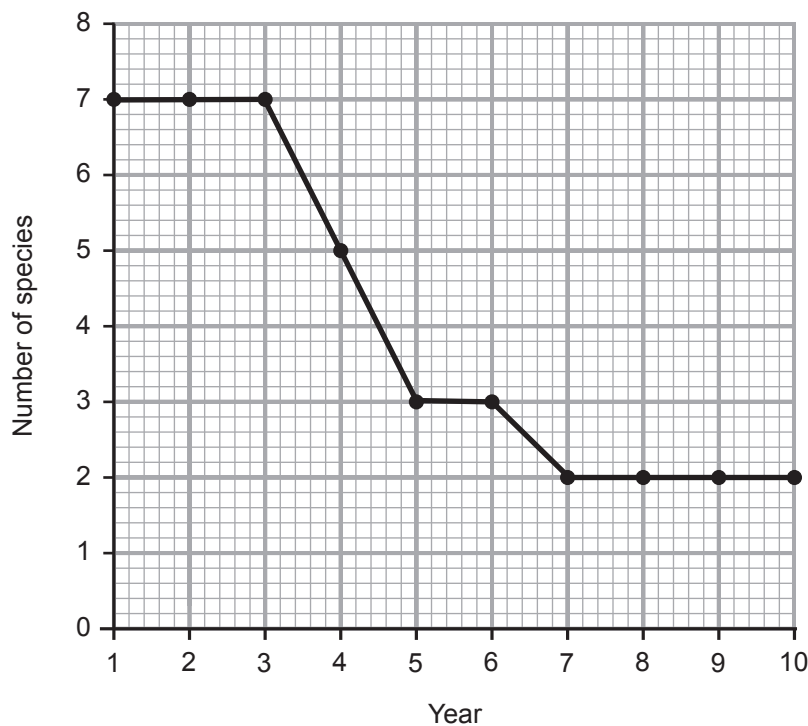
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- (iii) Suggest the message that campaigners are trying to give about GM crops.

 [1]

- 9 (a) Apart from grass, the only species of plants able to grow in regularly cut lawns are those that grow very close to the ground such as daisies and buttercups. 'Tall' plants get cut by lawnmowers and don't get a chance to grow.

The number of species found in one newly-sown lawn was counted every June for a ten-year period. The results are shown in the graph below.



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- (i) Describe fully the trend shown by these results.

[2]

- (ii) During this ten-year period the house owner bought a new lawnmower that was able to cut much closer to the ground. Suggest when this may have happened.

[1]

- (iii) Suggest why it was important to count the number of species at the same time each year.

[1]

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