SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS

LIFE SCIENCES P1

2017

MARKING GUIDELINES

MARKS: 150

These marking guidelines consist of 10 pages.
PRINCIPLES RELATED TO MARKING LIFE SCIENCES

1. **If more information than marks allocated is given**
   Stop marking when maximum marks is 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 learners’ 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.

19. **Changes to the memorandum**  
No changes must be made to the memoranda without consulting the provincial internal moderator who in turn will consult with the national internal moderator (and the Umalusi moderators where necessary).

20. **Official memoranda**  
Only memoranda bearing the signatures of the national internal moderator and the Umalusi moderators and distributed by the National Department of Basic Education via the provinces must be used.
SECTION A

QUESTION 1

1.1 1.1.1 C✓✓
1.1.2 D✓✓
1.1.3 B✓✓
1.1.4 D✓✓
1.1.5 C✓✓
1.1.6 B✓✓
1.1.7 A✓✓
1.1.8 B✓✓
1.1.9 B✓✓
1.1.10 D✓✓  (10 x 2)  (20)

1.2 1.2.1 Biodiversity✓
1.2.2 Carbon footprint✓
1.2.3 Thermal pollution✓
1.2.4 Eutrophication✓
1.2.5 Testosterone✓
1.2.6 Vas deferens✓/sperm duct
1.2.7 Aldosterone✓
1.2.8 Prolactin✓
1.2.9 Cytokinesis✓  (9 x 1)  (9)

1.3 1.3.1 A only✓✓
1.3.2 B only✓✓
1.3.3 Both A and B✓✓  (3 x 2)  (6)

1.4 1.4.1 (a) D✓ Synapse✓
1.4.2 (a) E✓
1.4.2 (b) F✓  (2)

1.5 1.5.1 (a) Zygote✓
1.5.2 (a) Fertilisation✓
1.5.3 (a) 46✓/23 pairs
1.5.3 (b) 23✓  (1)

TOTAL SECTION A:  50
SECTION B

QUESTION 2

2.1 2.1.1 - The hatchling's eyes are closed ✓
- The hatchling can't move ✓
- The hatchling can't feed on its own ✓
- The hatchling has no feathers ✓/wings are not developed
   (Any 2) (2)

2.1.2 - Foetus develops inside the uterus ✓ for greater protection ✓
- Food is supplied by the mother ✓ and is therefore supplied for a longer period ✓
   (Any 1 x 2) (2)

2.1.3 - More yolk allows for greater development ✓ of the chick
- so that it can be more independent ✓ after hatching (2)
   (6)

2.2 2.2.1 Macular degeneration ✓/Retina cells die (1)

2.2.2 14.1/142 ✓ x 100 ✓ = 9.93 ✓ %
   (Accept 9.9 and 10%) (3)

2.2.3

The number of people suffering from cataracts, short-sightedness and long sightedness ✓

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<th>Number of people (millions)</th>
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S ✓          L ✓
## Mark allocation of the graph

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| Plotting of the bars (P)                                                | 0: No bars plotted correctly  
1: 1 to 2 bars plotted correctly  
2: All 3 bars plotted correctly |

### NOTE:
If a line graph is drawn – marks will be lost for the ‘type and scale'
If a histogram is drawn – marks will be lost for the ‘type of graph and correct scale'

2.2.4  
(a) Cataract ✔
(b) Short-sightedness ✔

2.3  
2.3.1  
(a) Crop yields are dropping ✔
(b) Water supplies are decreasing ✔

2.3.2  
395 ✔ parts per million ✔/ppm (Accept 394 – 396 ppm)

2.3.3  
- Decreased photosynthesis ✔
- Less CO₂ ✔ used from the atmosphere
- therefore more carbon dioxide accumulates in the atmosphere ✔
- This leads to the enhanced greenhouse effect ✔  causing more global warming

OR

- Burning of forests ✔
- releasing CO₂ ✔
- leading to the enhanced greenhouse effect ✔
  causing more global warming

2.4  
- An excessive growth of water hyacinths on the surface of the water will block out the light ✔/deprive submerged plants of sunlight
- this limits photosynthesis ✔/disrupts food chains/food webs
- Alien plants outcompete the indigenous species ✔/Alien plants have no natural enemies
- this may lead to some of the indigenous species becoming eliminated ✔/disruption of the food chain/web
- The great demand of alien plants on natural resources ✔
- results in less resources being available for the indigenous species ✔

(MARK FIRST THREE ONLY)
2.5 2.5.1 Centriole ✓

2.5.2 Metaphase II ✓

2.5.3 - Single chromosomes ✓
   - arranged at the equator ✓ of the cell

2.5.4 - There is a random arrangement of chromosomes at the equator ✓/the chromosomes flip over
   - Causing the chromosomes in the gametes to be different ✓/Chromatids move in different combinations into each gamete

2.5.5 (a) 6 ✓
   (b) 3 ✓

2.5.6 Crossing over ✓

(1) (1) (2) (2) (9) [40]
QUESTION 3

3.1 3.1.1 Does drinking coffee containing caffeine increase stamina? ✓ ✓

3.1.2 (a) Amount of caffeine ✓ / Presence or absence of caffeine (1)
(b) - Stamina ✓
- By measuring the average duration of cycling ✓ (2)

3.1.3 The average cycling time of the cyclists/stamina increased with the use of caffeine ✓ (2)

3.1.4 - Decaffeinated coffee serves as a control ✓
- to eliminate any other factor ✓ that may cause an increase in stamina/to confirm that caffeine causes the change (2)

3.1.5 - Knowing ✓ whether caffeine is taken or not
- may subconsciously influence the performance ✓ of the participants.

OR

- The participants may think they have more stamina ✓ if they know that they are taking caffeine and
- this may influence their performance ✓ (2)

3.1.6 - If too little time passes between the exercise tests, the participants may be tired ✓
- which will influence their stamina for the second cycle test and therefore the validity ✓ of the investigation

OR

- The participants must be equally rested ✓ for both tests
- to ensure the validity ✓ of the investigation

OR

- The cyclist may perform better in the second test because they are better warmed up ✓ if the time between the tests is too short.
- This may influence the validity of the investigation ✓ (Any 1 x 2) (2) (13)

3.2 3.2.1 (a) Oestrogen ✓ (1)

(b) Progesterone ✓ (1)

3.2.2 - It increases ✓
- the thickness ✓ of the endometrium/the blood vessels in the endometrium/the amount of glandular tissue in the endometrium (2)

3.2.3 (a) Release of an ovum ✓ from the ovary ✓ / Graafian follicle (2)

(b) Day 14 ✓ (1)

(c) LH ✓ / Luteinizing hormone (1)
3.2.4  - High levels of hormone B/progesterone will inhibit
- the secretion of FSH

OR
- No new ova/mature follicles
- are required during pregnancy (2)

3.2.5  - The progesterone
- levels decreased
- because the corpus luteum degenerated (3) (13)

3.3  3.3.1 Geotropism/gravitropism (1)

3.3.2  - Auxins
- accumulate at the lower part of the stem
- because of gravity
- The higher concentration of auxins at the lower part of the stem stimulates cell elongation/growth on the lower side of the stem
- The lower concentration of auxins at the upper part of the stem inhibits cell elongation/growth on the upper side of the stem (Any 4) (4)

3.3.3  - The leaves and stem will be carried in such a way that they receive maximum sunlight
- for photosynthesis

OR
- Exposes the flowers more favourably
- for pollination/seed dispersal (2)

3.3.4  The roots will grow downwards/towards gravity (1) (8)

3.4  3.4.1 Hypothalamus (1)

3.4.2  - As the level of ADH in the blood increases
the tubular reabsorption of water increases

OR
- As the level of ADH in the blood decreases
the tubular reabsorption of water decreases (2)

3.4.3  - On a cold day the body loses less water through sweating/the blood has more water than normal
- The hypothalamus sends impulses to the
- pituitary gland
- to secrete less ADH (Any 3) (3) (6) (40)

TOTAL SECTION B:  80
SECTION C

QUESTION 4

Thermoregulation
- Receptors in the skin detect the stimulus
- Send the impulses to the hypothalamus of the brain
- The hypothalamus sends impulses to the blood vessels of the skin
- Blood vessels constrict (become narrow)/vasoconstriction occurs
- Less blood flows to the skin
- Less heat is lost from the skin
- Less blood is sent to the sweat glands
- Sweat glands become less active/Less sweat is released
- There is less evaporation of sweat and less cooling of the skin

Max (8)

Hearing
- The pinna traps the sound waves
- and directs them into the auditory canal/meatus
- This causes the tympanic membrane to vibrate
- The vibration is transmitted to the auditory ossicles/(malleus, incus, stapes)
- The ossicles amplify the vibration
- and transmit it to the oval window
- The oval window vibrates
- creating pressure waves
- in the endolymph
- which stimulates the Organ of Corti
- The stimulus is converted to an impulse
- The impulse is transmitted via the auditory nerve
- to the cerebrum
- where sound is interpreted

Max (9)

ASSESSING THE PRESENTATION OF THE ESSAY

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1 mark 1 mark 1 mark

TOTAL SECTION C: 20
GRAND TOTAL: 150