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- ; = separates marking points
- / = alternative and acceptable answers for the same marking point
- ( ) = words which are not essential to gain credit
- = underlined words must be present in answer to score a mark
- e.c.f. = error carried forward
- o.r.a. = or reverse argument

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- 1 (a) D; [1]
- (b) D; [1]
- (c) drawing of valid structure;  
appropriate hanging – wire loop/gate pintle; (*One mark for each.*)  
appropriate fixing – wire loop/bolt; [4]
- [Total: 6]**
- 2 (a) (i) marsh unlikely to dry up/is wet/  
supply of water readily available from river; [1]
- (ii) Tilapia (Cichlids)/catfish (mudfish/Clarias)/  
Mullet (Mugil)/tonguefish (Hererotis)/  
Carp (Cyprinus); [1]
- (iii) quick growing; little fat; good conversion rate;  
minimum management/minimum (low) inputs;  
available all year; converter of waste/sewage; [2]
- (iv) B proteins; [1]
- (v) water quality decreases due to township; township uses more water; polluted; [1]
- (b) (i) one (hectare per goat); [1]
- (ii) disease; overgrazing; erosion; compaction; poaching, waterlogging; desertification; [2]
- (iii) cut down/remove trees/fell;  
stump/burn/fire harrow/clear/goats or pigs in;  
cultivation with detail/plough/disc/dig/seedbed;  
improve soil/sow/plant herbage/legumes/example/manure;  
herbicides; [3]
- [Total: 12]**

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- 3 (a) **A** top soil;  
**B** sub soil;  
**C** parent rock; [2]
- (b) **C**; [1]
- (c) paddock 1 any value between 6.5 and 14;  
lime is alkaline/basic;  
paddock 2 any value between 6.5 and 4;  
(decomposers release)  $H^+$  from ammonium compounds;  
microorganisms release  $CO_2$  (combines with water to form acid); [4]
- [Total: 7]**
- 4 (a) (i) decomposer; [1]  
(ii) nitrate; [1]  
(iii) legume; [1]  
(iv) bacteria; in nodules; fix nitrogen; nitrogen fixation;  
nitrogen released to soil on decay; [2]
- (b) **D** yellow leaves and stunted growth; [1]
- [Total: 6]**
- 5 (a) **A**;  
no fertiliser added / acts as a comparison (to show effects of fertiliser addition); [2]
- (b) yield (one tonne/hectare) lower than control/without fertiliser; [1]
- (c) small increase / slight increase of 0.3/ha;  
almost four times more yield than control/  
almost three times more than N alone; [2]
- (d) **C** (\$270); [1]
- [Total: 6]**

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- 6 (a) D (transpiration); [1]
- (b) photosynthesis; leaf turgor; transport of sugars; cooling; uptake of minerals; [3]
- (c) germination – seeds wash away / seeds rot / soil waterlogged so no oxygen / anaerobic;  
pollination – pollen unable to blow in wind ; fungal disease prevents flowers forming;  
harvesting – delay causes cobs to rot on plant / not ripen; could not physically harvest; [3]
- (d) high levels of salts / chlorides left in soil from sea;  
which causes germinating plants to experience exosmosis;  
loss of water; [2]
- [Total: 9]**
- 7 (a) gullet / oesophagus; rectum; [2]
- (b) intake: ingest / grip / bite food;  
lubricate: add saliva lubricate food for swallowing;  
chewing: break up / chew food;  
detail: start digestion / action of ptyalin / starch to maltose;  
form bolus; [3]
- (c) rennin / chymase curdles milk / makes protein solid (casein);  
pepsin acts on casein in intestine;  
*Accept curdle / solidify. Accept protein breakdown.* [2]
- (d) fatty acids directly absorbed into blood from rumen; fast acting; [2]
- [Total: 9]**
- 8 (a) no need for bull; can widely source sperm;  
no damage to the cow; [2]
- (b) B; [1]
- (c) high in nutrients; proteins; vitamins; electrolytes;  
high in antibodies;  
confers passive immunity / calf is born with no immunity; [2]

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(d) (i) Bb × Bb [1]

(ii) Bb × Bb

B	b	B	b
BB	Bb	Bb	bb

[3]

[Total: 9]

9 (a) weeds; [1]

(b) appropriate crop and pest;  
 explanation;  
 e.g. locust – bites/chews leaves so lack of photosynthesis  
 weevil – bore in stem plant collapses  
 aphid – pierces stem takes food/nutrients from plant or transmits disease [2]

(c) competition for root space; leaf competition for light;  
 weeds harbour disease/pests; [2]

(d) rye has smaller leaves;  
 grows in drier regions less prone to disease spread;  
 more resistant/less inbreeding;  
 not commonly grown so less disease in habitat; [1]

[Total: 6]

10 (a) rotation example (any appropriate);  
 legume – cereal/brassica – root crop – (fallow); [2]

reasons – legume to provide nitrogen;  
 high nitrogen nutrient demanding crop follow legumes;  
 deep-rooted plant follow shallow;  
 fallow to rebuild soil structure/allow land to recover;  
 sustaining soil fertility;  
 using the whole soil profile; [3]

(b) principles of shifting cultivation –  
 clear, burn, crop until soil infertile, move on;

adv: self sufficient/no expensive inputs, e.g. fertiliser;  
 long term environmental damage reduced;  
 e.g. low carbon footprint/soil erosion; burning supplies potash/kills pests;

disadv: production provides for small groups;  
 trade limited;  
 requires much land/short term damage; destruction of animal habitats;  
 desertification; soil erosion; [5]

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- (c) inappropriate climate – temperature / rainfall unsuitable for plant growth;  
 substrate rock no soil formation possible;  
 chemical nature / pH prevents plant growth;  
 topography – too steep;  
 altitude – too cold / lack oxygen;

[5]

[Total: 15]

- 11 (a) suitable cultivar named;

selection for – soil type;  
 climate;  
 disease resistance;  
 productivity / growth rate;  
 yield

[4]

- (b) irrigation; and method;  
 fertiliser application method; name / type;  
 weed control method; detail;  
 pest control method; detail; detail of damage prevention;  
 cultivation – aerated / hoe / scarify / spring tine / disc / plough;

[5]

- (c) harvesting – when; how; detail (brown / gold, ripe, dry, died off)

storage – building described; conditions described;  
 precautions needed, security / pest control;

uses of product / example;

[6]

[Total: 15]

- 12 (a) involves single organism;  
 no gametes;  
 genetically similar / identical offspring;  
mitosis;  
 example;

[3]

- (b) underground stems;  
 grow from base of plant;  
 produce tubers at end;  
 starch-filled / food reserves;  
 each tuber has eyes;  
 buds grow into new plant;  
 old plant dies;  
 many new plants next season;

[6]

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- (c) pollen from anther;  
pollination by insects;  
transfer to stigma;  
of other plant;  
pollen tube grows down style;  
reaches ovule;  
fusion of gametes (pollen and ovaries);  
plant produces pollen tube;  
pollen tube grows down style;

[6]

**[Total: 15]**

- 13 (a)** signs – temperature / lethargy / hair loss / pustules;  
abnormal faeces blood / worms;  
discharge from eyes / nose / cough / sneeze / nasal discharge;  
isolated / appetite loss;  
stand head down / drooping / poor stance;

[5]

- (b) method of spread – contact / in air / in water / vectors / carriers; detail;

[5]

prevention cleanliness; details, e.g. frequency of cleaning / disinfectants;  
isolation of stock;  
vaccination;  
hygiene of handlers;  
ventilation;  
vector control / control of carriers;

[5]

**[Total: 15]**

- 14 (a)** high temperature increases enzyme activity / metabolism;  
increases transpiration so speeds growth;  
increases photosynthesis;  
ripens crop earlier;

low temperature any o.r.a. above not mentioned;  
ice crystals form / ref. structural damage;

[5]

wind effects increases transpiration leads wilting;  
physical damage stem breaks / leaves lost;

[2]

- (b) furrows / ponds / dams; detail – site, materials;  
roof; into water tanks; detail – site, covering;  
boreholes; extraction method;  
river extraction; detail – pipes, pumps;

[4]



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- (c) mulching; reduces soil evaporation; suitable material;  
 minimum tillage; described; effect less soil exposure;  
 shading/reducing direct sunlight;  
 plant hedges as windbreaks – reduce evapotranspiration;  
 improve soil structure – add organic matter/humus;

[4]

**[Total: 15]**