# Checkpoint Task

# Global Challenges

## Instructions and answers for teachers

These instructions cover the student activity section which can be found on [page 5](#_Learner_Activity). This Checkpoint Task should be used in conjunction with the KS3–4 Biology A Transition Guide: Global Challenges, which supports OCR GCSE (9‒1) Gateway Science Biology A.

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**123** **–** This activity offers an opportunity for maths skills development.

**ABC –** This activity offers an opportunity for English skills development.

### Learner Task 1.1

**Parts of a flower**

Label the parts of the flower on the diagram below:

4 carpel

2 style

1 stigma

stamen 9

anther 7

3 ovary

filament 8

5 petal

6 ovule

sepal 10

Complete the table with the name of the part of the flower that does each function:

| **Function** | **Part of flower** |
| --- | --- |
| Contains the female sex cells | Ovary |
| Produces the male sex cells (pollen) | Anther |
| The female part of the flower that collects the pollen grains | Stigma |
| Gives protection to the flower when in bud | Sepals |

**Pollination and Fertilisation**

Explain the difference between self-pollination and cross pollination.

Self-pollination - the pollen grain is transferred from the anther to the stigma of the SAME plant.

Cross pollination - the pollen is transferred from the anther of one plant to the stigma of another plant.

In the boxes below, draw a diagram of a typical insect pollinated flower and a wind pollinated flower. Label each feature and explain how each help with successful pollination.

 **WIND POLLINATED FLOWER INSECT POLLINATED FLOWER**

Flower drawn and annotated showing:

Large petals

Brightly coloured

Scented

Short strong anther

Nectar produced

Sticky stigma

Flower drawn and annotated showing:

Small petals

Not coloured/dull

Not scented

Anthers loosely attached

Anthers and stigma hang out of flower

Feathery-like stigma

If bees became extinct or were greatly reduced in number as a result of pesticide overuse, explain what may happen as a result. Include the effect on the ecosystem and the effect to our food security.

Ecosystem - any predators of the bee will likely decrease in number and may have a knock-on effect on its predators/other prey. Other insects in competition with the bee may increase in numbers. If there are fewer pollinators, there may be fewer berries, fruits and future plants for other animals in the habitat to feed on, so they may decrease in number.

Food security - if there are no other insects to take the place of the bees (if they also have been killed by the pesticide) crop yields will be much reduced, therefore less food available both from the crop directly and as food products made from the crop. As a result lower food security.

Pollen grains land on a stigma. A pollen tube grows out of the pollen grain and grows down through the style into the ovary. The nucleus from the pollen moves down the tube to join with the nucleus of the ovule. The ovary turns into a fruit and inside it the ovule grows into a seed.

### Learner Task 1.2

**Diet, genetics and health**

For each statement decide if it is true or false and write **T** or **F** next to the statement.

T

T

1. If you take in more energy than you use up, you will put on weight.

F

2. Obesity can lead to high blood pressure, heart disease and lung cancer.

Lung cancer is not linked to obesity.

3. Slow growth, increased risk of infection and irregular periods are symptoms of starvation.

F

4. A deficiency of vitamin C can cause rickets.

Vitamin C deficiency causes scurvy.

T

5. Tar in cigarettes contains carcinogens (substances that cause cancer).

F

6. Smoking does not have an effect on a person’s chance of getting heart disease.

There is evidence that smoking can increase blood pressure as carbon monoxide prevents as much oxygen binding to haemoglobin and nicotine effects elasticity of blood vessels, reducing blood flow. Tobacco smoke also reduces good cholesterol in the blood, increasing the risk of an atheroma.

F

7. All legal drugs are good for your body.

In certain doses they may be, however in large amounts, numerous 'over the counter' and prescribed drugs can have harmful, even deadly, effects.

T

F

8. Alcohol is a depressant.

9. DNA is made up of chromosomes.

Chromosomes are made up of DNA.

T

10. A gene is a short section of DNA.

F

11. A human body cell is made up of 46 pairs of chromosomes.

They are made up of 46 (or 23 pairs) of chromosomes.

F

12. Characteristics such as height and cancer are caused by genes alone.

Both of these characteristics are caused by genes AND environment.

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## Learner Activity (F)

### Learner Task 1.1

**Parts of a flower**

Use the words below to label the parts of the flower on the diagram:



4

6

5

3

2

1

 9

 7

8

 10

**ovule anther carpel ovary stamen style**

 **sepal filament stigma petal**

Complete the table with the name of the part of the flower that does each function:

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| The female part of the flower that collects the pollen grains |  |
| Gives protection to the flower when in bud |  |

**Pollination and Fertilisation**

Explain the difference between self-pollination and cross pollination.

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 **WIND POLLINATED FLOWER INSECT POLLINATED FLOWER**

If bees became extinct or were greatly reduced in number as a result of pesticide overuse, explain what may happen as a result. Include the effect on the ecosystem and the effect to our food security.

Complete the paragraph explaining how fertilisation occurs in a flower:

Pollen grains land on a s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. A p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ grows out of the pollen grain and grows down through the s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into the ovary. The n\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the pollen moves down the tube to join with the nucleus of the o\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .The ovary turns into a fruit and inside it the ovule grows into a s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

### Learner Task 1.2

**Diet, genetics and health**

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Correct any statements that are false.

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4. A deficiency of vitamin C can cause rickets.
5. Tar in cigarettes contains carcinogens (substances that cause cancer).
6. Smoking does not have an effect on a person’s chance of getting heart disease.
7. All legal drugs are good for your body.
8. Alcohol is a depressant.
9. DNA is made up of chromosomes.
10. A gene is a short section of DNA.
11. A human body cell is made up of 46 pairs of chromosomes.
12. Characteristics such as height and cancer are caused by genes alone.

# Checkpoint Task (H)

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## Learner Activity

### Learner Task 1.1

**Parts of a flower**

Label the parts of the flower on the diagram below:

1

2

3

5

6

 10

8

 7

4

 9

Complete the table with the function of each of the flower parts named:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Function** | **Part of flower** |
|  | Ovary |
|  | Anther |
|  | Stigma |
|  | Sepals |

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If bees became extinct or were greatly reduced in number as a result of pesticide overuse, explain what may happen as a result. Include the effect on the ecosystem and the effect to our food security.

Write a short paragraph explaining the stages of fertilisation in a flower.

### Learner task 1.2

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