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Demonstrate understanding of biological ideas relating to genetic variation.	Demonstrate in-depth understanding of biological ideas relating to genetic variation.	Demonstrate comprehensive understanding of biological ideas relating to genetic variation.

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You should attempt ALL the questions in this booklet.

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Question	Grade	Annotation
1	A3	<p>The candidate the 4 correct genotypes correctly given.</p> <p>The candidate had the punnet square for 11 and 12 correct.</p> <p>They also gave the correct punnet square ratios for the expected cross for 1:1</p>
2	A4	<p>The candidate identified that different alleles or bases on different DNA base sequences and gave the related colour as well.</p> <p>The candidate described the term phenotype correctly and gives the 3 genotype for rock pocket mice colour.</p>
3	M5	<p>The candidate correctly describes fertilisation and links this to survival.</p> <p>Inheritable and non-inheritable variation is understood.</p>

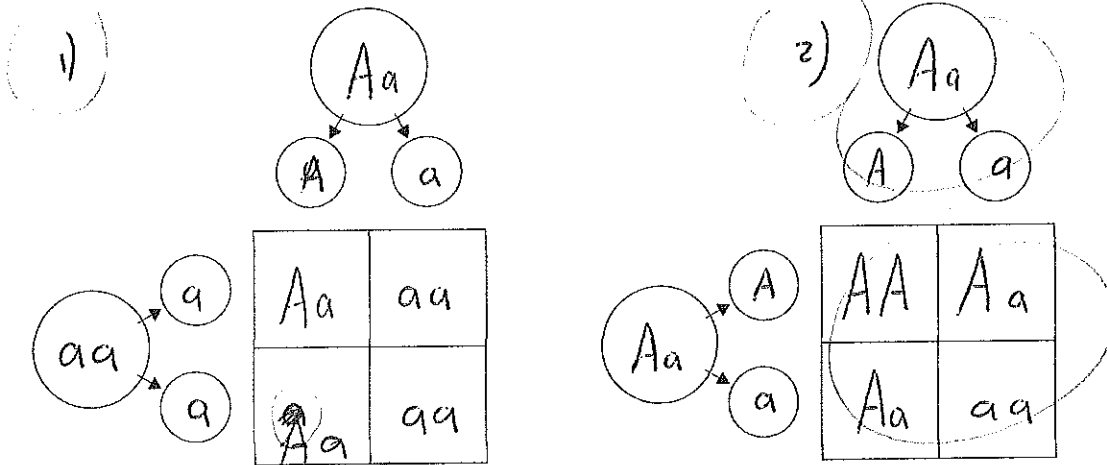
- (c) The cross between 1 and 2 in the pedigree chart has **one affected sneezing** offspring.
The cross between 3 and 4 in the pedigree chart has **three affected sneezing** offspring.

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Explain the difference in the number of affected offspring (photic sneezers) in these 2 crosses.

In your answer you should:

- complete Punnett squares
- give the expected phenotype ratio for each cross
- account for any difference between the expected ratio and the actual phenotype ratio for each of the crosses.



For the first cross, the offspring could either be affected or non affected, it has a 50/50 chance or 1:1 ratio. For the second cross, the offspring is expected to be affected because the genotypes have more dominant alleles in them, they have a $\frac{3}{4}$ chance of producing affected offspring, or a 3:1 ratio. For the first cross the phenotypic ratio would be 1 affected : 1 non affected, and for the second cross the phenotypic ratio would be 3 affected : 1 non affected.

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QUESTION TWO

Rock pocket mice can have dark fur or light fur, as shown below.

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- (a) Using the example of rock pocket mouse fur colour, explain how information carried on the DNA controls the appearance.

In your answer you should refer to DNA base sequence, genes and alleles.

The way the DNA base sequence is coded determines a certain characteristic or trait for an organism, so the rock pocket mice have dna coded exactly for dark brown fur in their genes. Sometimes when the DNA replicates during breeding, we get the same genetic information being passed over, but sometimes it can be slightly different, so the ~~allele~~ allele for ~~dark~~ brown fur is changed slightly and it produces offspring with light brown fur instead of the dominant allele of dark brown fur. //

- (b) In rock pocket mice, dark fur colour (D) is dominant to light fur colour (d).

Each mouse has two alleles for fur colour.

Explain how they inherit these two alleles, and explain how the two alleles interact to produce different phenotypes.

In your answer you should:

- define phenotype and genotype
- explain how the alleles are inherited from the parents
- state the three possible fur colour genotypes for rock pocket mice.

Genotype is what determines the phenotype, this is due to what genetic information the alleles carry. Phenotype is what allele is expressed in the offspring. The mice inherit the alleles from their parents. The dominant alleles are expressed and the recessive alleles are in the phenotype, they just aren't shown. So the mice could have the recessive allele of d, they just might not express it, but when they breed with another mouse, their offspring could be a completely different colour due to the parents phenotypes and if they are dominant or recessive. The three possible genotypes for the mice would be DD and Dd for dark fur and dd for light fur.

QUESTION THREE

Venus flytraps (*Dionaea muscipula*) are plants that live in poor quality soils. They have specially adapted leaves that snap shut to catch insects.

The plants reproduce sexually, involving the production of flowers.

(a) Discuss the advantages of sexual reproduction.

In your answer you should:

- define sexual reproduction
- explain how ONE important process in sexual reproduction helps to produce variation in offspring
- explain how variation as a result of sexual reproduction can benefit the Venus flytrap plant population over generations.

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Sexual reproduction is when two organisms mate and form offspring. Fertilization is an important process during the reproduction because it produces variation in the offspring. This is because ^{random} genes from both parents are fused together which creates a completely different offspring. Variation can benefit the Venus fly trap because this means with different genes from each parent, it is more likely to survive in different conditions, e.g. quality of soils, then if it were the exact same copy of another Venus fly trap plant. If they were all the same and the conditions changed, then all of the plants could die out so variation is beneficial to the plants survival.

- (b) The Venus flytrap plants come in a number of different types, such as the "B-52" with a red leaf.

A teacher brought two identical plants to class and put them in different parts of the classroom. The Venus flytrap put near a window grew short leaves and the Venus flytrap in the shade grew long leaves.

Colour variation in the leaves of the Venus flytraps can be passed on to a plant's offspring, but the different leaf length cannot. **Explain why.**

In your answer you should:

- define inheritable and non-inheritable variation
- explain what causes inheritable and non-inheritable variations.

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Venus_Flytrap_-_B-52.jpg

Inheritable variation is when an organism can inherit certain traits and characteristics from its parents, non-inheritable variation is where an ~~plant~~^{organism} may be affected by factors, e.g. weather, but this can not be inherited to its offspring or by its parents. The leaf length of the plants are due to how much sun they are receiving, this is a non-inheritable factor, which causes variation but cannot be passed on. The colour of the plants leaves can be passed on. This is because it is an inheritable variation which is occurring in the plants DNA.

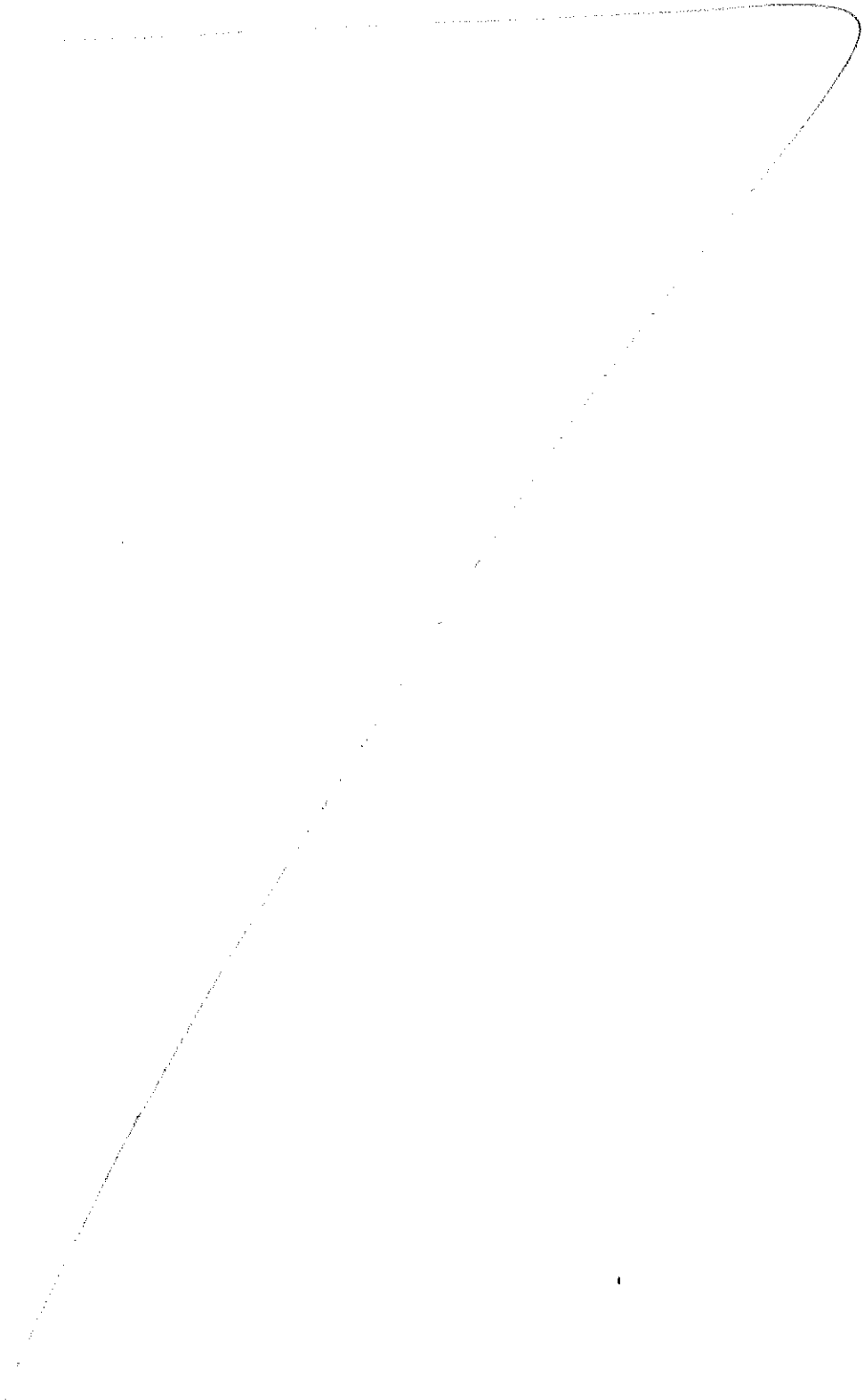
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