

Higher Combined version — Higher Tier (★) included; Separate-only (◆) removed.

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[4 marks]

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Q2. ★ Give ONE advantage and ONE concern about GM crops.

[2 marks]

Total: 6 marks

Q1 (4 marks) [★ HT]

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- Desired gene cut from donor DNA using RESTRICTION ENZYMES [1]
- Plasmid cut with same enzyme → complementary sticky ends [1]
- Gene inserted into plasmid; LIGASE seals joins → recombinant DNA [1]
- Plasmid introduced into host cell; host expresses gene and produces desired protein [1]

Q2 (2 marks) [★ HT]

★ Give ONE advantage and ONE concern about GM crops.

- Advantage: herbicide/pest resistant, higher yield, improved nutrition [1]
- Concern: unknown ecological effects, cross-pollination with wild plants, ethical concerns [1]