

# Cell Division

## Mark Scheme 1

Level	GCSE (9-1)
Subject	Combined Science: Trilogy - Biology
Exam Board	AQA
Topic	4.1 Cell Biology
Sub-Topic	Cell Division
Difficulty Level	Gold Level
Booklet	Mark Scheme 1

**Time Allowed:** 57 minutes

**Score:** /57

**Percentage:** /100

**Grade Boundaries:**

**M1.(a)** (i) allele expressed even when other allele present **or** expressed if just one copy of allele is present **or** expressed if heterozygous  
*if present other allele not expressed*

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(ii) 2 affected parents have unaffected child **or** 1 and 2 → **5 / 6**  
**or** if recessive all of **1** and **2**'s children would have CADASIL

1

(iii) heterozygous – has unaffected children **or** because if homozygous all children would have CADASIL

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(b) genetic diagram including:  
*accept alternative symbols, if defined*

1

correct gametes:

**D** and **d**  
**and d** (and **d**)  
*ignore 7 / 8 or male / female*

1

derivation of offspring genotypes:

**Dd Dd dd dd**  
*allow just **Dd dd** if  $\frac{1}{2}$ -diagram*  
*allow ecf if correct for student's gametes*

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identification **of Dd** as CADASIL **or dd** as unaffected  
*allow ecf if correct for student's gametes*

1

correct probability: 0.5 /  $\frac{1}{2}$  / 1 in 2 / 50% / 1 : 1

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- (c) (i) stem cells can differentiate **or** are undifferentiated / unspecialised

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can form blood vessel cells / brain cells

**or**

stem cells can divide

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- (ii) ethical argument - eg no risk of damage to embryo or adult can give consent for removal of cells **or** adult can re-grow skin

*more ethical qualified*

*ignore religion unqualified*

**or** if from a relative then less chance of rejection **or** if from self then no chance of rejection **or** skin cells more accessible

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- M2.(a)** (i) DNA replication / copies of genetic material were made

*'it' = a chromosome*

*allow chromosomes replicate / duplicate / are copied*

*ignore chromosomes divide / split / double*

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- (ii) one copy of each (chromosome / chromatid / strand) to each offspring cell

*ignore ref. to gametes and fertilisation*

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each offspring cell receives a complete set of / the same genetic material

*allow 'so offspring (cells) are identical'*

- 1
- (b) (i) meiosis  
*allow mieosis as the only alternative spelling*
- 1
- (ii) Species A = 4 **and** Species B = 8
- 1
- (iii) sum of A + B from (b)(ii) e.g. 12
- 1
- (c) (i) similarities between chromosomes **or** similarities between flowers described  
*e.g. shape of petals / pattern on petals / colour / stamens*
- 1
- can breed / can sexually reproduce  
*allow can reproduce with each other / they can produce offspring*
- 1
- (ii) any **two** from:
- offspring contain 3 copies of each gene / of each chromosome / odd number of each of the chromosomes
  - some chromosomes unable to pair (in meiosis)
  - (viable) gametes not formed / some gametes with extra / too many genes / chromosomes
- or** some gametes with missing genes / chromosomes
- 2
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- M3.** Marks should **not** be awarded for simply copying the information provided  
A mark may be awarded for a comparison between treatments if the answer only involves copied information

any **four** from:

*For all 4 marks to be awarded, there must be at least 1 pro and 1 con*

embryo stem cells – examples of

pros

- can treat a wide variety / lots of diseases / problems
- many available / plentiful
- using them better than wasting them
- painless

cons

- (possible) harm / death to embryo
- (relatively) untested / unreliable / may not work  
*allow long term effects not known  
or may be more risky*
- embryo can't be 'asked' / 'embryo rights' idea

adult bone marrow stem cells – examples of

pros

- no ethical issues (in collection) **or** permission given
- quick recovery
- (relatively) safe  
*allow does not kill (donor) / low risk*
- well tried / tested / know they work

cons

- operation hazards eg infection
- few types of cell / tissue produced **or** few diseases / problems treated
- painful so may deter donors

Conclusion to evaluation:

A reasoned conclusion from the evidence

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**M4.** (a) any **one** from

- chromosomes in pairs
- inherited one of each pair from each parent
- one of each pair in egg **and** one of each pair in sperm
- so sex cells / gametes can have half the number  
*allow need to pair during cell division / meiosis*

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(b) any **two** from:

- code
- combination / sequence of amino acids
- forming specific / particular proteins / examples  
*If **no other mark** gained allow reference to controlling characteristics / appearance for 1 mark*

2

(c) (i) C

1

(ii) 30

1

(d) (i) for growth / repair / replacement / asexual reproduction  
*do **not** accept incorrect qualification, eg growth of cells **or** repair of cells*

*they equals cells therefore do not accept they grow etc*

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(ii) 44 **or** 22 pairs

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**M5.** any **four** from:

- cells used to treat diseases do not go on to produce a baby
- produces identical cells for research
- cells would not be rejected
- allow cells can form different types of cells
- (immature) egg contains only genetic information / DNA / genes / chromosomes from mother **or** there is only one parent
- asexual / no mixing of genetic material / no sperm involved / no fertilisation **or** chemical causes development
- baby is a clone
- reference to ethical / moral / religious issues
  - allow ethically wrong*
  - NB cloning is illegal gains 2 marks**
  - ignore unnatural*
- risk of damage to the baby
  - in correct context*

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- M6.** (a) A = meiosis  
*accept 'mieosis'*  
*do **not** accept 'miosis'* 1
- B = mitosis  
*do **not** accept 'meitosis' etc* 1
- (b) fertilisation allow conception 1
- (c) (i) 23 1
- (ii) 46 1

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- M7.** **one** mark for each of the following comparisons to a maximum of **6**  
*candidates **must** make a clear comparison*

meiosis	mitosis
sexual	asexual
gametes	growth
ovary <b>or</b> testes <b>or</b> gonads	all other cells
half number of chromosomes	same number of chromosomes
haploid <b>or</b> 23 chromosomes	diploid <b>or</b> 46 chromosomes
reassortment <b>or</b> variation possible <b>or</b> not identical	no reassortment <b>or</b> no variation <b>or</b> identical
4 cells produced	2 cells produced



2 divisions

1 division

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(a) (i)

*if two nuclei drawn then maximum two marks*

1

6 chromosomes

1

same 3 homologous pairs

1

nuclear membrane drawn

1

(ii) 3 chromosomes

1

1 from each homologous pair

1

(b) (i)

*parent line must be separate*

heterozygous parents Tt × Tt

*maximum of 2 marks if parental genotype is wrong*

gametes correct T t T t

1

genotypes TT Tt Tt tt

1

(ii) correct analysis of chance i.e. 1 in 4  
or 25%

1

(iii) 50% **or** 1 in 2

1

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