

MARK SCHEME for the May/June 2008 question paper

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Section A

- 1 (a) (i) **A** = nitrification; (accept nitrifying *bacteria/nitrifying*)
B = absorption;
C = death/decay/decomposition/excretion/faeces; [3]
- (ii) nitrogen in air/atmosphere;
nitrogen fixation;
by bacteria;
in root nodules; [max. 3]
- (b) (sandy) soil drains easily/has large pore spaces/is very porous/AW;
(dissolved) nitrates washed out; (reject *nitrates dissolve*)
by percolation/irrigation/rain;
ref. to leaching; [max. 2]
- [Total: 8]
- 2 (a) (i) **A** = stamens/anthers/tassel, **B** = stigmas/silks; [1]
- (ii) **A** release/produce pollen; (accept *male gametes*)
B catch/trap pollen; [2]
- (b) (i) **C** = endosperm;
D = plumule; [2]
- (ii) moisture/water;
oxygen/air;
warmth/suitable temperature; (reject *temperature* unqualified) [3]
- [Total: 8]
- 3 (a) (i) 5700 kg per ha; [1]
- (ii) seed wasted/more cost for same return; (reject *reduce cost*) [1]
- (iii) (more plants =) competition for water;
(more plants =) competition for minerals;
(more plants =) competition for light/space;
smaller ears/heads/cobs; [max. 2]
- (b) lack of depth control;
some seeds very close together/seed not evenly spread;
better emergence/seed in rows breaks crust easier;
more losses to birds/pests/vermin/rodents/other e.g.; [max. 2]
- [Total: 6]

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- 4 (a) danger to operator;
danger to animals/other people;
risk of pollution of water/other example;
wastage of spray; [max 3]
- (b) wearing protective clothing/example;
correct mixing/dilution/correct rate of use;
reading instructions;
correct interval before harvest;
not smoking/eating/drinking when spraying;
care in washing out equipment;
OVP; (e.g. do not use in rainy conditions) (reject all points referring to windy conditions or to storage precautions) [max. 3]
- (c) (i) early planting/crop rotation/example of field hygiene/use of predators/
use of sterile males/resistant plant varieties/GM varieties;
reject *biological control* without description of method [1]
- (ii) cost;
pollution concerns;
availability of chemicals;
growing for the organic market;
avoiding resistant pests;
avoiding damage to beneficial insects; [max. 2]
- [Total: 9]
- 5 (a) (i) black bull = Bb;
red cows = bb; [2]
- (ii) correct genetic diagram (punnet square or other);
indication of phenotypes; [2]
- (b) (i) selective breeding/AW for desired characteristics;
cross-breeding/crossing indigenous with exotic breeds;
OVP; [max. 2]
- (ii) better conditions/improved feed/better vet. care/more
knowledge by farmers/OVP; [1]
- [Total: 7]

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- 6 (a) (i) crop stores food after eating/before digestion;
gizzard breaks up/grinds food; (reject *acts like teeth*) [2]
- (ii) muscular walls (churn food);
small stone(s)/grit breaks food down; [2]
- (b) (i) 1 remove dung, 2 clean all surfaces, 3 apply a disinfectant,
4 leave empty for 14 days;; all in correct order [2]
(three in correct order 1 mark)
- (ii) disinfecting – kills pathogens/AW; (reject *kill disease*)
leaving empty – time for parasites to die out; [2]

[Total: 8]

- 7 (a) (i) 1 **C**/spade, 2 **A**/fork, 3 **B**/rake; [1]
- (ii) **A** breaks up large soil particles;
B levels the soil;
C digging/turning the soil/burying weeds etc.; [3]

- (b) cleaning/washing;
drying;
oiling;
to prevent rust;
sharpening/straightening;
tightening screws/checking heads are secure;
avoiding leaving in strong sunlight (to avoid damage to wooden handles);
treatment to avoid pest attack on wood;
suitable storage;
using for correct purpose/use correctly; [max. 5]

[Total: 9]

[Section A Total: 55]

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Section B

- 8 (a)** dull eyes;
dull coat;
discharges from mouth/eyes/nose;
colour/state of faeces/urine;
fever;
abnormal behaviour (e.g. abnormal gait/isolation/weakness/inactivity);
loss of appetite;
reduced production;
specific symptoms/lesions for named disease;; [max. 6]
- (b)** animals resist disease better;
with warmth/suitable temperature;
adequate space/good ventilation;
helps avoid spread of parasites/airborne pathogens;
cleaning/disinfecting housing/utensils;
to remove/destroy pathogens/sources of infection;
clean food;
clean water;
to avoid vectors/vermin;
balanced diet;
avoids deficiency disease;
examples used to illustrate any of the above;;; [max. 9]
- [Total: 15]**
- 9 (a)** irrigation;
use of fertilisers;
liming;
weed control;
sowing legumes;
re-seeding with improved grasses;
drainage of swampy areas;
OVP (e.g. details of pest control);
detail of any of these;;;;; [max. 5]
- (b)** enclosure protects animals;
land divided into paddocks;
rotational grazing;
detail 1;
detail 2;
recovery of grass;
reduction of parasites;
dry/winter season fodder conserved;
strip grazing;
use of moveable/electric fencing;
helps avoid overgrazing/erosion; [max. 7]

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- (c) fewer stock losses;
 higher stocking rate possible;
 less parasite infestation;
 greater yield;
 more products to sell;
- [max. 3]

[Total: 15]

- 10** induction stroke;
 inlet valve open, exhaust valve closed;
 piston moves down;
 mixture of air and fuel/petrol vapour enters cylinder;
 compression stroke;
 both valves closed;
 piston moves up;
 (air/fuel) mixture compressed;
 ignition/power stroke;
 both valves closed;
 spark plug;
 spark produced;
 ignites mixture;
 piston moves down;
 exhaust stroke;
 inlet valve closed, exhaust valve open;
 piston moves up;
 exhaust/waste gases forced out;
- [max. 15]

[Total: 15]

- 11 (a)** monoculture is commercial/crop mainly for sale;
 inputs necessary;
 market for products necessary;
 may not be profitable on small area;
 mixed farming gives greater self-sufficiency in food;
 animal products/examples;
 crop products/examples;
 crop residues can be fed to animals;
 animal dung used as fertiliser/soil conditioner;
 less reliance on transport;
 for food for human consumption;
 for animal fodder;
 for fertilisers;
 reduces costs;
 less risk if one enterprise fails;
- [max. 8]

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- (b) climate;
amount/seasonality of rainfall;
temperatures;
topography;
examples;
soil type;
pH;
other environmental factor;
markets;
demand;
transport availability;
availability of necessary inputs;
availability of labour;
OVP (e.g. size of land available);

[max. 7]

[Total: 15]

- 12 (a)** fruit/seed dispersal;
by wind;
example/good description of feature;
by man/animals;
example/good description of feature;
explosive/self dispersal;
example/good description of feature;
by water;
example/good description of feature;
perennial weeds;
spread by vegetative material;
example/description;
when ploughing/digging/hoeing;

[max. 7]

- (b) use of herbicides;
selective/non-selective;
example of chemical or situation;
post-/pre-emergence;
example of chemical or situation;
hoeing/hand picking (annual weeds);
specified cultivations (such as ploughing);
bury weeds;
planting rate/spacing/use of cover crops;
slashing/grazing (in plantations/orchards);
controlled burning;
crop rotation;
mulching;
use of clean seed/planting material;
OVP (e.g. early planting);

[max. 8]

[Total: 15]

[Section B Total: 45]