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| **Past paper question – Competition in swallows and swifts** |

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| **1**     The table gives data about swallows and swifts.     |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | **Swallows** | **Swifts** | | **Arrival date in Britain** | April | Early May | | **Leaving date from Britain** | October | Early August | | **Food** | Flying insects | Flying insects | | **Height at which the birds feed** | Near ground level | Up to 350m above ground level | | **Times at which birds feed** | Mainly when it is light | Almost 24 hours per day |   **(a)**    There is very little competition between swallows and swifts for food.           Use information from the table to suggest **two** reasons for this.  1 ........................................................................................................................  ...........................................................................................................................  2 ........................................................................................................................  ...........................................................................................................................  **(2)**  **(b)**    Swallows and swifts do compete for some factors.           Suggest **one** of these factors.  ...........................................................................................................................  ...........................................................................................................................  **(1)**  **(Total 3 marks)** |
| **Mark scheme**  1     (a)      any **two** from  •        feed / hunt at different heights **or** swifts feed higher up  •        feed / hunt at different times **or** swifts feed at night  •        arrive / depart at different times  **2**  (b)     nesting sites / territory / habitat  *allow homes / space*  *ignore food unqualified allow well qualified food answers eg insects / food near the ground*  ***or***  *insects / food when it’s light*  ***or***  *insects / food between early May and early August*  **1**  **[3]** |