

Marking Scheme
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Senior Secondary School Certificate Examination, 2024
SUBJECT NAME BIOLOGY (Q.P. CODE 57/2/1)

General Instructions: -

1	You are aware that evaluation is the most important process in the actual and correct assessment of the candidates. A small mistake in evaluation may lead to serious problems which may affect the future of the candidates, education system and teaching profession. To avoid mistakes, it is requested that before starting evaluation, you must read and understand the spot evaluation guidelines carefully.
2	“Evaluation policy is a confidential policy as it is related to the confidentiality of the examinations conducted, Evaluation done and several other aspects. Its’ leakage to public in any manner could lead to derailment of the examination system and affect the life and future of millions of candidates. Sharing this policy/document to anyone, publishing in any magazine and printing in News Paper/Website etc may invite action under various rules of the Board and IPC.”
3	Evaluation is to be done as per instructions provided in the Marking Scheme. It should not be done according to one’s own interpretation or any other consideration. Marking Scheme should be strictly adhered to and religiously followed. However, while evaluating, answers which are based on latest information or knowledge and/or are innovative, they may be assessed for their correctness otherwise and due marks be awarded to them. In class-XII, while evaluating two competency-based questions, please try to understand given answer and even if reply is not from marking scheme but correct competency is enumerated by the candidate, due marks should be awarded.
4	The Marking scheme carries only suggested value points for the answers These are in the nature of Guidelines only and do not constitute the complete answer. The students can have their own expression and if the expression is correct, the due marks should be awarded accordingly.
5	The Head-Examiner must go through the first five answer books evaluated by each evaluator on the first day, to ensure that evaluation has been carried out as per the instructions given in the Marking Scheme. If there is any variation, the same should be zero after deliberation and discussion. The remaining answer books meant for evaluation shall be given only after ensuring that there is no significant variation in the marking of individual evaluators.
6	Evaluators will mark($\sqrt{\quad}$) wherever answer is correct. For wrong answer CROSS ‘X’ be marked. Evaluators will not put right (\checkmark) while evaluating which gives an impression that answer is correct and no marks are awarded. This is most common mistake which evaluators are committing.
7	If a question has parts, please award marks on the right-hand side for each part. Marks awarded for different parts of the question should then be totaled up and written in the left-hand margin and encircled. This may be followed strictly.
8	If a question does not have any parts, marks must be awarded in the left-hand margin and encircled. This may also be followed strictly.

9	If a student has attempted an extra question, answer of the question deserving more marks should be retained and the other answer scored out with a note “ Extra Question ”.
10	No marks to be deducted for the cumulative effect of an error. It should be penalized only once.
11	A full scale of marks _____(example 0 to 80/70/60/50/40/30 marks as given in Question Paper) has to be used. Please do not hesitate to award full marks if the answer deserves it.
12	Every examiner has to necessarily do evaluation work for full working hours i.e., 8 hours every day and evaluate 20 answer books per day in main subjects and 25 answer books per day in other subjects (Details are given in Spot Guidelines).This is in view of the reduced syllabus and number of questions in question paper.
13	<p>Ensure that you do not make the following common types of errors committed by the Examiner in the past:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Leaving answer or part thereof unassessed in an answer book. ● Giving more marks for an answer than assigned to it. ● Wrong totaling of marks awarded on an answer. ● Wrong transfer of marks from the inside pages of the answer book to the title page. ● Wrong question wise totaling on the title page. ● Wrong totaling of marks of the two columns on the title page. ● Wrong grand total. ● Marks in words and figures not tallying/not same. ● Wrong transfer of marks from the answer book to online award list. ● Answers marked as correct, but marks not awarded. (Ensure that the right tick mark is correctly and clearly indicated. It should merely be a line. Same is with the X for incorrect answer.) ● Half or a part of answer marked correct and the rest as wrong, but no marks awarded.
14	While evaluating the answer books if the answer is found to be totally incorrect, it should be marked as cross (X) and awarded zero (0)Marks.
15	Any unassessed portion, non-carrying over of marks to the title page, or totaling error detected by the candidate shall damage the prestige of all the personnel engaged in the evaluation work as also of the Board. Hence, in order to uphold the prestige of all concerned, it is again reiterated that the instructions be followed meticulously and judiciously.
16	The Examiners should acquaint themselves with the guidelines given in the “ Guidelines for Spot Evaluation ” before starting the actual evaluation.
17	Every Examiner shall also ensure that all the answers are evaluated, marks carried over to the title page, correctly totaled and written in figures and words.
18	The candidates are entitled to obtain photocopy of the Answer Book on request on payment of the prescribed processing fee. All Examiners/Additional Head Examiners/Head Examiners are once again reminded that they must ensure that evaluation is carried out strictly as per value points for each answer as given in the Marking Scheme.



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1	(C)/ Nucellus	1	1
2.	(C)/ 1-(iii), 2-(iv), 3-(i), 4-(ii)	1	1
3.	(C)/ it is penetrated by the sperm cell.	1	1
4.	(D)/Homologous structures are a result of convergent evolution.	1	1
5.	(C) /0.48	1	1
6.	(C) /anti-parallel and complementary	1	1
7.	(D)/ 3' end of the coding strand.	1	1
8.	(A) /25%	1	1
9.	(A) /Female <i>Aedes</i> mosquito	1	1
10.	(C)/ <i>Monascus purpureus</i> – Citric Acid	1	1
11.	(C)/ Single stranded	1	1
12.	(A)/ Biomass of fish exceeds that of phytoplankton	1	1
13.	(A)/ Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true and Reason (R) is the correct explanation of the Assertion (A).	1	1
14.	(C) /Assertion (A) is true, but Reason (R) is false	1	1
15.	(C)/ Assertion (A) is true, but Reason (R) is false	1	1
16.	(B)/ Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true, but Reason (R) is not the correct explanation of the Assertion (A).	1	1
SECTION - B			
17.	<p>(a) Copper releasing IUDS – CuT, Cu-7, Multiload – 375 (Any two)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Cu⁺ released from IUDs suppress sperm motility, reduces fertilising capacity of sperms, increase phagocytosis of sperms (Any two)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>(b) - Unisexuality - production of unisexual flowers, prevent self pollination, - Release and receptivity of stigma are not synchronized, either pollen is released before the stigma becomes receptive or stigma becomes receptive much before the release of pollen, - Anther and stigma are placed at different positions, so that the pollen cannot come in contact with stigma, - Self-incompatibility/genetic incompatibility, genetic mechanism and prevents self-pollen from fertilizing the ovule by inhibiting pollen germination or pollen tube growth in the pistil.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Any two devices with explanation)</p>	<p>½ +½</p> <p>½ +½</p> <p>½ × 4</p>	2

18.	Haemophilia	Sickle cell anaemia	1+1	2
	Sex linked/X- linked recessive disorder	Autosomal recessive disorder		
	More males than females are affected.	Affects both males and females equally.		
	Carrier/unaffected female transmits the disease to some of her male offspring.	When both the parents are carriers, the disease is transmitted to the offspring.		
(any two corresponding differences)				
19.	(A) – Heroin/smack/diacetylmorphine/opiod (B) – Cardiovascular system (C) – Cocaine/coca alkaloid/coke/crack (D)–Stimulates central nervous system/ produces a sense of euphoria and increased energy/ hallucination.		$\frac{1}{2} \times 4$	2
20.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ori – site where replication starts/Responsible for controlling the copy number of the linked DNA. • Restriction site – Site of ligation of alien DNA or foreign DNA or desirable DNA to the vector. 		1+1	2
21.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detritus rich in lignin and chitin– slow decomposition, rich in nitrogen and water soluble substances like sugar – decomposition rate is faster, 		$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$	2
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warm environment – favour decomposition, low temperature – inhibit decomposition. 		$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$	
SECTION - C				
22.	(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IVF – Fertilisation outside the human body in almost similar conditions as that of the body. • Helps infertile couples to enjoy parenthood 	1	1
	(b)			

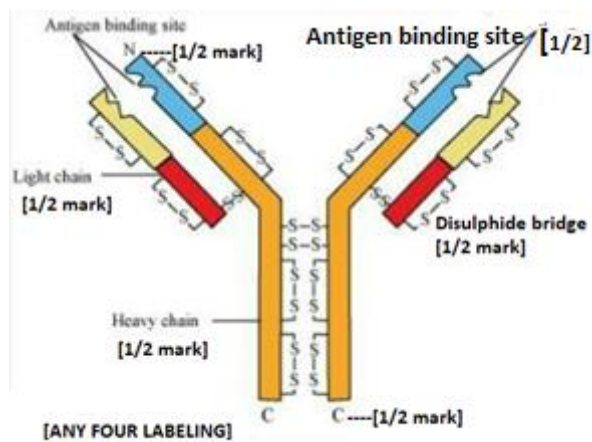
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23.	<p>(a) (i)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karyotype - 44 + XXY/47-XXY/AA+XXY, • Genetic disorder - Klinefelter's syndrome <p>(ii) Gynaecomastia/development of breast, Sterile Individuals, , overall masculine development (any two symptoms)</p> <p>(iii) Failure of segregation of chromatids or chromosomes/non-disjunction of chromatids or chromosomes during cell division or gametogenesis.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>(b) DNA fingerprinting is the basis of paternity testing, high degree of polymorphism in DNA, the polymorphisms are inheritable.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">//</p> <p>Isolation of DNA and amplification by PCR, Digestion of DNA, Separation of DNA fragments by electrophoresis, blotting and hybridisation, detection of hybridised fragments by autoradiography, matching the DNA bands of father and child.</p>	<p>½ +½</p> <p>½ +½</p> <p>1</p> <p>1x3</p> <p>½ x6</p>	3				
24.	<p>(a) Amino acids are activated in the presence of ATP, and linked to their cognate tRNA – a process called charging of tRNA or aminoacylation of tRNA.</p> <p>(b) At the end of translation a release factor binds to the stop codon terminating translation/ when ribosome moves to the stop codon (UAA/UAG/UGA) release factor binds to the stop codon terminating translation.</p> <p>(c) Untranslated regions (UTR) , UTRs are present at both 5' – end (before start codon/ AUG) and at 3' end (after stop codon) of mRNA.</p>	<p>½ +½</p> <p>1</p> <p>½ +½</p>	3				
25.	(a)						

	Humoral immune response	Cell-Mediated immune response
(i)	Mediated by B-lymphocytes	Mediated by T- lymphocytes
(ii)	Antibodies are produced by B-lymphocytes in the blood.	T- cells do not secrete antibodies but help B-cells to produce them.
(iii)	This is not responsible for graft rejection.	This is responsible for the graft rejection.

½ +½

(any two corresponding differences)

(b)



½ x4

(any correct four labels)

3

26.

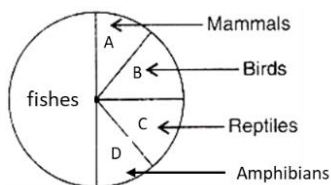
Introduction of nematode specific gene using *Agrobacterium* vector, Production of both sense and anti-sense RNA in host cell, Production of dsRNA, RNAi/RNA interference is initiated, silencing of specific mRNA of the nematode, Parasite could not survive in the transgenic host and transgenic plant is protected from the parasite.

½ x6

3

27.

(a)



½ x 4

(b) Dodo, Quagga, Thylacine, Steller's Sea Cow, 3 subspecies- Bali/ Javan/Caspian of tiger
(or any other correct example - any two)

½ +½

3

28.	<p>- Predators act as conduits for energy transfer across trophic levels.</p> <p>for example→</p> <p>Grass → Goat → Lion / Lion (Predator) transfers the energy fixed by plants and the Ecosystem. (or any other correct example)</p> <p>- Predators keep prey populations under control.</p> <p>e.g. Cactus feeding predator (moth) control the spreading of the prickly pear cactus. (or any other correct example)</p> <p>- Predators help in maintaining species diversity by reducing the intensity of competition among competing prey species.</p> <p>e.g. extinction of more than 10 species of invertebrates due to removal of starfish <i>Pisaster</i> (predator) (or any other correct example)</p>	<p>½ +½</p> <p>½ +½</p> <p>½ +½</p>	3
SECTION - D			
29.	<p>(a) Sertoli cells in seminiferous tubule, induces release of some factors which induce spermiogenesis.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>(a) LH acts on Leydig cells, and stimulates the synthesis and secretion of androgens for spermatogenesis.</p> <p>(b) (i) Spermatogonia $\xrightarrow{\text{mitosis/differentiation}}$ Primary Spermatocyte</p> <p>(ii) Primary Spermatocyte $\xrightarrow{\text{meiosis I}}$ Secondary Spermatocyte $\xrightarrow{\text{meiosis II}}$ Spermatid</p> <p>(c) Rete testis, vasa efferentia</p>	<p>1+1</p> <p>1+1</p> <p>½</p> <p>½</p> <p>½ +½</p>	4
30.	<p>(a)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Macrophages, • virus replication (RNA genome) <p>(b) • Enzyme-linked immuno-sorbent assay (ELISA)/Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treatment available – Antiviral drugs that are only partially effective as they only prolong the life of the patient. <p>(c) Making blood HIV safe in blood banks, use of only disposable needles and syringes in hospitals, free distribution of condoms, controlling drug abuse, advocating safe sex, regular</p>	<p>½ +½</p> <p>½</p> <p>½</p> <p>1+1</p>	

	check-ups for HIV susceptible population. (any two)								
	OR								
	(c) This is because of drastic reduction of helper T-lymphocytes that are responsible to fight infections, -person become immune-deficient, -unable to protect oneself from other bacterial or viral or fungal or parasitic infection	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	4						
	SECTION - E								
31.	<p>(a) (i)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pollen tube passes down the style, generative cell divides mitotically into two male gametes and male gametes are discharged into the embryo sac through the micropyle, -One of the male gamete + Egg/ovum \rightarrow Zygote (2n)/zygote is diploid, Process is known as syngamy. -Other male nucleus (n) + secondary nucleus (2n) \rightarrow PEN/Primary Endosperm Nucleus (3n)/PEN is triploid, this is known as triple fusion. (Ploidy of zygote and PEN) <p>Since two types of fusion (syngamy and triple fusion) in an embryo sac called double fertilization.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filiform apparatus of synergids guide entry of the pollen tube (at the micropylar end). <p>(ii) To provide assured nutrition to the developing embryo.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>(b) (i)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ampullary-isthmic junction/ampulla of fallopian tube , A sperm comes in contact with zona pellucida (layer of ovum), the secretion of the acrosome of the sperm helps the sperm to enter into the cytoplasm of the ovum, this induces completion of meiosis II to form haploid ovum (ootid), haploid nucleus of the sperm and of the ovum fuse together to form the diploid zygote. -On contact of sperm with zona pellucida induces changes in the membrane of the ovum that blocks the entry of the additional sperms <p>(ii)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blastocyst Trophoblast layer of the blastocyst gets attached to the endometrium, inner cell mass gets differentiated into an embryo, the uterine cells divide rapidly and blastocyst gets embedded in the endometrium of the uterus. 	$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2} \times 4$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2} \times 3$	5						
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(1)	F 1 -All violet (100%)	F1-All pink flowers (100%)							

(2)	<p>F₂ Phenotype –</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3 : 1 } Violet : white }</p> <p>Genotype - 1 : 2 : 1 } VV : Vv : vv }</p>	<p>F₂ Phenotype -</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1 : 2 : 1 } Red : pink : white , }</p> <p>Genotype – 1 : 2 : 1 } RR : Rr : rr. }</p> <p>(Note: one mark each for correct phenotype and genotype)</p>	1	
(3)	<p>Conclusion : Inheritance of flower colours in pea plant shows violet colour gene is completely dominant over white colour gene (recessive)/ shows dominance</p>	<p>Whereas in snapdragon red colour gene shows incomplete dominance over white colour gene in heterozygous state/ shows incomplete dominance</p>	½ + ½	

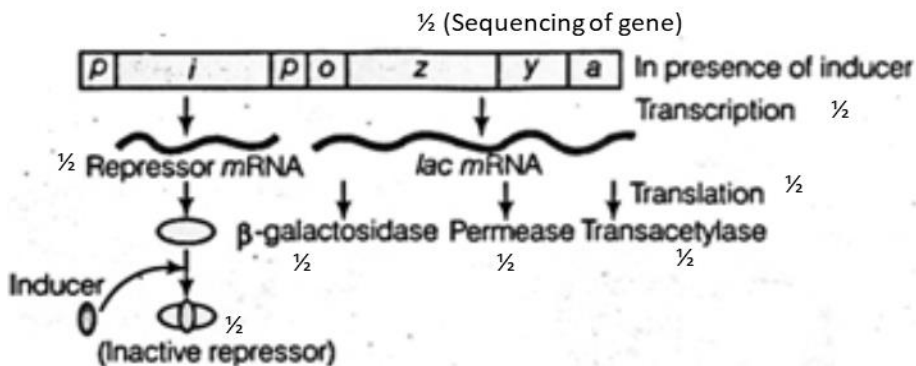
(ii) - It shows multiple allelism with alleles I^A, I^B, i

- I^A, I^B genes show co-dominance in blood group AB,
- I^A & I^B shows complete dominance over i.

(any two)

OR

(b) (i)



½x8

	(ii) Repressor binds to operator to inhibit the gene expression	1	5
33.	<p>(a) (i)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DNA is a hydrophilic molecule and cannot pass through the cell membrane. A bacterial cell is made competent by treating the bacterial cell with a specific concentration of a divalent cation such as calcium, which increases efficiency with which the DNA enters through pores in its cell wall/This creates certain transient pores in its cell and increases the efficiency of the cell to take up DNA. <p>(ii) (1) Separation of DNA fragments .</p> <p>(2) DNA fragments are negatively charged molecules, they can be separated according to their size by forcing them to move toward the anode under an electric field through agarose gel.</p> <p>(3) To stain the DNA to visualize by exposure to UV radiation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>(b) (i) Specific Bt toxin gene <i>cry IAc/cry II Ab</i>, isolated from <i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> bacteria and incorporated into the cotton plant to provide resistance to bollworm.</p> <p>(ii) <i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> forms toxic insecticidal protein or Bt toxin protein during a particular growth phase, Bt toxin protein exist as inactive pro-toxin, on ingestion by the bollworm inactive toxin is converted into active form due to alkaline pH of the gut, activated toxin binds to the surface of the mid-gut epithelial cells, create pores and causes cell swelling, lysis and death of the insect.</p>	<p>1</p> <p>$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$</p> <p>1</p> <p>$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$</p> <p>1</p> <p>1+1</p> <p>$\frac{1}{2} \times 6$</p>	5