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# Core Idea 2: Genetics and Inheritance Dihybrid cross & Test Cross

# Tutorial 13

# **QUESTION 1**

A homozygous white-flowered, long-stemmed tobacco plant, *Nicotiana affinis*, was crossed with homozygous pink flowered, short-stemmed plant. The alleles for white flower and long stem are dominant to those for pink flower and short stem.

Tip: When 2 homozygous parents of contrasting traits are crossed, traits observed in F1 are dominant traits.

The above cross gave rise to the F1 generation. The F1 plants were selfed to produce the F2 generation. Using suitable symbols, construct a genetic diagram to illustrate the outcome of the above crosses.  $F1 \times F1 \text{ cross}$ 

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Key:

Let W represent the allele for white flowers. Let w reresent the allele for pink flowers. Let L represent the allele for long stems. Let I represent the allele for short stems.

The allele for white flowers (W) is dominant to allele for pink flowers (w). The allele for long stems (L) is dominant to allele for short stems (I).

Parental phenotypes:	white flowers,	×	pink flowers,
	long stems		short stems
Parental genotype:	WWLL		wwl
Parental gametes:	(WL)		
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F1 genotypes:	6	WwLI	
F1 phenotypes:	All white	flowers, long st	ems
UP	WwLI	x 2	WwLI
Selfing F1:	$\sim \circ \circ \circ$		$\cap \cap \cap$
F1 gametes:	VVL) ( $VVI$ ) ( $wL$ ) ( $v$	wl) (WL)	(WI) (wL) (wI)
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F1 genotype, determined by Punnett square:

#### Punnett square showing fusion of F1 gametes:

	WL	WI	WL	W
WL	WWLL	WWLI	WwLL	WwLI
	White, long stem	White, long stem	White, long stem	White, long stem
WI	WWLI	WWII	WwLI	Wwll
	White, long stem	White, short stem	White, long stem	White, short stem
WL	WwLL	WwLl	wwLL	wwLl
	White, long stem	White, long stem	Pink, long stem	Pink, long stem
(W)	WwLI	Wwll	wwLl	wwll
	White, long stem	White, short stem	Pink, long stem	Pink, short stem
If no punnett sq:	1 WWLL 2 WWLI 4 WwLI 2 WwLL	2 Wwll	1wwLL 2 wwLl	1wwll

F2 phenotypes: White, long stem: White, short stem : pink, long stem: pink, short stem

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F2 phenotypic ratio:

[Total: 6]

# Mark scheme:

- 1 Key
- 2 Parental genotypes
- 3 Parental gametes (Gametes must be circled)<sup>2</sup>

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- 4 F1 genotype
- 5 F1 phenotypic ratio

Tip: Points in yellow are likely areas awarded marks. Always provide a full presentation of answers.

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#### Selfing:

- 6 F1 genotypes (both heterozygous)
- 7 F1 gametes (Gametes must be circled)
- 8 F2 genotypes / Punnett square
- 9 Genotypes correspond to phenotypes / legend for Punnett square
- **10** F2 phenotypic ratio
- **11** Correct presentation of genetic diagram (correct sequence of presentation)

#### **QUESTION 2**

In rumbunnies, facial warts (W) is dominant to smooth face (w) and freckled face (F) is dominant to freckle-less face (f). Rumbunnies that are heterozygous for both facial warts and freckles were crossed with smooth-faced and freckle-less rumbunnies.

The resultant offspring were as follows:

Phenotype	No. of rumbunnies
Wild phenotype (facial warts, facial freckles)	45
Facial warts, freckle-less	48
Smooth face, freckle-less face	46
Smooth face, Facial freckles	51

Question: What kind of cross involves crossing a Rumbunny showing dominant phenotypes with another which is homozygous recessive?

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(a) Draw a genetic diagram to show the cross described.

Key: (Given for this question)<br/>Let W represent the allele for facial warts.<br/>Let w represent the allele for smooth face.<br/>Let F represent the allele for facial freckles.<br/>Let f represent the allele for freckle-less face.If symbols are provided in the<br/>question, students do **not** need to<br/>write out the key

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The allele for freckled face (F) is dominant to allele for freckle-less face (f). The allele for facial warts (W) is dominant to allele for smooth face (w).

Parental phenotyp	bes: Facial Wa Freckled fa	rts, ace	x S	Smooth face, Freckle-less
Parental genotype	e: WwFf			wwff
Parental gametes	: WF Wf (	wFwf	í F	wf
F1 genotype, determined by Punnett square	UP		N	
	WF	Wf	wF	wf
wf	WwFf Facial Warts, Facial Freckles	Wwff Facial Warts, Freckleless	wwFf Smooth face, Facial Freckles	wwff Smooth face, Freckle-less

F1 phenotypes:	Facial Warts, Facial Freckles	;	Facial Warts Freckleless ;	7	Smooth Facial Fre	i face, eckles ;	Smooth face, Freckleless
F1 phenotypic ratio:	1 :	:	1	:	1	:	1

#### Mark scheme:

- **1** Parental phenotype
- 2 Parental genotypes
- **3** Parental gametes (Gametes **must** be circled)
- 4 Progeny genotypes / Punnett square Genotypes correspond to phenotypes / legend for Punnett square
- **5** F<sub>1</sub> phenotypic ratio
- (b) If you are given a Rumbunny with Facial Warts and Facial Freckles, explain how you would derive its actual genotype.

Tip: Suggest a method, and provide what's expected to be observed in phenotypic ratios. This allows a way to deduce the genotype clearly.

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- Perform a test cross between this Rumbunny with unknown genotype (W\_F\_) with one that is <u>homozygous recessive</u> for both traits (wwff);
- Obtain a large number of progeny (explanation of large number : Use of large sample size for reliability of results);
  to determine the offspring phenotypic ratio ;
- 3 Deduce the genotype of the rumbunny based on the phenotypic ratio according to the predicted results in the table below:

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Case	Possible Genotype	Phenotypic ratio of test cross
1	WWFF	All Facial warts and freckled face
2	WWFf	1 facial warts and freckled face : 1 facial warts and freckle-less face
3	WwFF	1 facial warts and freckled face : 1 smooth and freckled face
4	WwFf	1 facial warts and freckled face : 1 facial warts and freckle-less face : 1 smooth and freckled face : 1 smooth and freckles face

4 (2 marks) list all possible genotype and phenotypic ratio

[Total: 10]

### **QUESTION 3**

Fruit flies (*Drosophila melanogaster*) have been used extensively in investigation of inheritance. They are particularly suited to study because of their short life cycle and many different mutant forms. In one investigation, red-eyed females with grey bodies were crossed with brown-eyed males with black bodies. All the F1 generation had red eyes and black bodies.

Tip: When 2 homozygous parents of contrasting traits are crossed, traits observed in F1 are dominant traits

When these F1 flies were crossed, the following offspring were produced:

Phenotype	No. of flies
Red-eyed, black-bodied	110
Red-eyed, grey-bodied	39
Brown-eyed, black-bodied	37
Brown-eyed, grey-bodied	13

Tip: The observed F2 numbers seemed like 9:3:3:1 phenotypic ratio.

What genotype should F1 flies have, so that after selfing, gives rise to F2 generation of this phenotypic ratio?

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(a) State the dominant characters for eye color and body color.

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- 1 Red eyes and black body ;
- (b) State the genotypes of the parent flies, using suitable symbols.

Key:

 Let R represent the allele for red eyes. Let r represent the allele for brown eyes. Let B represent the allele for black body. Let b represent the allele for grey body.

The allele for red eyes (R) is dominant to allele for brown eyes (r). The allele for black body (B) is dominant to allele for grey body (b).

- 2 Genotype of red-eyed female with grey bodies RRbb;
- **3** Genotype of brown-eyed males with black bodies rrBB.

Tip: Work backwards, by observing the results of the F2 generation, can you deduce about F1 genotype? To give rise to F1 genotype, what genotype will the parent flies have?

Thought process:

1) Red eyed and grey bodied parental flies have minimum 1 copy of allele R and 2 copies of allele b (Genotype: R\_bb).

2) Brown eyed and black bodied parental flies are having 2 copies of allele r, minimum 1 copy of allele B (genotype of rrB\_)

3) In order for **all** F1 flies to be red eyed and black bodied, there must **not** be any recessive allele for both gene for eye color and gene for body color.

### c) Draw a genetic diagram to show how the F2 offsprings were produced.

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F1 phenotype: Red-eyed and black-bodied X Red-eyed and black-bodied

F1 genotype:



F1 gametes: (RB)(Rb



**RrBb** 

RB Rb rB rb

**RrBb** 

F2 genotype, determined by Punnett Square:

(	RB	Rb	(rB)	(rb)
(RB)	RRBB	RRBb	RrBB	RrBb
$\bigvee$	Red eyed, black bodied	Red eyed, black bodied	Red eyed, black bodied	Red eyed, black bodied
(Rb)	RRBb	RRbb	RrBb	Rrbb
$\bigtriangledown$	Red eyed, black	Red eyed,	Red eyed,	Red eyed,
	bodied	Grey bodied	black bodied	Grey bodied
(rB)	RrBB	RrBb	rrBB	rrBb
$\bigtriangledown$	Red eyed, black	Red eyed, black	Brown eyed,	Brown eyed,
	bodied	bodied	black bodied	black bodied
rb	RrBb	Rrbb	rrBb	rrbb
$\sim$	Red eyed,	Red eyed,	Brown eyed,	Brown eyed,
	black bodied	Grey bodied	black bodied	Grey bodied

- F2 phenotypes: Red-eyed Brown-eyed Red-eyed Brown-eyed Black-bodied ; Black-bodied ; Grey-bodied ; Grey-bodied
- F2 phenotypic ratio: 9 : 3 : 3 : 1

# Mark scheme:

- **1** F1 genotypes (both are RrBb)
- 2 F1 gametes RB, Rb, rB, rb (Gametes must be circled)
- 3 F2 genotypes / Punnett square
- 4 corresponding genotypes to phenotypes / legend for Punnett square
- **5** F2 phenotypic ratio 9:3:3:1
- 6 Correct presentation of genetic diagram

d) Determine the results of a test cross conducted on the F1 offsprings. Tip: What is a test cross? .....[5] ..... **Test cross on F1 offsprings** Parental phenotypes: Red-eyed and black-Brown-eyed and Х bodied grey-bodied **RrBb** Parental genotype: rrbb Parental gametes: Rb rΒ RB rb rb F2 genotypes, determined by Punnett square: Rb RB rВ rb **RrBb Rrbb** rrBb rrbb Red-eyed and black-**Brown-eyed Red-eyed Brown-eved** rb bodied and greyand blackand greybodied bodied bodied F<sub>2</sub> phenotypes: Red-eyed and Red-eyed and Brown-eyed and Brown-eyed and black-bodied ; grey-bodied ; black-bodied ; grey-bodied F<sub>2</sub> phenotypic ratio: 1 1 ÷. 1 Mark scheme: 1 Parental phenotype Parental genotypes 2 Parental gametes - (Gametes must be circled) 3 4 Progeny genotypes / Punnett square Genotypes correspond to phenotypes / legend for Punnett square 5 F1 phenotypic ratio [Total: 15]

# Genetics & Inheritance Codominance, incomplete dominance, multiple alleles, sex-linked genes

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Pedigree trees, based on their traits, can be classified into 4 inheritance patterns:

- 1 Autosomal recessive traits
- 2 Autosomal dominant traits
- 3 X-linked recessive traits
- 4 X-linked dominant traits



(Important ! The following table has been compiled to assist you to quickly identify the mode of inheritance in pedigrees but you will **still need to perform a genetic analysis to confirm your prediction**)





# **Revision on Symbol Representation:**

Scenario	Representation	Example
Co-dominance	Allelic symbols (B vs P vs Y) should be superscripted against a base gene alphabet e.g. C	$C^{B}, C^{P}, C^{Y}$
Incomplete dominance	Allelic symbols (B vs b) should be superscripted against a base gene alphabet e.g. C	$C^{B}, C^{b}$
X-linked condition (with one allele dominant to another)	Allelic symbols (e.g. N, n) should be superscripted against the letter X (representing X chromosome).	X <sup>N</sup> , X <sup>n</sup> , Y
	Y chromosome has no corresponding allele for the same gene	
X-linked condition with 2 co- dominant alleles	Allelic symbols (e.g. B, G) should be superscripted against the letter X (representing X chromosome). Different allelic symbols are used instead of capital letter vs small letter, because of co-dominance. Y chromosome has no corresponding allele for the same gene	Х <sup>₿</sup> , Х <sup>G</sup> , Ү



## QUESTION 4 [MULTIPLE ALLELES] [Time : 12min]

The background colour of the shell of the snail *Cepaea nemoralis* may be brown, pink or yellow. The colour is controlled by a **single gene locus with three alleles**.

If one gene locus has more than 2 possible types of alleles, the gene is considered to have multiple alleles.

C<sup>B</sup> codes for brown and is dominant to C<sup>P</sup> which codes for pink. C<sup>Y</sup> codes for yellow and is recessive to both of the other alleles. What will be the expected phenotypic ratios in the offspring of the following crosses?

Recall the symbol representation of multiple alleles. Allelic symbols (B vs P vs Y) should be superscripted against a base gene alphabet e.g. C (a) Heterozygous pink X yello	Establish t alleles: C <sup>E</sup>	he dominance rel > C <sup>P</sup> > C <sup>Y</sup> (wher	lationship between the 3 re > = dominant to)
Parental phenotypes: Parental genotype: Parental gametes:	Pink shell C <sup>P</sup> C <sup>Y</sup> C <sup>P</sup> C <sup>Y</sup>	x x x	Yellow shell C <sup>Y</sup> C <sup>Y</sup> C <sup>Y</sup>
	NEw-RX	Sinc and pher geno	we yellow allele is recessive to $C^{B}$ $C^{P}$ alleles, yellow shell motype can only have $C^{Y}C^{Y}$ otype
F1 genotypes: F1 phenotypes:	C <sup>P</sup> C <sup>Y</sup> Pink sholl	C	γ <sup>Υ</sup> C <sup>Υ</sup> ellow
F1 phenotypic ratio:	Silei		1
Mark scheme:1Parental genotypes ;2Parental gametes (ci3F1 genotypes ;4Genotype correspond5F1 phenotypic ratio ;	rcled) ; d to phenotype	n the "genotype of type" mark, all go perly aligned wit type	correspond to enotypes are to h the correct

# **(b)** $C^{B}C^{Y}$ X heterozygous pink



# QUESTION 5 [SEX-LINKAGE AND CO-DOMINANCE]

Recall the symbol representation of X-linked genes. Allelic symbols (e.g. B, G) should be superscripted against the letter X (representing X chromosome). Different allelic symbols are used instead of capital letter vs small letter, because of co-dominance

Coat colour in cats is determined by a **sex-linked gene** with two alleles, black and ginger. In a particular colony of cats, the coats of the males were either black or ginger and those of females black, ginger or **tortoiseshell** (a patchwork pattern of black and ginger).



(b) In a litter of kittens, half the number of females was tortoiseshell and the other half were black; half the number of males was black and the other half were ginger.

Thought process: What did we know about the genotypes of the kittens in the pre-amble so far?

The phenotypic ratio for females is 1 tortoiseshell (with  $X^B X^G$  genoptype) : 1 black (with  $X^B X^B$  genotype)

The phenotypic ratio for males is 1 black (with  $X^{B}Y$  genotype): 1 ginger (with  $X^{G}Y$  genoptype)

What were the colours of the parental male and female? Explain your answer with the help of a genetic diagram.

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	Female		Male
Parental phenotypes:	Tortoise- shell coat	x	Black coat
Parental genotype:	X <sup>B</sup> X <sup>G</sup>	х	XBY
Parental gametes:	$(X^{B})(X^{G})$	x	(X <sup>B</sup> )(Y)
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F1 genotypes:	X <sup>B</sup> X <sup>B</sup> X <sup>B</sup> X <sup>G</sup>	Х <sup>в</sup> Ү	X <sup>G</sup> Y
F1 phenotypes:	Black Tortoise-sh	ell Black	Ginger
	female female	male	male
F1 phenotypic ratio:	1:1:	1:	1

# Working backwards / reasoning:

Males always inherit a copy of the X chromosome (carrying the allele for fur coat colour) from their mothers and a Y chromosome from their fathers.

Since the male offsprings are either black or ginger, their genotypes are  $X^B Y$  or  $X^G Y$ , and their mother would have both  $X^B$  and  $X^G$  alleles. Her genotype is thus  $X^B X^G$  corresponding to tortoiseshell phenotype.

#### Mark scheme:

- 1 Parental phenotypes and gender;
- 2 Parental genotypes ;
- 3 Parental gametes (circled) ;
- 4 F1 genotypes ;
- 5 Genotypes correspond to phenotypes ;
- 6 F1 phenotypic ratio ;

[Total: /7]

# QUESTION 6 [SEX-LINKAGE]

Red-green colour blindness is the inability to distinguish between the colours red and green. The genes that determine colour vision is located on the **X chromosome**. The allele for normal vision is dominant to that for colour blindness.

Recall the symbol representation of X-linked genes. Allelic symbols (e.g. N, n) should be superscripted against the letter X (representing X chromosome).

(a) A woman with normal colour vision, whose father was red-green colour blind, married a red-green colour blind man.

Thought process:

The woman has normal color vision, her genotype should be  $X^NX_{-}$ . The woman's father is color blind, with genotype  $X^nY$ . Thus, the father must pass down the  $X^n$  allele to the woman. The woman's genotype is  $X^NX^n$ .

(i) Show with the help of genetic diagram, the **probability** that a girl born to this couple being red-green colour blind.

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<u>Key :</u>

Let X<sup>N</sup> represent the X chromosome with the allele for normal vision

Let X<sup>n</sup> represent the X chromosome with the allele for red-green colour blindness Let Y represent the Y chromosome

The allele for normal vision (N) is dominant to allele for red-green colour blindness(n)

Parental phenotypes: Parental genotype: Parental gametes:	Mother Normal X <sup>N</sup> X <sup>n</sup> X <sup>N</sup> X <sup>n</sup>	<b>3</b> ()	x x x	Father Colour blind XnY XnY
F1 genotypes:	X <sup>N</sup> Y	X <sup>N</sup> X <sup>n</sup>	X <sup>n</sup> Y	X <sup>n</sup> X <sup>n</sup>
F1 phenotypes:	Normal	Normal	Colour -	– Colour –
	male	female	blind ma	le blind female
F1 phenotypic ratio:		1:	S JM.	1
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Probability that a F1 female will be colour-blind = 0.5

#### Thought process:

**Conditions are usually stressed in front** of the question phrase e.g. **girl** who is colourblind instead of "colourblind girl". There is a condition in this question: which is GIRL. Thus, only focus on the females in the results of the cross. Since there is 1 normal female and 1 colourblind female, the prob of girl being normal is 1 out of 2)

# Mark scheme:

- 1 Parental genotypes ;
- 2 Parental gametes (circled) ;
- 3 F1 genotypes ;
- 4 Genotypes correspond to phenotypes ;
- 5 F1 phenotypic ratio ;
- 6 Probability = 0.5.

### **Additional Questions:**

(ii) What is the probability that this couple give birth to a child who is a red-green colour blind girl?

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Probability that the child is a female and colour-blind = 0.25

## Thought process:

There is NO condition stressed at the front of this question phrase. Thus we have to consider all 4 scenarios in the offspring. Since there is 1 colourblind female out of the 4 possible offspring scenarios, the prob getting a colourblind girl is 1 out of 4.

(iii) What is the probability that their first son will be colour blind?

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Probability that a F1 male will be colour-blind = 0.5

# Thought process:

Conditions are usually stressed in front of the question phrase. There is a condition in this question: which is SON. Thus, only focus on the males in the results of the cross. Since there is 1 normal male and 1 colourblind male, the prob of son being colorblind is 1 out of 2

- (iv) What is the probability that this couple give birth to a **second child** who is a **colour blind boy**?
- .....[1] Probability = 0.25

Thought process:

There is NO condition stressed at the front of this question phrase. Thus we have to consider all 4 scenarios in the offspring.. Since there is 1 colourblind male out of the 4 possible offspring scenarios, the prob getting a colourblind male is 1 out of 4.

(v) The couple has 4 sons. What is the probability that **all four sons** will be **colour blind**?

Probability for one son to be a colour blind = 0.5Probability that all 4 sons are colour blind =  $0.5^4 = 0.0625$ 

# Thought process:

Conditions are usually stressed in front of the question phrase. There is a condition in this question: which is BOY. Thus, only focus on the males in the results of the cross. Since there is 1 normal male and 1 colourblind male, the prob of boy being colorblind is 1 out of 2.

To get all 4 sons who are colourblind = son #1 is colourblind AND son #2 is colourblind AND son #3 is colourblind AND son #4 is colourblind  $\rightarrow$  we need to **multiply** all the 4 probabilities together

#### What is the probability that this couple give birth to 4 colour blind sons? (vii)

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Probability for a child to be a colour blind boy = 0.25Probability that all 4 sons are colour blind =  $0.25^4 = 0.00391$ 

# Thought process:

There is NO condition stressed at the front of this question phrase. Thus we have to consider all 4 scenarios in the offspring. Since there is 1 colourblind male out of the 4 possible offspring scenarios, the prob getting a colourblind male is 1 out of 4

Need to quote data from table

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(viii) With reference to the following table, explain the occurrence of female sufferers of red-green colour blindness.

Condition	Details	% male sufferers	% female sufferers
Red-green colour blindness	Inability to distinguish between red and green	8.0	0.70
Haemophilia	Blood fails to clot properly	0.10	Less than 0.01
Duchenne muscular dystrophy	Poor muscular development	0.25	Less than 0.01

#### . . . . . . . . . . [Data]

Female sufferers of colour blindness occur at a lower percentage of 0.7% 1 compared to a higher 8.0% in male sufferers;

# [Explanation]

There is need to contrast between male and female % sufferers to highlight how low female % is.

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Red-green colour blindness is an X-linked recessive disease ; 2 Females have 2 copies of X chromosomes, when one recessive allele is inherited, there is a chance that the other X chromosome may carry a dominant allele to mask the expression of the recessive allele ;

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- Female sufferers of red-green colour blindness will have to receive one X<sup>n</sup> from 3 the father and another X<sup>n</sup> from the carrier mother; Males only have one X chromosome and there are no corresponding alleles in Y chromosome to mask the recessive allele. Hence there is a lower probability of female inheriting the disease from both parents compared to the male inheriting the disease from one parent.
- (b) Explain why the incidence of red-green colour-blindness, in both males and females, is higher than that of the other 2 conditions.

.....[1] Most individuals homozygous for haemophilia and muscular dystrophy fail to live 1

to sexual maturity to reproduce ;

# QUESTION 7 [MULTIPLE ALLELES & PEDIGREE] Adapted from 2012 SAJC FE

(a) Fig. 7.1 below shows the inheritance of blood group of a family through three generations.





The inheritance of the blood type is controlled by a single gene with multiple alleles. Some of these alleles code for antigens on the cell surface membrane of the red blood cells.



- 1 The gene has more than 2, **REJECT** multiple **AND** alternative/ different forms of a gene ; *Define "multiple" and "alleles" separately*
- 2 occupy the same gene locus on homologous chromosomes ;

# [max 1]

3 causes slightly different phenotypes for the same characteristic, due to a slight difference in DNA sequence ;

# Examiners' comments:

- It is required to define "multiple" and "alleles" separately.
- For definition of "multiple", the phrase "more than one allelle" is not acceptable as 2 alleles for a gene is considered normal.
- Students <u>should not reuse the words that are given in question</u> eg. saying that "multiple alleles" means "many alleles" or "multiple alternative forms of a gene" is not fully answering the question / not detailed enough.

(ii) Use one piece of evidence shown in **Fig. 7.1** to explain clearly which individual's blood group may have been typed wrongly.

1 Individual 4; Show reasoning by quoting individuals and their genotypes, and stating how observed phenotypes does not correspond to what is expected

### Explanation:

- 1 Mother is blood group AB can only be I<sup>A</sup>I<sup>B</sup>;
- **2** Father is blood group A can only be  $I^{A}I^{O}$ ;
- 3 Their children can only have blood groups A(I<sup>A</sup>I<sup>O</sup> or I<sup>A</sup>I<sup>A</sup>), AB (I<sup>A</sup>I<sup>B</sup>) or B(I<sup>B</sup>I<sup>O</sup>) correct blood groups with genotypes; / it is impossible to have a child with blood group O (I<sup>O</sup>I<sup>O</sup>)

OR

- 1 If individual 4 has blood group O, she can only be I<sup>O</sup>I<sup>O</sup>;
- 2 Her husband can be I<sup>A</sup>I<sup>O</sup> or I<sup>A</sup>I<sup>A</sup>;
- 3 Her children can only have blood groups A or O/ it is impossible for her children to have blood groups AB (I<sup>A</sup>I<sup>B</sup>) or B(I<sup>B</sup>I<sup>O</sup>) (since the allele I<sup>O</sup> is recessive to both I<sup>A</sup> and I<sup>B</sup>);

# Teachers' comments:

- OVP includes individual 7 or 9, due to the understanding that individual 4 is blood group O, and cannot produce offspring with I<sup>B</sup> allele as husband is A blood group.
- However, the best answer which looked at the whole picture of the entire tree, from generation 1 onwards to younger generations in a top down approach, should still be individual 4.



# **Continuous & Discontinuous Variation (not in H1 syllabus)**

### QUESTION 8 [9648/P2Q5/2010]

A cross was made between two varieties of tobacco, *Nicotiana*, with short-tubed corollas and long-tubed corollas.

Fig. 8.1 opposite shows the variation in corolla tube length of the parental forms and the first generation ( $F_1$ ) and second generation ( $F_2$ ) of offspring.



(a) State the term used to describe the range of phenotypes in the second generation  $(F_2)$  of offspring.

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(b) Explain why there is a range of phenotypes for this characteristic.

**Examiner's comments:** Weak candidates tend to address the phenotype range for  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  generation and why its in the middle, referring the parents as homozygous,  $F_1$  being heterozygous/codominance of alleles. Question is just asking for reasons for having a range of phenotypes instead of discrete ones.

(c) Suggest why the range of variation is greater in the second generation (F<sub>2</sub>) of offspring than in either the first generation of offspring (F<sub>1</sub>) or the parental phenotypes.

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**Note:**  $F_1$  – variation is due to only environment; individuals all genetically identical / all heterozygous

**Examiner's comments:** For more able candidates, references to 'independent assortment' and 'crossing over and chiasmata' were common although 'recombination' was infrequently seen and reference to 'multiple alleles' was rare.