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NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE

LIFE SCIENCES P2
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MARKS: 150

TIME: 21/2 HOURS

This question paper consists of 15 pages.

INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

Read the following instructions carefully before answering the questions.

- 1. Answer ALL the questions.
- Write ALL the answers in your ANSWER BOOK.
- Start the answers to each question at the top of a NEW page.
- Number the answers correctly according to the numbering system used in this
 question paper.
- Present your answers according to the instructions of each question.
- 6. ALL drawings should be done in pencil and labelled in blue or black ink.
- Draw diagrams or flow charts only when asked to do so.
- 8. The diagrams in this question paper are NOT necessarily drawn to scale.
- Do NOT use graph paper.
- 10. You may use a non-programmable calculator, protractor and a compass.
- 11. Write neatly and legibly.



SECTION A

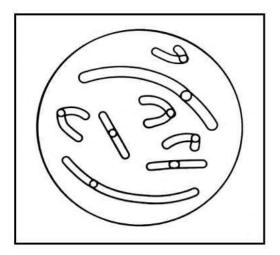
QUESTION 1

- 1.1 Various options are provided as possible answers to the following questions. Choose the answer and write only the letter (A-D) next to the question numbers (1.1.1 to 1.1.10) in the ANSWER BOOK, e.g. 1.1.11 D.
 - 1.1.1 During transcription CAGT form?
 - A CTCA in RNA.
 - B CTCA in DNA.
 - C GUCA in RNA.
 - D GUCA in DNA.
 - 1.1.2 At the start of DNA replication:
 - A The old strands move to find new strands before bonding.
 - B The two DNA molecules combine.
 - C The two strands condense tightly for transfer of nitrogenous bases.
 - D The two strands of the double helix unwind.
 - 1.1.3 The events below represent the steps during meiosis:
 - Chromosomes split at the centromere and sister chromatids separate.
 - (ii) Homologous chromosomes pair.
 - (iii) Homologous chromosomes separate.
 - (iv) Homologous chromosomes form bivalents.

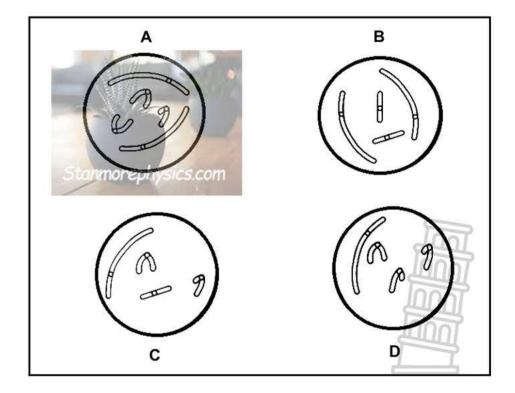
Which ONE of the following combinations shows the correct order of the events in meiosis?

- A (iv), (iii), (i), (ii)
 B (ii), (iv), (iii), (i)
 C (iii), (iv), (i), (ii)
 D (ii), (iii), (i), (iv)
- 1.1.4 Which ONE of the following results in gametes having a single allele for a particular characteristic?
 - A The chromosome number is halved during Meiosis II
 - B Mendel's principle of segregation.
 - C Mendel's principle of independent assortment.
 - D The 'Law' of dominance.

The following diagram shows a cell with chromosomes that are about to undergo meiosis.



Which of the following diagrams correctly represents the chromosomes of a gamete that has been formed at the end of meiosis?



1.1.6 A cross between a black mouse (B) with long tail (S) and a tan mouse (b) with short tail (s) produced the following offspring:

Black mouse with long tail	121
Black mouse with short tail	40
Tan mouse with long tail	42
Tan mouse with short tail	14

What are the genotypes of the parents?

Δ	RhSS	y Rhee

- B BbSs x Bbss.
- C BbSs x BbSs.
- D BbSS x BBss.
- 1.1.7 Individuals of the same specie...
 - A possess complementary chromosomes.
 - B are unable to interbreed and produce fertile offspring.
 - C are reproductively isolated from one another.
 - D share the same habitat.
- 1.1.8 The fossil known as Lucy was classified in the genus...
 - A Paranthropus.
 - B Homo.
 - C Australopithecus.
 - D Ardipithecus.
- 1.1.9 Which of the following indicates that Darwin's and Lamarck's theories are similar?
 - A Evolution happens very rapidly
 - B Evolution depends on changes in the environment
 - C Population as a whole change
 - Acquired characteristics of organisms are passed from parents to offspring
- 1.1.10 The scientist who discovered Lucy is...
 - A Tim White.
 - B Robert Broom.
 - C Richard Leakey.
 - D Donald Johanson.

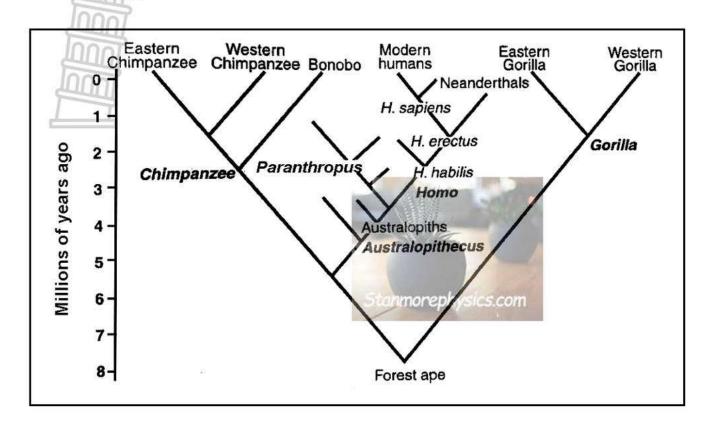
(10 x 2) (20)

- Give the correct biological term for each of the following descriptions. Write only the term next to the question number (1.2.1 to 1.2.9) in the ANSWER BOOK.
 - 1.2.1 A monomer consisting of phosphate group, sugar and a nitrogenous base
 - 1.2.2 A part of a DNA molecule that acts as a pattern for the building of mRNA
 - 1.2.3 A cell that contains only one chromosome of each homologous pair
 - 1.2.4 One of the two identical strands of a replicated chromosome
 - 1.2.5 A type of dominance that creates an intermediate phenotype
 - 1.2.6 The use of biological process to make products that humans desire
 - 1.2.7 A genetic cross involving two different characteristics
 - 1.2.8 The change in inherited traits over successive generations in populations of organisms
 - 1.2.9 The outward projection of the face in hominids (9×1)
- 1.3 Indicate whether each of the statements in COLUMN I apply to A ONLY, B ONLY, BOTH A AND B or NONE of the items in COLUMN II. Write A only, B only, both A and B or none next to the question number (1.3.1 to 1.3.4) in the ANSWER BOOK.

	COLUMN I		COLUMN II
1.3.1	The cell organelle that contains chromatin	A: B:	Mitochondrion Ribosomes
1.3.2	Sequencing of amino acids according to mRNA	A: B:	Translation Transcription
1.3.3	All the alleles of all the individuals in a population	A: B:	Genome Gene pool
1.3.4	Characteristics that may be used to build a phylogenetic tree	A: B:	Similarity of DNA sequence Fossil evidence

 (4×2) (8)

1.4 The diagram below shows the suggested phylogenetic tree of human evolution.



- 1.4.1 Identify the family represented in the phylogenetic tree. (1)
- 1.4.2 Give the name of the most recent relative of modern humans. (1)
- 1.4.3 Approximately how long ago did the hominin line branch off from that of the chimpanzee. (1)
- 1.4.4 Give the common name of the species *H. habilis*.

(3)

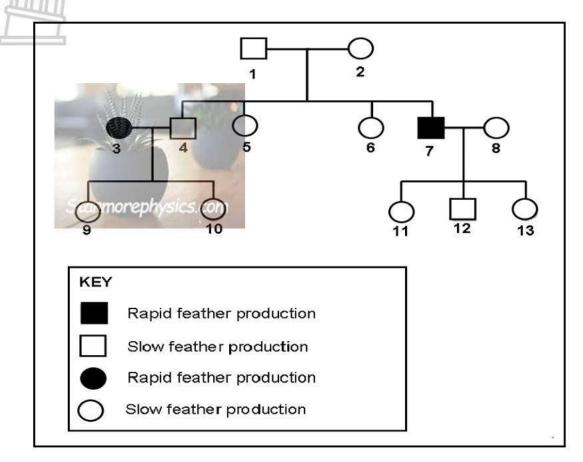
1.4.5 Name THREE genera represented in the diagram.

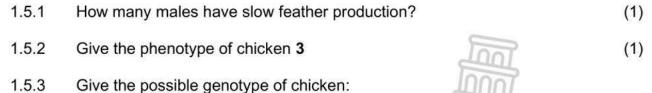
(7)

(1)

1.5 In chickens, a gene on the X chromosome controls the rate of feather production. The allele for slow feather production, **B**, is dominant to the allele for rapid feather production, **b**.

The diagram below shows the results produced from crosses carried out by a farmer.





(a) 5 (1)

(b) 7 (1)

1.5.4 A genetic cross between two chickens produced four possible offspring. Two of them were males with rapid feather production and two were female with slow feather production.

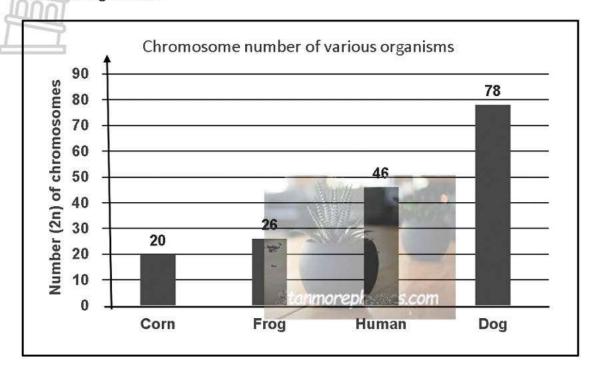
Give the genotypes of the parents. (2)
(6)

TOTAL SECTION A: 50

SECTION B

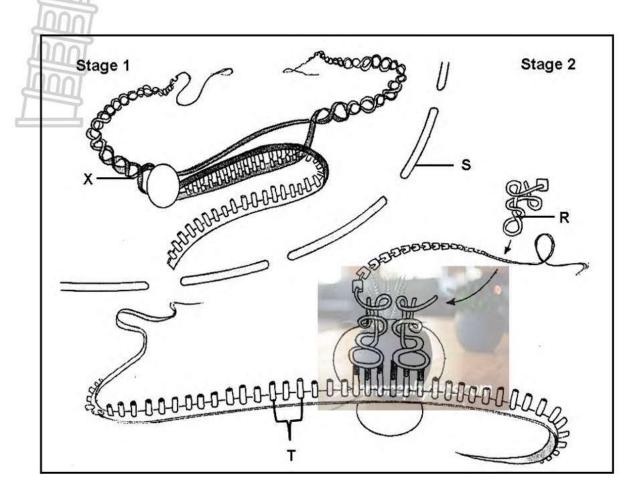
QUESTION 2

2.1 The graph below shows the chromosome number in each somatic cell of four different organisms.



- 2.1.1 Describe what is meant by somatic cells. (1)
- 2.1.2 How many chromosomes will be present in:
 - (a) Frog cells during telophase I in meiosis (1)
 - (b) Stem cells of human (1)
- 2.1.3 Which organism has **10** chromosomes in one of its gametes? (1)
- 2.1.4 Name the male organ where the gametes are produced in QUESTION 2.1.3. (1)
- 2.1.5 Name and describe the phase of meiosis where the halving of chromosomes number begins. (4)
- 2.1.6 Explain why an ovum of a dog has **39** chromosomes. (4)
- 2.1.7 Explain ONE way in which this process is biologically important. (2) (15)

2.2 The diagram below is a schematic representation of a process that takes place in all living cells.



2.2.1 Name:

(a) The process taking place in the diagram (1)

(b) Structure **S** (1)

(c) The type of sugar that forms part of the structure **X** (1)

2.2.2 Give the collective name of nitrogenous bases **R**. (1)

2.2.3 Explain the role of molecule **R** during the process in QUESTION 2.2.1 (a). (4)

2.3 A mutation has occurred on a section of mRNA.

Amino acid	Serine	Proline	Glycine	Threonine	Alanine
Codons	UCU	CCU	GGA	ACU	GCA
nni	UCC	CCA	GGG	ACC	GCG

Figure 1:	AGG	CGT	ССТ	GGA
Figure 2:	Serine	Glycine	Glycine	Proline

- 2.3.1 Use information from the table and in figure 1 to give the last three amino acid sequence (Read from the left) (2)
- 2.3.2 How many DNA nitrogenous bases code for the amino acids from the table? (1)
- 2.3.3 Name and describe the type of mutation that has occurred between figure **1** and **2**. (2)
- 2.3.4 Use the information in the table, figure **1** and **2** to describe the effect of this mutation on the protein formed. (4)
- 2.4 Blood groups are controlled by multiple alleles.
 - 2.4.1 How many alleles for blood groups does an individual have? (1)
 - 2.4.2 Write down all the possible alleles. (2)
 - 2.4.3 Explain how these alleles through different genetic dominances form four different blood groups. (5)
 (8)

(10) [50]

2.5 Three ladies each gave birth to a baby boy in a hospital. The babies were accidentally swopped.

The diagram below shows a technique used in paternity testing and the results of each parent and their baby boys.

Gu	Gumede		Ntsingila		Mokoena		BABY	
MR	MRS	MR	MRS	MR	MRS	1	2	3
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2.5.1 Identify the technique used. (1) 2.5.2 Give ONE source that can be used as DNA sample for paternity testing. (1) 2.5.3 Identify the biological parents of baby 1. (2)2.5.4 Which baby belongs to Mr and Mrs Gumede? (2)2.5.5 Explain your answer to QUESTION 2.4.4 (2)2.5.6 Give TWO other uses for this technique. (2)

QUESTION 3

3. 1 The following series of extracts (1, 2 and 3), explains the poaching and subsequent evolution of the African elephant population in one of Mozambique's national parks. Answer QUESTIONS 3.1.1 - 3.1.8 based on the extracts.

Extract 1

Between 1977 and 1992, a civil war in Mozambique led to the poaching of elephants. Armies need money to fight, and ivory from elephant tusks was a way to get it. The elephant population in Gorongosa National Park in Mozambique was home to 2542 elephants before the war in 1972. By the year 2000, that number had fallen to just 242. Currently there are about 800 elephants.

- 3.1.1 Calculate the percentage decrease in the elephant population due to the war. Show all calculations. (3)
- 3.1.2 Draw a bar graph to represent the information in the extract above. (6)

Extract 2

The development of tuskless elephants in the Gorongosa National Park inspired further research.

Poaching led to a rise in the development of tuskless elephants. However, the researchers only identified tuskless *female* elephants, never males.

In humans there is an X-linked dominant syndrome causing females to have less developed or no top jaw incisor teeth, while the males that carry this allele die in the uterus (miscarriage).

Elephant tusks are modified incisor teeth. In Gorongosa, the team collected blood samples from seven tusked and 11 tuskless female elephants, then analysed their DNA for differences. The human data gave them an idea where to look.

- 3.1.3 Name this effect of mutation that resulted in the miscarriage of male elephants.
 (1)
- 3.1.4 Identify the evidence for evolution found in this research. (2)
- 3.1.5 Explain the impact of the inheritance of tusklessness in elephants on the possible offspring of a heterozygous female elephant. (5)

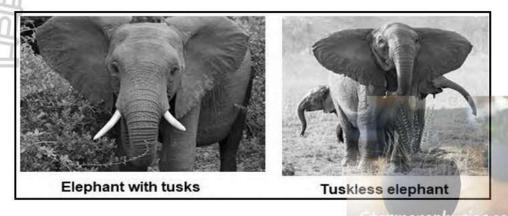
(1)

(7)

(3) **(28)**

Extract 3

Due to rapid evolution half the females are born without tusks while before the war less than a fifth were tuskless. Of all the offspring born, three quarters were female.



- 3.1.6 Identify the evolution theory that best explains the rapid evolution in the span of one generation.
- 3.1.7 Using the information from all three extracts, explain how natural selection led to the evolution of tuskless elephants in the Gorongosa National Park.
- 3.1.8 Predict and explain the trend you will expect to see in the elephant population size over the next few generations due to this mutation.
- 3.2 The development of new species is referred to as speciation.
 - Describe the process of speciation through geographic isolation. (7)



TOTAL SECTION B:

GRAND TOTAL:

100 150

3.3 Read the extract below regarding the development of cooking skills.

Cooking makes food easier to digest, allowing for the extraction of more nutrients from food while expending less energy. Scientist in Israel found proof of our human ancestors cooking fish 600 000 years ago. Teeth of a species of carp (fish) were subjected to temperatures required to cook fish, but not as hot as temperatures directly inside a fire would be. This indicates the fish were placed above or next to the fire for cooking rather than being discarded in the fire or burned accidentally.

	fire or	burned accidentally.	
	3.3.1	How can the evidence in the above extract be considered proof of human brain development over time?	(2)
	3.3.2	Explain how the ability to cook food may have led to the change in facial appearance of humans over time?	(6) (8)
3.4		n ancestry can be traced back to Africa, with various fossils found in Africa.	
	3.4.1	Name the theory mentioned above.	(1)
	3.4.2	Which lines of evidence can be used to support this theory mentioned in QUESTION 3.4.1?	(2)
	3.4.3	What is the series of fossil sites collectively called where Mrs Ples was found?	(1)
	3.4.4	To which genus does Mrs Ples belong?	(1).
	3.4.5	Give the names of TWO other fossils found in South Africa that belongs to the same genus as Mrs Ples.	(2) (7) [50]

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GRADE 12



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MARKS: 150

These marking guidelines consist of 12 pages.

PRINCIPLES RELATED TO MARKING LIFE SCIENCES

1. If more information than marks allocated is given

Stop marking when maximum marks is 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 relevant part.

4. If comparisons are asked for and descriptions are given

Accept if 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 annotation 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 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 is accepted at the provincial memo discussion meeting

14. If only letter is asked for and only name is given (and vice versa)

Do not credit.

15. If units are not given in measurements

Candidates will lose marks. Memorandum 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 appears in any official language other than the learners' 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.

19. Changes

No changes must be made to the marking guidelines without consulting the Provincial Internal Moderator.



SECTION A

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1.1	1.1.1 1.1.2 1.1.3 1.1.4 1.1.5 1.1.6 1.1.7 1.1.8 1.1.9 1.1.10	C \(\) D \(\) B \(\) C \(\) C \(\) C \(\) A \(\) C \(\) D \(\)	(10 x 2)	(20)
1.2	1.2.1 1.2.2 1.2.3 1.2.4 1.2.5 1.2.6 1.2.7 1.2.8 orep	Nucleotide ✓ Template ✓ Haploid ✓ /gamete Chromatid ✓ Incomplete ✓ /partial dominance Biotechnology ✓ Dihybrid ✓ cross Biological evolution ✓ Prognathism ✓	(9 x 1)	(9)
1.3	1.3.1 1.3.2 1.3.3 1.3.4	None✓✓ A only✓✓ B only✓✓ Both A and B✓✓	(4 x 2)	(8)
1.4	1.4.1	Hominidae✓		(1)
	1.4.2	Neanderthals✓		(1)
	1.4.3	5.5 (Accept 5.4 – 5.6) mya✓		(1)
	1.4.4	Handy man✓		(1)
	1.4.5	-Homo✓ -Paranthropus✓ -Australopithecus✓ - Gorilla✓ - Chimpanzee✓		
		(Mark first THREE only)	Any	(3) (7)

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1.5	1.5.1	3√/Three		(1)
	1.5.2	Female chicken with rapid feather production✓		(1)
	1.5.3	(a) X ^B X ^B ✓ or X ^B X ^b (b) X ^b Y ✓		(1)
ç	1.5.4	XBY]		(1)
1	1.5.45	Xb Xb		(2) (6)
			TOTAL SECTION A	[50]



SECTION B

QUESTION 2

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2.1	2.1.1	Body cells ✓/ (diploid) cells in the body except the sex cells/gametes	(1)
Ľ	2.1.2	(a) 13√/Thirteen(b) 46√	
	2.1.3	Corn✓	
	2.1.4	Pollen sac√/anther/antheridium	
	2.1.5	Anaphase I✓* - Spindle fibres shorten ✓/ contract - chromosome pairs/ homologous chromosomes separate ✓ and - chromosomes move to opposite poles ✓	(4)
	2.1.6	 An ovum is a gamete√ formed by meiosis√ and must be haploid√ to overcome the doubling effect of fertilization√ 	(4)
:	2.1.7	 To reduce the chromosome number ✓ to overcome the doubling effect of fertilization ✓ To form haploid gametes ✓ for sexual reproduction ✓ For random arrangement of chromosomes at the equator and 	
		crossing over✓ - to introduce genetic variation to the gametes✓ (Mark first ONE only) Any	(2) (15)
2.2	2.2.1	 (a) Protein synthesis√ (b) Nuclear membrane√ (c) Deoxyribose√ sugar 	(1) (1) (1)
,	2.2.2	Anticodon✓	(1)
i	2.2.3	 Each tRNA carries a specific amino acid√ when the anticodon on tRNA√ matches the codon on mRNA√ 	
		- then the tRNA brings the required amino acid to the ribosomes ✓	(4) (8)

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2.3	2.3.1	Alanine → Glycine → Proline ✓ ✓		(2)
	2.3.2	30√/Thirty		(1)
	2.3.3	 Gene✓* mutation is a change in the sequence of nitrogenous bases ✓/nucleotides mRNA. 	s in	(2)
	2.3.4	 The nitrogenous bases(codon) GCA change to GGA√/GGG The anticodon/tRNA sequence changed√ The amino acid alanine√ was replaced by glycine√ This resulted in a different protein√/no protein being formed 		
		- This resulted in a different protein vino protein being formed	Any	(4) (9)
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2.4	2.4.1	2√/ Two		(1)
	2.4.2	$I^A, I^B, i \checkmark \checkmark$		(2)
	2.4.3	 I^A and I^B are both equally dominant/ Co-Dominant ✓ they are both expressed in the phenotype equally ✓ as AB blood group ✓ I^A and I^B are dominant over i ✓/complete dominance When either I^A or I^B occurs with i, only the dominant allele will be expressed in the phenotype ✓ as either A or B blood group ✓ i is recessive ✓ a person must have 2 recessive alleles ✓/ ii to have blood group O ✓ 	e Any	(5) (8)
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2.5	2.5.1	DNA Profiling✓		(1)
	2.5.2	Blood√/ Saliva/ cheek cells/ hair with folli (Mark first ONE only)	cle Any other applicable example	(1)
	2.5.3	(Mr & Mrs) Ntsingila✓✓		(2)
	2.5.4	3✓✓/Three		(2)
	2.5.5	All/100% of the DNA bars/lines/stripesMatch with both Mr and Mrs Gumede ([2] [2] [2] [2] [2] [2] [2] [2] [2] [2]	
		OR		
		 50%/2 of the DNA bars/lines/stripes from baby 3 matches with Mr Gumede√ and 50%/2/the rest the DNA bars/lines/stripes from baby 3 matches with Mrs Gumede√ 		(2)
	2.5.6	 Crime investigations ✓ / matching suspects to crime scene evidence Finding long lost relatives ✓ Identifying dead bodies ✓ Identifying fossils ✓ Diagnosing genetic disorders ✓ / genetic counselling Finding tissue matches for organ transplants ✓ 		(0)
		(Mark first TWO only)	Any	(2) (10)
				[50]



QUESTION 3

3.1 3.1.1

3.1.2

The number of elephant/elephant population size in the Gorongosa National Park in Mozambique over time/years/1972-2024 Number of elephants/ 3000 2542 population size 2500 2000 1500 800 1000 242 500 0 2000 1972 2024 moreph

Time(Years)

Description	Mark allocation	
Heading (H)	1	
Type of graph (T)	1	
Correct labelling of X and Y-Axis (L)	1	
Correct scaling of X and Y- Axis (S)	1	
Plotting (P)	1 – 1- 2 bars drawn correctly 2 – all 3 bars drawn correctly	

If wrong type of graph is drawn, loose marks for type of graph (T) If axis are swopped, loose marks for labels and scale(L & S)

(6)

(3)

3.1.3	Harmful ✓ / Lethal mutation	(1)
3.1.4	Genetic Modification by descent // homologous structures	(2)
3.1.5	 Because the mutation is caused by a dominant allele Only one dominant allele is needed to be expressed in the phenotype√/for an elephant to be tuskless If the female gives (a X chromosome carrying) a dominant allele and the male gives a X chromosome (carrying a recessive allele), the female offspring will be tuskless√ If the female gives (a X chromosome carrying) a recessive allele and the male gives a X chromosome (carrying a recessive allele), the female offspring will have tusks√ If the female gives (a X chromosome carrying) a recessive allele and the male gives a Y chromosome, the male offspring will have tusks√ If the female gives (a X chromosome carrying) a dominant allele and the male a Y chromosome, the male offspring will not be born√/miscarried/ die 	(5)
3.1.6	Punctuated equilibrium✓	(1)
3.1.7	 There was a great deal of variation among the African elephants in the Gorongosa National Park√ Some elephants had tusks while others did not√ The elephants with tusks were poached√* and died√ The elephants without tusks survived√ And reproduced√ The allele for not having tusks was passed to their offspring√ 	
	- In future generations there will be a higher proportion of female elephants without tusks✓ 1 Compulsory ✓* + Any SIX	(7)
3.1.8	 The elephant population will decline√ Since there will be a shortage of males for mating√ Due to the males being miscarried√ 	(3) (28

Any

(7)

(2)

3.2



- A population of a single species becomes separated by a geographical barrier (sea, river, mountain, lake) ✓
- then the population splits into two groups.
- There is now no gene flow between the two populations/groups.
- Since each population may be exposed to different environmental conditions/the selection pressure may be different ✓
- natural selection occurs independently ✓
- in each of the two populations such that the individuals of the two populations become very different ✓ from each other
- genotypically and phenotypically. ✓
- Even if the two populations were to mix again ✓

The two populations are now different species. ✓

- they will not be able to interbreed. ✓
- 3.3 3.3.1 Being able to make/control/ use fire to cook is a higher order/advanced skill√
 - Indicating a better/ bigger/ more advanced brain✓
 - 3.3.2 Softer/cooked food required less bite force ✓/ less muscles/ weaker muscles/weaker jaws
 - Therefore, less need for prominent brow ridges ✓/ no prominent brow ridge /no cranial ridge
 - Cooked food is easier to chew√/bite
 - Leading to smaller teeth√/smaller canines/ jaws became smaller
 - Because cooked food is normally not killed using teeth√
 - Palate shape changed to more rounded √/C shape (3x2) (6) (8)



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3.4	3.4.1	Out of Africa hypothesis✓		(1)
	3.4.2	Fossil√ Genetics√		(2)
	3.4.3	Cradle of human kind✓		(1)
	3.4.4	Australopithecus✓		(1)
	3.4.5	Karabo√ Little foot√ Taung child√ Naledi√ (Mark first TWO only)	Any	(2) (7)
				[50]

TOTAL SECTION B: 100 GRAND TOTAL: 150

