#### Oxford A Level Sciences

AQA Biology

Question

## 9 Genetic diversity and adaptation Exam-style mark scheme

number	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1 a	Try-Gly-Lys-Val-Gly	2	2 marks if all correct
			1 mark if 4 correct.
1 b	Substitution of G for C in second triplet (no mark)	3	
	Amino acid changed from Gly to Ala;		
	Alters the primary structure/ amino acid sequence of protein;		
	Tertiary structure altered / bond positions altered;		
	As structure altered function may be affected;		
2 a	diploid number is restored;	2	
	at fertilisation;		
2 b i	E- chromatid;	2	
	F – centromere;		
2 b ii	any correctly shaded pair;	1	
2 b iii	6	1	
2 b iv	8	1	2 <sup>3</sup> as there are 3 homologous pairs there are 8 different ways in which the maternal and paternal
2 c i	an alternative form of a gene;	1	
2 c ii	Q Q on both chromatids of left hand chromosome and q q on both chromatids of right hand chromosome; r R and r R where crossing over occurs; Q Q Q q q	2	

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2 c iii	each chromosome shown as single strand;	3	should have following
	Q and q alleles in correct place;		arrangements on the chromosomes:
	R and r alleles in correct place;		Q and r,
	$\left( \begin{array}{c} Q \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{c} q \end{array} \right)$		Q and R,
			q and r,
	rl IR rl IR		q and R
3 ai	plant is selected at random;	2	
	reduces / eliminates bias (in sampling);		
3 a ii	leaves likely to be similar age;	2	
	newer leaves/nearer tip of shoot likely to be smaller		
	OR older leaves/leaves further down likely to be larger;		
3 b	No (no mark)	1	
	calculating mean length of each sample;		
3 c	depends where you measure - leaf has different widths along its length;	1	
3 d i	116 - 42 = 74	2	
	113 – 41 = 72		
3 d ii	The range values would suggest that the leaves are similar in size;	2	
	Mean values are different and green leaves have higher SD showing more variation in length than variegated leaves;		
4 a	mutation occurs;	2	Reject penicillin causes
	in gene which codes for the enzyme;		mutation.
4 b	1. bacteria cell wall is weak;	3	osmotic lysis gets mp 2 an3.
	2. water moves into bacterial cell by osmosis;		
	3. bacterial cell bursts (lyses);		
6 a	Small surface area to volume ratio / more fat;	2 max	
	Lose less heat (to the environment) / for insulation;		
	they are sitting on eggs;		
6 b i	The further north/higher the latitude, the higher the percentage (of	1	
	white snow geese);		
6 b ii	Snow lying longer/melts slower further north/at greater latitudes;	3	In order to gain the last marking point, candidates must explain
	White geese better camouflaged (further north);		how

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	Predation linked to survival/reproductive success;		survival or reproductive success is
			affected.
6 C	Snow melts earlier/snow melts further north / less snow;	2	
	White geese decreasing as less well camouflaged/at		
	disadvantage/blue geese increasing as better camouflaged/at an		
	advantage;		
6 d i	Stabilising	1	Do not accept stable.
6 d ii	Few geese survive at the extremes/most survive from the middle	1	
	of the range.		