

Revision Sheet

IGCSE Biology · Unit 18 Variation and selection

7 vocabulary items · 30 marks of exam questions (6 questions)

Part 1 · Vocabulary review answer key. Section A wants the exact English spelling.

Question	Answer	Marks
1	continuous variation	1
2	discontinuous variation	1
3	mutation	1
4	alleles	1
5	natural selection	1
6	antibiotic	1
7	artificial selection	1

Multiple Choice Answers

Q8: C

Multiple Choice Answers

Q9: C

Multiple Choice Answers

Q10: C

Multiple Choice Answers

Q11: A

12(a)	<i>any two from:</i> through mutation ; (mutation is) a change in the base sequence of DNA ; (mutation is) caused by, ionising radiation / chemicals ;
12(b)(i)	<i>any three from:</i> selection of individual plants which, flower in fewer hours of daylight / show the desirable feature ; crossing these individuals to produce the next generation ; selection of offspring that show the desirable feature ; repeat for (many) <u>generations</u> ; AVP ;
12(b)(ii)	<i>any two from:</i> water ; oxygen ; a suitable temperature ;
12(b)(iii)	<i>any three from:</i> <i>in natural selection</i> selection pressure / AW, comes from the environment ; better adapted individuals (survive and) reproduce ; (always) produces characteristics suitable for the (new) environment ; slower ; affects many characteristics ;

12(c)	<i>any two from:</i> less pesticides used ; less contamination of food with pesticides ; less pollution / described ; less damage to / higher yield of / higher quality of, crop ; less risk to pollinators / non target species ; improve health of farm workers ; less spread of plant disease ; increases biodiversity ;
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13(a)(i)	<i>any two from:</i> large petals ; petals form a landing platform ; spotted pattern (to attract insects) ; anthers / stigma, inside petals / flower / ora ;
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13(a)(ii)	<p><i>any four from:</i></p> <p><i>advantages</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 increased variation ; 2 increased ability to adapt to, changing / new, environment ; 3 makes the population less susceptible to a, disease / pest / AW ; 4 genetic disease less likely ; 5 <i>idea of</i> seed dispersal means there is less competition ; 6 less risk of, endangerment / extinction ; <p><i>disadvantages</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7 requires two, parents / plants / gametes ; 8 requires, (named) pollinators ; 9 takes longer / is slower ; 10 <i>idea that</i> the increased genetic variation means that some plants might be less adapted to the environment ; 11 ref to more energy required ;
13(b)(i)	<p>301 ;</p> <p>cm² ;</p>
13(b)(ii)	<p>plants in Europe have a greater leaf area than those in North America ;</p>
13(b)(iii)	<p><i>any five from:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 <i>ref to</i> mutation ; 2 <u>natural selection</u> ; 3 competition for, light / resources, (by many offspring) ; 4 plants with a larger leaf area, have a survival advantage / are better adapted ; 5 larger leaves, are better for photosynthesis / absorb more light ; 6 plants with larger leaves reproduce and pass on alleles for larger leaf area ; 7 this occurs over many generations until larger leaves are common in population ;