Buttershaw Business and Enterprise College



AQA Combined Science Trilogy

Biology Paper 2 Foundation

Key Recall Facts

Homeostasis and Response, Inheritance, Variation and Evolution and Ecology

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Homeostasis and Response

1. What is homeostasis?	Keeping internal body conditions constant
2. State 3 factors that must be kept constant	 Body temperature Blood water levels Blood glucose concentration
 State 2 reasons why conditions have to be kept constant 	Cells function properlyEnzymes function properly
 Name 2 body systems that are responsible for homeostasis 	Endocrine and nervous systems
5. Compare the nervous system to the endocrine system	 Both receive, coordinate and send messages Nervous system produces responses quicker Nervous system produces short-lived responses Nervous system sends electrical impulses, whilst the endocrine system sends messages by using hormones Nervous system uses nerve cells to send messages, whilst the endocrine system uses the blood to carry hormones
6. Describe the general steps in a response	Stimulus \rightarrow receptor \rightarrow processing centre \rightarrow effector \rightarrow response
 7. Define the following terms: - a) Stimulus b) Receptor c) Processing centre d) Effector 	 a) Change in environment b) Detects stimulus c) Processes and receives information d) Brings about response
8. Define the term hormone	Chemical released by a gland into the blood stream and affects a target organ
9. Define the term gland	Organs that produce chemicals, such as hormones or enzymes
10.What is a reflex?	Rapid and involuntary (automatic) response
11.Why is a reflex important?	Ensures survival or prevents harm to an organism
12.Describe what happens at a synapse	 Impulse reaches the end of the first neuron Neuron releases neurotransmitters into the synapse Neurotransmitters diffuse across the synapse to bind to receptors on the second neuron

13.Why does a conscious	Impulse has to be processed by the brain
decision take longer than a reflex?	More synapses in the brain
14.Name different glands in the	Pituitary gland – master gland that releases lots of
body, and the hormones they	different hormones including FSH, LH and ADH
release	Thyroid gland – releases thyroxine
	Adrenal gland – adrenaline
	Testes – testosterone
	Ovaries – oestrogen and progesterone
	Major Endocrine Glands Male Female
	Pituitary gland Thyroid gland Adren al gland
	Testis
15.Describe the effect of	Thyroxine controls the body's basal metabolic rate
thyroxine on the body	(sum of all the reactions in the body)
16.What is the processing centre for controlling blood glucose levels?	Pancreas
17.Describe what happens when	Pancreas detects rise in blood glucose levels
blood glucose levels increase	The pancreas releases insulin into the blood
	Insulin travels to the liver, which takes up glucose from
	the blood and stores it as glycogen in the liver Blood glucose levels fall
18.Compare the two types of	
diabetes	 Type 1 occurs in younger people, whilst type 2 generally occurs when you are older.
	• Type 1 is caused by genetic factors, whereas type 2 is caused by lifestyle factors, such as obesity, diet, lack of exercise as well as genetic factors
	 Type 1 is when the pancreatic cells are destroyed, and they cannot produce insulin but in type 2, the body still produces some insulin (sometimes higher than normal), but the liver does not respond to the insulin
	 Type 1 is treated with insulin injections, whilst diet and exercise are the first form of treatment for type 2 diabetes.

19.How will blood glucose levels differ from a diabetic person compared to a non-diabetic before and after eating?	Diabetic person will have higher blood glucose levels before. Both levels will go up after eating. Non-diabetic person releases insulin, so blood glucose levels drop back to normal after 1-2 hours, whilst for the diabetic person, they will remain high
20.Name the sex hormones in	Males – testosterone released by the testes
males and females	Females – oestrogen released by the ovaries
21.What is the role of	Causes the testes to produce sperm
testosterone?	Responsible for secondary sexual characteristics, such
	as pubic hair, growth spurt, broad shoulders, enlarging the penis etc
22.What are the secondary	Breasts enlarge, pubic hair, wider hips, growth spurt
sexual characteristics in the	steasts emarge, pasie nan, which mps, growth spart
female?	
23.Name the 4 hormones	<u>FSH</u>
involved in the menstrual	Released by the pituitary gland
cycle, where they are	Causes egg to mature in the ovary
released from and their	<u>Oestrogen</u>
function	Released by the ovaries
	Causes the lining of the uterus to thicken
	LH Delegged by the city item cland
	Released by the pituitary gland
	A surge in his causes ovulation (release of an egg) around day 14
	Progesterone
	Released by the ovaries (corpus luteum)
	Maintains the lining of the uterus
24.What are the 2 different	Hormonal – prevents egg from maturing or egg being
types of contraception?	released e.g. pill, patch, implant
	Non-Hormonal – barrier method stopping the sperm
	reaching the egg e.g. condom, IUD, diaphragm
25.What is the name of the	Progesterone
hormone found in the pill?	
26.Why is progesterone found in	Inhibits FSH and LH and therefore prevents egg from
the pill?	maturing or egg from being released

Inheritance, Variation and Evolution

1.	Describe sexual reproduction	Involves 2 parents a	nd the fusion of ga	ametes (sex cells)
2.	What is a gamete?	Sex cell which conta	ains half the numbe	er of chromosomes
3.	What are the gametes	Sperm cell in males		
	called in animals?	Egg cell in females		
4.	What are the gametes	Pollen is the male se	ex cell	
	called in plants?	Ovum/egg cell is fer	male sex cell	
5.	What is meant by	This is when the nuc	cleus of the sperm	cell fuses with the
	fertilisation?	nucleus of the egg o	ell	
6.	Describe asexual reproduction	Involves 1 parent ar	nd no fusion of gan	netes
7.	Give examples of	Bacteria		
	organisms that reproduce	• Fungi – using spo	ores	
	asexually			erry plants) or bulbs
		(daffodils)	0 (, , ,
		Parasites		
8.	What are the 2 main	• Cell growth (inte	rphase)	
	stages of the cell cycle?	Mitosis or meios	• •	
9.	What happens during cell	Replicating DNA/ch	romosomes	
	growth?	Increasing cell organ		nes/mitochondria
10	.Compare mitosis and	Table 14.1 The key difference	ces between cell division in	mitosis and meiosis.
	meiosis		Mitosis	Meiosis
		Number of cells at beginning	One	One
		Type of cell at beginning	Diploid body cell (23 pairs of chromosomes in humans)	Diploid body cell (23 pairs of chromosomes in humans)
		Number of cells at end (daughter cells)	Two	Four
		Type of cell at end	Diploid body cell (23 pairs of chromosomes in humans)	Haploid gamete (23 chromosomes in humans)
		Number of divisions	One	Two
		Identical or non-identical cells Used for	Identical Growth and repair	Non-identical Producing gametes
	-	Where it occurs	Everywhere except the sex organs	Sex organs (ovaries and testes in mammals)
11	.What is a zygote?	Fertilised egg		
12	.Name the type of cell	Mitosis		
	division taking place to			. in
	ensure growth of the			
	zygote into an embryo			
13	.Describe the structure of	• A polymer (long	strand of	TIL STI
	DNA	monomers joined together)		
		Double stranded	helix	Chromosome Chromosome

14.What is a chromosome?	Thread-like structure inside the nucleus made up of DNA	
15.What is a gene?	Short section of DNA that codes for a protein	
16.What is the genome?	The entire genetic material of that organism	
17.Why is the human genome project important?	 Search for genes that cause disease Identify genes that cause disease Understand and treat genetic disorders Trace human migration patterns from the past 	
18.Define the term allele	A different version of the same gene	
19.How many alleles of each gene do we possess?	2 – one from your mum, and one from your dad	
20.Describe the difference between dominant and recessive	A dominant characteristic shows even if there is only one copy of the allele A recessive characteristic only shows if there are two copies of the allele	
21.Describe the difference between homozygous and heterozygous	Homozygous is when you have 2 copies of the same allele Heterozygous when both alleles are different	
22.Describe the difference between genotype and phenotype	Genotype is the combination of alleles that you possess, whilst phenotype is the physical characteristics an organism has	
23.What are the sex chromosomes for a male and female?	XY – male XX – female	
24.Draw a Punnett Square to show how sex (gender) is determined	female gametes (eggs) XX XY xY xY xY xY xY xY xY xY xY x	
25.Is cystic fibrosis caused by a dominant or recessive allele?	Recessive – so must have 2 copies of the allele for the disease to show	
26.Describe the symptoms of cystic fibrosis	 Produces sticky mucus blocking tubes within the body due to disorder of cell membranes. This can cause Difficulty breathing Chest infections Unable to digest food – so thinner Infertility (blocks sperm tubes and fallopian tubes) 	

27.What is polydactyly?	A disease caused by a dominant allele leading the person having an extra finger/toe If a child has polydactyly, one of the parents must also have it	
28.What is embryo screening?	Checking the genes of an embryo for a genetic disorder. Could be done before implantation into the woman's uterus.	
29.What is variation?	The differences in characteristics within a population	
30.What are the 3 causes of variation?	InheritedEnvironmentBoth	
31.What is meant by continuous variation?	Variation that can have a range of values e.g. height, weight	
32.What is mean by discontinuous variation?	Can only have a discrete or fixed value e.g. Eye colour, blood group	
33.What is a mutation?	A change in DNA – leads to the formation of new phenotypes	
34.When did life on Earth begin?	About 3,500 million years ago	
35.What is Evolution?	Change in the inherited characteristics of a population over time	
36.Define the term species	Organisms that can breed to produce fertile offspring	
37.Describe the evidence for Evolution	 DNA Fossils – similarities in physical features Natural Selection – antibiotic resistant bacteria 	
38.Describe how fossils could be formed	 Parts not decayed due to unfavourable condition e.g. lack of oxygen, extremes of pH Parts of bones replaced by minerals when they decay Preserved traces of organisms e.g. footprint 	

39.Why are there gaps in the fossil record?	Some fossils destroyed by geological activity Some species were mainly soft tissue, very little bone to leave fossils
40.What causes extinction?	 Changes in environment e.g. global warming New predator New competitor New disease Deforestation – loss of habitat
41.What are the steps in Natural Selection?	 Mutation Variation Competition Survival Reproduction
42.Explain how giraffes evolved to have longer necks	A mutation occurred causing a giraffe to be born with a longer neck This led to variation in neck lengths in the population Longer neck giraffes are better able to compete for food Therefore, more likely to survive long enough to reproduce, and pass their long neck alleles to their next generation.
43.Explain how antibiotic resistant bacteria have developed	A mutation leads to a bacterium becoming resistant to antibiotics When antibiotics were given, bacteria without mutation are killed off Bacteria with mutations now have more space, more nutrients to survive and reproduce. Therefore, more antibiotic resistant bacteria in the next generation
44.How can we reduce the number of antibiotic resistant bacteria?	 Not prescribing antibiotics for viruses because antibiotics do not kill viruses (viruses replicate inside cells, and antibiotics cannot access cells) Not prescribing antibiotics for mild infections that will get better with just the body's immune system Make sure patient finishes their course, and therefore bacteria are not left over that could possibly mutate Reducing use of antibiotics in agriculture e.g. battery farming of chickens
45.Describe the process of selective breeding	 Humans choose members of species with desired characteristics Only these organisms are bred Offspring with best features are then bred Repeated over several generations

46.Give 3 characteristics that humans have selectively bred for	 Disease resistance in food crops Animals which produce more meat or milk Domestic dogs with a gentle nature Large or unusual flowers 	
47.State 2 disadvantages of selective breeding	More prone to disease and inherited defects	
48.What is genetic engineering?	 Reduction in gene pool Modifying the genome of an organism by inserting a gene from another organism 	
49.Give examples of genetic engineering	 Herbicide resistance in plants Plants resistant to disease Plants resistant in insect/pest attack Plants to produce bigger fruits Bacterial cells to produce human insulin Sheep produce different proteins in their milk 	
50.What are the advantages of genetic engineering?	 Crop yield is higher, so more profits for farmers and more food for an increasing population More vitamin content inside food, so better health Plants resistant to herbicide, so more space and less competition for crops, so bigger yield Mass production of human proteins needed to treat diseases 	
51.What are the disadvantages of genetic engineering?	 Affects not fully explored so could be harmful Cross pollination with wild plants, so making these herbicide resistant Less plant biodiversity, so reduction in herbivores, and other species further up the food chain 	
52.Name the 7 classification groups in the system designed by Carl Linnaeus	 Kingdom Phylum Class Order Family Genus Species 	
 53.What are the 5 kingdoms? 54.What is the binomial system for naming species? 55.How can the species names be used to identify 	 Animals, Plants, Fungi, Protists and prokaryotes Species named using their genus and species name It is written in italics, with the genus name starting with a capital letter e.g. <i>Homo sapiens</i> or <i>Panthera leo</i> They will have the same genus 	
two organisms that are very close in their evolutionary relationship		

56.How are organisms	Based on
classified?	• DNA
	Physical features
	Amino acid sequences
57.Why is important to	Makes communication easier across different countries
classify organisms?	Makes sense of enormous diversity on Earth
	Find evolutionary relationship between different species
58.Who came up with the 3	Carl Woese
Domain system of	
classification?	
59.What led to changes in	More knowledge of cell structure due to developments in
the classification system?	microscopes
	More knowledge of cell processes
60.Describe the 3 Domain	Archaea – primitive bacteria (extremophiles)
system	Bacteria – true bacteria
	Eukaryotes – contain a nucleus (animals, plants, protists,
	fungi)

Ecology

1. Define the term habitat	Environment where an organism lives
2. Define the term population	Total number of organisms of one species living in a habitat
3. Define the term community	Populations of the all the different species in a habitat
4. Define the term abiotic	Non-living factors in an environment e.g. light
factors	intensity, temperature, moisture levels, oxygen level,
	pH levels, angle of slope, wind intensity
5. Define the term biotic factors	Living factors in an environment e.g. new predators,
	pathogens, availability of food
6. Define the term ecosystem	Interaction of the biotic and abiotic factors in the
	environment.
	Habitat + community = ecosystem
7. Define the term competition	Where members of the same species (intraspecific
	competition) or members of different species
	(interspecific competition) fight for the same resources
8. What do animals compete for?	Food, shelter and mates
9. What do plants compete for?	Water, light intensity, carbon dioxide, space and
	minerals
10.Define the term	How different species rely on each other for food,
interdependence	shelter, pollination etc. If one species is removed, it
	affects the whole community
11.Describe the 3 different types	Structural – physical adaptations that you can see,
of adaptations	such as white fur, small ears
	<u>Behavioural</u> – what an organism does to survive e.g. penguins huddling
	Functional – relating to an organisms body e.g.
	hibernating or producing venom
12.Describe and explain	Thick layer of fur to act as an insulation
adaptations of an animal	 Thick layer of insulating fat to keep warm, and store
living in an arctic	of food
environment	 White fur for camouflage to hide from
	prey/predators
	 Small ears to reduce surface area to volume ratio
	and reduce heat loss
	 Body shape has a small surface area to volume
	ration to reduce heat loss
	 Large paws to reduce pressure, and therefore easier
	to move/run across snow and ice

13.Describe and explain adaptations of an animal living in a desert environment	 Brown fur for camouflage to hide from prey/predators Store of water to cope with periods where drinking water is not available Produce small amounts of concentrated urine Store of food to cope with periods where food is scarce Large ears to increase surface area to volume ratio and increase heat loss Body shape has a large surface area to volume ration to increase heat loss Large paws to reduce pressure, and therefore easier to move/run across sand 	
14.Give an example of an extreme environment	Deep sea hydrothermal vents	
15.Describe and explain adaptations of a plant living in a desert environment	 Spike leaves to prevent animals taking their store of water Leaves also has small surface area to volume ratio to reduce water loss Have a store of a water to cope with periods where water is not available Shallow roots extend over a large area to absorb as much water as possible Deep roots that can access deep groundwater that may available 	
16.Define the term producer	Species such as plants, phytoplankton and algae use the Sun's light energy to produce glucose (chemical energy)	
17.Define the term consumer	Animal that eats to obtain glucose	
18.What do the arrows represent in a food chain?	Energy transfer	
19.State 2 processes that remove carbon dioxide from the air	PhotosynthesisCarbon dioxide dissolved in oceans	
20.State 2 processes that release carbon dioxide into the air	 Respiration (this includes decomposition of dead material) Combustion 	

21.State and describe 5 processes in the water cycle	Precipitation e.g. rain, snow Surface run off – water runs down rivers and eventually into seas – water evaporates from rivers, seas and oceans – water evaporation of water from the leaves of plants – water from evaporation and transpiration – water from evaporation and
22.What is biodiversity?	Variety of different species within a habitat
23.Why is biodiversity important?	 Development of food and medicines from species An ecosystem is more likely to cope with change in environment: here is huge biodiversity - reducing the dependence of one species on another for food, shelter and the maintenance of the physical
	 Organisms have a right to survive
24.How has human population impacted the environment?	 Increased waste production Increased use of limited resources Increased demand on the environment
25.Describe 2 human activities that increased the amount of carbon dioxide in the air	 Deforestation – reduced photosynthesis Increased combustion of fossil fuels
26.Describe 2 human activities that increased the amount of methane in the air	 Increased decomposition of waste in a landfill Agriculture – more animals and rice fields
27.How does Climate Change affect biodiversity?	 Extreme weather patterns/change in environment means that if a species cannot adapt, they may go extinct Species may have to migrate to different regions, or migrate at different times Flooding due melting ice caps/sea levels rising, or destruction of habitats, leading to lower biodiversity
28.Describe the negative impacts of deforestation	 Less carbon dioxide taken in by plants for photosynthesis, and thus increasing carbon dioxide in the air Loss of habitats, reducing biodiversity Less transpiration, less rainfall, and therefore droughts

29. How are peat bogs formed?	 When organic material does not decompose due to lack of oxygen or extremes of pH
30.Why are peat bogs	Clear land for fuel
destroyed?	 Use the organic material for fuel or compost
31.Describe the negative	 Destruction of habitats, reducing biodiversity
impacts of removing peat	• Using as a fuel releases carbon dioxide into the air
bogs	
32.Give 4 ways by which	Reduce deforestation
humans can maintain	 Reintroduce hedgerows and other habitats,
biodiversity	increasing the number of habitats, will increase
	biodiversity
	 Reduce amount of waste – uses less land
	 Breeding programmes to prevent extinction
33. Give 3 problems of	 All programmes listed in Q32 cost money
maintaining biodiversity	Loss of jobs
	• Land cannot be used for growing crops for food for
	an increasing human population