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Question number	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1 (a) (i)	(dominant) epistasis; B epistatic A hypostatic; prevents transcription of A; product of B binds to, promoter / AW, of A; prevents translation of A mRNA; product of B binds to, mRNA / ribosome; product of B inhibits enzyme encoded by A / B codes for enzyme which breaks down pigment;	3 max	
1 (a) (ii)	Parental phenotypes (AABB) white (aabb) white; (genotypes given in question) gametes AB ab; F_1 genotype and phenotype all AaBb white; F_1 gametes AB Ab aB ab; A from P. square F_2 genotypes all correct;; delete 1 for each of first two mistakes F_2 phenotypes correctly related to genotypes; A key F_2 ratio 13 white : 3 red; (see Punnett square)	8	
1 (b) (i)	Genes linked / AW; ref. locus involved in production of toxin; resistance inherited with, allele A / allele b; close together (on same chromosome / in same linkage group); few without resistance from crossing over;	2 max	
1 (b) (ii)	Crossing over has occurred; in, meiosis I / prophase I; exchange of (part of) non-sister chromatids; diagram; mutation;	2 max	
2 (a) (i)	Green-based is dominant (to uniform colour) / G is dominant to g / ora re recessive;	1	
2 (a) (ii)	Red (fruit) is dominant to orange (fruit) / R is dominant to r / ora re recessive;	1	
2 (b)	ggrr / rrgg;	1	
2 (c)	Parental phenotypes green-based red x uniform orange; parental genotypes GgRr ggrr; gametes GR Gr gR gr gr; offspring genotypes and phenotypes GgRr green-based red Ggrr green-based orange ggRr uniform red ggrr uniform orange;;	4 max	
2 (d) (i)	3;	1	
2 (d) (ii)	> 0.1/ greater than 0.1;	1	
2 (d) (iii)	Difference from expectation is not significant/statistically different; above (critical) value (0.05) / AW; result due to chance; prediction correct / null hypothesis should be accepted;	3 max	

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	loci (apparently), assort independently / not		
2 (e)	linked; Loci (too) far apart (for linkage to be detected);	3 max	
2 (0)	ref. recombinants;	omax	
	crossing over has occurred;		
	detail crossing over;		
	[in prophase I of meiosis / exchange of (part of)		
	non-sister chromatids] ignore chiasmata		
	has occurred, twice / even number of times;		
	(therefore) restoring loci to parental		
	combinations;		
	diagram;		
3 (a) (i)	cross 17,7;	2	
	cross 2 14, 7;	-	
3 (a) (ii)	Chromosome number has doubled; ref. polyploidy;	2 max	
	nuclear division but no cell division;		
	failure of spindle in mitosis;		
	non-disjunction;		
3 (b)	Different numbers (42 & 14) of chromosomes;	2 max	
	different numbers (21 & 7) of chromosomes in		
	gametes;		
	chromosomes cannot pair; ref., synapsis / homologous pairs, in meiosis;		
	meiosis fails; [R 'cannot occur']		
	hybrid/new plant sterile; R not viable		
3 (c)	Act as gene banks;	8 max	
	source of genetic diversity; (a) maintain genetic		
	diversity		
	store of alleles; for future use;		
	in selective breeding of wheat;		
	to restore alleles lost in selective breeding/		
	counter effect of inbreeding/genetic erosion;		
	in case different traits needed/ changed		
	consumer demand;		
	in case climate change;		
	e.g. global warming / temperature rise; e.g. drier conditions; not environmental change		
	in case new, pathogen / disease;		
	in case new pest;		
	may have as yet unrecognized trait;		
	AVP; e.g. detail / i.e. disease resistance to new		
	disease		
	AVP; e.g. genetic engineering		