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QUESTIONSHEET 1

(a) (double helix) of DNA unravels to form two single stranded (primer) DNA molecules;

these attract complementary (energy rich) nucleotides/nucleoside triphosphates (to primer strands);

these join to (primer) strands forming daughter DNA;

under influence of DNA polymerase;

bases join by hydrogen bonds between complementary pairs;

and adjacent sugars join by phosphate bridges;

max 4

(b) 2 (arbitrary) units;

1

(c) chromatids separate to poles;

during anaphase;

nuclear membranes then reform around two daughter nuclei;

each containing the diploid number of chromosomes;

max 3

1

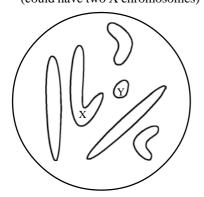
(d) 1 (arbitrary) unit;

TOTAL 9

QUESTIONSHEET 2

(a) (i) quality;

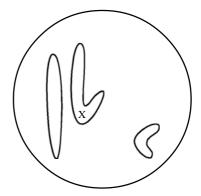
correct chromosomes; (could have two X chromosomes)



(ii) quality;

correct chromosomes;

4



(For quality marks, lines should be clear and joined up properly.

For chromosome mark, chromosomes should be clearly reognisable/correct shape).

(b) Male; two chromosomes did not match/ref sex chromosome/X and Y;

2

TOTAL 6

QUESTIONSHEET 3

- (a) (i) 9:
 - 36; (ii)
 - (iii) 36;
 - (iv) 18; (v) 9;

(b) female nucleus = 9 + male nucleus = 9 = 18;

5 1

2

(c) chromosomes of cabbage and radish differ structurally; thus bivalents could not form and meiosis/gamete production would fail;

TOTAL 8

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QUESTIONSHEET 4

(a) (i) mitosis; (ii) mitosis; (iii) mitosis and meiosis; (iv) mitosis and meiosis; (v) meiosis;	5
(b) germination of haploid spores to form gametophyte in mosses/liverworts; growth of the haploid gametophyte in mosses/liverworts/growth of fern gametophyte; /production of haploid gametes in fern gametophyte;	max 2 TOTAL 7
QUESTIONSHEET 5	
(a) (i) anaphase; (ii) telophase; (iii) metaphase; (iv) prophase;	4
(b) (i) 20 units; (ii) 10 units;	2 TOTAL 6
QUESTIONSHEET 6	
 (a) A: pole/aster/centrosome; B: chromosome; C: spindle; (b) (i) prophase; (ii) anaphase; 	3 1 1
(c) metaphase;	1
(d) root/shoot tip; vascular cambium; cork cambium;	max 2 TOTAL 8

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QUESTIONSHEET 7

(a) chromosomes replicate into chromatids (except at the centromere);

DNA deposits on chromosomes (making them stainable/visible);

chromosomes condense/become shorter/fatter;

chromosomes become attached to spindle;

chromosomes complete replication (at centromere);

one set migrates to one pole and the other set to the other pole;

chromosomes revert to interphase condition/long and thin/unstainble/lose DNA;

allow one mark if sequence is correct;

max 5

(b) (i) telophase;

1

 (ii) cell plate/phragmoplast forms; involves vesicles from Golgi complex; cell wall forms; spindle disintegrates;

max 2

TOTAL 8

QUESTIONSHEET 8

(a) (i) point where sister chromatids join;

position is constant;

point of attachment to spindle;

chromatids unable to separate without centromere/drawn apart at centromeres (by spindle);

max 2

(ii) composed of microtubules/tubulin;

spindle fibres shorten during anaphase;

pull sister chromatids apart;

max 2

(b) produces haploid cells from diploid cells;

so preserving diploid state when gametes fuse;

random assortment gives genetic variation;

chiasmata give genetic variation;

max 2

TOTAL 6

QUESTIONSHEET 9

(a) replication of chromosomes occurs;

in the S phase;

synthesis of proteins occurs;

synthesis of rRNA/mRNA/tRNA occurs;

cell organelles are produced;

cell carries out all its (metabolic) functions;

max 3

(b) A: prophase;

C: anaphase;

E: cytokinesis;

F: interphase;

4

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QUESTIONSHEET 10

(a)

Stage	Description
Prophase	chromosomes become shorter and thicker;
Metaphase	chromosomes attach to spindle ends at equator;
Anaphase	daughter chromosomes move to the poles;
Telophase	nuclear membranes reappear;
Interphase	chromosomes replicate except at their centromeres;
Cytokinesis	division of the cytoplasm occurs;

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(b) (in animals) cytoplasm divides by constriction (between daughter nuclei); (in plants) a phragmoplast/cell plate/new cell wall is synthesised (between the daughter nuclei);

2

TOTAL 8

QUESTIONSHEET 11

(a) spindles formed from centrosomes/centrioles;

(daughter/replicated) chromosomes migrating to the poles;

pulled by contracting spindles;

which are attached to the centromeres;

one set of chromosomes goes to one pole and other set to the other pole;

max 4

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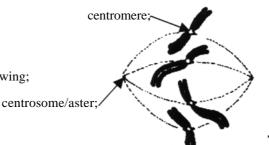
(b) (i) and (ii)

Drawing:

4 chromosomes not yet replicated;

attached to spindles by their centromeres;

same chromatid length/centromere positions as in anaphase drawing;



TOTAL 9

QUESTIONSHEET 12

(a) meristems; buds/intercalary meristems; allometric; S; G_2 ; prophase; chromatids; centromere; 40/20 pairs; 20/10 pairs; diploid; 20;

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(b) can secrete/release colchicine into surrounding soil;

where it can inhibit mitosis/root growth of nearby plants/inhibit seed germination;

thus reducing competition from other plants;

ref to Autumn Crocus being an 'aggressive' plant;

max 2

TOTAL 14