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Part A

Answer all questions in this part. [30]

Directions (1–30): For each statement or question, record on the separate answer sheet the number of the word or expression that, of those given, best completes the statement or answers the question.

1 One characteristic of all living things is that they
   (1) develop organ systems
   (2) produce identical offspring
   (3) maintain internal stability
   (4) synthesize only inorganic matter

2 The diagram below represents interactions between organisms in a stable ecosystem.

Which statement correctly describes organisms in this ecosystem?
   (1) Organisms in level B obtain their energy directly from the Sun.
   (2) Organisms in level C obtain their nutrients directly from organisms in level D.
   (3) Organisms in level A are herbivores.
   (4) Organisms in level D are heterotrophic.

3 Due to overfishing, the number of fish in the ocean could drastically decrease. This will cause
   (1) an increase in the stability of the oceans
   (2) an increase in the salt content of the oceans
   (3) a decrease in the stability of the oceans
   (4) a decrease in the oxygen available in the oceans

4 Which substance can enter a cell by diffusion without having to be digested?
   (1) water
   (2) protein
   (3) starch
   (4) fat

5 A single-celled organism is represented below.

Structure X carries out a function most similar to which structure in a human?
   (1) lung
   (2) brain
   (3) ovary
   (4) heart

6 Parrots are tropical birds. However, in some areas of New York City, some parrots have been able to survive outdoors year-round. These parrots survive, while most others cannot, due to
   (1) overproduction of offspring
   (2) extinction of previous species
   (3) asexual reproduction of parrots with a mutation
   (4) a variation that allows these parrots to live in colder climates

7 Changing one base in a gene could have the most direct effect on the
   (1) function of the membrane of a cell
   (2) sequence of building blocks of a protein found in a cell
   (3) number of mitochondria in a cell
   (4) type of carbohydrates synthesized by a cell

8 An alteration of genetic information is shown below.


This type of alteration of the genetic information is an example of
   (1) deletion
   (2) insertion
   (3) substitution
   (4) recombination
9 The table below shows adaptations in two organisms.

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<th>Environment</th>
<th>Adaptation</th>
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<td>desert rat</td>
<td>hot and dry</td>
<td>comes out of burrow only at night</td>
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<tr>
<td>Arctic poppy plant</td>
<td>cold and windy</td>
<td>grows low to ground next to rocks</td>
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The presence of these adaptations is most likely the result of
(1) reproductive technology (3) asexual reproduction  
(2) natural selection (4) human interference

10 The diagram below represents an activity that occurs in the human body.

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A person exercises and body temperature increases. → Small blood vessels near the surface of the skin increase in diameter. → Body temperature decreases.
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This diagram best illustrates
(1) active transport (3) synthesis of nutrients  
(2) maintenance of homeostasis (4) differentiation

11 In which row in the chart below is a human action correctly paired with its environmental impact?

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<td>(2)</td>
<td>population growth</td>
<td>increased number of species</td>
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<td>(3)</td>
<td>industrialization</td>
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<td>(4)</td>
<td>overharvesting</td>
<td>increased mineral resources</td>
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12 A laboratory technique is represented in the diagram below. Letter A represents a process.

Which specific chemicals are needed to successfully carry out the process shown at A?
(1) receptor molecules (3) enzymes
(2) carbohydrates (4) starch molecules

13 The diagram below represents genetic material.

The expression of the section labeled X may be modified by
(1) temperature, only
(2) asexual reproduction
(3) the environment
(4) pH, only

14 Characteristics that are harmful to a species tend to decrease in frequency from generation to generation because these characteristics usually
(1) have a high survival value for the species
(2) have a low survival value for the species
(3) are inherited by more individuals
(4) affect only the older members of the population

15 Which situation results in a characteristic that is inheritable?
(1) A limb is lost when two marine organisms fight.
(2) A puppy learns to beg for food by watching an older dog perform tricks.
(3) A gene is inserted into a bacterium, allowing the organism to produce insulin.
(4) A random mutation causes the immediate death of a microbe.

16 Which statement best describes bat populations in a stable ecosystem?
(1) They are held in check by environmental factors.
(2) They are producers that rely indirectly on other producers.
(3) They are not limited by natural predators.
(4) They are not dependent on other species.

17 Which characteristic of a geographic region would have the greatest influence on the type of ecosystem that forms in that region?
(1) ratio of autotrophs to heterotrophs
(2) concentration of atmospheric oxygen
(3) number of food chains
(4) climatic conditions

18 A scientist claimed that he had cloned a guinea pig to produce two offspring, a male and a female. The claim is not valid because
(1) guinea pigs can reproduce both sexually and asexually
(2) the two offspring are not identical copies of the original guinea pig
(3) each of the offspring had half the genetic information of the original guinea pig
(4) none of the genetic information came from the original guinea pig

19 The major function of the placenta is to
(1) cushion the fetus so it won’t be hurt when the mother moves
(2) exchange food, oxygen, and waste between mother and fetus
(3) store food for the fetus
(4) support the egg for the process of fertilization
20 During the process of photosynthesis, energy from the Sun is converted into
(1) chemical energy in the bonds of inorganic molecules
(2) chemical energy in the bonds of organic molecules
(3) enzymes used to produce inorganic molecules
(4) enzymes used to produce organic molecules

21 A pesticide that kills an insect by interfering with the production of proteins in the insect would most directly affect the activity of
(1) ribosomes (3) chloroplasts
(2) minerals (4) mitochondria

22 When two different bird species temporarily occupy the same niche, they would most likely
(1) change their nesting behaviors
(2) not affect one another
(3) interbreed to form a new species
(4) compete with one another

23 Which group would most likely be represented in a food chain?
(1) biotic factors
(2) abiotic factors
(3) inorganic compounds
(4) finite resources

24 Which statement describes a similarity between all enzymes, antibodies, and hormones?
(1) Their chemical structure is critical to their ability to function.
(2) Their ability to replicate identical copies ensures continuation of the species.
(3) They work better at 100°C than 37°C.
(4) They are made by and carried by the blood.

25 The diagram below represents a cycling of materials.

![Diagram of a cycling of materials]

Which row in the chart below shows the substances represented by X and Y?

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<td>amino acids</td>
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26 Over a long period of time, the stages represented in the diagram below were each present in a particular ecosystem.

**Stages in an Ecosystem**

![Diagram of stages in an ecosystem]

After a forest fire, what is the most likely order in which these stages appeared?
(1) D → C → A → B   (3) A → B → C → D
(2) B → D → C → A   (4) B → C → D → A
27 A ski resort installed a wind turbine similar to those represented below to supply some of its energy needs.

This turbine was most likely installed because wind power is
(1) renewable and does substantial damage to the atmosphere
(2) renewable and does minimal damage to the atmosphere
(3) nonrenewable and does substantial damage to the atmosphere
(4) nonrenewable and does minimal damage to the atmosphere

28 Which activity would reduce biodiversity in a forest ecosystem?
(1) adding plants that are naturally resistant to insects
(2) protecting wildflowers from logging activities
(3) replacing harvested trees with young trees that are naturally found in the forest
(4) clearing a large area and planting one species of hardwood tree that can be used for lumber

29 An increase in the amount of ultraviolet light entering the atmosphere through holes in the ozone layer will most likely
(1) reduce the rate of photosynthesis in fungi
(2) result in rapid recycling of finite resources
(3) prevent animal migration
(4) cause an increase in the rate of certain mutations

30 Many scientists suggest that billions of years ago, life on Earth began with
(1) simple, single-celled organisms
(2) simple, multicellular organisms
(3) complex, single-celled organisms
(4) complex, multicellular organisms
Base your answers to questions 31 and 32 on the information below and on your knowledge of biology.

Diabetes is a condition characterized by elevated blood sugar levels. One form of diabetes occurs when insulin fails to properly regulate blood sugar levels. Complications from diabetes can include nerve cell damage and poor blood flow, especially in the feet and legs. In individuals with diabetes, wounds usually take longer than normal to heal.

31 The failure of a cell to react in a normal manner to insulin is most likely the result of a problem with

(1) vacuoles (3) mitochondria
(2) receptors (4) sugars

32 One reason for the change in wound healing time in a diabetic is that

(1) elevated hormone levels block the synthesis of glucose in immune cells
(2) nerve damage increases absorption of glucose by healthy cells
(3) poor circulation reduces the supply of nutrients and oxygen to the cells
(4) decreased enzyme production slows protein synthesis in pancreatic cells

33 The diagram below represents a series of events that occur in living cells.

Carbohydrates

Which molecule is indicated by X?

(1) glucose (3) carbon dioxide
(2) ATP (4) protein

34 Which structure produces the male hormone responsible for characteristics such as muscle development, deep voice, and gamete production?

(1) A (3) E
(2) B (4) D

35 What change would occur immediately if both structures labeled B were damaged or blocked?

(1) Structure A would decrease in size.
(2) The blood supply to structure E would decrease.
(3) Gametes would no longer be transported to structure C.
(4) Structure D would be able to deliver more gametes.

36 Which term refers to the ecological niche of many bacteria and fungi in an ecosystem?

(1) decomposer (3) producer
(2) herbivore (4) scavenger
37 The diagram below represents a model of a biological process that occurs in humans at normal body temperature, 37°C.

Increasing body temperature to 40°C would interfere most directly with the rate of function of structure

(1) A
(2) B
(3) C
(4) D

Base your answers to questions 38 and 39 on the diagram below and on your knowledge of biology. The diagram represents the reproductive cycle of a squirrel species with 40 chromosomes in each zygote.

38 A process that could be represented by A is

(1) fertilization
(2) meiosis
(3) mitosis
(4) mutation

39 A liver cell in this species of squirrel would have

(1) 20 chromosomes
(2) 40 chromosomes
(3) 60 chromosomes
(4) 80 chromosomes

40 A sample of body cells and samples of sex cells received from four members of a species are screened for the presence of a specific gene mutation. The results of the gene-testing procedure conducted on the cells are shown in the table below.

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Which species member would be unlikely to pass the gene mutation on to its offspring?

(1) 1
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
Base your answers to questions 41 through 43 on the diagram below and on your knowledge of biology. The diagram represents an energy pyramid for an ecosystem in the Australian outback.

41 Wombats are classified as herbivores because they can
(1) get energy from the Sun  (2) provide energy for the kookaburras
(3) get nutrition from the grasses and sedges  (4) provide nutrition for the kangaroos

42 Which two organisms could have a predator-prey relationship?
(1) kookaburras and gum trees  (2) kangaroos and silky mice
(3) dingos and kangaroo grasses  (4) wedge-tailed eagles and wombats

43 Dingos are an introduced species in Australia that are outcompeting many native species. Which of the current environmental problems most likely resulted directly from the introduction of dingos to Australia?
(1) vanishing of kangaroo grasses  (2) near extinction of wallabies
(3) forests overrun with koalas  (4) increase in the kookaburra population
Base your answers to questions 44 through 48 on the information and data table below and on your knowledge of biology.

Daphnia (water fleas) are sensitive to many changes in pond ecosystems. For this reason they are often used in bioassays, tests in which organisms are exposed to various levels of a chemical to determine what levels are safe. The results of these tests determine whether or not the chemical being tested will affect other pond organisms.

An experiment was designed to determine the toxicity of different salt solutions on cultures of daphnia. Five fish tanks were each filled with the same amount of water containing different concentrations of salt. Ten daphnia were placed into each tank. After 48 hours, the number of daphnia that had survived and the number of daphnia that had died in each tank were recorded and the percent mortality was calculated. The results of the experiment are shown in the data table below.

### Effect of Salt Concentration on Daphnia After 48 Hours

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Directions (44–46): Using the information in the data table, construct a line graph on the grid on the next page, following the directions below.

44 Label the x-axis. Be sure to include units.  

45 Mark an appropriate scale, without any breaks, on each axis.  

46 Plot the data for mortality on the grid. Surround each point with a small circle and connect the points.
Effect of Salt Concentration on Daphnia
After 48 Hours

Note: The answer to question 47 should be recorded on your separate answer sheet.

47 Which salt concentration was most toxic to the daphnia in this experiment?
   (1) 1.25 g/L  (2) 2.5 g/L  (3) 5.0 g/L  (4) 10.0 g/L

48 Which salt concentration is most likely closest to the concentration of salt found in the natural environment of this species of daphnia? Support your answer. [1]

Salt concentration: ________________________ g/L
Base your answers to questions 49 through 51 on the information below and on your knowledge of biology.

**Beware of Dust Mites**

Quietly lurking within our mattresses, under our beds, and inside sofas and carpets are creatures too small to be seen without a microscope. Dust mites are arthropods closely related to spiders, scorpions, and ticks. They feed on the dead skin cells regularly shed by humans and their animal pets. The average human sheds about 10 grams of dead skin a week. Cats and dogs create even more dander for dust mites to eat. The mites also eat pollen, fungi, and bacteria. They do not drink water but absorb it from the air.

Dust mites do not carry diseases and are harmless to most people. It’s their bathroom habits that make some of us itch and sneeze. Many people develop severe allergies to dust mite feces (wastes). If you lie on a rug where dust mites live, you might develop itchy red bumps on your skin. Breathe in dust containing their feces and you might have more serious symptoms, such as difficulty breathing or a severe asthma attack.

Dust mites thrive in warm, humid environments — eating and nesting in dust-collecting bedding, fabric, and carpet. Think about this! A typical mattress can contain anywhere from 100,000 to 10 million dust mites. Nearly 100,000 dust mites can live in one square yard of carpet.

During a process called sensitization, a person’s immune system mistakenly identifies the inhaled dust mite waste as an invader. The next time the person is exposed to the dust mite waste, the immune system launches an allergic reaction.

**Note:** The answers to questions 49 and 50 should be recorded on your separate answer sheet.

49 The immune system of an individual who is allergic to dust mite waste produces
   (1) specialized chemicals that mark dust mite waste for destruction
   (2) viruses that combat dust mites
   (3) white blood cells that attack human skin cells
   (4) white blood cells that attack the skin cells of cats and dogs

50 An allergic reaction occurs when the immune system
   (1) does not respond to pathogens
   (2) maintains homeostasis
   (3) responds to usually harmless environmental substances
   (4) undergoes rapid, uncontrolled cell division

51 State one way, other than using a pesticide, that an individual could decrease the number of dust mites present in his home. [1]
52 A small village that is heavily infested with mosquitoes was sprayed with an insecticide once a week for several months. Changes in the size of the mosquito population are shown in the graph below.

State one way that the population of mosquitoes present 7 months after spraying differs genetically from the population of mosquitoes present before the spraying began. [1]

53 The diagram below shows a branching “tree” representing the evolution of ten different groups of organisms alive today.

Identify the group of organisms that is most closely related to the Arthropoda group. Support your answer. [1]

Group of organisms:________________________

________________________
Base your answers to questions 54 and 55 on the information and graph below and on your knowledge of biology. The graph contains information about an ecosystem.

The graph below shows the carrying capacities of an ecosystem for three different species, 1, 2, and 3, that inhabit an area and the actual population sizes of these three different species in the area.

54 Identify which species population would most likely have the greatest competition among its members. Support your answer using information from the graph. [1]

Species number: _______________________

55 Explain how an ecosystem can have three different carrying capacities. [1]

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Base your answers to questions 56 through 60 on the information below and on your knowledge of biology.

A chemical known as fertex affects external fertilization of sea urchin eggs. An experiment was set up using three tanks to investigate the effect of fertex. Each tank had a different concentration of fertex: 1%, 2%, and 3%. Ten sea urchin eggs and 2 mL of sea urchin sperm were added to each of the three tanks. A fourth tank was set up as a control.

56 State one way the contents of the control tank would differ from the contents of the three experimental tanks. [1]

57 Identify two factors that must be kept the same in all four tanks. [1]

Factor 1: ____________________________________________

Factor 2: ____________________________________________

58 State one way to improve the validity of the experimental results. [1]

59 Identify the independent variable in the experiment. [1]

60 State one example of the type of data that should be collected during the experiment. [1]
Base your answer to question 61–63 on the information below and on your knowledge of biology.

61–63 In order to enroll in most schools, students must be vaccinated against certain viral diseases, such as mumps. Even with these vaccinations, many students still suffer from other diseases. Discuss how a vaccination works and why some students still become infected with other diseases. In your answer, be sure to:
• identify what is present in a vaccine that stimulates an immune response [1]
• describe how a vaccine protects against disease [1]
• state why a student vaccinated against mumps can still be infected by the pathogens that cause other diseases, such as chicken pox [1]

64 Recently, the bison population in Yellowstone National Park declined significantly. This was due in part to a particularly harsh winter. State one reason why a harsh winter would have this negative effect on the bison population. [1]

65 People who live in rural areas often use septic tanks for the storage of sewage. These people often flush a product containing harmless bacteria down the toilet once a month. These bacteria break down the sewage before it enters the environment. State one ecologically sound reason for this action. [1]
66–68 Discuss the advantages of using the insect to control the rapid spread of the *Mimosa dilotricha* vine on Guam and the Northern Marianas. In your answer, be sure to:

- state *one* possible way the *Mimosa dilotricha* vine kills trees and shrubs  [1]
- identify *one* location from which the *Heteropsylla spinulosa* insect will be collected  [1]
- explain why releasing the insect might be safer than spraying chemicals to kill the vine  [1]
Scientists in Scotland have successfully produced five generations of chickens that lay eggs containing certain protein-based drugs. The scientists changed the DNA of the chickens so that two drugs, one used to treat skin cancer and the other used to treat multiple sclerosis, were present in the egg whites. Cows, sheep, and goats have already been altered to produce protein-based drugs in their milk. Chickens are considered good “drug factories” because they are inexpensive to care for, they grow fast, and their chicks inherit the special drug-producing ability.

69–72 Explain why scientists altered the DNA of the chickens instead of altering a protein already present in the chickens. In your answer, be sure to:

• identify the technique used to alter the DNA [1]
• state one reason why the scientists altered the DNA of the chickens instead of altering a protein already present in the chickens [1]
• state one advantage of using chickens for this procedure [1]
• state one reason why some people might not support this method of drug production [1]
Part D

Answer all questions in this part. [13]

Directions (73–85): For those questions that are multiple choice, record on the separate answer sheet the number of the choice that, of those given, best completes each statement or answers each question. For all other questions in this part, follow the directions given and record your answers in the spaces provided in this examination booklet.

Note: The answer to question 73 should be recorded on your separate answer sheet.

73 Certain chemicals, such as cytochrome C, are found within cells of all living organisms. The biochemical structure of cytochrome C in ground finches and in tree finches is very similar. This suggests that tree finches and ground finches have

(1) identical DNA
(2) a common ancestor
(3) evolved at the same time
(4) the same nesting site

Note: The answer to question 74 should be recorded on your separate answer sheet.

74 The diagram below represents the results of a laboratory procedure.

This procedure is used to

(1) separate molecules in a liquid mixture
(2) determine the rate of photosynthesis in plants
(3) detect glucose in a solution
(4) examine the gene sequences of organisms
Base your answers to questions 75 through 77 on the diagram below and on your knowledge of biology.

Note: The answers to questions 75 and 76 should be recorded on your separate answer sheet.

75 Which species of finch has an edge-crushing bill that can also probe into plants for food?
   (1) cactus finch        (3) warbler finch
   (2) sharp-billed ground finch       (4) large ground finch

76 One finch that would most likely compete with the warbler finch for food is the
   (1) woodpecker finch        (3) sharp-billed ground finch
   (2) cactus finch       (4) vegetarian finch

77 The large ground finch, sharp-billed ground finch, and small tree finch inhabit the same island. If the insect population decreases, which finch would most likely be affected? Support your answer. [1]

Finch:__________________________
Base your answers to questions 78 and 79 on the information below and on your knowledge of biology.

An artificial cell filled with a glucose solution was placed in a beaker of water, as represented below. The beaker was left undisturbed for 20 minutes.

78 In the diagram below, draw in the expected location of the glucose molecules after 20 minutes. [1]

79 If both glucose and starch were added to the artificial cell, where would the starch be located after 20 minutes? [1]

80 State one advantage of using a stain to study frog skin cells with a microscope. [1]
Note: The answer to question 81 should be recorded on your separate answer sheet.

81 An experiment was designed to test whether students could squeeze a clothespin more times in 1 minute after resting or after exercising. What would be a hypothesis for the experiment?

(1) Do students squeeze clothespins more often in 1 minute after exercising?
(2) Can most students squeeze a clothespin more times after they rest?
(3) Ten students who exercise before squeezing a clothespin squeezed it more times in 1 minute than ten students who rested first.
(4) Students who rest before squeezing a clothespin will squeeze it fewer times in 1 minute than students who exercise beforehand.

Note: The answer to question 82 should be recorded on your separate answer sheet.

82 DNA samples can be separated according to size using the technique of

(1) chromatography  (2) electrophoresis  (3) replication  (4) dissection

Base your answers to questions 83 through 85 on the Universal Genetic Code Chart below and on your knowledge of biology.

Universal Genetic Code Chart
Messenger RNA Codons and the Amino Acids for Which They Code

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84 Complete the missing mRNA base sequences for plant species B in the table below. [1]

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85 Based on the information provided in the completed table, which plant species is most closely related to the endangered species? Support your answer. [1]

Species:_______________________

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### Directions to the Teacher:

Refer to the directions on page 2 before rating student papers.

Updated information regarding the rating of this examination may be posted on the New York State Education Department’s web site during the rating period. Check this web site at: [http://www.p12.nysed.gov/apda/](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/apda/) and select the link “Scoring Information” for any recently posted information regarding this examination. This site should be checked before the rating process for this examination begins and several times throughout the Regents Examination period.

### Multiple Choice for Parts A, B–1, B–2, and D

Allow 1 credit for each correct response.

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Directions to the Teacher

Follow the procedures below for scoring student answer papers for the Regents Examination in Living Environment. Additional information about scoring is provided in the publication Information Booklet for Scoring Regents Examinations in the Sciences.

Do not attempt to correct the student's work by making insertions or changes of any kind.

Allow 1 credit for each correct response.

At least two science teachers must participate in the scoring of the Part B–2, Part C, and Part D open-ended questions on a student's paper. Each of these teachers should be responsible for scoring a selected number of the open-ended questions on each answer paper. No one teacher is to score more than approximately one-half of the open-ended questions on a student's answer paper.

Students' responses must be scored strictly according to the Scoring Key and Rating Guide. For open-ended questions, credit may be allowed for responses other than those given in the rating guide if the response is a scientifically accurate answer to the question and demonstrates adequate knowledge as indicated by the examples in the rating guide. On the student’s separate answer sheet, for each question, record the number of credits earned and the teacher’s assigned rater/scorer letter.

Fractional credit is not allowed. Only whole-number credit may be given for a response. If the student gives more than one answer to a question, only the first answer should be rated. Units need not be given when the wording of the questions allows such omissions.

For hand scoring, raters should enter the scores earned in the appropriate boxes printed on the separate answer sheet. Next, the rater should add these scores and enter the total in the box labeled “Total Raw Score.” Then the student's raw score should be converted to a scale score by using the conversion chart that will be posted on the Department's web site at: [http://www.p12.nysed.gov/apda/](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/apda/) on Tuesday, June 19, 2012. The student's scale score should be entered in the box labeled “Scale Score” on the student's answer sheet. The scale score is the student's final examination score.

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44 [1] Allow 1 credit for Salt Concentration (g/L).

**Note:** Do not allow credit for a response without the units label, g/L.

45 [1] Allow 1 credit for marking an appropriate scale, without any breaks, on each axis.

46 [1] Allow 1 credit for correctly plotting the data for mortality and connecting the points.

**Example of a 3-credit graph for questions 44–46:**

![Graph of Effect of Salt Concentration on Daphnia After 48 Hours]

**Note:** Allow credit if the points are plotted correctly but not circled.
Do not assume that the intersection of the x- and y-axes is the origin (0,0) unless it is labeled. An appropriate scale only needs to include the data range in the data table. Do not allow credit if points are plotted that are not in the data table, e.g., (0,0), or for extending lines beyond the data points.

47 MC on scoring key
48 [1] Allow 1 credit for 2.5 g/L and supporting the answer. Acceptable responses include, but are not limited to:
   — No daphnia died at this concentration of salt.
   — The most daphnia lived.

49 MC on scoring key

50 MC on scoring key

51 [1] Allow 1 credit. Acceptable responses include, but are not limited to:
   — do not have a cat or a dog
   — lower the amount of moisture in the air in the home
   — do not have carpet on the floor
   — vacuum often
   — clean or remove dust often
   — wash bedding frequently

52 [1] Allow 1 credit. Acceptable responses include, but are not limited to:
   — Seven months later, there is a higher frequency in the population of the gene for resistance to the insecticide.
   — Most of the mosquitoes will have the variation that protects them from the pesticide.
   — More have the gene that makes them immune to the effect of the pesticide.
   — More mosquitoes have the gene that allows them to survive.
53 [1] Allow 1 credit for Annelida and supporting the answer.
   — They are closer to each other on the branch (tree).
   — Arthropoda and Annelida share a specific common ancestor that the other organisms don’t share.

54 [1] Allow 1 credit for 2 and supporting the answer. Acceptable responses include, but are not limited to:
   — The population size is greater than the size of the population that the ecosystem can support.
   — Because it is above its carrying capacity, the ecosystem cannot supply enough food for survival, so members of the species compete for limited food.

55 [1] Allow 1 credit. Acceptable responses include, but are not limited to:
   — Each species has different life requirements, and the type and number of resources in an ecosystem will influence the population sizes of species living there.
   — Each species has different requirements, which affect how many organisms can be supported by the ecosystem.
   — Different species occupy different niches.
Part C

56 [1] Allow 1 credit. Acceptable responses include, but are not limited to:

— The control tank would not contain any fertex, while the experimental tank would contain fertex.
— The control tank would have no fertex.

57 [1] Allow 1 credit for two acceptable responses. Acceptable responses include, but are not limited to:

— amount of water
— temperature of water
— salinity of water
— amount of light
— time sperm and eggs remain in water
— size of tanks
— amount of sperm
— the number of eggs

58 [1] Allow 1 credit. Acceptable responses include, but are not limited to:

— increase the sample size
— repeat the experiment
— have more tanks for each concentration

59 [1] Allow 1 credit. Acceptable responses include, but are not limited to:

— amount of fertex
— percent of fertex
— concentration of fertex

Note: Do not allow credit for just “fertex” without a quantifier.

60 [1] Allow 1 credit. Acceptable responses include, but are not limited to:

— percent of fertilization in each tank over time
— number of eggs fertilized at end of experiment
— number of sea urchins that develop/grow in each tank

Note: The type of data must be measurable.
Note: The student’s response to the bulleted items in question 61–63 need *not* appear in the following order.

61 [1] Allow 1 credit for identifying what is present in a vaccine that stimulates an immune response. Acceptable responses include, but are not limited to:
   - dead/weakened virus/germ
   - antigens
   - small pieces of the virus/viral coat

Note: Do not allow credit for “a little bit of the disease” or “a small amount of the virus.”

62 [1] Allow 1 credit for describing how a vaccine protects against disease. Acceptable responses include, but are not limited to:
   - It causes an immune response, so that your body can respond quicker next time you are exposed to the same pathogen/organism.
   - It causes the body to produce antibodies that fight the disease.

63 [1] Allow 1 credit for stating why a student vaccinated against mumps can still be infected by the pathogens that cause other diseases, such as chicken pox. Acceptable responses include, but are not limited to:
   - Vaccines protect only against specific diseases.
   - Antibodies are specific.

64 [1] Allow 1 credit. Acceptable responses include, but are not limited to:
   - The young and old bison are more likely to perish during a harsh winter.
   - More energy is used by the bison to keep warm.
   - Less food is available.

65 [1] Allow 1 credit. Acceptable responses include, but are not limited to:
   - It helps recycle molecules from the organic wastes.
   - They prevent the buildup of human sewage.
   - It prevents contamination of the water supply.
Note: The student’s response to the bulleted items in question 66–68 need not appear in the following order.

66 [1] Allow 1 credit for stating one possible way the *Mimosa diplotricha* vine kills trees and shrubs. Acceptable responses include, but are not limited to:
- It kills trees and shrubs because it covers them like a blanket, cutting down on the amount of sunlight to these plants.
- It cuts down on photosynthesis.
- It outcompetes the trees for water or other nutrients.
- The vine may have roots that attach to trees and shrubs and absorb nutrients from them.

67 [1] Allow 1 credit for identifying one location from which the *Heteropsylla spinulosa* insect will be collected. Acceptable responses include, but are not limited to:
- Pohnpei
- Palau
- Australia
- Micronesia

68 [1] Allow 1 credit for explaining why releasing the insect might be safer than spraying chemicals to kill the vine. Acceptable responses include, but are not limited to:
- The chemicals may be harmful to people.
- The chemicals may affect other plants or animals negatively.
- Using insects does not add chemicals to the environment.
Note: The student’s response to the bulleted items in question 69–72 need not appear in the following order.

69 [1] Allow 1 credit for identifying the technique used to alter the DNA. Acceptable responses include, but are not limited to:

- genetic engineering
- genetic manipulation
- gene splicing
- forming recombinant DNA

Note: Do not allow credit for biotechnology. It is a field of science, not a technique.

70 [1] Allow 1 credit for stating one reason why the scientists altered the DNA of the chickens instead of altering a protein already present in the chickens. Acceptable responses include, but are not limited to:

- DNA carries the code for making the proteins.
- DNA can replicate and the code will be passed on to offspring.
- Proteins cannot be used to pass on traits.
- so the chicks will inherit the drug-producing ability

71 [1] Allow 1 credit for stating one advantage of using chickens for this procedure. Acceptable responses include, but are not limited to:

- They grow fast.
- They need less room than bigger animals.
- Chickens are less expensive.
- Baby chicks inherit the drug-producing ability.

72 [1] Allow 1 credit for stating one reason why some people may not support this method of drug production. Acceptable responses include, but are not limited to:

- We don’t know the long-term effects of these drugs on the chickens.
- Some people think products from genetically modified organisms could be harmful.
- People with egg allergies might not be able to use these drugs.
73  MC on scoring key

74  MC on scoring key

75  MC on scoring key

76  MC on scoring key

77  [1] Allow 1 credit for small tree finch and supporting the answer. Acceptable responses include, but are not limited to:
    — The small tree finch eats animals, whereas the other two birds are plant eaters.
    — It is the only one that eats mainly animal food.
    — The small tree finch eats animals.
    — Since the other two species eat plant food, not animal food, a decreased insect population will not affect them.

78  [1] Allow 1 credit for drawing the expected location of the glucose molecules after 20 minutes.

   Example of a 1-credit response:

   ![Diagram of glucose molecules]

   **Note:** The actual number of glucose molecules is not important, as long as some glucose is located both inside and outside the cell.

79  [1] Allow 1 credit. Acceptable responses include, but are not limited to:
    — All of the starch molecules would be in the artificial cell.
    — The starch would not move out of the cell.
    — The starch would stay in the cell.
80 [1] Allow 1 credit. Acceptable responses include, but are not limited to:
   — A stain makes some organelles more visible.
   — easier to see cell parts

81 MC on scoring key

82 MC on scoring key

83 [1] Allow 1 credit for the correct amino acid sequences for species A.
Example of a 2-credit response for questions 83 and 84:

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[84] Allow 1 credit for the correct mRNA base sequences for species B.

[85] Allow 1 credit for A and supporting the answer. Acceptable responses include, but are not limited to:

- It is most closely related to the endangered species because their amino acid sequences are identical.
- It is most closely related to the endangered species because the DNA sequences are the most similar.

**Note:** Allow credit for a response that is consistent with the student’s response to question 83.
The Chart for Determining the Final Examination Score for the June 2012 Regents Examination in Living Environment will be posted on the Department’s web site at: http://www.p12.nysed.gov/apda/ on Tuesday, June 19, 2012. Conversion charts provided for previous administrations of the Regents Examination in Living Environment must NOT be used to determine students’ final scores for this administration.

Online Submission of Teacher Evaluations of the Test to the Department

Suggestions and feedback from teachers provide an important contribution to the test development process. The Department provides an online evaluation form for State assessments. It contains spaces for teachers to respond to several specific questions and to make suggestions. Instructions for completing the evaluation form are as follows:

2. Select the test title.
3. Complete the required demographic fields.
4. Complete each evaluation question and provide comments in the space provided.
5. Click the SUBMIT button at the bottom of the page to submit the completed form.
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