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**PRE-TRIAL MARKING GUIDELINES**

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**MARKS: 150**  
**TIME: 2½ HOURS**

**This memorandum consists of 9 pages**



**PRINCIPLES RELATED TO MARKING LIFE SCIENCES****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 a part of it is required**

**Read all and credit the relevant part.**

**4. If comparisons are asked for, but descriptions are given**

**Accept if the 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 are incorrect, do not credit. If sequence and links become correct again, resume credit.

**9. Non-recognised abbreviations**

Accept if first defined in answer. If not defined, do not credit the unrecognised abbreviation, but credit the rest of the 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 recognisable, accept the answer, provided it does not mean something else

**in Life Sciences or if it is out of context.**

**13. If common names are given in terminology**

Accept, provided it was accepted at the national memo discussion meeting.

**14. If only the letter is asked for, but only the name is given (and vice versa)**

Do not 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 appear(s) in any official language other than the learner's 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

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

- 1.1.1 D ✓✓  
 1.1.2 C ✓✓  
 1.1.3 B ✓✓  
 1.1.4 B ✓✓  
 1.1.5 C ✓✓  
 1.1.6 C ✓✓  
 1.1.7 A ✓✓  
 1.1.8 D ✓✓  
 1.1.9 B ✓✓

**9x2 = [18]**

1.2

- 1.2.1 Yolk ✓  
 1.2.2 Internal✓ fertilisation  
 1.2.3 Peripheral nervous system ✓  
 1.2.4 Prolactin ✓  
 1.2.5 Geotropism✓/ Positive geotropism  
 1.2.6 Eustachian tube ✓  
 1.2.7 Pancreas ✓  
 1.2.8 Photoreceptors✓/Rods and cones

(1)

(1)

(1)

(1)

(1)

(1)

(1)

(1)

**8x1 = (8)**

1.3

- 1.3.1. None ✓✓  
 1.3.2. Both A and B ✓✓  
 1.3.3.B only ✓✓

(2)

(2)

(2)

**3x2 = (6)**

1.4.1 (a) Gibberellins✓

(1)

1.4.2 (a) Auxins✓ /Abscisic acid

(1)

(b) Growing tips of stems/apical meristem of stems ✓

Growing tips of roots/apical meristem of roots ✓

(2)

(c) For Auxins:

- Stimulate cell elongation✓
- Stimulate the development of fruit ✓
- Control the abscission of leaves and fruit ✓
- Stimulate the development of adventitious roots in stem cuttings ✓

- Cause tropism in stems and roots ✓

(mark first Two)

OR

For Abscisic acid

- Contributes to the dormancy of seeds✓/inhibition of germination
- Promotes the abscission of leaves & fruits ✓
- Causes the closing of stomata✓

**(Mark the first two only )(3)**

1.4.3 Plant hormones are organic✓ compounds and act as chemical messengers✓(2)

**(8)**

1.5.1 Sweat gland ✓ (1)

1.5.2 (a) Diagram 2 ✓ and diagram 3✓ (2)

(b) Diagram 1 ✓ (1)

1.5.3 Diagram 3 ✓ (1)

1.5.4 Hypothalamus ✓ (1)

1.5.5 The tendency of living organism to maintain their internal environment constant within narrow limits irrespective of changes in the external environment✓. (1)

1.5.6 Cold day-hypothalamus stimulated ✓,

- vasoconstriction – blood vessels narrow ✓
- reduced blood flow towards the skin ✓
- sweat gland less active ✓
- less heat is released through radiation, conduction and convection ✓

**(Mark any Two) (2)**

**(10)**

**Total Section A (50)**

## SECTION B QUESTION 2

2.1.1 (a) A - Jelly✓ layer/zona pellucida (1)

(b) G- Middle portion✓/neck (1)

(c) C – Cytoplasm ✓/cytosol (1)

(d) F - Nucleus ✓ (1)

2.1.2 (a) Middle portion/neck✓ (1)

(b) Tail✓ (1)

(c) Acrosome ✓ (1)

(d) Nucleus✓ (1)

2.1.3 (a) Cells of Leydig ✓ (1)

(b) Testosterone ✓ (1)  
(10)

2.2.1 Closed eyes ✓  
Can't move ✓  
No feathers/wings not well developed ✓ (2)  
**(Mark first TWO only)**

2.2.2 (a) Egg yolk ✓ (1)  
(b) Albumen ✓ (1)

2.2.3 Precocial ✓ (1)  
(5)

2.3.1(a) Volume of urine ✓ (1)

- (b) - Decide on a time ✓/date/place to conduct the investigation  
- Decide on the apparatus ✓/materials that need to be used  
- Decide how to record the data ✓  
- Advertise for volunteers to participate ✓  
- Decide on the number of participants to include ✓  
- Decide what factors to keep constant ✓/example of factor to be kept constant

**(Mark first TWO only)(2)**

(c) - The same room ✓/environment/ temperature

- The same apparatus ✓
- The same investigator ✓

**(Mark first TWO only)(2)**

(d) No other liquid intake by both groups ✓

- The same level of activity ✓
- Participants was the same age ✓
- Participants was same gender ✓
- Participants was same size ✓

**(Mark first TWO only)(2)**

2.3.2 – ADH helps the body retain water by increasing water reabsorption in the kidneys ✓, which leads to more concentrated urine and less water being lost ✓. When alcohol is consumed, it inhibits the secretion of ADH from the pituitary gland ✓. This is because alcohol interferes with the signals in the brain that would normally trigger the release of ADH ✓ causing dehydration. (4)

**(11)**

2.4.1 (a) B ✓ (1)

(b) C ✓ (1)

2.4.2 The stirrup cannot vibrate ✓ and the vibrations will not be transmitted to the inner ear ✓. The organ of Corti will not be stimulated ✓ resulting in hearing loss. (3)

2.4.3 (a) E – tympanic membrane ✓, or B – ossicles ✓ (2)

(b) C – the cochlea ✓ (1)

2.4.4 A virus or inflammation of the inner ear disrupts the transmission of sensory information from the ear to the brain ✓. This may result in dizziness, difficulties with balance, with hearing, and lead to a ringing in the ears (tinnitus) ✓. (2)

**(10)**

2.5.1 (a) Oestrogen ✓ (1)

(b) Progesterone ✓ (1)

2.5.2 - It increase

- The Thickness of the endometrium ✓/
- the blood vessels in the endometrium ✓/ the
- amount of glandular tissue in the endometrium ✓. (3)

2.5.3 (a) Ovulation is the process in the menstrual cycle where a mature egg is released from the ovary ✓, making it available for fertilization ✓. (2)

(b) Day 14 ✓ (1)

(c) LH ✓ Luteinising hormone (1)

2.5.4 High levels of hormone B ✓/ Progesterone will inhibit the secretion of FSH ✓

OR

No new ova ✓/ matured follicle are required during pregnancy ✓ (2)

2.5.5 - The Progesterone ✓ level decreases ✓ because the corpus luteum has degenerated ✓ (3)

**[14]**

**Total question 2: 50**

### Question 3

3.1.1  $(45 - 40)/5 \div 40 \times 100$  ✓  
= 12,5% ✓ (3)

3.1.2 Myelin sheath ✓ (1)

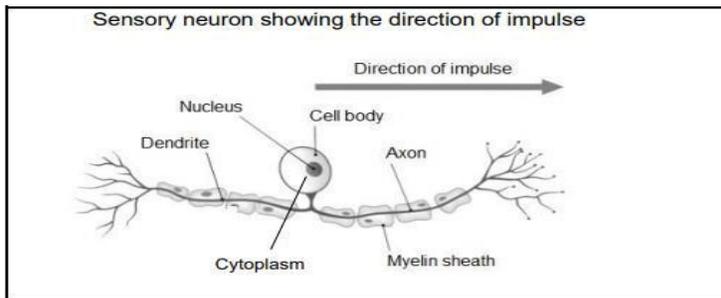
3.1.3 The wider/broader the neuron the faster the reflex action would be. ✓ ✓

OR

The narrower/thinner the neuron the slower the reflex action would be. ✓ ✓ (2)

3.1.4 Synapse✓/Synaptic gap (1)

3.1.5



Rubric for assessment of the diagram

Correct type of neuron drawn (T)	1
Direction of impulse correct (D)	1
ANY 3 correct labels (L)	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>

(5)  
(12)

3.2.1 (a) Cerebrum✓ (1)

(b) Cerebellum✓ (1)

(c) Pituitary gland✓/hypophysis (1)

3.2.2 (a) Kidneys✓ (1)

(b) Kidneys✓ (1)

3.2.3 (a) D✓ glucagon✓ **OR** E✓ adrenalin✓ (2)

(b) B✓ growth hormone✓/STH/somatotropin (2)

(c) C✓ thyroxin✓ (2)

**(11)**

3.3.1 - The pathway along which impulses are transmitted. ✓  
to bring about a reflex action. ✓ (2)

3.3.2 (a) Gullian-barre syndrome ✓ (1)

**(mark first one only)**

(b) Damage to the motor Neurons ✓ (1)  
**(mark first one only)**

C The skeletal muscles have a decreased reflex response ✓ (1)  
**(Mark first one only)**

3.3.3 - In hyporeflexia damage is between the spinal cord and the skeletal muscles ✓  
while

In hyperreflexia damage is between the brain and the spinal cord ✓ (2)  
**(mark first one only)**

3.3.4 Myelin sheath (1)

3.3.5 - Axon is no longer insulated ✓  
- This causes the speed of transmission of nerve impulse to decrease ✓  
- Which can lead to delayed response ✓ and  
- therefore, loss of muscle control ✓ (3)

**[11]**

3.4.1.

- (a) Vas deferens ✓ (1)
- (b) Scrotum ✓ (1)
- (c) Penis ✓ (1)
- (d) Urethra ✓ (1)

3.4.2.

- (a) D ✓ - epididymis ✓ (2)
- (b) G ✓ - urethra ✓ (2)
- (c) E ✓ - testes ✓ (2)

3.4.3. A ✓ and B ✓

3.4.4 Sperm is blocked from being released during ejaculation ✓ sperm cannot reach and fertilize an egg ✓ (2)

3.4.5 HIV is present in semen, not just in sperm ✓. The virus can be transmitted through the fluids that are still released during ejaculation ✓ (2)

**(16)**

**Total: 150**