Tonga National Form Seven Certificate

BIOLOGY

2016

QUESTION and ANSWER BOOKLET

Time allowed: 2 hours 15 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS

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SECTION A: ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR (17 Marks)

Question 1: Orientation and Navigation

The picture below shows the woodlice, Porcellio scaber, commonly found in Tonga. The ecological niche of slaters shows they live under rocks where it is damp and moist and are omnivorous, mainly feeding on decaying vegetation, tree bark, rotting wood.

a. Define “ecological niche”.

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b. When exposed to the sun, the woodlice relies on innate orientation behaviors to survive. Define “orientation” in terms of animal behavior.

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c. When the woodlice is put in the sun, it shows both taxis and kinesis orientation. Describe the features of taxis orientation displayed by the woodlice.

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d. Describe the features of kineses displayed by the woodlice.

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e. Discuss how kinesis orientation are beneficial for the woodlice when they are exposed to the sunlight.

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f. Describe the features of behavioural adaptations that woodlice display in the diagram below.

![Diagram of woodlice]

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Question 2: Timing Responses

The actogram below are a simple type of graph that shows a bat’s activity. Bats found in Tonga feed on fruit or nectar.

![Actogram Graph]

a. Interpret the fruit bat’s activity as illustrated by this actogram graph above.

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Question 3: Intraspecific interactions

Ants are social insects and have complex social structures or colonies. They work together co-operatively, as shown in the picture below:

a. Explain the advantages and disadvantages of intraspecific interactions in terms of co-operative in ants.

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b. Describe the reproductive strategies of ants.

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SECTION B: GENE EXPRESSION

Question 1: DNA Structure and Replication

a) Describe the structure of a DNA molecule show below: (2)

b) When cells divide, the DNA must be copied in a process called DNA Replication. Outline this process of DNA replication.
Question 2: Protein structure, function and synthesis.

a. Discuss protein synthesis in terms of transcription and translation including the role of DNA (triplets), mRNA (codons), tRNA (anticodons), ribosomes.

b. Proteins are built from a collection of 20 amino acids. The structure of protein depends on its amino acid sequence and chemical bonds between atoms in both the polypeptide backbone and in amino acid side chains. Describe the structure of secondary protein shown in the diagram below.
Question 3: Mutations

Sickle cell anemia is a genetic disease where one of the genes which codes for haemoglobin undergoes a mutation which results in the mRNA codon being changed from GAG to GUG. The Haemoglobin produced is an unusual type called Hb- which is an inefficient carrier of oxygen. The diagram below shows where this mutation occurs at DNA level.

![Diagram showing DNA and mRNA changes in normal and sickle cell]

a) Describe the features of the genetic mutation shown above that causes sickle cell anemia.

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b) The chart below lists the various combinations of nucleotides which lead to creation of the 20 known amino acids. Identify the amino acids where the change on mRNA occurred.

![Chart of nucleotides and amino acids]

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c) The gene for haemoglobin has two co-dominant alleles, Hb\(^A\) (the normal gene) and Hb\(^S\) (the mutated gene). Explain how co-dominance contributes to variations and survival of the organisms.

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d) Differentiate between complete dominance, incomplete dominance and co-dominance.

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Question 4: Sex linkage

Sex linkage is the phenotypic expression of an allele that is dependent on the gender of the individual and is directly tied to the sex chromosomes.

a) Describe the process of inheritance of haemophilia in humans, shown in the diagram below.

b) Differentiate between genotype and phenotype, using the cross above.
**Question 5: Gene – gene interaction**

Skin colour is an example of polygenic inheritance. Three genes regulate the amount of melanin produced. Each gene has two forms of allele, namely the dark skin allele (A, B, and C) and light skin allele (a, b, and c). Neither allele is completely dominant to the other, and heterozygotes exhibit an intermediate phenotype (incomplete dominance). Each dark skin allele in the genotype adds pigment by increasing melanin production.

![Skin Colour Diagram](image)

**a)** Describe the features of polygenes using skin colour in humans as an example.

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Dolly was a female domestic sheep and the first mammal cloned from an adult somatic cell, using the process of nuclear transfer. While many mammals and other organisms have been successfully cloned, it is illegal in many countries to clone human tissue.

a) Discuss potential advantages and disadvantages of cloning using humans.

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Question 2: DNA Profiling

a) **DNA profiling** (also called DNA fingerprinting, DNA testing, or DNA typing) is a forensic technique used to identify individuals by characteristics of their DNA. Define DNA profiling.

b) List the techniques of creating DNA profiles.

c) Describe the process of formation of DNA profiles using these techniques.
SECTION D: PROCESSES AND PATTERNS OF EVOLUTION

Question 1: Variation

a) Describe the role of meiosis in producing variation.

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b) Discuss the importance of variation in evolution giving specific examples.

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Question 2: Speciation

The pictures below show the fruit fly *Drosophila persimilis* which breeds in early morning, while closely related *Drosophila pseudoobscura* breeds in the afternoon.

![Drosophila psuedoobscura and Drosophila persimilis](image)

a) Identify the type of reproductive isolation mechanism shown by the fruit flies.

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b) Explain the effect of the type of reproduction above on pre-zygotic isolating mechanism.

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**Question2: Natural Selection**

The white Bengal tigers are distinctive due to the color of their fur. A complete scan of the **genome** led to the discovery that the white tiger's distinguishing characteristic arises from a single naturally occurring mutation, which prevent them from producing eumelanin, the pigment required for orange fur.

![A captive white tiger](image)

**a)** Define the term “genome”.

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**b)** For a white Bengal tiger to be born, both parents must carry the unusual gene for white colouring. As this white fur is relatively rare, this has led to a lot of inbreeding in captivity. Explain the impact of this type of selective breeding on white tigers.

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Question 3: Patterns of evolution

The pictures below show two different species of mole which are burrowing animals and live most of their life underground but are not closely related.

a) Identify this type of evolution pattern.

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b) Explain how this pattern of evolution occurred.

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c) Explain how genetic drift influences changes in the population gene pool.

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