



**KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE**

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**PROVINCIAL STANDARDISED  
ASSESSMENT**

**GRADE 12**

**LIFE SCIENCES P2  
PREPARATORY EXAMINATION  
SEPTEMBER 2026**

**MARKS: 150**

**TIME: 2½ Hours**

**This question paper consists of 18 pages.**

**INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION**

Read the following instructions carefully before answering the questions.

1. Answer ALL the questions.
2. Write ALL the answers in the ANSWER BOOK.
3. Start the answers to each question at the top of a NEW page.
4. Number the answers correctly according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
5. Present your answers according to the instructions of each question.
6. Do ALL drawings in pencil and label them in blue or black ink.
7. Draw diagrams, tables or flow charts only when asked to do so.
8. The diagrams in this question paper are NOT necessarily drawn to scale.
9. 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 correct answer and write only the letter (A to D) next to the question number (1.1.1 to 1.1.10) in your ANSWER BOOK, for example 1.1.11 D.

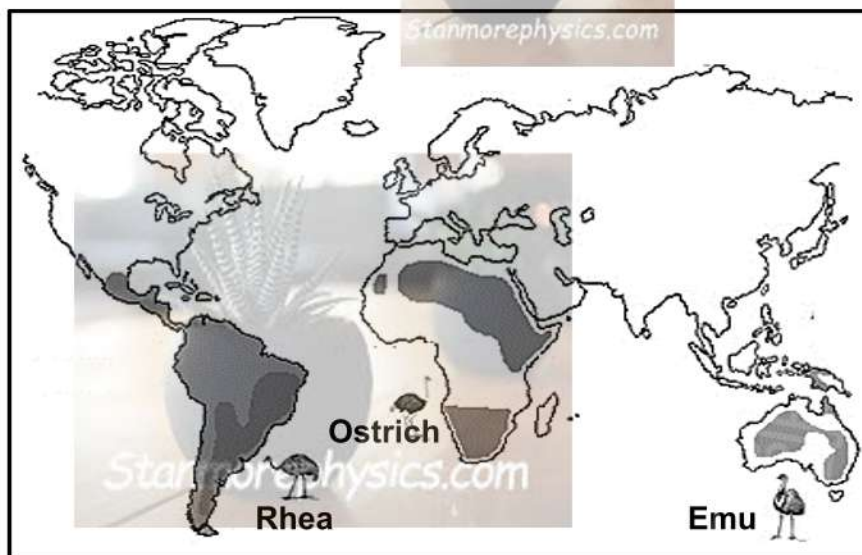
1.1.1 Transcription in the cell takes place in the ...

- A Cytoplasm
- B Ribosome
- C Nucleoplasm
- D Nucleus

1.1.2 Which ONE of the following refers to the reproductive isolation mechanisms in plants?

- A Species-specific courtship behavior
- B Infertile hybrid
- C Adaptation to different pollinators
- D Breeding at different times

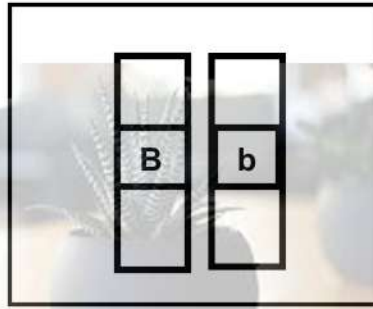
1.1.3 The diagram below represents the present-day distribution of ratite species (flightless birds with a relatively flat breastbone)



Which evidence of evolution is represented in the diagram?

- A Genetic evidence
- B Biogeography
- C Modification by descent
- D Fossil evidence

1.1.4 The diagram below shows the alleles responsible for black (**B**) and brown (**b**) hair colour in humans.



Which ONE of the following best describes the alleles shown in the diagram?

- A Homozygous black
- B Homozygous brown
- C Heterozygous black
- D Heterozygous brown

1.1.5 If 40% of the bases in a DNA molecule are cytosine, what is the ratio of guanine to adenine in the molecule?

- A 1 : 4
- B 2 : 1
- C 4 : 1
- D 1 : 1



1.1.6 The list below describes the steps involved in the process of cloning an animal:

- (i) Implant the embryo into the uterus of the surrogate mother
- (ii) Remove the nucleus from an egg cell of a female organism
- (iii) Insert the nucleus from the body cell into the egg cell with its nucleus removed stanmorephysics.com
- (iv) Stimulate the egg cell to divide and form an embryo
- (v) Remove the nucleus from a body cell of the organism to be cloned

Which ONE of the following combinations shows the CORRECT sequence of the steps?

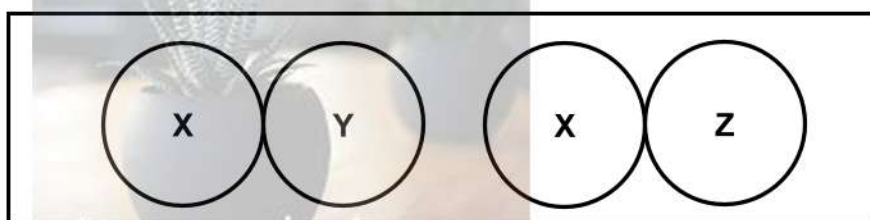
- A (ii), (v), (iv), (iii) and (i)
- B (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v)
- C (ii), (v), (iii), (iv) and (i)
- D (v), (iii), (iv), (ii) and (i)

1.1.7 Four different blood groups are possible in the  $F_1$  generation if the parents are ...

- A  $I^A I^A$  and  $I^A I^B$ .  
 B  $I^A i$  and  $I^B i$ .  
 C  $I^A i$  and  $I^A I^B$ .  
 D  $I^A I^A$  and  $I^B I^B$ .

1.1.8 Circles **X**, **Y** and **Z** below represent three populations of lizards.

The attached circles represent populations that are capable of interbreeding and producing fertile offspring.



Which ONE of the following statements is CORRECT?

- A Circles **X** and **Y** represent populations of the same species, while **X** and **Z** represent different species.  
 B Circles **X** and **Z** represent populations of the same species, while **X** and **Y** represent different species.  
 C Circles **X**, **Y** and **Z** represent populations of different species.  
 D Circles **X**, **Y** and **Z** represent populations of the same species.

**QUESTIONS 1.1.9 AND 1.1.10 REFER TO THE INVESTIGATION BELOW.**

Scientists compare the amino acid sequences of the same protein in different organisms to determine their evolutionary relationships.

The table below shows part of the amino acid sequence of the Cytochrome c protein in different organisms.

| Species    | Amino acid sequence |
|------------|---------------------|
| Human      | Val-Glu-Leu-Ser     |
| Baboon     | Val-Glu-Leu-Thr     |
| Chimpanzee | Val-Glu-Leu-Ser     |
| Dog        | Ile-Asp-Leu-Thr     |
| Cat        | Ile-Asp-Leu-Ser     |

1.1.9 Which pair of species in the table is most closely related, based on their amino acid sequence?



- A Human and baboon
- B Dog and cat
- C Human and chimpanzee
- D Baboon and dog

1.1.10 The amino acid sequences shown in the table, could be used to determine ...

- A the number of genes in each organism.
- B the evolutionary relationships between organisms.
- C the number of chromosomes in each organism.
- D the type of nitrogenous bases in each organism.

(10 x 2) **(20)**

1.2 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 The process by which the DNA molecule makes an identical copy of itself

1.2.2 The number, shape and arrangement of all chromosomes in the nucleus of a somatic cell arranged in pairs

1.2.3 All the genes that make up an organism

1.2.4 A genetic cross that involves one characteristic

1.2.5 A chromosome that determines the sex of an individual

1.2.6 A genetic disorder characterised by the absence of a clotting factor

1.2.7 The process where humans choose organisms with desirable characteristics to breed

1.2.8 The physical appearance of an organism

1.2.9 The formation of a new species from existing species

(9 x 1) **(9)**

- 1.3 Indicate whether each of the descriptions in COLUMN I applies 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 1.3.3) in the ANSWER BOOK.

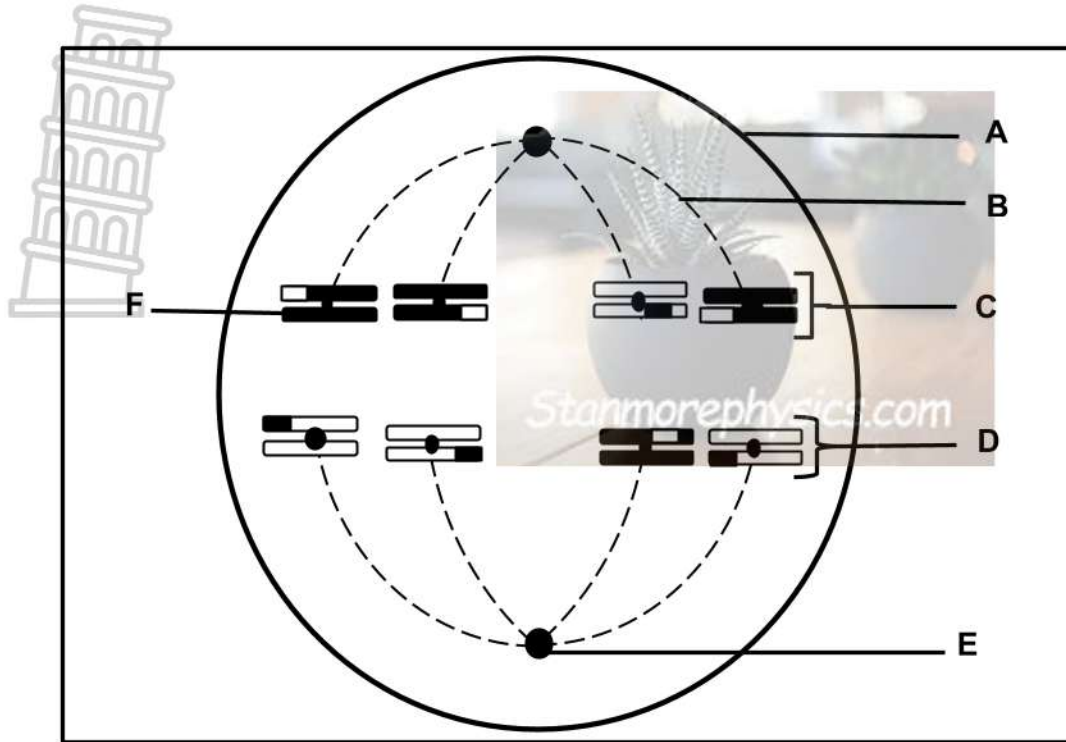
|       | COLUMN I                                      | COLUMN II                             |
|-------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1.3.1 | A bond that joins amino acids                 | A: Peptide bond<br>B: Hydrogen bond   |
| 1.3.2 | Blood group that is an example of codominance | A: Blood group A<br>B: Blood group AB |
| 1.3.3 | Site of meiosis in plants                     | A: Anther<br>B: Ovary                 |

(3 x 2)

(6)



1.4 The diagram below represents a phase in meiosis.



1.4.1 Identify part:

- |              |     |
|--------------|-----|
| (a) <b>A</b> | (1) |
| (b) <b>D</b> | (1) |
| (c) <b>E</b> | (1) |
| (d) <b>F</b> | (1) |

1.4.2 Name the:

- |                                                                            |                         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| (a) Phase of meiosis represented in the diagram                            | stanmorephysics.com (1) |
| (b) Phase of meiosis where structure <b>B</b> reforms in meiosis <b>II</b> | (1)                     |
| (c) Process that resulted in the appearance of chromosome <b>C</b>         | (1)                     |

1.4.3 How many:

- |                                                                           |            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| (a) Chromosomes were present before the beginning of meiosis in this cell | (1)        |
| (b) Chromatids are present in this cell                                   | (1)        |
|                                                                           | <b>(9)</b> |

The Punnett square below shows a part of the results of the cross.

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| Gametes | RY   | (i)  |
|---------|------|------|
| RY      | RRYY | RRYy |
| Ry      | RRYy | RRyy |
| rY      | (ii) | RrYy |
| ry      | RrYy | Rryy |

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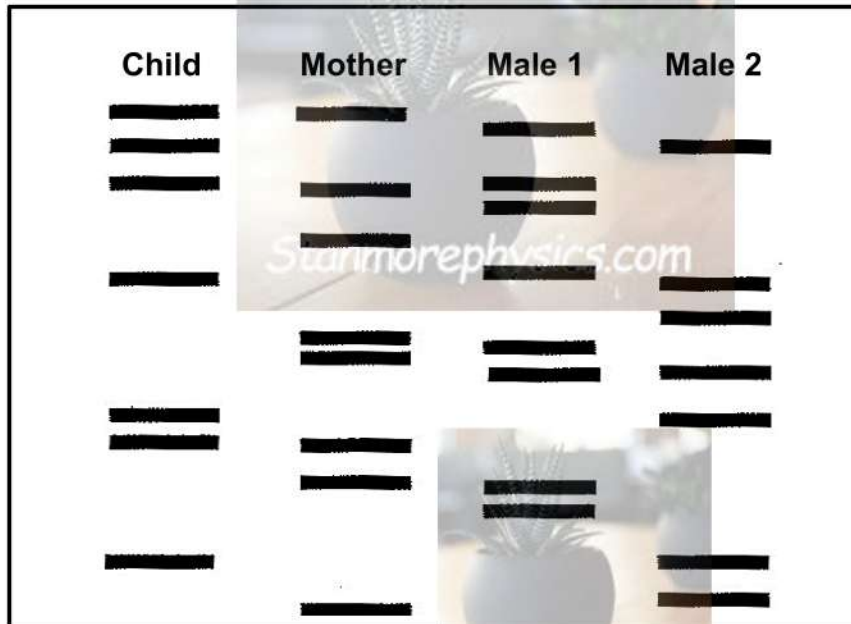
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**SECTION B****QUESTION 2**

- 2.1 A woman identified two men as the possible biological fathers of her child. A technique was used to determine which of the two men is the biological father.

The diagram below shows the results of the technique used in paternity testing.



- 2.1.1 Name the technique used in paternity testing. (1)
- 2.1.2 Identify the male (1 or 2) who is the biological father of the child. (1)
- 2.1.3 Give ONE reason for your answer in QUESTION 2.1.2. (2)
- 2.1.4 Explain why the mother's DNA profile was included in the paternity test. (2)
- (6)**

- 2.2 A species of mice contains a type of protein called **myosin**. A mutation occurred, resulting in the formation of mutated myosin instead of normal myosin.

**Tables 1 and 2** below show the amino acid sequences and corresponding DNA base triplets that code for portions of normal and mutated myosin.

**TABLE 1**

| PORTION OF NORMAL MYOSIN |            |        |         |         |         |
|--------------------------|------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| AMINO ACID SEQUENCE      | Methionine | Lysine | Leucine | Proline | Glycine |
| DNA BASE SEQUENCE        | TAC        | TTT    | GAA     | GGT     | CCG     |

**TABLE 2**

| PORTION OF MUTATED MYOSIN |            |        |            |         |         |
|---------------------------|------------|--------|------------|---------|---------|
| AMINO ACID SEQUENCE       | Methionine | Lysine | Isoleucine | Proline | Glycine |
| DNA BASE SEQUENCE         | TAC        | TTT    | TAA        | GGT     | CCG     |

2.2.1 Name the:

- (a) Amino acid carried by the tRNA with anticodon UAC (1)
- (b) Anticodon for Isoleucine (1)
- (c) Codon for proline of **table 1** (1)

2.2.2 How many:

- (a) mRNA nucleotides were involved in the formation of mutated myosin (1)
- (b) Phosphate groups are present in a DNA base triplet that codes for glycine (1)

2.2.3 State the role of the DNA molecule in the formation of normal myosin. (1)

2.2.4 Name the type of mutation that led to the formation of mutated myosin. (1)

2.2.5 Explain how the mutation named in QUESTION 2.2.4 could have resulted in a change in the structure of the myosin protein. (4)

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- 2.3 Mutations and chromosomal abnormalities can arise when errors occur during meiosis. One such error is non-disjunction, which occurs when chromosomes fail to separate correctly. This can result in gametes with an abnormal number of chromosomes and may lead to genetic variation in offspring.

A group of Grade 12 learners conducted an investigation to determine the effect of non-disjunction during meiosis I on the chromosome number of gametes.

The investigation was conducted as follows:

- Twenty-one (21) learners were divided equally into three groups.
- Each group used a model representing a cell containing homologous pairs of chromosomes.
- Each group investigated the separation of one specific homologous chromosome pair during meiosis I.
- Group 1 represented normal chromosome separation, while Groups 2 and 3 represented non-disjunction.

The table below represents the results of the investigation.

| GROUP | CHROMOSOME PAIR INVESTIGATED | OBSERVATION AFTER MEIOSIS I      | GAMETE EXTRA CHROMOSOME | GAMETE MISSING CHROMOSOME |
|-------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1     | 20                           | Normal chromosome separation     | 0                       | 0                         |
| 2     | 21                           | Failure of chromosome separation | ?                       | (i)                       |
| 3     | 22                           | Failure of chromosome separation | (ii)                    | ?                         |

- 2.3.1 Identify the group whose investigation is most likely to result in the production of an offspring with Down syndrome (1)

- 2.3.2 State the number of gametes with:

(a) A missing chromosome in (i) (1)

(b) An extra chromosome in (ii) (1)

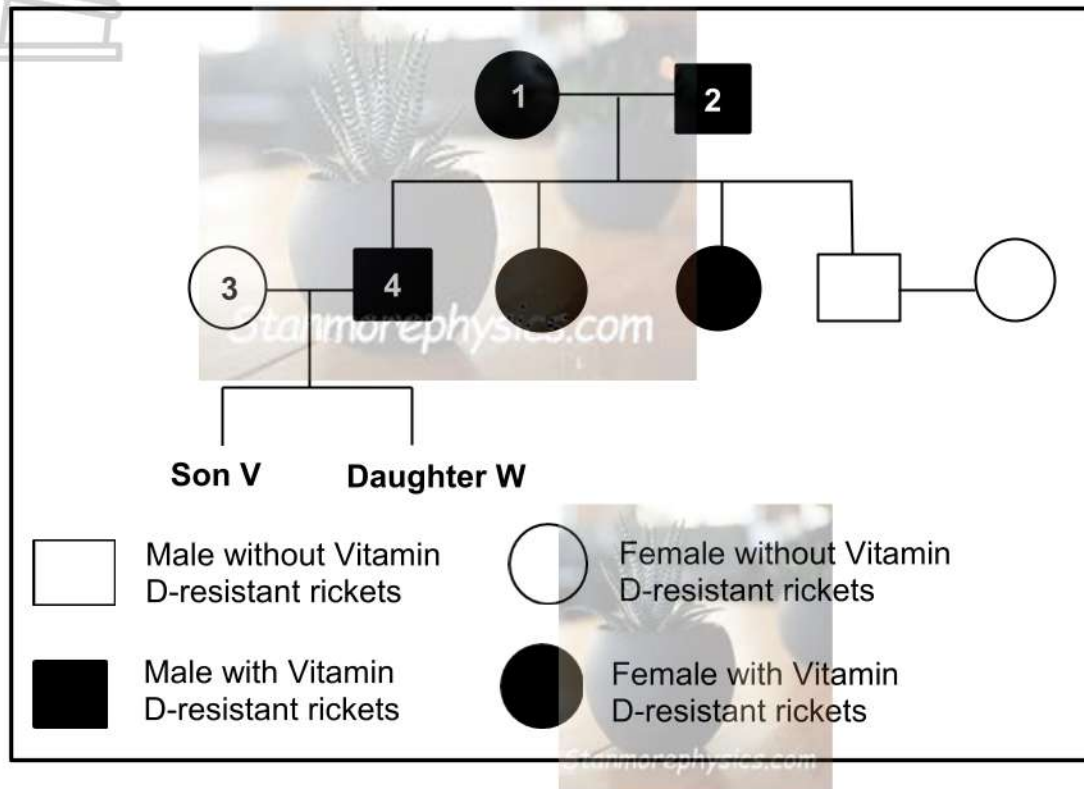
- 2.3.3 Explain:

(a) ONE reason for the inclusion of group 1 in the investigation (2)

(b) How gametes in group 3 could have received an extra copy of chromosome 22 (4)  
(9)

- 2.4 Describe the process of *DNA replication*. (6)
- 2.5 Vitamin D-resistant rickets is a sex-linked genetic disorder. It is caused by a dominant allele  $X^D$ .

The diagram below represents the inheritance of Vitamin D-resistant rickets in a family.



- 2.5.1 Name the type of diagram represented above. (1)
- 2.5.2 How many:
- (a) Generations are represented in this diagram (1)
  - (b) Males are without Vitamin D-resistant rickets in this diagram (1)
- 2.5.3 Give the:
- (a) Phenotype of individual 1 (1)
  - (b) Phenotype of individual 3 (1)
  - (c) Genotype of individual 2 (1)
- 2.5.4 Using the inheritance of the  $X^D$  allele, explain the phenotype of daughter **W**. (4)
- (10)**

- 2.6 In rabbits, long ears are determined by the dominant allele **E**, while short ears are determined by the recessive allele **e**.

A breeder crossed a homozygous long-eared rabbit with a homozygous short-eared rabbit. The resulting offspring in the first filial generation (**F<sub>1</sub>**) ALL had long ears. stanmorephysics.com

- 2.6.1 Identify the recessive phenotype for ear length in rabbits. (1)

- 2.6.2 Give a reason for your answer in QUESTION 2.6.1. (1)

- 2.6.3 The **F<sub>1</sub>** offspring were allowed to interbreed randomly.

Use a genetic cross to determine the percentage chance that an offspring in the **F<sub>2</sub>** generation will have short ears.

(6)

(8)

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**QUESTION 3**

- 3.1 Scientists conducted an investigation to determine the effect of the age of stem cell donors on the proliferation (increase in cell number through cell division) of stem cells.

The procedure was as follows:

- Stem cells were obtained from donors in five different age groups.
- 1 000 viable stem cells were cultured from each group.
- Stem cells were cultured under the same conditions.
- The investigation was repeated five times.
- After seven days, percentage increase in the number of stem cells was determined for each age group.
- An average percentage increase was calculated and recorded.

The table below shows the results of the investigation.

| Age group of donor (years) | Percentage increase |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 10 - 20                    | 220                 |
| 21 - 30                    | 200                 |
| 31 - 40                    | 170                 |
| 41 - 50                    | 130                 |
| 51 - 60                    | 90                  |

- 3.1.1 Identify the independent variable in the investigation. (1)
- 3.1.2 State: (2)
- (a) TWO variables that were kept constant during the investigation (2)
- (b) ONE reason why the investigation was repeated five times (1)
- 3.1.3 Calculate the final number of stem cells after seven days for the donor age group of 41 - 50 years. Show ALL working. (3)
- 3.1.4 Draw a bar graph to show the results in the table. (6)
- (13)**

3.2 Read the extract below.

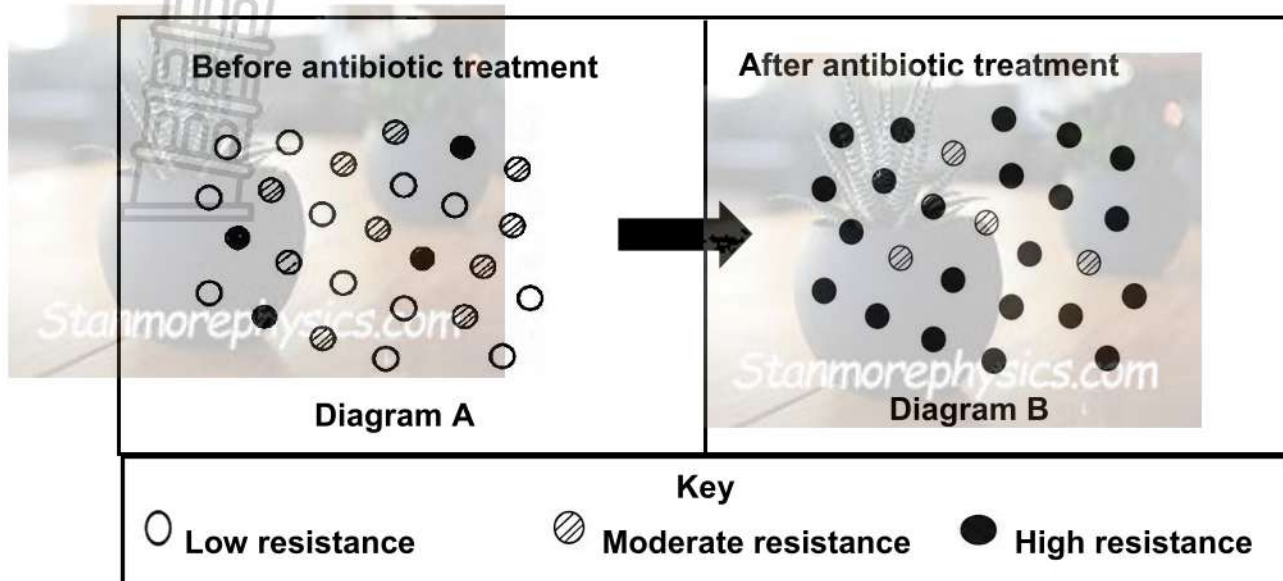
The rock pocket mouse lives in areas of the south-western United States. Some populations live on pale-coloured rocks, while others live on areas covered by dark volcanic rocks. Rock pocket mice show variation in fur colour, with some mice having pale-coloured fur and others having dark-coloured fur. The mice are preyed upon by birds and other predators.

In areas covered by dark volcanic rocks, mice with dark-coloured fur are better camouflaged and are less likely to be detected by predators. As a result, these mice are more likely to survive and reproduce, passing the alleles for dark fur to their offspring.

- 3.2.1 Identify the environmental condition that caused the rock pocket mice to develop darker fur, using the extract. (1)
- 3.2.2 According to Lamarck's theory, explain how dark -coloured fur developed in mice. (4)
- 3.2.3 State TWO reason for the rejection of Lamarck's theory. (2)

(7)

- 3.3 The diagrams below represent a bacterial population before and after antibiotic treatment.



- 3.3.1 Define *population*.

(2)

- 3.3.2 State:

- (a) The selection pressure that acted on the bacterial population. (1)
- (b) What happened to the number of highly antibiotic-resistant bacteria from Diagram **A** to Diagram **B**. (1)

- 3.3.3 Using Darwin's theory of natural selection, explain the increase in antibiotic resistance in the bacterial population.

(7)

(11)

- 3.4 Human evolution involved several skeletal adaptations associated with efficient bipedal locomotion and changes in the ability to use and manufacture tools. Bipedalism refers to locomotion using two legs.

Fossils of early hominins provide evidence of these evolutionary changes and also provide information about the origin and migration of members of the genus *Homo*.

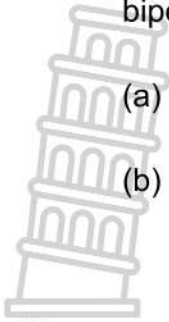
- 3.4.1 Name the early hominin species traditionally associated with the earliest use of stone tools.

(1)

- 3.4.2 State how the fossils of *Australopithecus* and *Homo erectus* support the 'Out of Africa' hypothesis.

(3)

3.4.3 Explain the significance of the following structural features in human bipedalism:



(a) Spine

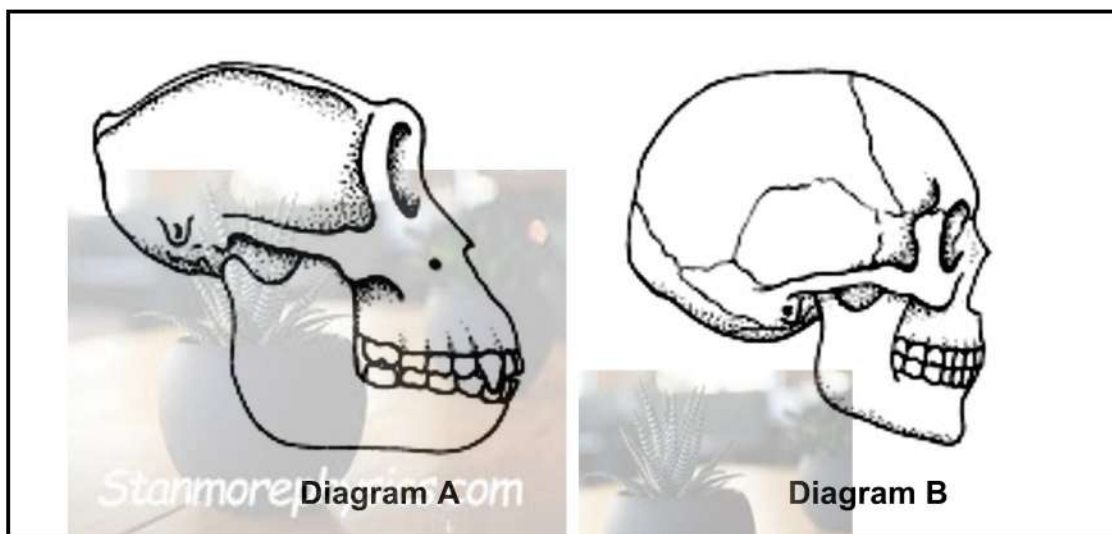
(2)

(b) Pelvis

(2)

(8)

3.5 Diagrams **A** and **B** below show the skulls of two organisms.



3.5.1 Name the genus to which the skull in diagram **B** belongs.

(1)

3.5.2 Which diagram (**A** or **B**) shows a skull with a foramen magnum positioned towards the back of the skull?

(1)

3.5.3 Tabulate TWO visible differences between the skulls shown in diagrams **A** and **B** with reference to the brow ridge and jaws.

(5)

3.5.4 With reference to trends in human evolution, explain the significance of the following features in diagram **B**:

(a) Size of the teeth

(2)

(b) Cranial capacity

(2)

(11)

**TOTAL SECTION B: 100**

**GRAND TOTAL: 150**



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**MARKING GUIDELINE**

MARKS: 150

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This marking guideline consists of 11 pages.

**PRINCIPLES RELATED TO MARKING LIFE SCIENCES SEPTEMBER 2025**

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 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 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 is incorrect, do not credit. If sequence and links becomes correct again, resume credit.
9. **Non-recognised abbreviations**  
Accept if first defined in answer. If not defined, do not credit the unrecognized 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 recognizable accept provided it does not mean something else in Life Sciences or if it is out of context.

13. **If common names given in terminology**  
Accept provided it was accepted at the National memo discussion meeting.
14. **If only letter is asked for and only name is given (and vice versa)**  
No 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.

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**SECTION A****QUESTION 1**

- 1.1 1.1.1 C✓✓/D  
 1.1.2 C✓✓  
 1.1.3 B✓✓  
 1.1.4 C✓✓  
 1.1.5 C✓✓  
 1.1.6 C✓✓  
 1.1.7 B✓✓  
 1.1.8 D✓✓  
 1.1.9 C✓✓  
 1.1.10 B✓✓

(10 x 2) **(20)**

- 1.2 1.2.1 DNA replication✓  
 1.2.2 Karyotype ✓  
 1.2.3 Genome✓  
 1.2.4 Monohybrid✓  
 1.2.5 Gonosome✓  
 1.2.6 Haemophilia✓  
 1.2.7 Artificial selection✓/selective breeding  
 1.2.8 Phenotype✓  
 1.2.9 Speciation✓

(9 x 1) **(9)**

- 1.3 1.3.1 A only✓✓  
 1.3.2 B only✓✓  
 1.3.3 Both A and B✓✓

(3 x 2) **(6)**

- 1.4 1.4.1 (a) Cell membrane✓ (1)  
 (b) Chromosome✓ (1)  
 (c) Centrosome✓/centriole (1)  
 (d) Chromatid✓ (1)  
 1.4.2 (a) Anaphase 1✓ (1)  
 (b) Prophase 2✓ (1)  
 (c) Crossing over✓ (1)  
 1.4.3 (a) 8✓ (1)  
 (b) 16✓ (1)  
**(9)**

- 1.5 1.5.1 Dihybrid ✓ cross (1)
- 1.5.2 (a) Complete ✓ dominance (1)
- (b) Law of segregation ✓ / Law of independent assortment (1)
- 1.5.3 (a) Round, yellow seeds ✓ (1)
- (b)  $Ry$  ✓ (1)
- (c)  $RrYY$  ✓ (1)
- (6)

**TOTAL SECTION A: 50**



**SECTION B****QUESTION 2**

2.1.1 DNA profiling✓ (1)

2.1.2 No answer

2.1.3 No answer

2.1.4 - To identify the child's maternal DNA bands✓  
- so that the remaining bands can be compared with the possible father's DNA bands✓ (2)

**(3)**

2.2 2.2.1 (a) Methionine✓ (1)

(b) UAA✓ (1)

(c) CCA✓ (1)

2.2.2 (a) 15✓/1 nucleotide(s) (1)

(b) 3 ✓ (1)

2.2.3 Gives the coded information for the amino acid sequence ✓ (1)

2.2.4 Gene✓ mutation (1)

2.2.5 - The sequence of bases on a DNA molecule changes✓  
- from GAA to TAA✓ /first base in DNA triplet changed from G to T  
- The codon CUU changed to AUU✓  
- The anticodon changed from GAA to UAA ✓  
- Amino acid sequence changed from leucine to Isoleucine✓ Any (4)

**(11)**

2.3 2.3.1 Group 2 (1)

2.3.2 (a) 2✓ (1)

(b) 2✓ (1)

2.3.3 (a) - To act as a control✓  
- for comparison with the groups where non-disjunction occurred✓ (2)

(b) - Non- disjunction occurred✓ in pair 22  
- during anaphase I✓/meiosis I  
- resulting in a gamete receiving two copies of chromosome✓  
- instead of one copy of chromosome✓ (4)

**(9)**

- 2.4 - The DNA double helix unwinds✓  
 - and unzips✓ / (weak) hydrogen bonds break  
 - to form two separate strands✓  
 - Both strands serve as templates✓  
 - to form a complementary DNA✓ / (A complementing T and C to G)  
 - using free DNA nucleotides✓ from the nucleoplasm  
 - to form two identical DNA molecules✓ Any (6)
- 2.5 2.5.1 Pedigree✓ diagram (1)
- 2.5.2 (a) 3✓ (1)  
 (b) 2✓ (1)
- 2.5.3 (a) Female with Vitamin D-resistant rickets✓ (1)  
 (b) Female without Vitamin D-resistant rickets✓ (1)  
 (c)  $X^D Y$ ✓ (1)
- 2.5.4 - Mother is without vitamin D-resistant rickets✓  
 - Father has vitamin D-resistant rickets✓  
 - Since daughter W inherits allele  $X^D$  from the father and  
 - inherited allele  $X^d$  from the mother✓  
 - she must have  $X^D X^d$ ✓  
 - and therefore, she has Vitamin D-resistant rickets✓ Any (4)  
 (8)
- 2.6 2.6.1 Short ears✓ (1)
- 2.6.2 It is masked by the dominant allele (long ear) in a heterozygous condition✓ (1)
- 2.6.3 P2 Phenotype: Long ears × Long ears✓  
 Genotype: Ee × Ee✓  
 Meiosis  
 Gametes: E, e × E, e✓  
 Fertilisation  
 F2 Genotype: EE Ee Ee ee✓  
 Phenotype: 3 Long ear, 1 short ear✓  
 25%✓\*  
 P2 and F2✓  
 Meiosis and fertilisation✓



P2

Meiosis

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OR

Phenotype: Long ears × Short ears✓

Genotype : Ee × Ee✓

Gametes : E , e × E , e✓

| Gametes | E  | e  |
|---------|----|----|
| E       | Ee | Ee |
| e       | Ee | ee |

1 mark for correct gametes

1 mark for correct genotype

F2

Genotype: EE, Ee, Ee, ee

Phenotype: 3 Long ear , 1 short ear✓

25%✓\*

P2 and F2✓

Meiosis and fertilisation ✓



Any

(6)

(8)

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**QUESTION 3**

3.1 3.1.1 Age of the stem cell donors (1)

- 3.1.2 (a) - Conditions in which stem cells were cultured✓  
 - Number of stem cells per group✓  
 - (Only) viable stem cells were used✓  
 - Number of days (7 days) after which percentage increase was calculated✓

Any (2)

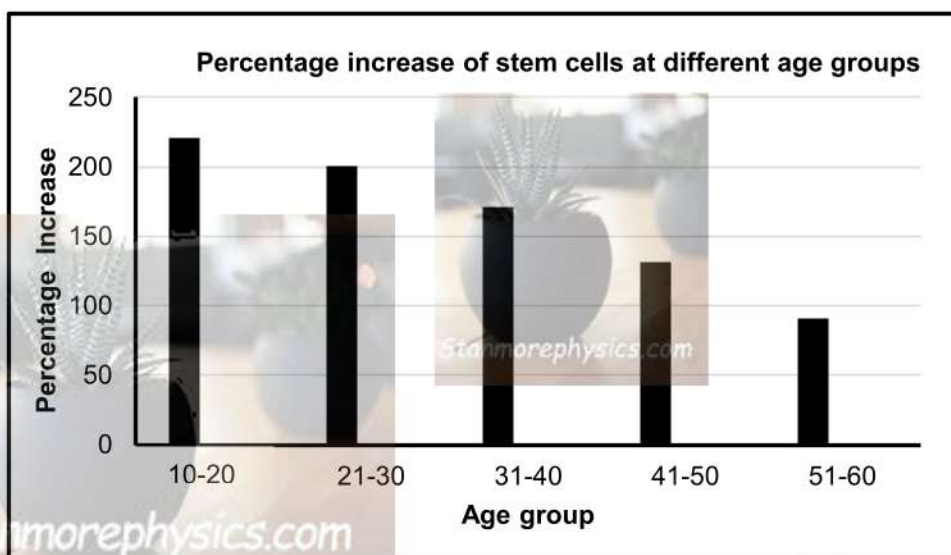
**MARK FIRST TWO ONLY**

(b) To ensure reliability✓ (1)

3.1.3  $\frac{130}{100} \times 1000$ ✓

=1300✓ (3)

3.1.4

**Criteria for marking the graph:**

| Criteria                                          | mark allocation |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Type of graph: Bar graph is drawn (T)             | 1               |
| Caption of graph includes both variables (C)      | 1               |
| Correct labels and units on X-axis and Y-axis (L) | 1               |
| Scale (S)                                         | 1               |
| - Correct scale for Y-axis and                    |                 |
| - Same width of bars for X-axis                   |                 |
| Plotting: (P)                                     |                 |
| - 1 - 4 bars are plotted correctly                | 1               |
| - 5 bars are plotted correctly                    | 2               |

(6)

If a histogram or line graph is drawn, marks will be lost for

- Type of graph
- Scale

If axes are transposed:

- Can get all marks, if labels are swopped and bars are horizontal
- If labels are not corresponding, then:
  - Marks will be lost for scale and labels
  - Plotting can get credit if coordinates are correct for given labels

3.2 3.2.1 Colour (dark/light) of volcanic rocks✓ (1)

3.2.2 No answer

3.2.3 - Acquired characteristics are not inherited✓  
 - Organisms do not evolve because they wanted to evolve✓/deterministic (2)  
 (3)

3.3 3.3.1 - A group of organisms of the same species✓  
 - occupying the same habitat✓  
 - at the same time✓ Any (2)

3.3.2 (a) Antibiotic treatment✓ (1)

(b) They increased✓/more survived (1)

3.3.3 - There was variation (mutation) in the bacterial population✓  
 - Some bacteria were resistant to the antibiotic✓  
 - and others were not✓  
 - When bacteria were exposed to the antibiotic✓  
 - Those that were not resistant died✓  
 - Those that were resistant to the antibiotic survived and reproduce✓  
 - and passed the allele for resistance to their offspring  
 - The next generation had the higher proportion of bacteria with antibiotic-resistance✓ Any (7)  
 (11)

3.4 3.4.1 *Homo habilis*✓ (1)

3.4.2 - *Australopithecus* fossils were found in Africa only✓  
 - The oldest *Homo erectus* fossils were found in Africa✓  
 - while the younger *Homo erectus* fossils were found in other parts of the world✓ (3)

3.4.3 (a) - Human spine has S shaped curve✓  
 - to keep body upright✓/maintain balance while walking on two legs (2)

(b) - Pelvic girdle is short and wide✓  
 - to support the upper body weight✓ (2)  
 (8)

3.5 3.5.1 Homo✓

(1)

3.5.2 A✓

(1)

3.5.3

| DIAGRAM A                      | DIAGRAM B                         |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Brow ridge is well developed✓  | Brow ridge is not well developed✓ |
| More protruding jaw✓/large jaw | Less protruding jaw✓/small jaw    |

1 mark for Table + 4

(5)

3.5.4

- (a) - Small teeth✓  
 - indicating change to soft, cooked food✓

(2)

- (b) - Bigger brain volume✓  
 - therefore, more intelligence✓

(2)

(11)  
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| CANDIDATE MARK | ADJUSTMENT  |
|----------------|-------------|
| 0 - 10         | No mark (0) |
| 11 - 30        | +1 mark     |
| 31 - 52        | +2 mark     |
| 53 - 70        | +3 mark     |
| 71 - 91        | +4 mark     |
| 92 - 112       | +5 mark     |
| 113 - 132      | +6 mark     |
| 133 - 143      | +7 mark     |

TOTAL SECTION B: 100

GRAND TOTAL: 150