AQA GCSE Biology | 8461

SPECIFICATION POINT 4.6.1.8

Sex determination

Past-paper questions

Tier	**Higher**
Question groups	**1**
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Using this booklet

1. Answer the questions in order and show your working.
2. Original question numbers and marks are retained.
3. Print at actual size (100%) for measuring questions.
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Question 01

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7 Two types of fertility treatment are in-vitro fertilisation (IVF) and in-vitro maturation (IVM).

7 (a) Describe the role of hormones in IVF treatment.

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7 (b) Read the passage about fertility treatment.

During normal IVF, a woman undergoes several weeks of hormone injections. The treatment can lead to a condition called ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome resulting in a build-up of fluid in the lungs. Very rarely, it can cause death. The syndrome occurs in about 1 % of standard IVF cycles, but in about 10 % of the IVF cycles of some women. An IVF cycle may cost up to £4300.

In IVM, hormone treatment lasts for less than 7 days. Eggs are then collected from the ovaries while they are still immature. Each egg is then matured in a laboratory for up to 48 hours before being injected with a single sperm. A few days after fertilisation, the embryos are implanted into the mother's womb. The cost of each IVM cycle is £1700.

An IVM expert says: "In IVM treatment there's a small risk of abnormalities in the sex chromosomes and also of birth deformities and cancer in the babies. These risks are not massive but they are greater than in IVF."

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7 (b) Evaluate the use of IVM rather than IVF in treating infertility.

Remember to give a conclusion to your evaluation.

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