0 7 Ragwort is a weed that grows on farmland.

Ragwort is poisonous to horses.

0 7 . 1 Plan an investigation to estimate the size of a population of ragwort growing in a rectangular field on a farm.

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The herbicide glyphosate will kill ragwort and other weeds.

Scientists use bacteria for the genetic engineering of crop plants to make the crops resistant to glyphosate.

Figure 8 shows the growth of a culture of the bacteria in a solution of nutrients at 25 °C

Figure 8

Number of bacterial cells in millions per cm^3

Time in hours
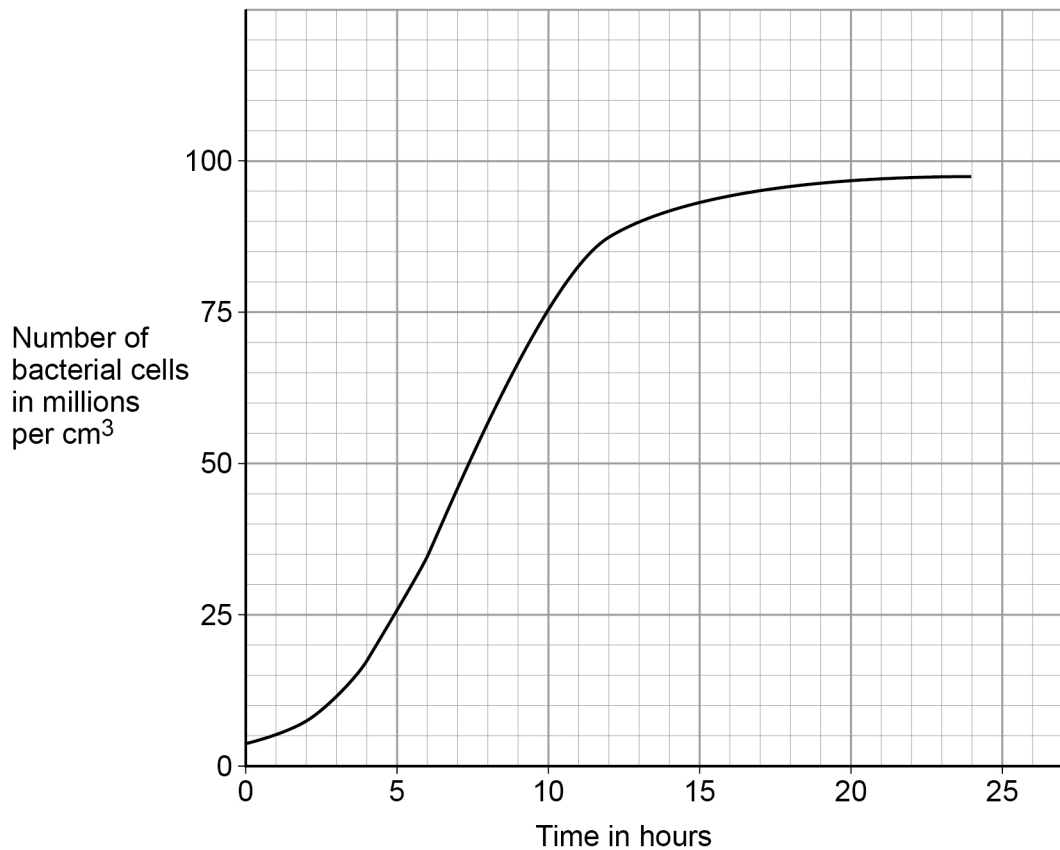
| 0 | 7 | . | 2 | Why did the rate of reproduction increase between 2 hours and 7 hours?

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0 7 . 3 After 12 hours, the rate of reproduction decreased.

Suggest **three** ways the scientists could maintain a high rate of reproduction in the bacterial culture.

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0 7 . 4 The rate of reproduction of the bacteria is fastest at 7 hours.

How many times faster is the rate of reproduction at 7 hours than the rate at 12 hours?

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Rate at 7 hours is _____ times faster.

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0 7 . 5 Scientists transferred a gene for resistance to the herbicide glyphosate into the bacteria.

The genetically-modified (GM) bacteria can then transfer the glyphosate-resistance gene to a crop plant.

Explain the advantage of making crop plants resistant to glyphosate.

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07.1	**Level 2:** The method would lead to the production of a valid outcome. All key steps are identified and logically sequenced.		3–4	AO1 AO2
	Level 1: The method would not necessarily lead to a valid outcome. Most steps are identified, but the plan is not fully logically sequenced.		1–2	
	No relevant content		0	
	Indicative content • use of quadrat • (quadrat) of given area / dimensions – eg 0.25 m^2 or 1 m $\times$ 1 m • quadrats are placed randomly • method of obtaining randomness – eg random coordinates from a calculator **or** throw over shoulder **or** throw with eyes closed • suitable number of quadrats (10 or more **or** a large number) • count number of plants (in each quadrat) • calculation of mean per quadrat or per unit area • determination of area of field (length $\times$ width) • population = mean per m^2 $\times$ area of field			4.7.2.1
07.2	more bacteria so more divisions / reproduction (per unit time)		1	AO2 4.1.1.6
07.3	any **three** from: • add (more) sugar • add (more) amino acids / protein • add (more) oxygen • increase temperature • remove toxins / waste **or** maintain pH • stir the culture	if neither point given, allow add (more) nutrients allow in range 26 ^{o}C to 40 ^{o}C allow maintain optimum temperature if no other mark awarded allow **1** mark for add more food	3	AO3 4.1.1.6 4.4.2.3 4.7.2.3 4.7.4.3 4.7.5.4

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07.4		an answer in the range of 2.9 to 3.4 scores **4** marks		AO2 4.1.1.6 4.6.2.4
		an answer in the range of 2.08 to 3.77 scores **3** marks		
	tangent drawn to the curve at 12 hours	do **not** accept if there is an incorrect tangent at 7 hours	1	
	calculation of rate at 7 hours $\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$	allow an answer that correctly rounds to a value in range 10.0 to 11.7	1	
	calculation of rate at 12 hours $\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$	allow an answer that correctly rounds to a value in range 3.1 to 4.8	1	
	3.3	allow in range 2.9 to 3.4 if both rates are in the correct ranges	1	
07.5	can use the glyphosate / weed killer to kill weeds but not kill / affect crop	allow **only** kills weeds	1	AO1 4.6.2.4 4.7.1.3 4.7.5.4
	(so) less competition for light / water / minerals / ions	allow less competition for nutrients ignore food / carbon dioxide / space	1	AO2
	(so) crops have high(er) yield	allow crops grow better / well	1	AO1
Total			**15**	