

1. B [1]
2. B [1]
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4. C [1]
5. D [1]
6. D [1]
7. C [1]
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9. D [1]
10. C [1]
11. (a) (i)

- (ii)  $\frac{(50 - 22)}{22} \times 100$ ;  
=127% ; (units required) (allow answers in the range of 127 to 127.3) 2
- (b) error bars show the range/variability/uncertainty of the data / *OWTTE*;  
error bars/standard deviation about the same length for day 0 and day 11 /  
spread of data (around the means) about the same;  
overlapping bars indicate that there is no (significant) difference in the  
data/ means;  
68% of population within one standard deviation; 2 max
- (c) inversely proportional / the higher the tolerance, the less the  
growth / *vice versa* 1
- (d) first name/*Oryza* for genus / second name/*sativa* for species;  
(all) members of *Oryza sativa* share special/unique features;  
two names make a unique combination to designate species / worldwide  
recognizable nomenclature;  
varieties (*japonica* and *indica*) have some (consistent) differences  
(in tolerance); 2 max
- (e) (i) *SubIC* 1
- (ii) *SubIA* is expressed strongly/the most / *SubIA* produces the  
most RNA;  
*SubIB* (always) has the lowest expression/produces least  
mRNA;  
*SubIA* expressed/produces mRNA for the longest  
time/days 1 to 10;  
*SubIC* expressed/produces mRNA for the shortest  
time/days 3 to 7; 2 max
- (iii) *SubIA* only expressed/produces mRNA in *indica* / not/never  
expressed/never produces mRNA in *japonica*;  
*SubIC* expressed/produces mRNA from day 1 in *japonica*,  
but not *indica*;  
*SubIB* has lower expression/production of mRNA than  
*SubIC* in both varieties;  
other accurate comparisons; 2 max
- (f) *SubIA*;  
is only expressed in *indica*;

*indica* is the variety showing submersion tolerance;

2 max

- (g) genetically modified rice/rice with *Sub1A* is more tolerant to submersion;  
 can withstand seasonal flooding/torrential rain;  
 GMF/tolerant rice ensures greater harvest/provides more food during flooding;

2 max

[17]

12.

(a)

(i)  
phosphate

1

(ii) covalent / phosphodiester

1

- (b) only the antisense strand is transcribed / the antisense strand is transcribed to mRNA and the sense strand is not transcribed/has the same base sequence as mRNA (with uracil instead of thymine)  
*To award [1], reference must be made to both strands and transcription.*

1

(c)

prokaryotic DNA	eukaryotic DNA
circular	linear;
in cytoplasm/nucleoid region	enclosed in nuclear membrane / in nucleus;
naked	associated with proteins/histones;
plasmids	no plasmids;
both prokaryotic and eukaryotic DNA consist of a double helix of (deoxy)nucleotides / phosphate, deoxyribose and base/ATC and G;	

2 max

*Award marks for paired statements only. Answers do not need to be shown in a table format.*

[5]

13. (a) *name of component [1 max]* e.g. plant cell wall/cellulose/interstitial matrix/  
basement membrane/glycoprotein/bone matrix;

*functions [3 max]*

*EITHER*

e.g. (plant cell wall) strengthens/supports the cell/plant (against gravity);  
prevents the entry of pathogens;  
maintains the shape of plant cells;  
allows turgor pressure/high pressure to develop inside the cell;  
prevents excessive entry of water to the cell;

*OR*

helps cells to stick together/adhere;  
needed to hold cells/tissues together / example of cells/tissues  
holding together;  
forms interstitial matrix / forms basement membrane to support single  
layers of cells;  
e.g. around a blood capillary;  
forms (part of the) filtration membrane in the glomerulus;

4 max

(b) vesicles carry material to plasma membrane;  
vesicle fuses with membrane;  
(by joining of) phospholipid bilayers;  
aided by the fluidity of the membrane;  
material released/expelled from the cell;  
membrane flattens;  
name of example e.g. exocytosis of neurotransmitter / exocrine secretion/  
endocrine secretion / hormone secretion / release of cortical granules;  
outline of example: (in the presence of calcium), neurotransmitter vesicles  
release their contents into the synapse / hormones released from one cell  
have an effect on another cell *etc.*;  
*Accept these points if clearly made in an annotated diagram. [4 max] if  
no example given.*

5 max

- (c) translation involves initiation, elongation/translocation and termination;  
mRNA binds to the small sub-unit of the ribosome;  
ribosome slides along mRNA to the start codon;  
anticodon of tRNA pairs with codon on mRNA:  
complementary base pairing (between codon and anticodon);  
(anticodon of) tRNA with methionine pairs with start codon / AUG is the start codon;  
second tRNA pairs with next codon;  
peptide bond forms between amino acids;  
ribosome moves along the mRNA by one codon;  
movement in 5' to 3' direction;  
tRNA that has lost its amino acid detaches;  
another tRNA pairs with the next codon/moves into A site;  
tRNA activating enzymes;  
link amino acids to specific tRNA;  
stop codon (eventually) reached;

9 max

*(Plus up to [2] for quality)*

**[20]**