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TOPIC 8: ORIGINS OF GENETIC VARIATION

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Q1.

The diagram shows four varieties of rabbit.



Fur colour in rabbits is controlled by four different alleles:

- the allele for brown fur, C, is dominant to all other alleles
- the allele for chinchilla fur, c^{ch}, is dominant to the alleles for Himalayan and albino
- the allele for Himalayan fur, c^{h}, is dominant to the allele for albino
- the allele for albino fur, c, is recessive to all other alleles

(i) Describe how new combinations of alleles are produced in meiosis.

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(ii) State all the possible genotypes of a rabbit with brown fur.

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(iii) Two parent rabbits with brown fur were mated. Two of the F_1 offspring had chinchilla fur.

The F_1 rabbit offspring with chinchilla fur were mated.

The F_2 generation consisted of some rabbits with chinchilla fur and the rest having Himalayan fur.

Use genetic crosses to deduce the genotypes of the two parent rabbits with brown fur.

(3)

Answer .....

(Total for question = 6 marks)

Q2.

The photograph shows a maize cob with smooth, wrinkled and different coloured grains.



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The shape and colour of maize grains are controlled by two unlinked genes.

The allele for smooth seeds (A) is dominant to the allele for wrinkled seeds (a).

The allele for purple seeds (B) is dominant to the allele for yellow seeds (b).

A student cross-pollinated a maize plant grown from a smooth, purple grain (heterozygous for both pairs of alleles) with a maize plant grown from a wrinkled, yellow grain.

Using a genetic diagram, determine the probability that this cross will produce grains that are wrinkled and purple.

(4)

Answer .....

(Total for question = 4 marks)

Q3.

Answer the question with a cross in the box you think is correct ☒. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ☒ and then mark your new answer with a cross ☒.

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Two maize plants, grown from grains that were both wrinkled and purple, were cross-pollinated.

In the F_1 generation, some grains were wrinkled and purple and some were wrinkled and yellow.

Which of the following shows the genotypes of the parent plants?

(1)

☒ **A** AaBb × AaBb

☒ **B** aaBB × aaBB

☒ **C** AABb × AABB

☒ **D** aaBb × aaBb

(Total for question = 1 mark)

Q4.

Answer the question with a cross in the box you think is correct ☒. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ☒ and then mark your new answer with a cross ☒.

(i) The table shows the chromosome number and chromatid number of some of the cells formed during oogenesis in humans.

Cell type	Chromosome number	Chromatid number
ovum	23	23
primary oocyte	46	92
secondary oocyte	23	46

Which of the cells are haploid?

(1)

☒ **A** ovum and primary oocyte

☒ **B** ovum and secondary oocyte

☒ **C** primary oocyte and secondary oocyte

☒ **D** ovum alone

(ii) Explain how meiosis produces new combinations of alleles in gametes.

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(Total for question = 5 marks)