



**Cambridge IGCSE® Biology (0610)**  
**Past paper questions and answers**

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## Cells and cell processes

### CORE questions

#### Core 1

Two characteristics of living organisms are nutrition and respiration.

- (a) (i) List **three** other characteristics of living organisms.
1. ....
  2. ....
  3. .... [3]
- (ii) Name the process by which green plants produce carbohydrates.
- ..... [1]

[Total: 4]

## Core 2

Table 1 describes some of the characteristics of living organisms. Complete the table by identifying each characteristic described. The first one has been completed as an example.

**Table 1**

Description	Characteristic
Responding to stimuli in the environment	Irritability
Releasing energy from sugars	
Producing more organisms of the same type	
Getting rid of waste chemicals made in the organism	
Obtaining the materials for growth	

[4]

[Total : 4]

### Core 3

Fig. 1 shows a red blood cell and a root hair cell.

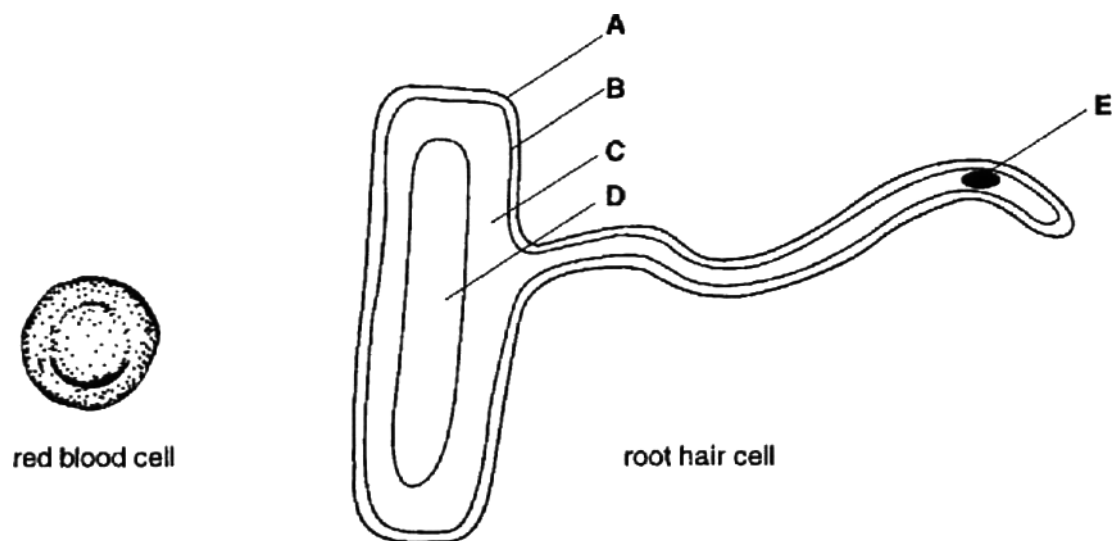


Fig 1

- (a) (i) Select **two** structures in the root hair cell which are also present in the red blood cell. In each case state the letter, **A** to **E**, and name the structure.
1. Letter.....
- Name of structure .....
2. Letter .....
- Name of structure ..... [2]
- (ii) Name **one** structure which is typical of many plant cells but which is not present in the root hair cell.
- ..... [1]

**Core 3**

- (b) State **one** major function of each cell and describe **one** way in which the cell is adapted to carry out this function.

- (i) Red blood cell.

*Function* .....

.....

*Adaptation* .....

..... [2]

- (ii) Root hair cell.

*Function* .....

.....

*Adaptation* .....

..... [2]

[Total : 7]

## ALTERNATIVE TO PRACTICAL questions

### Alternative to Practical 1

An experiment was carried out to investigate the effect of different concentrations of sucrose solution on the length of potato strips.

Five test-tubes were set up, each containing a different concentration of sucrose solution. Another tube was set up containing the same volume of distilled water.

A strip of potato tissue was placed in each tube. The strips were of equal size and as shown in Fig. 2

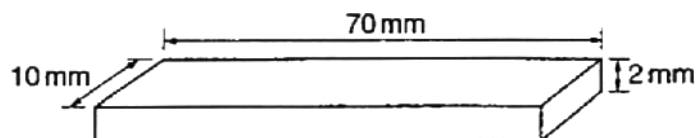


Fig. 2

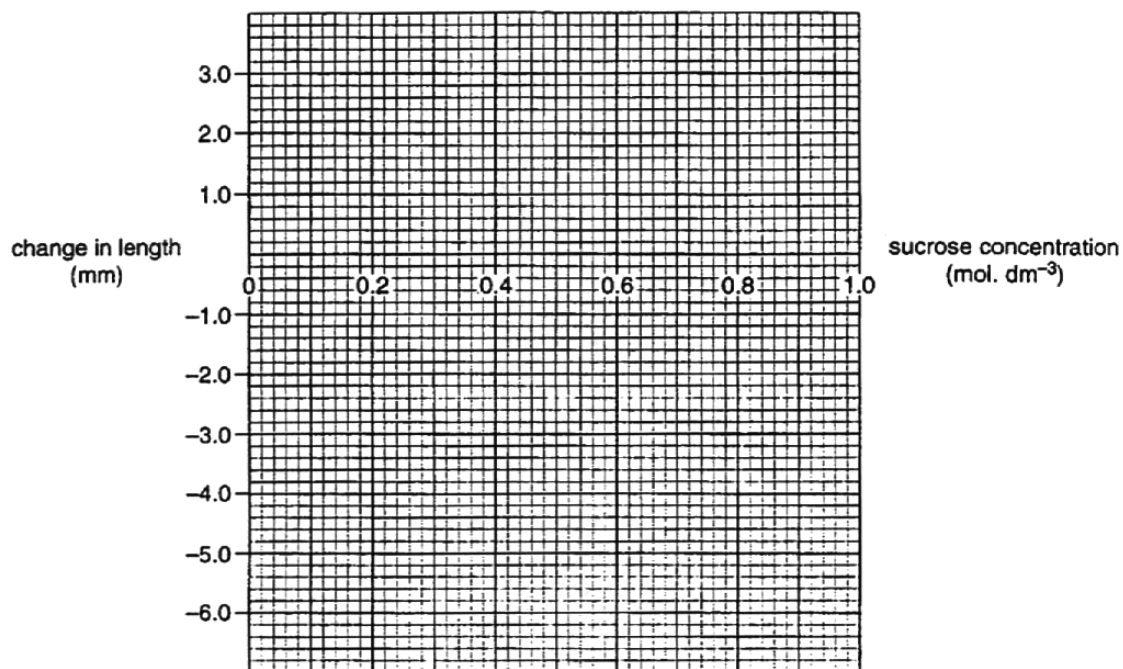
These strips were completely covered by the solutions and were left in the tubes for 30 minutes. The potato strips were removed and measured. The results are shown in Table 2

Table 2

concentration of sucrose solution (mol dm <sup>-3</sup> )	initial length (mm)	final length (mm)	change in length (mm)
0	70	73.0	
0.2	70	71.5	
0.4	70	69.0	
0.6	70	67.0	
0.8	70	66.0	
1.0	70	64.5	

### Alternative to Practical 1

- (a) (i) Complete Table 2 to show the change in length of each strip.
- (ii) Plot the changes in length against the concentration of sucrose solution on the axes provided. Join the points using ruled lines.



[3]

- (b) (i) What conclusions can be drawn from these results?

.....

.....

.....

.....

..... [3]

- (ii) Name the process that has taken place to bring about these changes in the lengths of the potato strips.

..... [1]

## EXTENSION questions

### Extension 1

- (a) Draw a labelled diagram of a **named** specialised plant cell and describe its function. [6]
- (b) Describe the structure and functions of mammalian blood cells. [9]

[Total: 15]

### Extension 2

- (a) What is an *enzyme*? [3]
- (b) State the conditions in which enzymes work best. [3]
- (c) Outline the parts played by **named** enzymes in each of the following processes:
- (i) germination of seeds;
  - (ii) the use of biological washing powders to remove protein stains;
  - (iii) fat digestion in the alimentary canal.

[9]

[Total: 15]



## Cells and cell processes – answers

### Core 1

- a (i) any three of these  
         growth (or alternative wording)  
         movement (or alternative wording)  
         irritability / sensitivity (or alternative wording)  
         excretion (or alternative wording)  
         reproduction (or alternative wording)
- (ii) photosynthesis

### Core 2

In order in the table

Respiration  
 Reproduction  
 Excretion  
 Nutrition / feeding

### Core 3

- a (i) B – cell membrane  
         C – cytoplasm
- (ii) chloroplasts
- b red blood cell  
         any one of these functions with its relevant adaptation  
         carries / combines with oxygen  
         haemoglobin present  
         more space for haemoglobin  
         lack of nucleus  
         oxygen uptake / release  
         biconcave shape / increased surface area
- root hair cell  
         uptake of water / minerals  
         increased surface area / cell extension
- reject anchorage as a function

### Alternative to Practical 1

a (i) in order in the table

+ 3.0 mm  
+ 1.5 mm  
- 1.0 mm  
- 3.0 mm  
- 4.0 mm  
- 5.5 mm

(ii) points plotted accurately  
neat clear line passing through each point

b (i) potato strips in sucrose solutions lost or decreased in length  
potato strips in water or dilute sucrose solutions increased in length  
point noted of no change in length

(ii) osmosis

### Extension 1

a any six of these points with a maximum of 3 for the diagram (third point)

suitable named plant cell  
function described  
diagram recognisable with main features drawn, at least 3 accurate labels  
cell wall  
cytoplasm / reference to lack of cytoplasm  
(sap) vacuole  
nucleus  
chloroplast (or other named feature appropriate to named cell)

b nine points from the following **provided** cell is named

red blood cell or corpuscle / erythrocyte  
reference to lack of nucleus  
description of shape  
provides large surface area (or alternative wording)  
reference to presence of haemoglobin  
carries / transports oxygen

phagocyte / granulocyte / monocyte / neutrophil  
has lobed nucleus  
can change shape / pass out of capillaries  
engulfs bacteria (or alternative wording)  
digests bacteria / foreign material (or alternative wording)

lymphocyte / B cells / T cells  
has large nucleus (or alternative wording)  
produces antibodies  
makes bacteria clump (or alternative wording) / ref. to long term immunity  
produces antitoxins  
neutralises toxins (or alternative wording)

## Extension 2

- a      any three of these  
         biological / present in living organisms  
         catalyst / speeds up reaction rate / lowers activation energy  
         reference to protein nature  
         reference to specificity
- b      any three of these  
         reference to optimum temperature / specified temperature eg 25 – 40°C  
         reference to optimum pH (or specified pH for named enzyme)  
         only work in liquid medium (or alternative wording)  
         reference to lack of limiting factors for example concentration of substrate
- c (i)   any three from  
         amylase  
         breaks down to starch  
         reference to sugar / named sugar **reject** glucose / sucrose  
         use, for example for energy / growth / respiration  
         reference to sugar being soluble for transport
- (ii)   any three of these  
         protease / named protein enzyme, for example pepsin, trypsin  
         breaks down / digests protein  
         to amino acids / peptides  
         reference to solubility
- (iii)   any three of these  
         lipase  
         breaks down / digests protein  
         reference to fatty acids and glycerol  
         reference to molecules small enough to pass through gut wall / into  
         lymph or lacteal  
         reference to site of action, for example small intestine / duodenum / ileum

## Animal nutrition

### CORE questions

#### Core 1

(a) Much of the food we eat has to be digested.

(i) Explain why food needs to be digested.

[2]

(ii) Describe the part played by chewing in the process of digestion.

[2]

(b) (i) Describe how food is moved along the oesophagus by peristalsis.

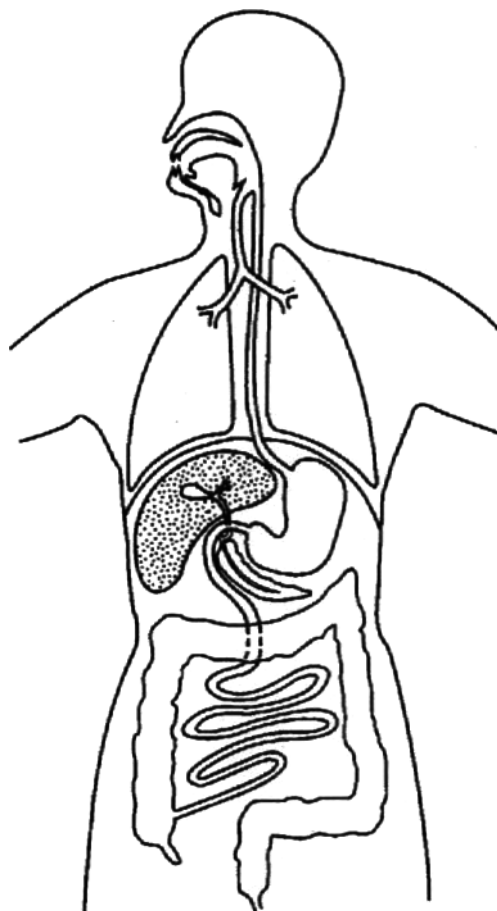
[3]

(ii) Students sometimes wrongly suggest that food falls down into the stomach under the effect of gravity. Suggest **one** piece of evidence which would oppose this idea.

[1]

**Core 1**

- (c) Fig. 1 shows the human digestive system.



**Fig. 1**

- (i) Using the appropriate letter, label on Fig 1 where each of the following is produced:

an amylase, (**A**);

hydrochloric acid, (**B**);

a lipase, (**C**);

a protease, (**D**).

[4]

- (ii) State the nutrient on which protease enzymes act and name the products that are formed.

*Nutrient* .....

*Products* ..... [2]

[Total : 14]

## Core 2

Table 1 shows information about the composition of a fruit.

**Table 1**

nutritional component	amount in 100 g of fruit
energy	162 kJ
protein	0.6 g
sugars	8.7 g
fats	trace
fibre	1.6 g
minerals	trace
vitamins	trace

- (a) (i) The average daily amount of protein needed by humans is 66 g.

How many kilograms of this fruit would a person need to eat if this was the only source of protein? Show your working.

Answer .....kg [3]

- (ii) List the **four** main chemical elements from which protein is made.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
4. .... [2]

- (b) (i) Describe how you could safely test this fruit to see if it contains reducing sugars.

[3]

- (ii) State what you would observe if a reducing sugar is present.

[1]

**Core 2**

(c) Fruit such as this is an important part of a healthy diet.

(i) Suggest **one** reason for eating food rich in fibre.

[1]

(ii) Name the vitamin which is associated with citrus fruits and green vegetables.  
State the function of this vitamin in the body.

*Vitamin* .....

*Function* .....

[2]

[Total: 12]

**Core 3**

Fig. 2 shows part of the alimentary canal.

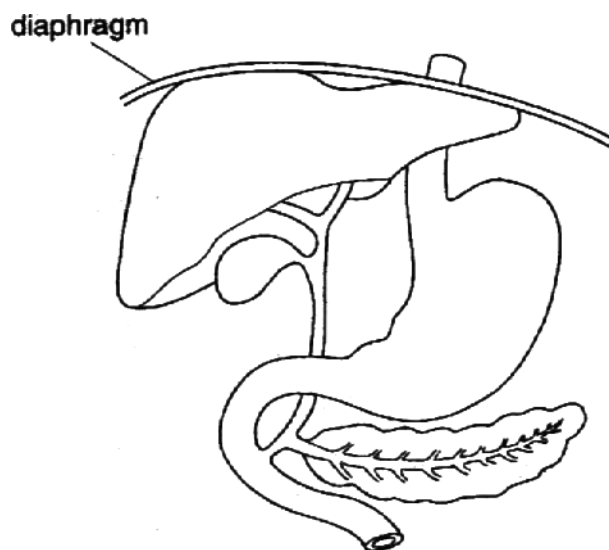


Fig. 2

(a) On Fig. 2 label each of the following structures:

- (i) stomach;
- (ii) liver;
- (iii) pancreas.

[3]

(b) Describe the parts played by the liver and the pancreas in the digestion of fats.

*Liver*

*Pancreas* .....

[4]

[Total:7]



## ALTERNATIVE TO PRACTICAL questions

### Alternative to Practical 1

- (a) (i) Describe how you would carry out a test to show the presence of fat in a biscuit. What observation would indicate the presence of fat?

*Test*

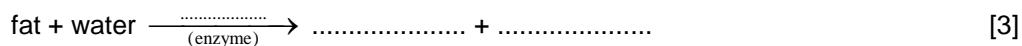
*Observation* .....

[3]

- (ii) Describe how you would use this test to compare the fat content of two different types of biscuit.

..... [2]

- (b) Complete the equation below to summarise the process of fat digestion.



[Total: 8]

## EXTENSION questions

### Extension 1

Health workers in America were concerned about the diets of American people. In response a report was published called 'Dietary Goals'.

Fig. 3 compares an average 1977 diet with the report's recommended dietary goals.

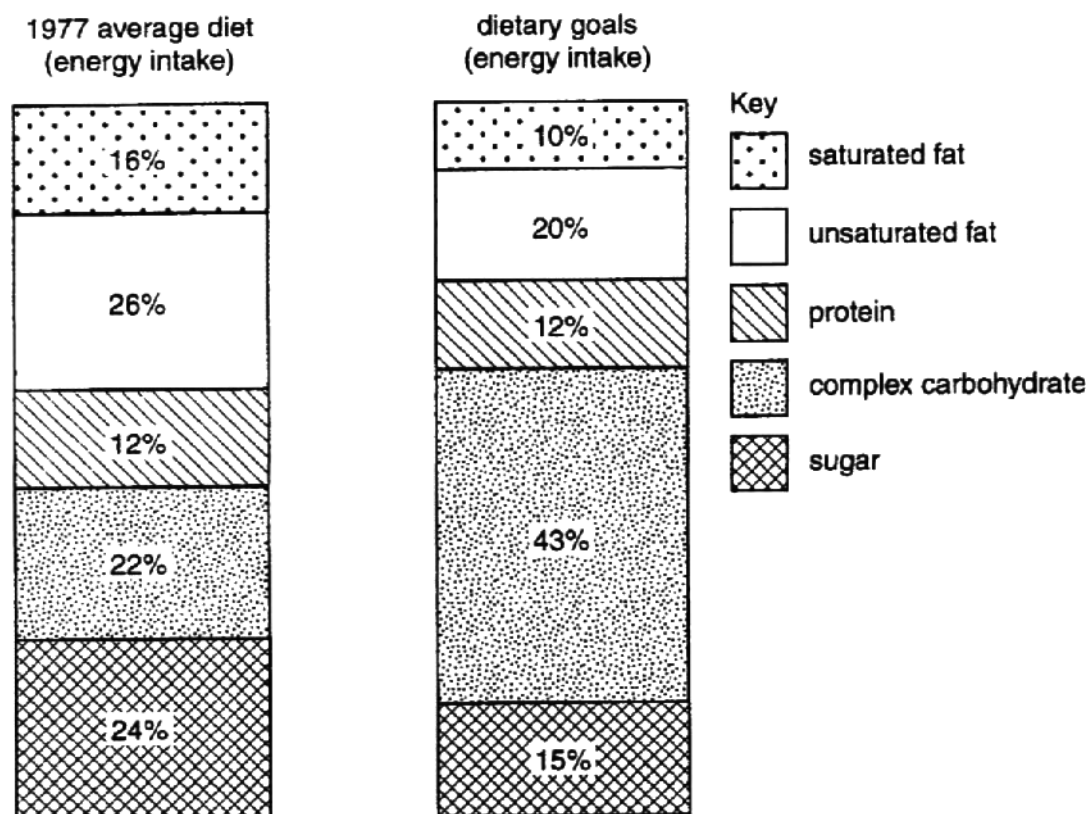


Fig. 3

- (a) (i) What recommendations were made about changes to the fat content of the diet?

... [2]

- (ii) Suggest why these changes were recommended.

[3]

**Extension 1**

- (b) Complex carbohydrates are long chain molecules.

Name a long chain carbohydrate present in

(i) plant tissue; .....

(ii) animal tissue. .... [2]

- (c) Suggest why a reduction in the sugar content of the diet was recommended.

.....  
 .....  
 ..... [2]

It was also recommended that people should reduce their salt intake to about 3 g a day.

- (d) Suggest why a high salt intake can be dangerous to health.

[1]

Babies need a carefully controlled diet to keep them healthy. Mothers are often advised to feed their babies with breast milk rather than with milk derived from cows (formula milk).

- (e) State **three** advantages of feeding a baby with breast milk compared with formula milk.

1. ....  
 2. ....  
 3. .... [3]

[Total: 13]

**Extension 2**

- (a) Describe the processes, beginning with nutrition, which result in the formation of proteins in the leaves of a photosynthetic plant. [8]
- (b) (i) Explain how amino acids in the small intestine of a mammal are assimilated into muscle tissue. [3]
- (ii) Outline the role of proteins in animals. [4]

[Total: 15]

## Animal nutrition – answers

### Core 1

- a(i) to change food into simple / small / soluble form / molecules  
for absorption / diffusion(into intestine wall / villi) / carriage in blood
- (ii) any two of these  
make small enough to swallow  
increase surface area of particles  
mix with saliva / enzyme / amylase
- b(i) any three of these  
contraction of (circular) muscles behind food / bolus  
relaxation of muscles in front  
occurs rhythmically / in waves  
food forced forward / along tube
- (ii) any one of these  
can swallow standing on head / hanging upside down  
can swallow in space with no gravity  
some mammals (standing on four legs) have horizontal oesophagus  
some mammals can regurgitate food against gravity
- c(i) A – label to salivary gland / mouth / pancreas  
B – label to stomach  
C – label to pancreas  
D – label to stomach / pancreas / small intestine
- (ii) protein / named protein  
amino acids / polypeptides / peptides

### Core 2

- a(i)  $66 / 0.6 = 110$   
 $110 \times 100 \text{ g fruit} = 11 \text{ (kg)}$
- (ii) carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen
- b(i) add to Benedict's solution / Fehling's reagent  
heat  
use of water bath / goggles / any other relevant safety practice
- (ii) colour change to orange (accept yellow / brick red/ red-brown)
- c(i) any one of these  
aids peristalsis / movement of food along gut(or alternative wording)  
prevents constipation(or alternative wording)  
reduces fat absorption / risk of bowel cancer(or alternative wording)
- (ii) any one of these  
vitamin C  
maintains healthy skin  
wounds heal more rapidly  
prevents scurvy  
assists uptake of iron

### Core 3

- a labels correctly placed
- b any four of these
  - liver production of bile / bile salts  
emulsifies fats / increases surface area (alternative wording)  
neutralises stomach acid / raises pH
  - pancreas  
secretes lipase / enzyme  
digests / breaks down fats  
to fatty acids and glycerol

### Alternative to Practical 1

- a(i) emulsion test – add ethanol / alcohol  
pour into water  
  
observation - cloudiness / white / milky / emulsion
- (ii) equal quantities of biscuit / same conditions  
one comparison described e.g. of cloudiness
- b lipase / esterase  
fatty acids and glycerol

### Extension 1

- a(i) one mark for reduction / one mark for stating figures from  
reduce fat / saturated fat / unsaturated fat  
reduce fat content from 42% to 30% or by a quarter (or alternative wording)  
reduce saturated fat from 16% to 10 % or by a third or by 6%(or alternative wording)  
reduce unsaturated fat from 26% to 20% or by a fifth or by 6%(or alternative wording)
- (ii) any one from  
reference to problems of obesity (resulting from too much fat in the diet)  
reference to presence of cholesterol  
in (some) saturated fats  
can cause atherosclerosis / atheroma / blockage of arteries  
reference to heart problems(or alternative wording)  
reference to arthritis problems
- b(i) starch / cellulose / hemicellulose / amylose / amylopectin / pectin / callose / insulin  
Reject glycogen  
glycogen / chitin  
Reject glucagon
- c(i) reference to dental decay(or alternative wording)  
reference to problems with obesity(or alternative wording)  
leading to heart disease / diabetes
- d reference to high blood pressure / greater risk of heart attack (or alternative wording)
- e any three of these  
breast milk contains antibodies or greater protection from infection  
breast milk contains foodstuffs in correct proportions (or alternative wording)

bottle milk may contain bacteria or cause intestine disease (accept breast milk is sterile)  
 financial implications of bottle milk  
 some babies are allergic to cow's milk  
 reference to correct temperature of breast milk  
 reference to convenience of breast milk or preparation involved with bottle milk  
 no additives / preservatives in breast milk  
 reference to bonding through breast feeding  
 reference to triggering reduction in size of uterus

## Extension 2

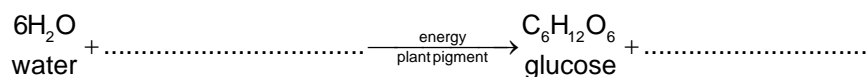
- a(i) any eight of these  
 reference to absorption of nitrogen-containing salts by roots ( accept reference to ions)  
 by diffusion / active transport  
 reference to nitrogen-fixing bacteria in root nodules  
 nitrogen salts transported in xylem  
 reference to photosynthesis  
 carbon dioxide is combined with / reacts with water  
 using energy from (sun)light  
 reference to chloroplasts / chlorophyll  
 sugars produced  
 nitrogen is combined with sugars to make amino acids / proteins
- b(i) amino acids pass through ileum wall / epithelium or lining or wall of villus absorbed into blood (stream)  
 transported to muscles in plasma  
 amino acids synthesized into proteins (or alternative wording)
- (ii) any four of these  
 reference to growth / repair / formation of new cells  
 reference to hormones  
 reference to enzymes  
 constituent of cell membranes(or alternative wording)  
 reference to haemoglobin  
 reference to collagen  
 reference to keratin  
 reference to antibodies  
 reference to fibrinogen / fibrin

## Plant nutrition and transport

### CORE questions

#### Core 1

(a) The chemical equation for photosynthesis shown below is incomplete.



(i) Complete the equation in **either** symbols **or** words. [2]

(ii) State the source of energy for this reaction.

[1]

(iii) Name the plant pigment necessary for this reaction.

[1]

(iv) Which mineral is needed by a plant to form this pigment?

[1]

(b) (i) Name the tissue in which the sugar produced in photosynthesis is carried to other parts of the plant.

[1]

(ii) In many plants some of the sugar formed in photosynthesis is converted to starch for storage. Explain the advantage of storing starch rather than sugar.

..... [2]

(iii) Name the carbohydrate, formed from sugar produced in photosynthesis, which is used to build cell walls.

[1]

[Total : 9]



## Core 2

Fig. 1 shows changes in the rate of water loss from a plant during part of a day. It also shows changes in the temperature and light intensity over the same period.

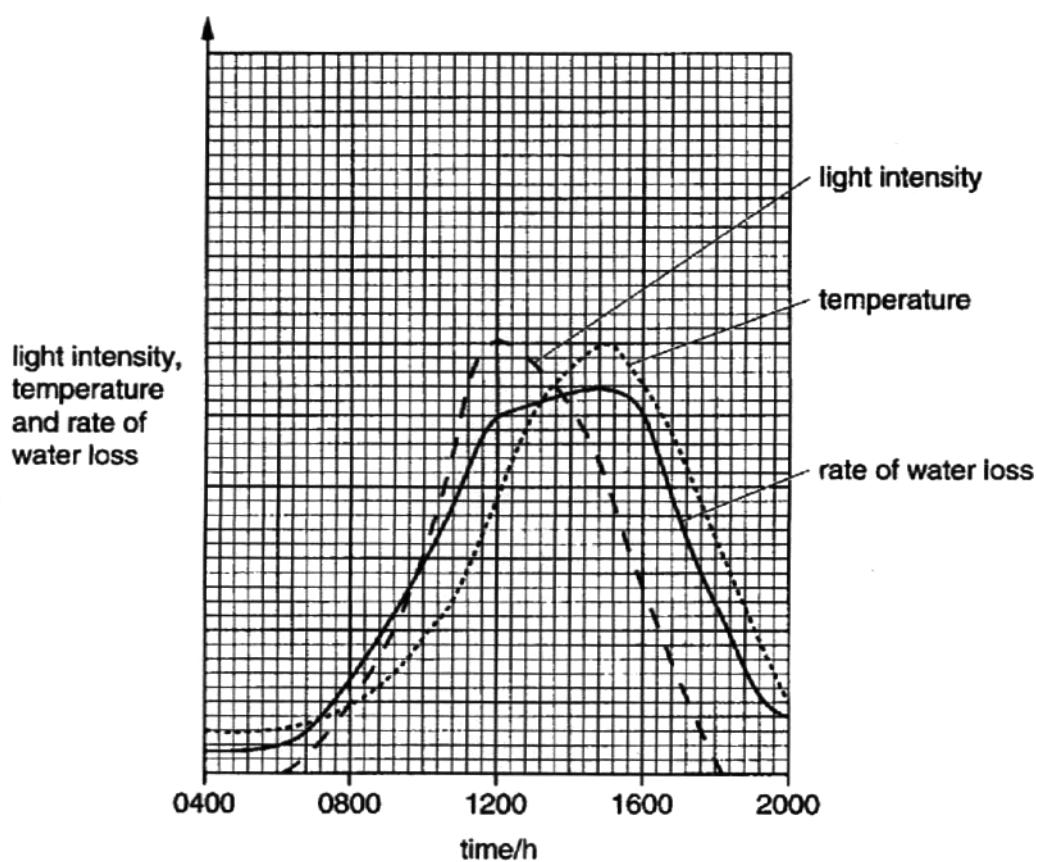


Fig. 1

- (a) Explain why the rate of water loss rises steeply between 0700 and 1200 hours.

[3]

- (b) Suggest which factor, light intensity or temperature, has the greater effect on the rate of water loss between 1200 and 1500 hours. Explain your answer.

Factor .....

Explanation .....

..... [2]

**Core 2**

- (c) Predict and explain the likely effect on the rate of water loss if there had been heavy rainfall between 1100 and 1200 hours.

*Prediction* .....

*Explanation* .....

..... [2]

[Total : 7]

## ALTERNATIVE TO PRACTICAL questions

### Alternative to Practical 1

Fig. 2 shows three sets of apparatus, A, B and C, used to measure different biological processes.

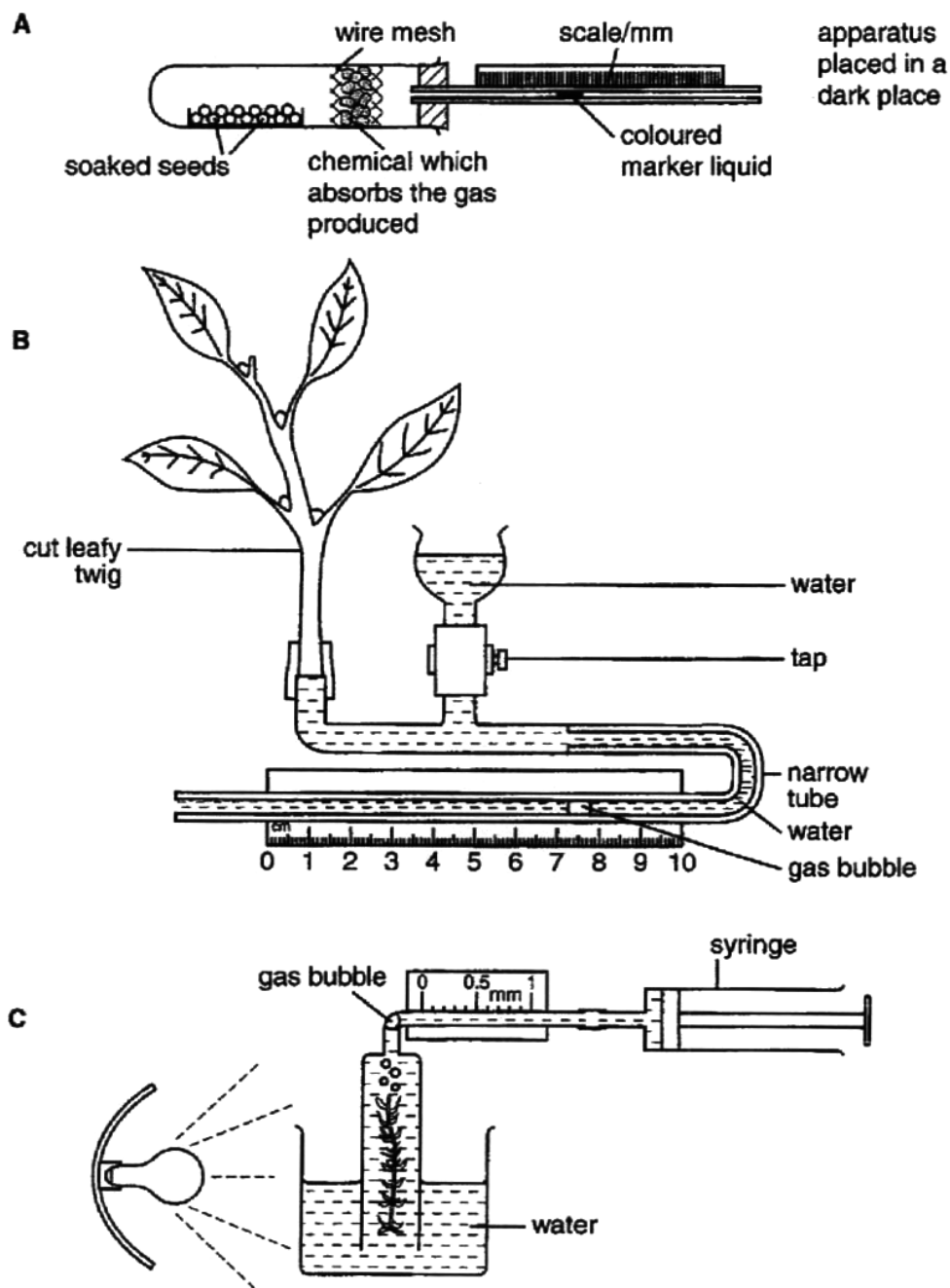


Fig. 2

(a) Name the process that can be measured by each apparatus.

A .....

B .....

C ..... [3]

**Alternative to Practical 1**

- (b) (i) Name the gas which is produced by the process measured using apparatus **A**.

[1]

- (ii) Suggest **one** possible control for an experiment using apparatus **A**.

[1]

- (c) When using apparatus **B**, it is possible to vary the external conditions. Suggest how changing **one named** external condition would affect the biological process measured by apparatus **B**.

[1]

- (d) (i) Name the gas produced by the process measured using apparatus **C**.

[1]

- (ii) How would you keep **one named** external factor constant when using apparatus **C**?

[1]

[Total : 8]

## EXTENSION questions

### Extension 1

Fig. 3 shows part of the lower surface of a typical dicotyledonous leaf.

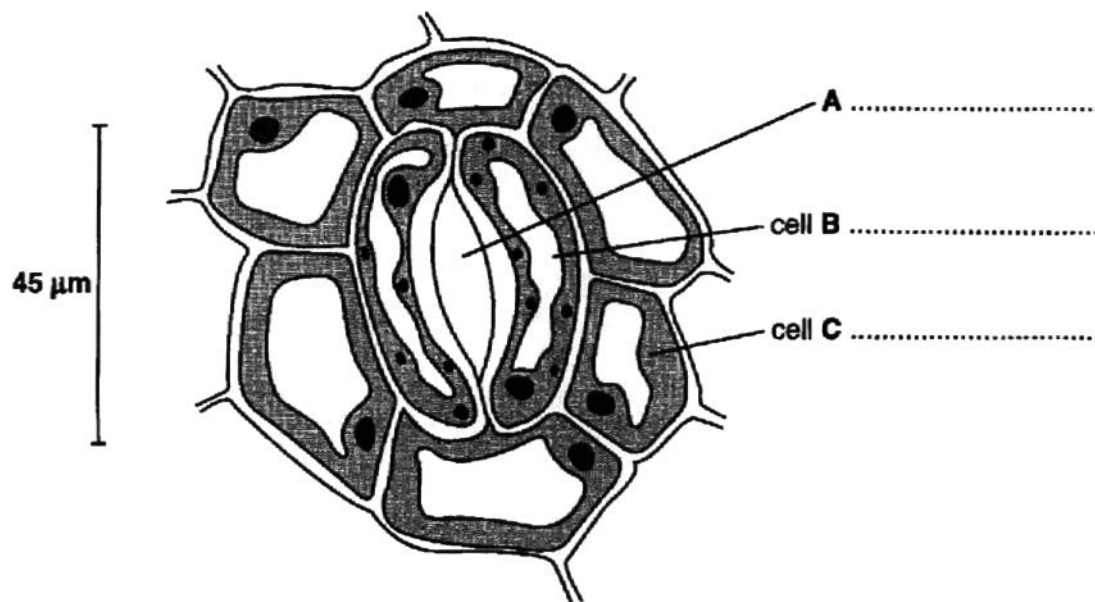


Fig. 3

- (a) On Fig. 3, label part **A** and the cells **B** and **C**. [3]

The surfaces of the leaves of two species of plant were studied and the number of stomata per unit area (stomatal frequency) was recorded.

Cobalt chloride paper changes colour in the presence of water.

Pieces of cobalt chloride paper were attached to the upper and lower surfaces of leaves on both plants. The plants were set up for one hour during the day. Any colour changes were recorded. The experiment was repeated for one hour at night. Table 1 shows the results.

Table 1

plant species	stomatal frequency		colour change to cobalt chloride paper				Key
	lower surface	upper surface	day		night		
			lower surface	upper surface	lower surface	upper surface	
<i>Cassia fistula</i>	0	18	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓ colour change
<i>Bauhinia monandra</i>	22	0	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗ no colour change

- (b) Describe the differences in stomatal distribution between the two species of plant.

..... [2]

**Extension 1**

- (c) (i) Explain the colour changes to the cobalt chloride paper during the day.

[3]

- (ii) Suggest why there was no colour change for either plant at night.

[1]

- (d) Outline the mechanism by which water in the roots reaches the leaf.

.....  
 .....  
 .....  
 ..... [3]

- (e) State and explain the effect of the following on transpiration rate:

- (i) increasing humidity;

..... [2]

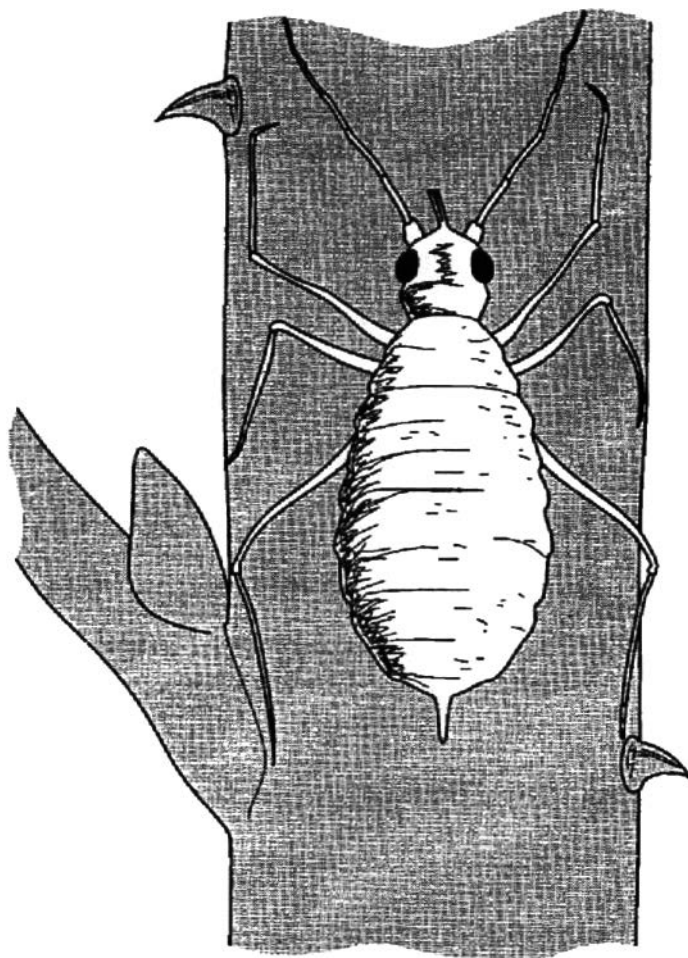
- (ii) increasing temperature.

..... [2]

[Total : 16]

## Extension 2

Fig. 4 shows an aphid feeding on a plant stem. Its mouthparts are hollow tubes which are pushed into the stem to remove sugar solution.



**Fig. 4**

- (a) Aphids are arthropods. State **two** features, visible in Fig. 4, which are common to all arthropods.

1. ....

2. .... [2]

- (b) In which tissue, and by what processes, does the sugar solution move through the plant?

*Tissue* .....

*Processes* .....

..... [3]

**Extension 2**

Some of the sugar solution was collected from the plant stem. Plant cells were placed on a microscope slide and covered with this sugar solution.

- (c) (i) Describe what changes would occur to each of the cell parts listed below, if the sugar solution was more concentrated than the sap in the cell vacuole.

Sap vacuole

Cytoplasm

Cell wall

[3]

- (ii) Explain, in terms of water potential gradient, how these changes occur.

[3]

- (d) Systemic pesticides can be used to kill pests such as aphids. Describe how the application of these pesticides to leaves kills aphids feeding on the stem.

..... [2]

[Total : 13]



### Extension 3

A student carried out an experiment to investigate the growth of floating water plants taken from a pond. Equal masses of the plants were placed into three separate glass containers **A**, **B** and **C**, similar to the one shown in Fig. 5

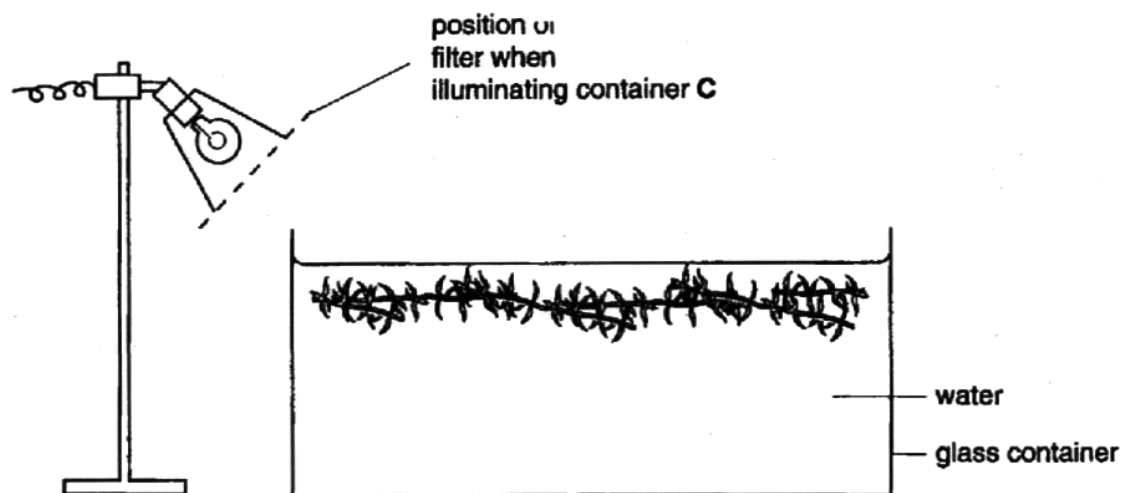


Fig. 5

Container **A** was lit by a 250 W bulb, **B** was lit by a 75 W bulb and **C** was lit by a 250 W bulb with a coloured filter in front of the lamp, as shown in Fig. 5

At weekly intervals, the plants were removed from each container in turn, gently dried, weighed and returned to the containers after their mass had been recorded. Fig. 6 shows the results plotted on a graph.

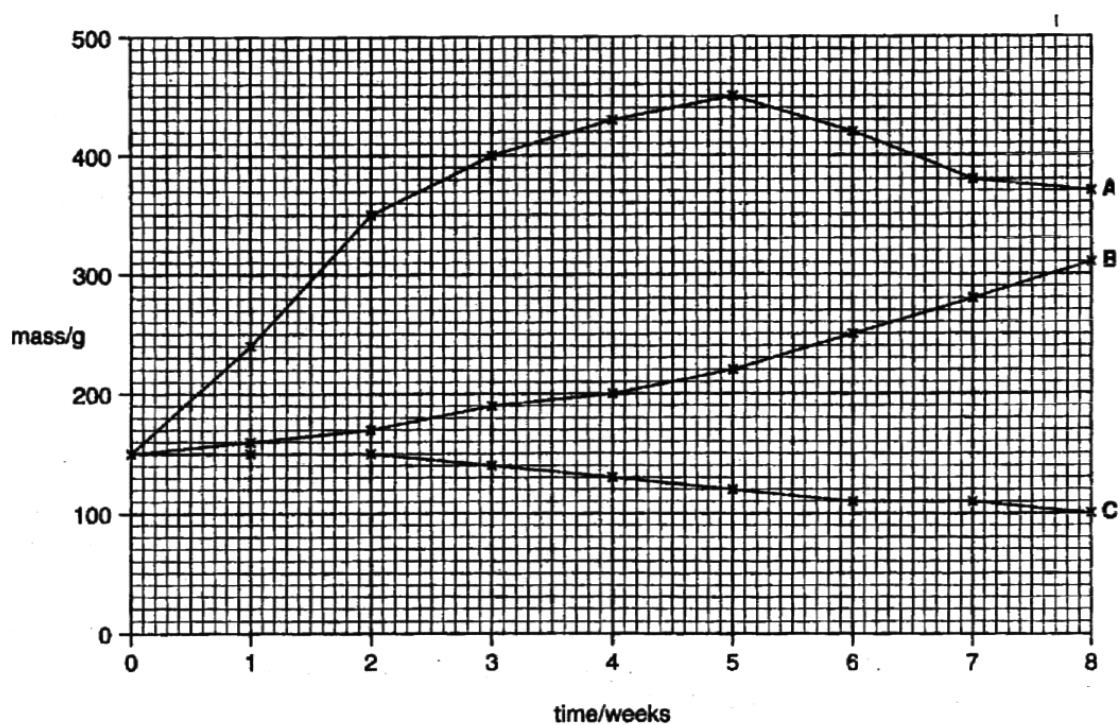


Fig. 6

**Extension 3**

- (a) With reference to Fig. 6 calculate the percentage increase in mass of the plants in container **A** during the first five weeks of the experiment. (Show your working.)

% increase .....[2]

- (b) Suggest why the mass of plants in container **A** began to decrease after week 5, while the mass of plants in **B** continued to increase.

Container **A** .....

Container **B** .....

..... [2]

- (c) During the eighth week, in which container would there be the least dissolved oxygen? Explain your answer.

Container .....

Explanation .....

..... [2]

## Plant nutrition and transport – answers

### Core 1

- a      any three of these  
          light intensity increases  
          the stomata open  
          increase in temperature  
          greater rate of evaporation / transpiration / diffusion
- b      factor-              temperature  
          explanation-    as light decreases the rate of loss continues to rise / temperature and  
                                  water loss curves peak at the similar time
- c      prediction-        rate of water loss / transpiration falls / lower  
          explanation-    air saturated / humid (thus less evaporation)

### Core 2

- a(i)     $6\text{CO}_2$  / carbon dioxide  
           $6\text{O}_2$  / oxygen
- (ii)    sun / solar / sunlight
- (iii)    chlorophyll
- (iv)    magnesium / iron / nitrate / ammonium
- b(i)    phloem
- (ii)    starch is insoluble  
          has no osmotic effect / easier to retain in storage / prevent it being moved
- (iii)    cellulose

### Alternative to Practical 1

- a      A      respiration / use of oxygen  
          B      transpiration / uptake of water / water loss  
          C      photosynthesis
- b(i)    carbon dioxide /  $\text{CO}_2$
- (ii)    one from  
          glass beads  
          stones  
          empty tube  
          boiled, sterile, dry or dead seeds

c one from

moving air / wind / fan / dry air	speed up process
enclosed in a bag / increase humidity	slow process
cold air	slow process
hot air	speed up process
in darkness	slow process
in light / sunny	speed up process

d(i) oxygen / O<sub>2</sub>

(ii) any one of these

light-intensity	fixed position of bulb / keep light on / same wattage /
temperature-	heat shield / in water bath / heat filter
carbon dioxide-	add hydrogen carbonate to water
biotic idea-	use same piece of waterweed

### Extension 1

a any two from

presence of segmented body or abdomen  
presence of jointed limbs or appendages  
presence of head or eyes  
presence of exoskeleton

b tissue phloem / sieve tubes  
processes reference to translocation  
reference to active transport or active uptake

c(i) sap vacuole gets smaller / shrinks / loses water / reference to increase in concentration

cytoplasm moves away from (cell) wall

cell wall no longer curves outwards

(ii) any three points

water potential in vacuole / cell is higher than outside  
due to lower concentration of sugar molecules / higher concentration of water molecules in vacuole / cell  
so water moves out by osmosis  
through (cell) membrane

d pesticides are absorbed into the leaf / plant / stem  
aphids feed on / suck / remove poisonous sap

### Extension 2

a A stoma / stomatal pore  
B guard cell  
C epidermal cell / epidermis

b upper surface  
C. Fistula has 18 stomata while B. Monandra has none  
lower surface  
C. Fistula has no stomata while B. Monandra has 22

- c(i) three of these points  
 water is only lost if stomata are present  
 stomata open during the day  
 so water (vapour) is lost  
 reference to transpiration
- (ii) stomata are closed at night
- d any three of these points  
 reference to xylem  
 water enters xylem vessel through pots in walls  
 reference to transpiration stream / pull  
 reference to capillary action  
 reference to root pressure
- e(i) rate will decrease  
 reference to smaller gradient for diffusion
- (ii) rate will increase  
 more energy for evaporation  
 warm air can hold more water vapour than cold air

### Extension 3

- a  $\frac{300}{150} \times 100$   
 = 200%
- b container A  
 depletion of salts / nutrients  
 seeds released  
 disease  
 shortage of carbon dioxide  
 reached end of life cycle  
container B  
 photosynthesis  
 growth  
 nutrients not exhausted  
 food stores  
 sufficient carbon dioxide
- c container C  
 least or no photosynthesis occurring  
 respiration exceeds photosynthesis  
 death of plant so bacteria active, using up oxygen

## Respiration and the human transport system

### CORE questions

#### Core 1

Two characteristics of living organisms are nutrition and respiration.

- (a) (i) List **three** other characteristics of living organisms.

1. ....
2. ....
3. .... [3]

- (ii) Name the process by which green plants produce carbohydrates.

[1]

- (b) Living organisms release gases into the atmosphere as a result of their various activities. Complete the table, using a tick (✓) or a cross (x), to show which gases are released.

	carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere	oxygen released into the atmosphere
animals in bright light		
green plants in bright light		
animals in the dark		
green plants in the dark		

[4]

[Total : 8]

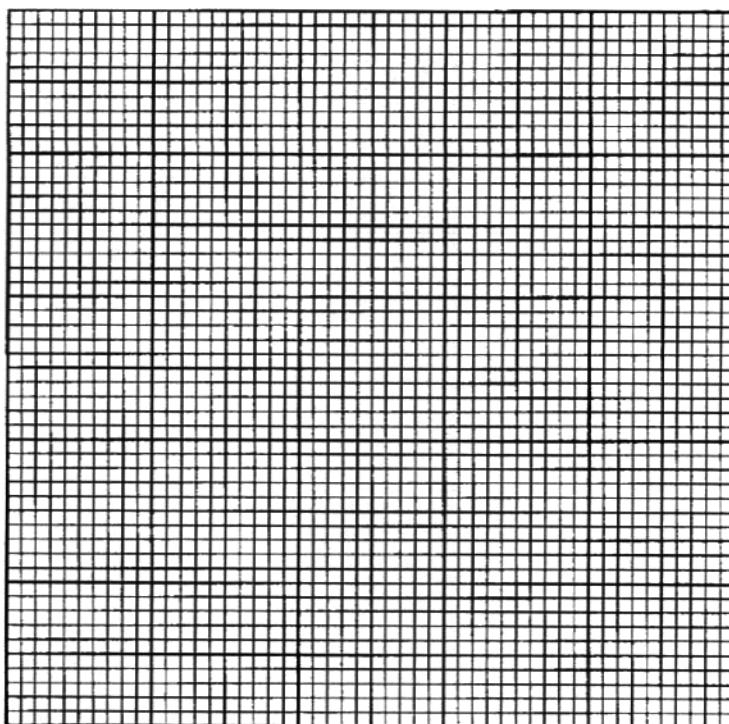
**Core 2**

- (a) Table 1 shows the frequency of human blood groups in a population.

**Table 1**

human blood group	% frequency in the population
A	46
B	9
AB	3
O	42

- (i) Plot the data in the table as a bar chart on the grid below.



[3]

- (ii) What type of variation is illustrated by these data? State a reason for your answer.

*Type of variation* .....

*Reason* .....

[2]

### Core 3

Fig. 1 shows a section through the heart.

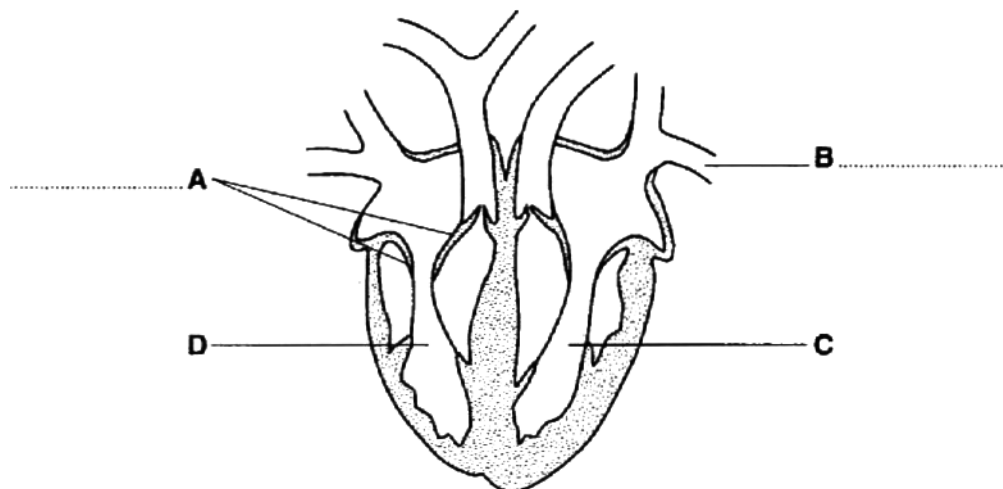


Fig. 1

(a) On Fig. 1

- (i) name the parts labelled **A** and **B**; [2]
- (ii) shade the cavity of the ventricle which contains oxygenated blood; [1]
- (iii) suggest why the wall around chamber **C** is much thicker than that around chamber **D**.

..... [2]

(b) The coronary arteries supply blood to the heart muscle.

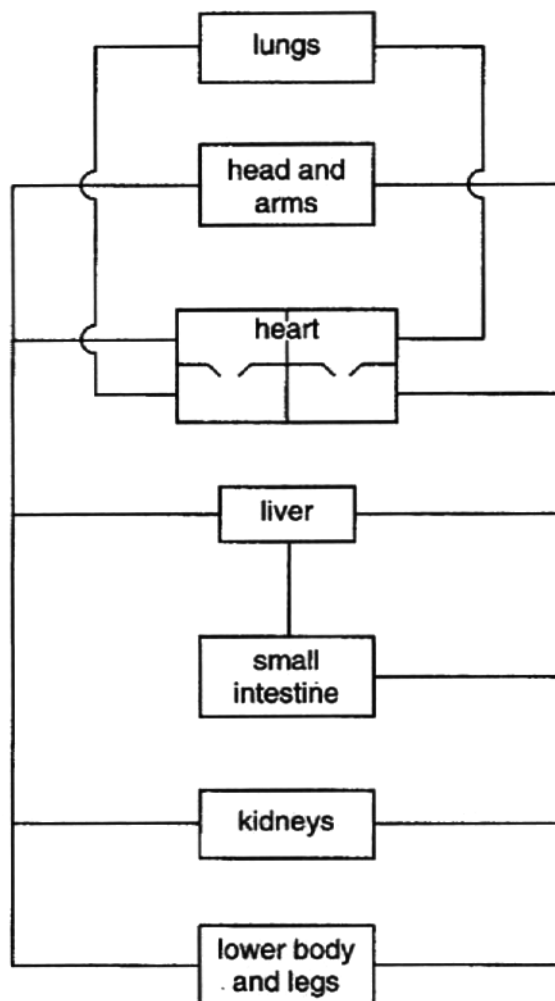
- (i) Suggest **two** activities of humans which might cause a clot in a coronary artery.
  1. ....
  2. .... [2]
- (ii) Explain what might be the result of such a blockage.

..... [2]



**Core 3**

(c) Fig. 2 shows a plan of the circulatory system.



**Fig. 2**

On Fig. 2

- (i) label where urea is formed; [1]
- (ii) label where urea is excreted; [1]
- (iii) show, using a series of arrows, the route taken by urea between these two organs. [2]

[Total : 13]

## ALTERNATIVE TO PRACTICAL questions

### Alternative to Practical 1

Fig. 3 shows the apparatus that was used to investigate the activity of yeast in a glucose solution.

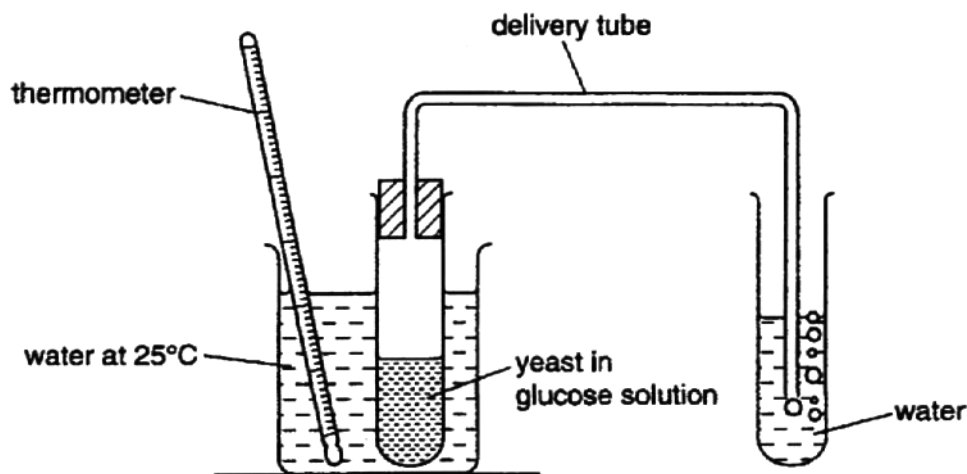


Fig. 3

The number of bubbles released in one minute was counted. This was repeated another four times.

The temperature in the water bath was then raised to 35 °C and five more counts were made.

Table 2

	number of bubbles released in one minute	
	25 °C	35 °C
1	11	17
2	12	19
3	14	20
4	13	16
5	10	18
total		
mean (average)		

**Alternative to Practical 1**

- (a) (i) Complete Table 3.1 to show the totals and mean numbers of bubbles released at each temperature. [2]

- (ii) Name the physiological process in yeast which is investigated in this experiment.

[1]

- (iii) State the effect of raising the temperature on the activity of yeast.

Explain your answer.

*Effect*

*Explanation* .....

[3]

- (b) (i) Name the gas present in the bubbles.

- (ii) Describe a test you could use to identify this gas.

..... [2]

- (c) Explain why it is better to leave the apparatus for a few minutes at each temperature before beginning to count the bubbles.

..... [2]

[Total : 10]

## EXTENSION questions

### Extension 1

(a) Describe the functions of each of the following parts of the heart:

- (i) right atrium;
- (ii) right ventricle;
- (iii) tricuspid valve.

[9]

(b) Outline the likely causes of a heart attack and suggest what preventive measures can be taken to maintain a healthy heart. [6]

[Total: 15]

### Extension 2

An athlete takes part in a race.

(a) Describe and explain what happens to her breathing rate as a result of the race. [5]

(b) The level of adrenaline increases at the start of the race. Describe the effect of this increased level of adrenaline in the athlete's body. [4]

(c) At the end of the race the athlete's body temperature has increased. Outline the body processes which cause her temperature to return to normal after the race. [6]

[Total: 15]

## Respiration and the human transport system – answers

### Core 1

- a(i) any three of these  
 growth  
 movement  
 irritability / sensitivity  
 excretion  
 reproduction

- (ii) photosynthesis

b

	carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere	oxygen released in to the atmosphere
animals in bright light	√	X
green plants in bright light	X	√
animals in the dark	√	X
green plants in the dark	√	X

### Core 2

- a for three marks  
 axes oriented correctly  
 both axes labelled and with suitable scale on frequency axis  
 all four columns correctly plotted

- b type discontinuous variation  
reason there are no intermediate values between the four groups / there are distinctly separate sets of values

### Core 3

- a(i) A tricuspid / right atrio-ventricular / right cuspid valve  
 B pulmonary vein

- (ii) all of cavity of left ventricle shaded

- (iii) thicker wall can generate a greater pressures / more powerful push / pump

- (iv) to pump / push / force blood further / all round the body / not just to the lungs

- b(i) any two of these  
 smoking  
 fat / cholesterol rich diet  
 lack of exercise  
 stress

- (i) restrict supply of oxygen / glucose / sugar to heart / ventricle  
 muscle in area dies / heart attack / cannot respire

- c(i) label to liver

- (ii) label to kidney

- (iii) arrows from liver to heart and heart to kidneys  
 arrows from heart to lungs and back to heart

## Alternative to Practical 1

a(i)

	25 °C	35 °C
total	60	90
mean (average)	12	18

(ii) respiration / fermentation

(iii) Effect increase in number of bubbles released per min reference to a numerical increment

Explanation reference to role of enzymes involved / kinetic energy / more molecular collisions of enzyme and substrate

b(i) carbon dioxide

(ii) limewater turns milky white

c agitation of tubes  
equilibrium / temperature to be reached

## Extension 1

a(i) any three from these  
receives blood from vena cava  
reference to blood being deoxygenated  
acts as reservoir  
reference to thin muscle wall  
contracts / reference to atrial systole to move blood to right ventricle

(ii) any three of these  
receives blood from right atrium  
reference to thick / thicker muscle wall  
reference to builds up blood pressure  
contracts / reference to ventricular systole to move blood to lungs  
via pulmonary artery

(iii) any three of these  
reference to position  
prevents backflow of blood / maintains blood flow in one direction  
reference to closing a ventricular systole / when pressure starts to build in right ventricle  
so blood can only leave via pulmonary artery

b any six of these  
reference to high saturated or animal fat diet / reduce saturated or animal fat content of diet  
reference to too much cholesterol / reduce cholesterol content of diet  
fat / cholesterol builds up on coronary artery  
atherosclerosis / atheroma  
high salt diet / reduce salt content of diet  
stress / stress management  
high blood pressure  
smoking / stop smoking  
lack of exercise / take regular exercise  
obesity / take control of diet to reduce obesity

## Extension 2

- a      any five of these
- breathing rate increases
  - to increase amount of oxygen / to replace used oxygen
  - needed for aerobic respiration
  - reference to muscles
  - repaying oxygen debt
  - removal of lactic acid
  - remove / exhale more carbon dioxide
  - control of breathing rate by brain
- b      any four of these
- increased heart rate / pulse rate
  - to move blood faster
  - so more oxygen / glucose goes to muscles
  - non-essential processes slow down
  - increased air flow into lungs / breathing rate
  - so aerobic respiration increases
  - stimulates conversion of glycogen to glucose
  - increases mental awareness
- c      any six of these
- increase in sweat production
  - secreted from sweat glands
  - onto skin
  - sweat evaporated
  - removing heat from skin surface / reference to cooling effect
  - vasodilation
  - arterioles
  - more blood flows near skin
  - blood carries heat
  - so heat is lost from skin
  - panting causes heat loss from lungs
  - hairs lowered to allow more heat loss

## Coordination, response and homeostasis

### CORE questions

#### Core 1

- (a) State the term which is used to describe the maintenance of a constant internal environment in the human body.

[1]

- (b) Describe how each of the following processes helps to maintain the temperature of the body:

- (i) sweating;

..... [2]

- (ii) vasodilation.

[3]

[Total : 6]



## Core 2

Fig. 1 shows the urinary system and its blood supply.

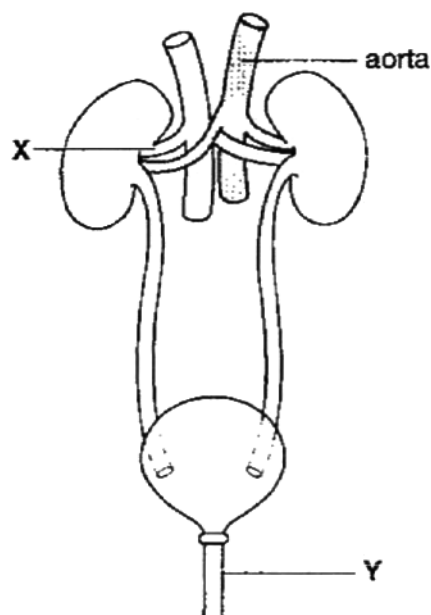


Fig. 1

- (a) (i) Identify the structures labelled **X** and **Y** on Fig. 1.
- X** .....
- Y** ..... [2]
- (ii) A function of the kidney is to remove urea from the blood. State **one** other function of the kidney.
- ..... [1]
- (b) The liver forms urea by breaking down excess amino acids. Name **two** other substances which are broken down by the liver.
1. ....
2. .... [2]
- (c) The liver and kidneys are organs which help to maintain a constant internal environment.
- Which term describes this process?
- ..... [1]

[Total:6]

**Core 3**

- (a) A student reaching for a book on a bookshelf pricks his finger on the sharp point of a nail. He pulls his hand away very quickly.

- (i) State the type of response which has occurred.

[1]

- (ii) What is the effector in this response?

[1]

- (iii) Name the type of nerve cell which links the central nervous system to the effector.

[1]

- (b) Fig. 2 shows part of the leg of a crab.

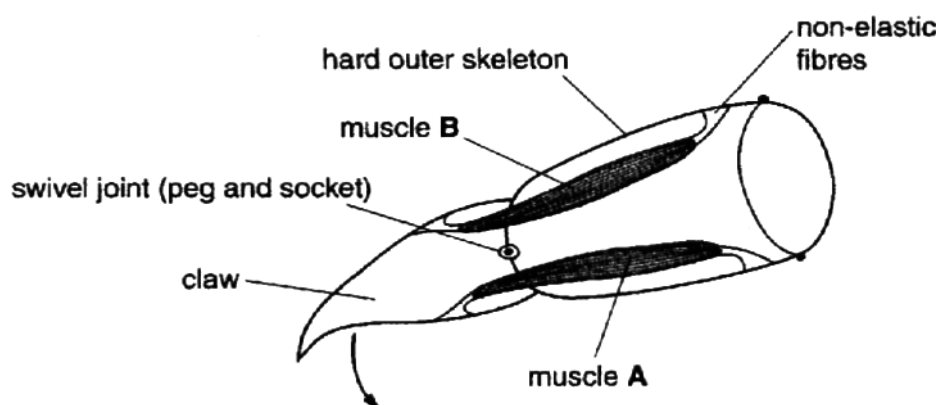


Fig. 2

- (i) State what happens to muscles, **A** and **B**, in order for the claw to move in the direction of the arrow.

*Muscle A* .....

*Muscle B* ..... [1]

- (ii) Why do muscles in the leg occur in pairs?

[1]

- (iii) Suggest why the fibres which join the muscle to the skeleton are non-elastic.

[1]

[Total : 6]

## ALTERNATIVE TO PRACTICAL questions

### Alternative to practical 1

Fig. 3 shows a rotating clinostat with five seedlings attached.

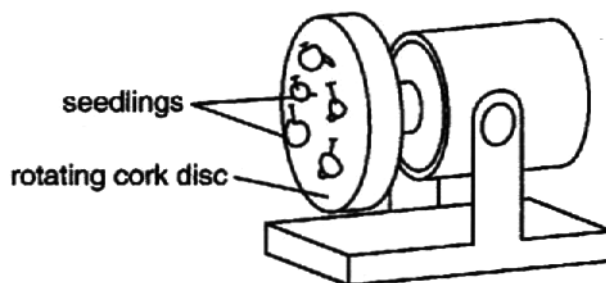
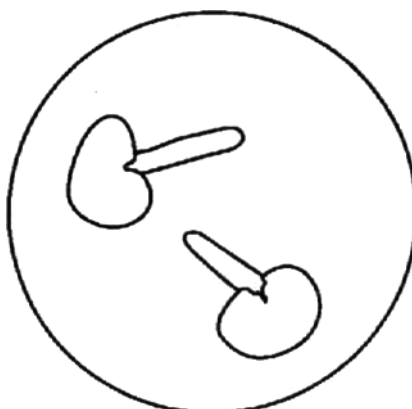


Fig. 3

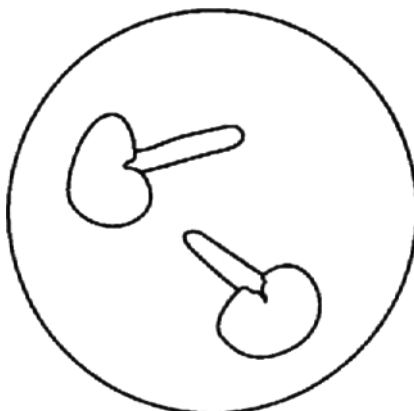
The cork disc is rotated slowly so that all sides of the seedlings are equally exposed to the stimulus of gravity.

- (a) (i) On the diagram below, show the appearance of the seedlings after being attached to the rotating clinostat for two days. No labels are required.



[1]

- (ii) On the diagram below, show the appearance of the seedlings after two days if the clinostat had **not** been rotating.



[2]

**Alternative to practical 1**

- (iii) Explain the new appearance of the seedlings in (a) (ii) after two days.

..... [2]

- (b) (i) What condition must be provided to ensure continued growth of the seedlings over the two day period?

[1]

- (ii) How could this be achieved?

[1]

- (c) Describe how you would ensure that **only** the response to gravity is being investigated.

[1]

[Total : 8]

## EXTENSION questions

### Extension 1

- (a) (i) Define the term *reflex action*. [3]
- (ii) Describe the pupil reflex and explain its advantages. [5]
- (b) Distinguish between rods and cones in terms of function and distribution. [4]
- (c) Suggest how damage to **three named** parts of the eye could result in impaired vision or blindness. [3]

[Total:15]

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[Total:15]

## Coordination, response and homeostasis – answers

### Core 1

- a homeostasis
- b(i) evaporation of sweat / water  
removes heat from the body / cools the body / reference to latent heat of vaporisation
- (ii) arterioles in skin relax  
increased blood flow through surface capillaries  
more heat loss from body by convection / radiation

### Core 2

- a(i) **X** – renal vein  
**Y** – urethra
- (ii) remove water / salts (from blood) or  
osmoregulation or  
control of water / salt content (of the blood)
- b any two from these  
alcohol  
drugs / named drug  
haemoglobin  
hormones / named hormone  
toxins
- c homeostasis

### Core 3

- a(i) reflex response / action / involuntary / automatic
- (ii) arm muscles / named arm muscle / muscle (unqualified)
- (iii) motor (neurone)
- b(i) **A** – contracts **B** – relaxes **reject** – expands / stretches
- (ii) to pull leg / part of leg in opposite / different directions
- (iii) to pass / transmit all of muscle pull to skeleton / not to lose some pull in stretching the fibres

### Alternative to Practical 1

- a(i) diagram shows all seedlings with longer straight roots
- (ii) diagram shows all seedlings with curved roots towards source of gravity correct extended growth region
- (iii) root tip / root / radicle responds towards gravity / grows downwards / shows geotropism  
**reject** points downwards / bends (or alternative wording)  
 correct reference to role of auxins
- b(i) any one from  
 water / moisture  
 air / oxygen  
 correct temperature / heat / warmth  
**reject** carbon dioxide, light, minerals
- (ii) must link to b(i)  
water / moisture  
 protective covering / glass / plastic box / keep seedlings moist / prevent seedlings drying out / adds water daily / supply water / soaked cotton wool  
warmth  
 heat from lamp / in temperature box / facing the sun / out of air conditioned area / warm room  
air / oxygen  
 ventilation / fan / breathing
- c keep apparatus in the dark / uniform continuous light / red light / in light from all directions / keep moist to avoid hydrotropism

### Extension 1

- a(i) automatic response  
 to a stimulus  
 and one from  
 reference to very fast  
 reference to innate / not learned
- (ii) any six points from these  
 light shines on (or alternative wording) retina  
 electrical impulse generated (or alternative wording)  
 passed to brain via motor neurones  
 to iris  
 circular muscles contract **reject** references to ciliary muscles  
 to make pupils smaller  
 protects rods and cones / retina from damage  
 reflex is very fast / does not require thought / does not require decision
- b any four from  
 cones detect colour  
 reference to three types of cones / detect red, green, blue  
 cones needed for fine detail  
 rods cannot detect colour / only produce image in black and white  
 rods distributed all over retina

cones concentrated in fovea / yellow spot  
 cones only stimulated by bright light / rods sensitive to dim light

- c any three from these  
 rods / cones / retina / damaged by bright light so not receptive  
 lens cloudy or damaged so light cannot pass through  
 cornea cloudy or damaged so light cannot pass through  
 eyeball deformed / retina detached so cannot focus  
 optic nerve damaged so no impulses transmitted (or alternative wording)

## Extension 2

- a any four points from these

### excretion

removal from the body of waste products of metabolism  
 reference to substances which are poisonous / in excess / surplus to requirements

### egestion

removal of faeces from the body  
 reference to via anus

- b drawing marks  
 includes aorta, renal artery, kidney, ureter, bladder and urethra  
 drawing clear and parts correctly labelled

### explanation

reference to blood from aorta to renal artery  
 blood enters kidney  
 water filtered out  
 reference to formation of urine  
 urine passes down ureter  
 reference to storage in bladder  
 reference to sphincter muscle and role  
 urine passes through urethra

- c any four from  
 reference to deamination / breakdown of proteins or amino acids  
 reference to formation of urea  
 reference to breakdown of hormones / named hormones  
 reference to breakdown of alcohol  
 reference to breakdown of nicotine / other named drugs



## Reproduction in plants

### CORE questions

#### Core 1

A plant was allowed to disperse its seeds naturally. The seedlings were examined two weeks after they had started to grow. They were found to be of very different heights.

- (i) Suggest **three** environmental factors which could have affected the height of the seedlings.
1. ....
  2. ....
  3. .... [3]
- (ii) The seedlings all developed from the seeds of a single plant. The plants which later developed from these seedlings showed a number of inherited differences. Suggest **three** possible reasons for these inherited differences.
1. ....
  2. ....
  3. ....
- [3]

[Total : 11]

## Core 2

Fig 1 shows a section through a bean flower.

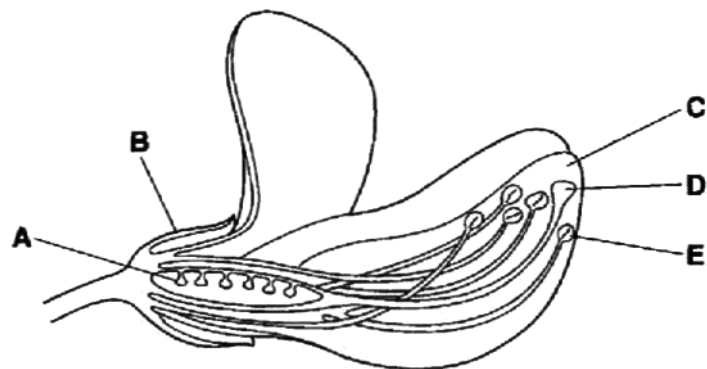


Fig.1

- (a) Name the parts labelled **A** and **B**.

**A** .....

**B** ..... [2]

- (b) This flower is insect pollinated. Suggest how parts **C**, **D** and **E** help in pollination of this flower.

[3]

- (c) After pollination the ovules develop into seeds. Describe the events which occur after pollination and which result in the formation of seeds.

[4]

[Total : 9]

## EXTENSION questions

### Extension 1

Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section through a root tip showing the regions of growth and development.

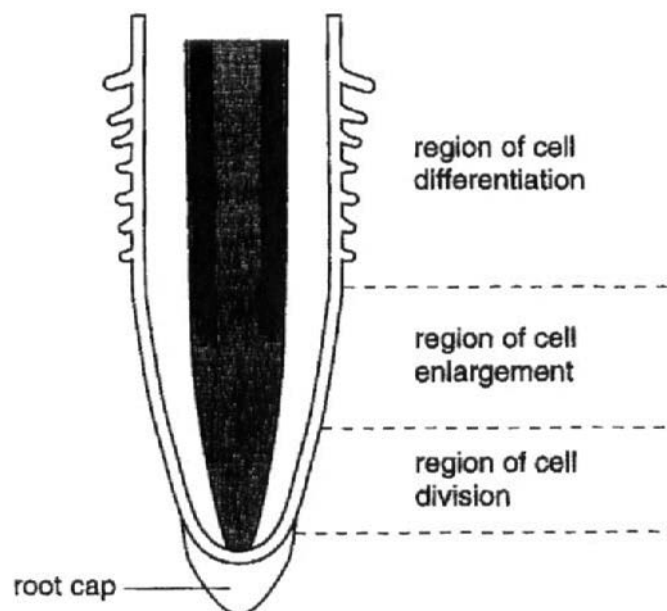


Fig. 2

- (a) Distinguish between the terms *growth* and *development*.

[3]

- (b) Outline what happens in the region of cell division.

[3]

### Extension 1

The enlarging cells get bigger by absorbing water.

- (c) (i) Name the process responsible for this absorption of water.

[1]

- (ii) What condition must exist in a cell for water absorption to occur?

[1]

- (iii) Which cell feature prevents the enlarging cells from bursting?

[1]

- (iv) Suggest how the enlargement of these cells makes the root grow longer.

..... [2]

In the region of cell differentiation, a number of different tissues are formed.

- (d) (i) Define the term *tissue*.

..... [2]

- (ii) Table 1 contains some information about root tissues and their functions. Complete the table.

**Table 1**

name of tissue	function
xylem	
	transport of sugars
	absorption of water from the soil

[3]

[Total: 16]

**Extension 2**

- (a) Define the term *pollination*. [2]
- (b) Describe the structure of a **named** insect-pollinated flower and state the functions of its parts. [10]
- (c) Describe how cross-pollination leads to variation in a species. [3]

[Total:15]

**Extension 3**

- (a) Discuss, giving examples, how the use of modern technology has resulted in increased food production. [9]
- (b) How is plant growth affected by a deficiency of magnesium ions? [3]
- (c) How can minerals, trapped in the bodies of dead animals, become available for plant use? [3]

[Total:14]

## Reproduction in plants – answers

### Core 1

- (i) any three of these  
 amount / brightness of sunlight / light  
 water availability  
 mineral supply  
 rooting space  
 other soil factors e.g. pH  
 disease infections / damage by herbivores / animals  
 affected by competitor species
- (ii) any three of these  
 meiosis leading to variations in ovules / female gametes / nuclei  
 meiosis leading to variation on pollen grains / male gametes / nuclei  
 second / male parent may be different for different seeds / fertilisation of  
 ovules from different pollen grains  
 possibility of mutations / specific mutagen action  
 correct reference to different genotypes of parents / heterozygous state for  
 some genes

### Core 2

- a A ovule / ovary  
 B sepal / calyx
- b C (petals are) coloured / bright / shaped / produce nectar / have nectar guides to  
 attract insects  
 D (stigma / style) receives pollen from pollinator / insect  
 E (anther / stamen) produces pollen / place pollen on insect
- c fusion of gametes / nuclei / fertilisation  
 plus any three of these  
 pollen tube grows / develops / forms  
 through / down style / to ovary  
 to micropyle / ovule / embryo sac  
 male gamete passes through pollen tube / moves to female  
 gamete/nucleus  
 zygote develops into embryo  
 reference to female gamete as egg cell, ovum

### Extension 1

- a growth at least one from  
 increase in size or number of cells or dry mass / getting larger  
 irreversible / permanent  
 due to cell division
- development at least one from  
 increase in complexity  
 formation of different cells / tissues / organs / additions of new features
- b three references from  
 mitosis  
 chromosomes  
 division of nucleus  
 formation of new cells / daughter cells

being identical / of same genetic composition

- c(i) osmosis / diffusion
- (ii) higher concentration of solutes than outside the cell / lower water potential in cell
- (iii) cell wall
- (iv) two points from  
 cell swells up / becomes turgid / gets longer / elongates  
 press against each other  
 results in increase in overall length of root / whole root gets longer  
 downward growth as a result of upper part of root being anchored  
 cells elongate vertically
- d(i) group of cells of the same type  
 carrying out the same function
- (ii) 

<u>name of tissue</u>	<u>function</u>
(xylem)	transport of water or minerals / support
phloem / sieve tubes	(transport of sugars)
root hair (cells)	(absorption of water from soil)

## Extension 2

- a transfer of pollen  
 from anther / stamen to stigma
- b ten marks from the following  
 named insect-pollinated flower  
 sepals, description of position or shape or appearance  
 reference to protection of flower while in bud  
 petals, description of position or shape or appearance  
 attracting insects / acting as landing stage / guides present to direct  
 insects to nectar  
 stamen = anther + filament  
 anther, description of position or shape or appearance  
 pollen  
 filament, description of position or shape or appearance  
 supports anther  
 carpel = stigma + style + ovary  
 stigma, description of position or shape or appearance  
 receives pollen  
 style, description of position or shape or appearance  
 supports stigma for pollination / acts as a pathway for pollen tube  
 ovary, descriptions of position or shape or appearance  
 contains ovules / reference to site of fertilisation / becomes the fruit  
 nectary position / reference to scent  
 produces nectar  
 flower stem supports flower  
 for greater visibility to insects  
 receptacle acts as base for other flower parts  
 ovule and position  
 forms seeds
- c reference to mixing of genetic material  
 can result in different genotypes  
 so phenotypes / offspring appearance can be different

### Extension 3

- a      any nine from these
- chemical or artificial fertilisers provide more of named mineral or element
  - results in greater crop yield (linked to above)
  - pesticides / fungicides reduces crop damage by insects or fungi / farm animal infestation
  - herbicides reduce competition between crop and weeds for named requirements (e.g. light / minerals / water)
  - reference to use of machinery
  - larger areas of land to be cultivated / saves time
  - reference to artificial selection of crop types
  - results in greater yield / ability to grow crops on harsh climates
  - reference to genetic engineering / cloning
  - one example of use
  - reference to use of bacteria to make yoghurt
  - reference to use of yeast in bread-making
  - reference to use of single cell protein to make meat substitutes
  - reference to controlled conditions in greenhouse
  - reference to improved weather forecasting and application
  - use of satellites to observe crop disease / need for fertiliser
  - use of computerisation and application
  - reference to intensive animal farming / fish farming
  - use of animal food concentrates / balanced feeding
  - use of antibiotics / hormones / other drugs for animal rearing / plant growing or fruit production
  - reference to biological control of pests
- b      any three of these
- needed for production of chlorophyll
  - needed to trap sunlight
  - reference to photosynthesis
  - no sugars produced
  - so protein synthesis not possible
  - reference to chlorosis / yellowing of leaves / pale leaves
- c      reference to decomposition / rotting
- by fungi / bacteria / saprophytes / named decomposers
  - releases minerals into the soil





**Core 1**

- (c) The male sex hormone causes a number of changes in the body during puberty. State **two** of these changes other than changes to the reproductive system.

1. ....

.....

2. ....

..... [2]

[Total : 9]

## Core 2

Table 1 shows the average masses of girls and boys from birth to 20 years of age.

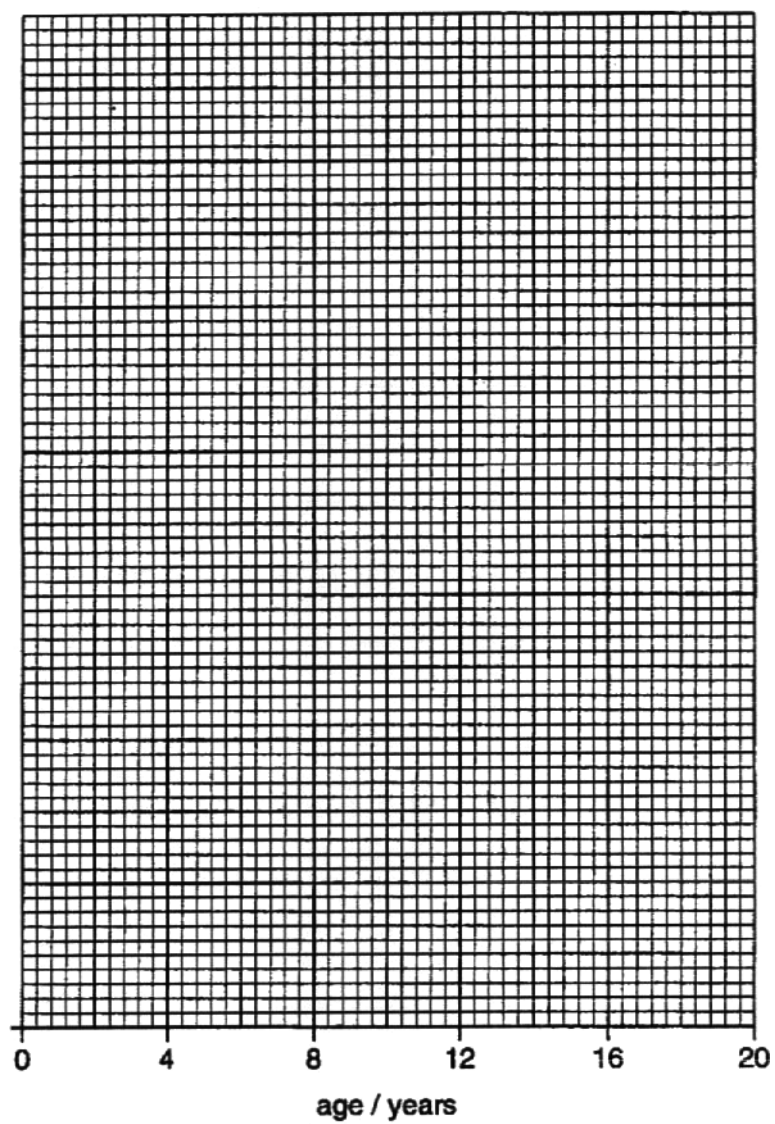
**Table 1**

girls		boys	
age/years	mass/kg	age/years	mass/kg
0	3	0	4
1	9	1	10
4	16	4	16
8	25	8	28
12	40	12	38
16	53	16	59
20	56	20	65

- (a) (i) Plot both sets of data as separate curves on the grid provided opposite. [5]
- (ii) Using your graph, state at which ages the average masses of girls and boys are the same.  
 ..... [2]
- (iii) State **two** factors, apart from its sex, which could affect the mass of a baby at birth.  
 1. ....  
 2. .... [2]
- (b) (i) What evidence in the graph shows that girls undergo puberty before boys?  
 [1]
- (ii) Name the hormone responsible for the changes which occur at puberty in females.  
 [1]
- (iii) State **two** changes which occur at puberty in females.  
 1. ....  
 2. ....

[Total: 13]

## Core 2



## EXTENSION questions

### Extension 1

Pregnant women at high risk of having a baby with Down's syndrome are often offered an amniocentesis. This technique is shown in Fig. 2

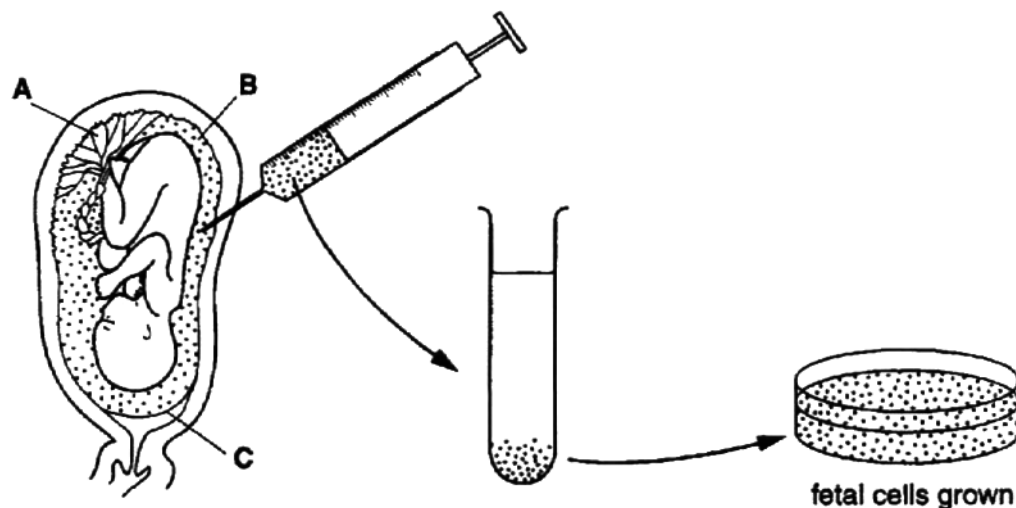


Fig. 2

- (a) Complete the table by identifying the parts labelled **A**, **B** and **C** and stating a function of each one.

part	name	function
<b>A</b>		
<b>B</b>		
<b>C</b>		

[6]

The technique involves taking a sample of **B** from within the uterus. Fetal cells in the sample are then grown and analysed.

- (b) (i) Suggest how the cells would be different from normal cells if the fetus has Down's syndrome.

.... [1]

- (ii) What is the cause of this difference?

[1]

**Extension 1**

- (c) Suggest how the sex of the fetus could be identified by observation of fetal cells.

[3]

During pregnancy women may also be monitored in other ways, including urine sampling.

- (d) Suggest why the urine of pregnant women is analysed.

..... [2]

[Total: 13]

**Extension 2**

- (a) Describe the movement of **named** materials from the mother to the fetus. [6]
- (b) Describe the signs, symptoms and effects of the disease syphilis. [6]
- (c) Explain
  - (i) how HIV is transmitted, and
  - (ii) how its spread can be prevented. [7]
- (d) Explain why the methods for treating syphilis cannot be used for the treatment of AIDS. [2]

## Human reproduction – answers

### Core 1

- a increase in numbers / producing new individuals  
requiring the fusion / joining  
of gametes / sperm and ovum / two special cells / genetic material / DNA  
form two individuals
- b(i) X – testis  
production of sperm / gametes  
production of testosterone / male hormone
- (ii) mark / cut shown clearly on sperm duct, not at the junction with the urethra
- c any two from  
deepening of voice / breaking of voice  
development of facial hair  
development of pubic / axillary hair  
widening of shoulder girdle  
enlargement of limb muscles

### Core 2

- a(i) five marks awarded as follows  
vertical axis labelled  
logical scale  
points plotted accurately  
points joined  
lines identified
- (ii) 10 / 11 years  
14 / 15 years
- (iii) any two from  
mother's diet  
genetic factors  
disease  
if mother smokes / passive smoking  
if it is a single / multiple birth / premature birth
- b(i) increase in mass in teenage years begins earlier / girls at 12 are heavier than boys
- (ii) oestrogen
- (iii) any two of these  
onset of menstrual cycle / periods start / ovulation starts  
widening of hips  
development of breasts / mammary glands  
axillary hair / pubic hair  
redistribution of fat layer under skin

### Extension 1

- a A = placenta reference to transfer / exchange of materials, mother to foetus /  
v.v.  
B = amniotic fluid cushions foetus from physical damage / absorbs excretory  
materials from foetus / supports foetus



C = amnion / amniotic sac / amniotic membrane  
contains amniotic fluid / secretes amniotic fluid

- b(i) reference to presence of 47 chromosomes / extra chromosome
- (ii) reference to mutation  
reference to unequal chromosome division  
reference to extra number 21 chromosome
- c reference to use of microscope / analyse or observe chromosomes  
presence of xx chromosomes = girl / female  
presence of xy chromosomes = boy / male
- d EITHER  
reference to testing for presence of glucose  
to test for diabetes

OR

reference to testing for protein  
reference to possible consequences of protein loss  
reference to testing for diseases  
reference to testing for drugs  
reference to checking hormone levels

## Extension 2

- a any six of these points  
reference to placenta  
allows maternal blood to come close to that of foetus  
allows diffusion of materials  
reference to foetal capillaries  
reference to transfer of oxygen  
from maternal red blood cells / haemoglobin  
reference to transfer of glucose / amino acid / other named nutrient  
reference to transfer of antibodies  
reference to plasma, linked to above  
pass from placenta to foetus via umbilical cord / vein
- b any six of the following  
chancre / hard lump / painless sore / blister  
on part of body which contacted partner  
reference to rash / sore throat  
reference to raised temperature  
reference to headache  
reference to ulceration / sores on other parts of body  
reference to discharge  
any tertiary symptom or effect: hair loss / teeth / nose / skeleton / skin / brain /  
nervous system / liver / blood vessels / paralysis / blindness / infertility /  
insanity /  
aneurism / death / damage to foetus  
reference to 3 stage disease / stages named
- c(i) any four of these  
transmitted in named body fluid e.g. blood, semen  
passed during unprotected sex  
reference to use of shared needles / razors / unsterilised needles  
reference to blood transfusions with unscreened blood / organ transplants  
reference to transmission from mother to foetus

- (ii) any three of these
  - reference to education about AIDS / HIV
  - use of condom during sexual intercourse / reference to safe sex
  - use of sterile needles / do not share needles / avoid contact with contaminated blood
  - avoid casual sex
  
- d any two from
  - syphilis is caused by a bacterium
  - HIV is a virus, not AIDS
  - antibiotics are not effective against viruses

## Inheritance and evolution

### CORE questions

#### Core 1

Hair colour in mice is controlled by a gene with two alleles. A homozygous black-haired mouse was bred with a homozygous brown-haired mouse. All the offspring were black-haired.

- (a) (i) Explain what is meant by the terms *homozygous* and *recessive*.

*Homozygous* .....

*Recessive* .....

..... [2]

- (ii) Which is the dominant hair colour in mice?

[1]

- (b) One of the heterozygous black-haired offspring was bred with a homozygous brown-haired mouse.

- (i) Using the symbols **B** and **b** to represent the two alleles, draw a genetic diagram to show the outcome of this cross. [4]

- (ii) State the ratio of the phenotypes of the offspring.

[1]

[Total : 8]

## Core 2

Fig. 1 shows, in outline, the stages of the division of a cell.

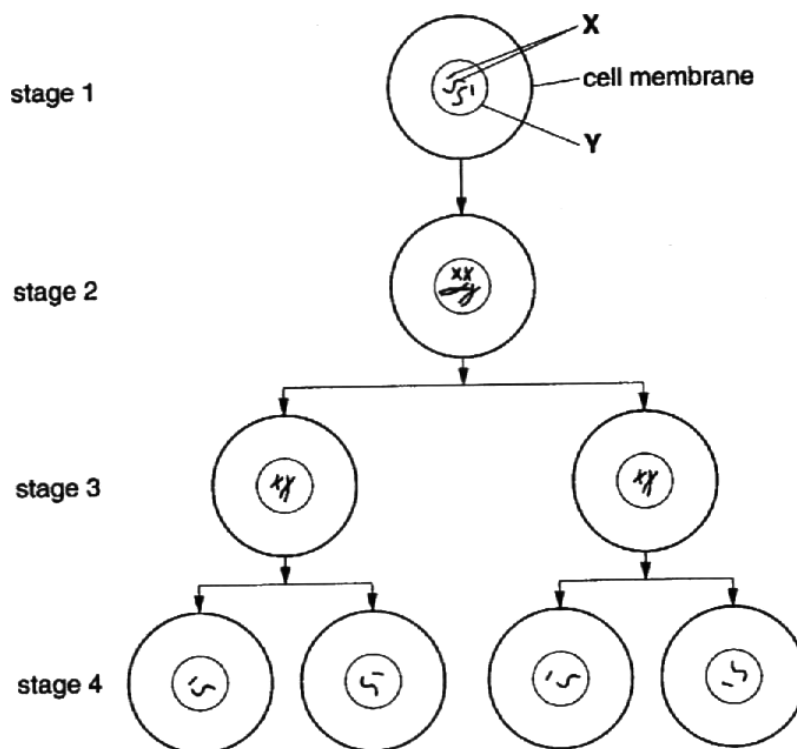


Fig. 1

- (a) (i) Name the structures labelled X and Y.

X .....

Y .....

[2]

- (ii) Identify, with a reason, the type of cell division shown in Fig. 1.

Type of cell division .....

Reason .....

[2]

- (iii) Name an organ in the body where this type of cell division occurs.

[1]

- (b) What process must occur if a cell in stage 4 is to form a cell similar to that shown in stage 1?

[1]

[Total : 6]

### Core 3

Fig. 2 shows the inheritance of a condition in humans known as phenylketonuria (PKU).

This condition affects the liver, causing it to produce toxins which can affect the mental health of the sufferer.

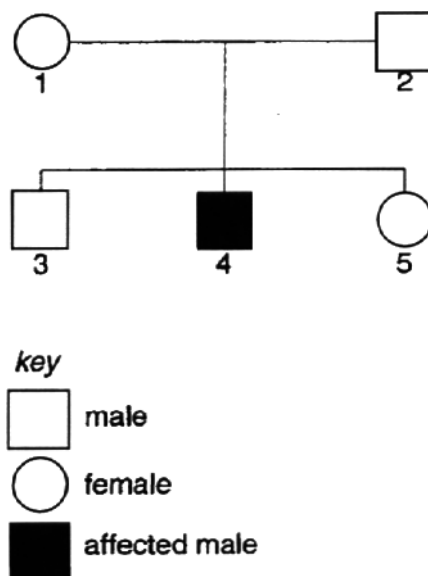


Fig. 2

- (a) State, with an explanation, whether the allele for PKU is dominant or recessive.

[3]

- (b) (i) Using the symbols **H** for the dominant allele and **h** for the recessive allele, state the genotypes of individuals 1 and 4.

Individual 1. ....

Individual 4. .... [2]

- (ii) What are the **two** possible genotypes of individual 3?

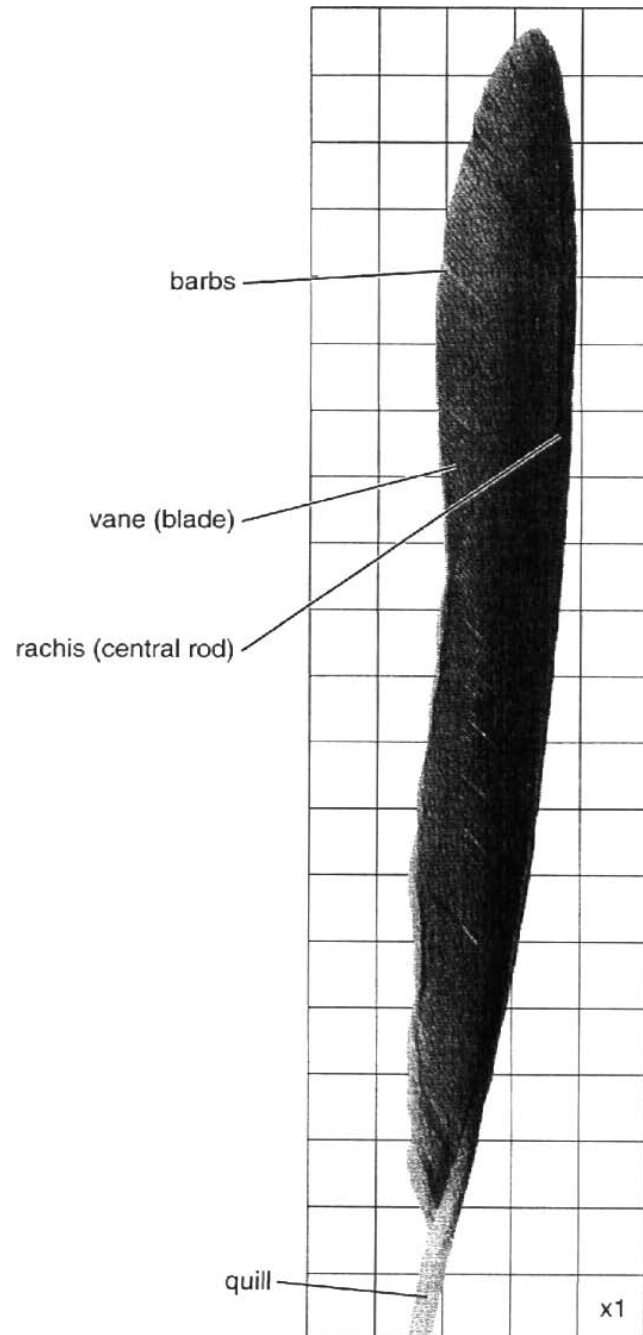
[1]

[Total : 6]

## ALTERNATIVE TO PRACTICAL questions

### Alternative to Practical 1

Fig. 3 is a photograph of a flight feather of a bird.



**Fig. 3**

- (a) Determine the surface area of the feather, excluding the quill.

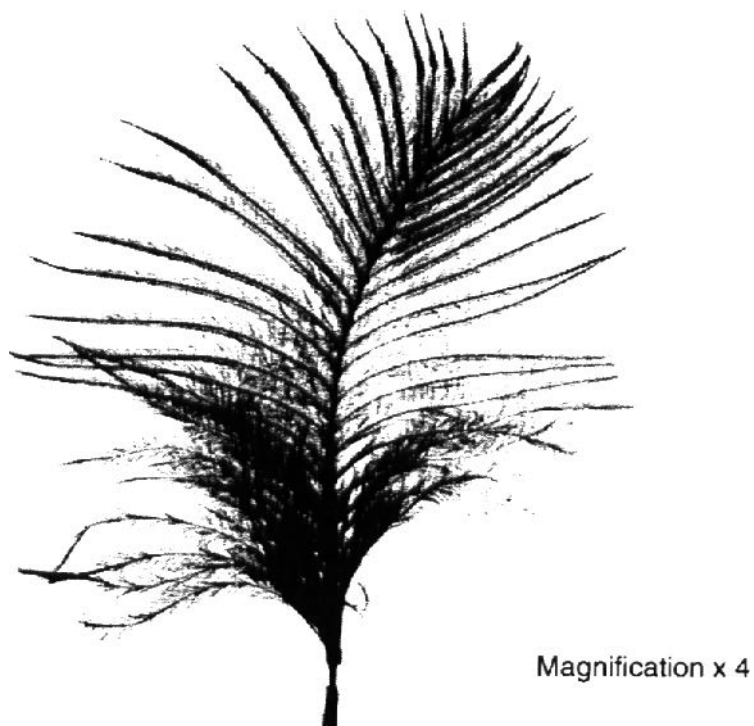
Show your working.

Surface area of feather .....cm<sup>2</sup>

[3]

### Alternative to Practical 1

Fig. 4 is a photograph of a down feather. These feathers form a dense layer close to the skin surface of a bird.



**Fig. 4**

- (b) Complete Table 1 to show **three visible** differences between the flight feather in Fig. 3 and the down feather in Fig. 4.

**Table 1**

	flight feather	down feather
1	..... .....	..... .....
2	..... .....	..... .....
3	..... .....	..... .....

[3]

**Alternative to Practical 1**

- (c) (i) Suggest how the down feathers may be important especially to young birds in cold climates.

..... [2]

- (ii) Using a beaker of hot water to represent a young bird, describe an experiment you could carry out to support your suggestion in (c) (i).

[3]

[Total : 11]



## EXTENSION questions

### Extension 1

Cystic fibrosis is an inherited disorder in humans in which an important protein is not produced. This protein is responsible for preventing the accumulation of thick and sticky mucus in the breathing tubes. The allele which causes cystic fibrosis is recessive to the normal allele (F).

- (a) State the genotype of
- (i) a carrier of cystic fibrosis; ..... [1]
  - (ii) a sufferer of cystic fibrosis ..... [1]
- (b) Draw a genetic diagram to show if it is possible for a man with a dominant pair of alleles and a woman who is a carrier to produce a baby with cystic fibrosis. Identify the phenotypes of the children.

[4]

- (c) Suggest how the build up of sticky mucus would affect a sufferer of cystic fibrosis.

..... [2]

[Total : 8]

## Extension 2

Some people suffer from sickle cell anaemia. They have abnormal red blood cells.

- (a) (i) Describe the shape of a **normal** red blood cell.

[1]

- (ii) State how the appearance of an abnormal red blood cell from a sufferer of sickle cell anaemia differs from a normal red blood cell.

[1]

- (iii) What is the effect of sickle cell haemoglobin on the function of the red blood cell?

[1]

The allele for normal haemoglobin is represented by the symbol  $H^A$ . The allele for sickle cell haemoglobin is represented by the symbol  $H^S$ . The alleles are codominant.

- (b) State the genotypes for

- (i) a person with normal haemoglobin;

[1]

- (ii) a heterozygous person;

[1]

- (iii) a person with sickle cell anaemia.

[1]

- (c) Which of the genotypes stated in (b) is likely to result in

- (i) the greatest protection from malaria?

[1]

- (ii) the greatest risk of an early death in a malaria-free country?

[1]

A man with sickle cell anaemia married a woman heterozygous for sickle cell.

- (d) Using a genetic diagram, predict the possible percentage of their children that would suffer from sickle cell anaemia.

Percentage ..... [5]

[Total : 13]

**Extension 2**

A man with sickle cell anaemia married a woman heterozygous for sickle cell.

- (d) Using a genetic diagram, predict the possible percentage of their children that would suffer from sickle cell anaemia.

*Percentage* ..... [5]

[Total : 13]

## Inheritance and evolution – answers

### Core 1

- a(i) homozygous – both alleles present are the same / individual received the same allele from both parents / gametes
- recessive – an allele which is only exhibited when present in the homozygous state / when the dominant allele is not present / masked by dominant allele, not gene
- (ii) black
- b(i) up to 4 points are scored for the following  
 use of capital B for dominant (black) allele / lower case b for recessive allele  
 correct genotypes for both parents (Bb, bb)  
 gametes correctly displayed (B, b and b, b or b)  
 correct genotypes of offspring (Bb, bb)  
 correct phenotypes identified (for all offspring)
- (ii) correct ratio predicted (1:1 or 1 in 2 or 50%, 50%)

### Core 2

- a(i) X – chromosomes  
 Y – nucleus / nuclear membrane
- (ii) meiosis – four nuclei are produced / number of chromosomes / genetic material is halved / new nuclei haploid
- (iii) ovary / testis / gonad
- b fertilisation / fusion of sperm and ovum / gametes / formation of zygote

### Core 3

- a recessive  
 4 has inherited PKU from parents (or alternative wording)  
 as it is not apparent in 1 or 2 / neither parent shows it / if dominant a parent would show it / have PKU
- b(i) 1 – Hh  
 4 – hh
- (ii) HH and Hh

### Alternative to Practical 1

- a working includes  
 squares to be marked on the feather  
 breakdown of rows into sub-totals / tally grids  
 total to be in the range 25 – 30 cm<sup>2</sup>
- b three visible differences to include references to shape, area, appearance of barb or blade, appearance of rachis (central rod), size or shape of quill
- c(i) insulation / traps air / keeps it warm / stops heat escaping / traps heat maintains body temperature / homiothermy / warm blooded reference to young birds do not fly or less

active so generate less heat / large surface area to volume ratio / no regulation of body temperature / not able to keep temperature the same

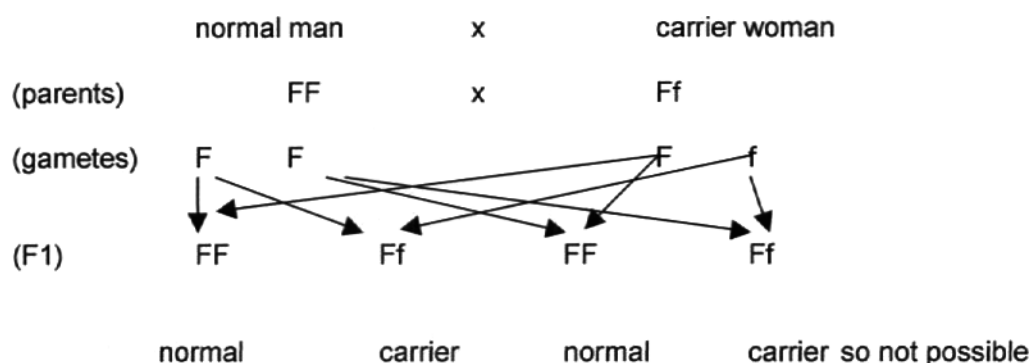
- (ii) any three of these within the context of a fair test  
 uses several feathers or any insulation to wrap around a body / glassware  
 use of thermometer to follow cooling recorded at intervals  
 comparison of apparatus with and without any covering or with flight feathers

### Extension 1

a(i) Ff

(ii) ff

b



- c any two of these  
 reference to trachea / bronchi / bronchioles / alveoli blocked or congested  
 makes gaseous exchange more difficult  
 reference to lack of energy / respiration impaired  
 reference to being more susceptible to infections  
 reference to digestion affected

### Extension 2

a(i) biconcave disc

(ii) reference to sickle / crescent shaped

(iii) able to carry / absorb less oxygen

b(i)  $H^A H^A$

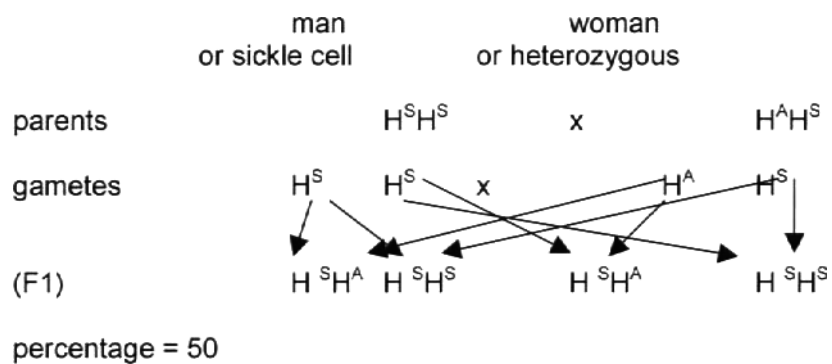
(ii)  $H^A H^S$

(iii)  $H^S H^S$

c(i)  $H^S H^S$

(ii)  $H^S H^S$

d

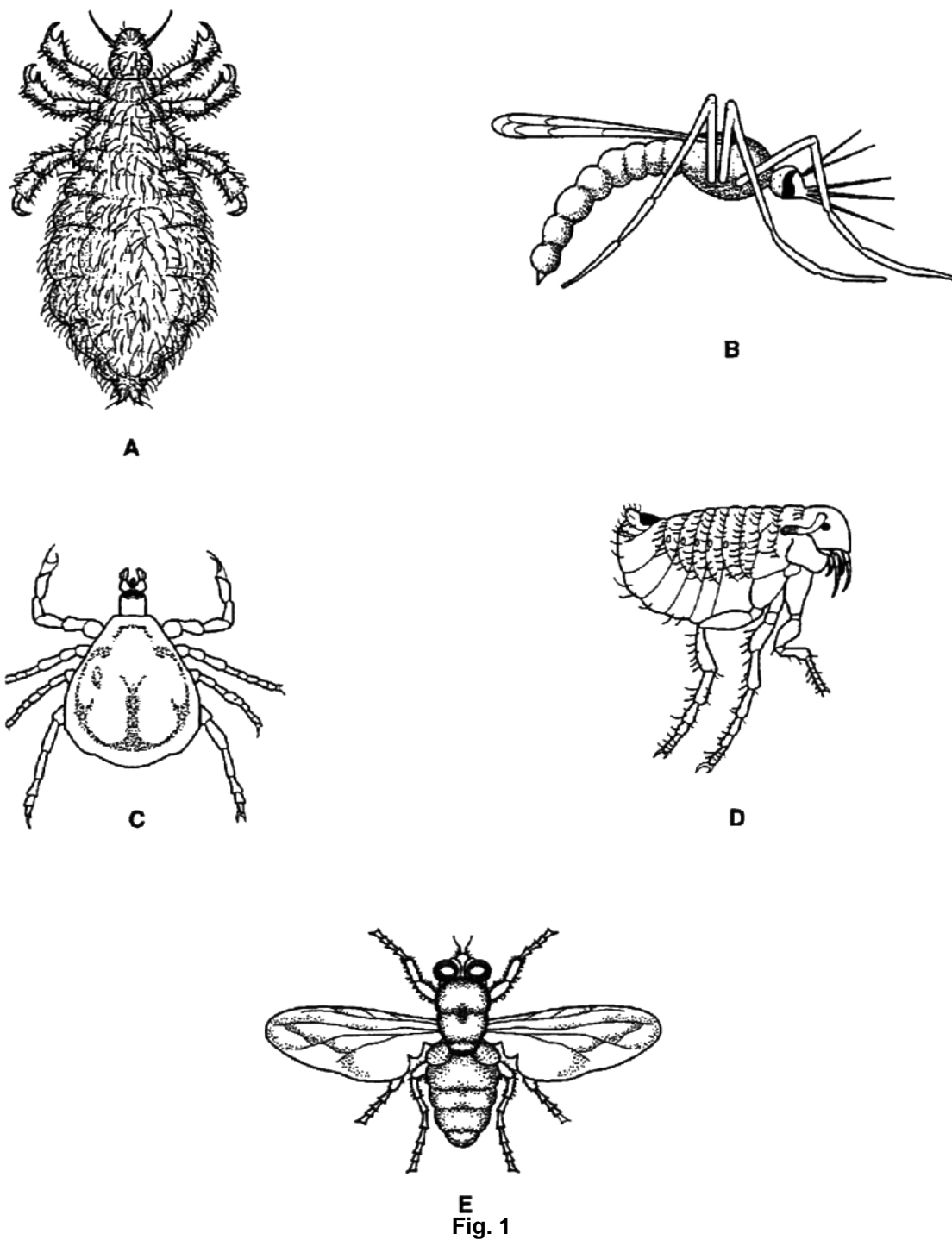


## Organisms and environment

### CORE questions

#### Core 1

Fig. 1 shows five arthropods, each of which could carry disease organisms.



**Core 1**

Use the key to identify each of the animals. Complete Table 1 to show your identifications.

**KEY**

- 1      Wings present ..... Go to 2  
        Wings absent ..... Go to 3
- 2      Wings longer than the abdomen ..... *Musca*  
        Wings shorter than the abdomen ..... *Anopheles*
- 3      Has three pairs of legs ..... Go to 4  
        Has four pairs of legs ..... *Ornithodorus*
- 4      All pairs of legs of similar length ..... *Pediculus*  
        One pair of legs shorter than the other two pairs ..... *Pulex*

**Table 1**

Name of arthropod	Letter
<i>Anopheles</i>	
<i>Musca</i>	
<i>Ornithodorus</i>	
<i>Pediculus</i>	
<i>Pulex</i>	

[4]

[Total : 4]



## Core 2

Fig. 2 shows single leaves from each of six different trees.

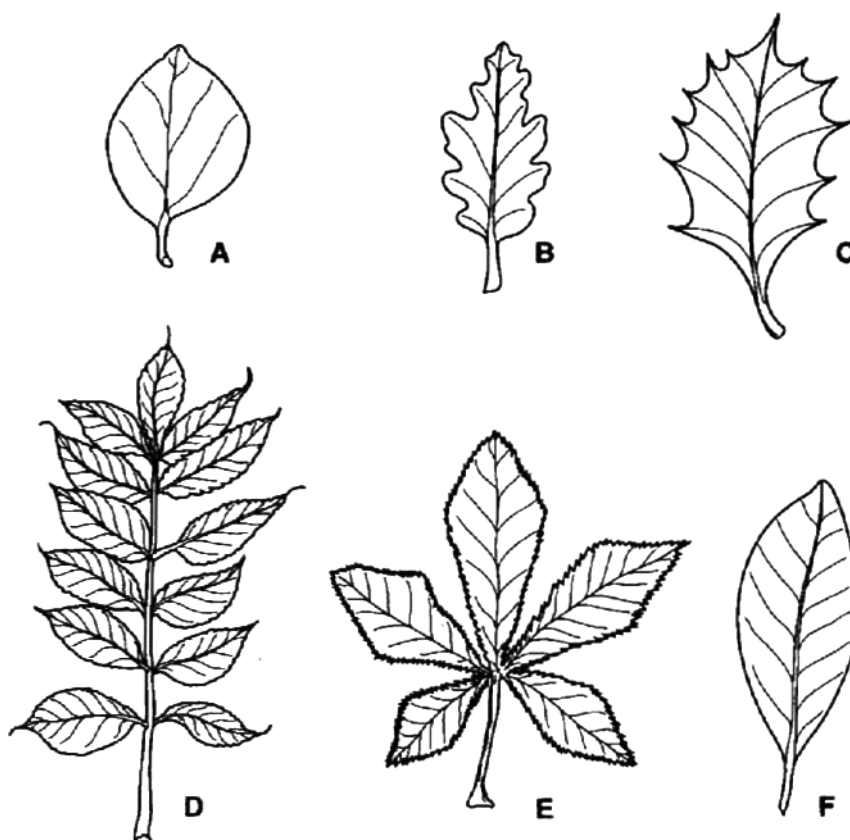


Fig. 2

Use the key below to identify from which tree each leaf comes. Write the name of each tree in the correct box of Table 2. As you work through the key, tick the boxes in Table 2 to show how you identified each leaf. Leaf A has been identified for you as an example.

### Key

			Name of tree
1	(a)	Leaf with a smooth outline	2
	(b)	Leaf with a jagged outline	3
2	(a)	Leaf about the same length as width	<i>Cydonia</i>
	(b)	Leaf about twice as long as it is wide	<i>Magnolia</i>
3	(a)	Leaf divided into more than two distinct parts	4
	(b)	Leaf not divided into more than two distinct parts	5
4	(a)	Leaf divided into five parts	<i>Aesculus</i>
	(b)	Leaf divided into ten or more parts	<i>Fraxinus</i>
5	(a)	Leaf with pointed spines along its edge	<i>Ilex</i>
	(b)	Leaf with rounded lobes along its edge	<i>Quercus</i>

**Core 2****Table 2**

Leaf	1a	1b	2a	2b	3a	3b	4a	4b	5a	5b	Name of tree
<b>A</b>	✓		✓								<i>Cydonia</i>
<b>B</b>											
<b>C</b>											
<b>D</b>											
<b>E</b>											
<b>F</b>											

[4]

[Total : 4]

### Core 3

Fig. 3 shows a nitrogen cycle for open grassland.

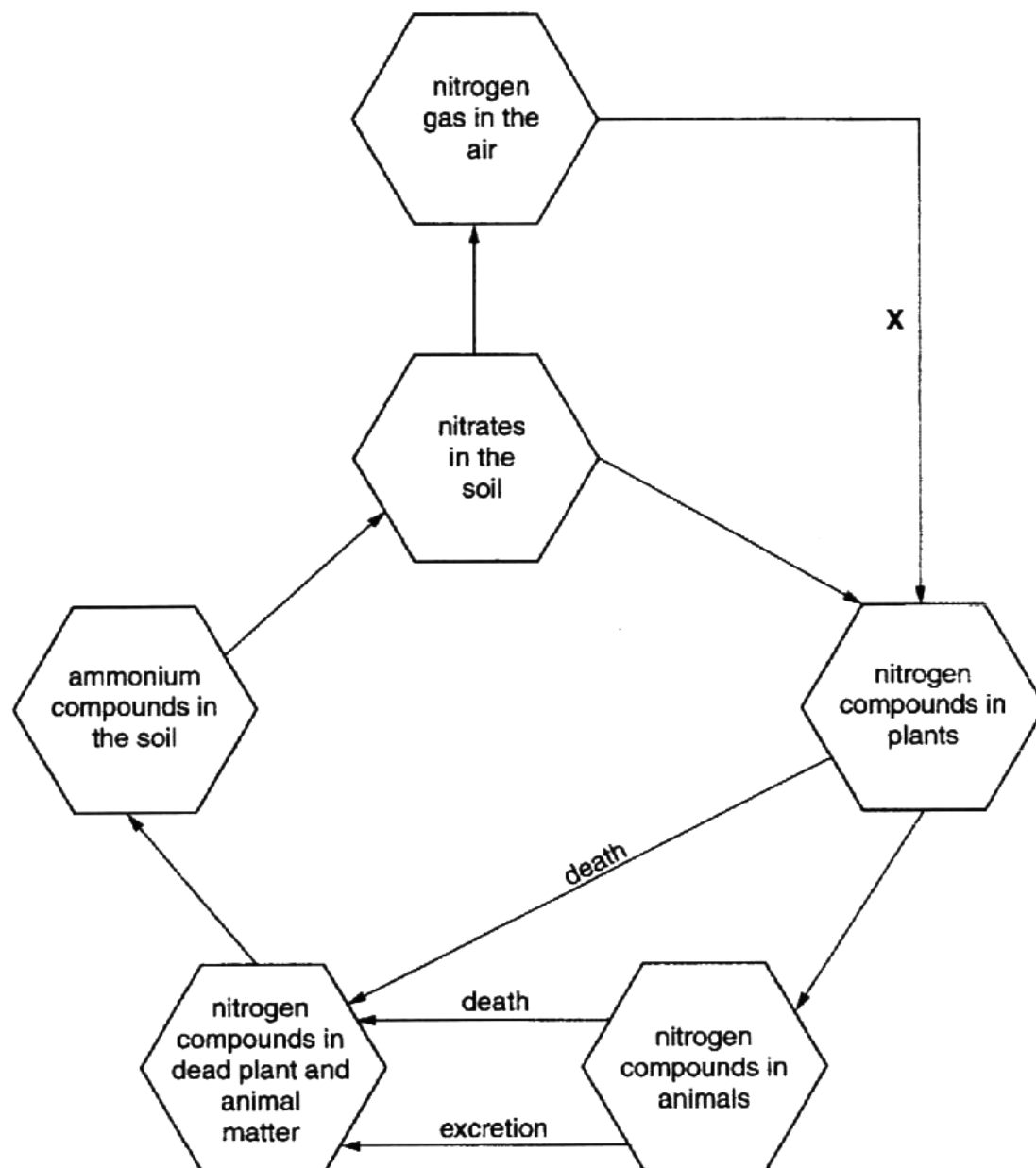


Fig. 3

- (a) (i) Name **one** nitrogen compound found in plants.  
[1]
- (ii) Name an example of a nitrogen compound which is excreted by mammals.  
[1]

**Core 3**

- (iii) Process **X** can only occur in certain plants. Which group of organisms carry out this process and where in a plant are they found?

*Organism* .....

Where found ..... [2]

- (b) The grassland is ploughed up and turned into farmland. Crops of maize are grown on it year after year.

- (i) Predict and explain the effect of this change on the nitrogen cycle and on the crop yield.

*Effect on the nitrogen cycle* .....

*Effect on crop yield* .....

[4]

- (ii) Suggest **one** way in which the farmer could prevent the effect on crop yield.

[1]

[Total : 9]

## ALTERNATIVE TO PRACTICAL questions

### Alternative to Practical 1

Fig. 4 shows a food web for a freshwater pond.

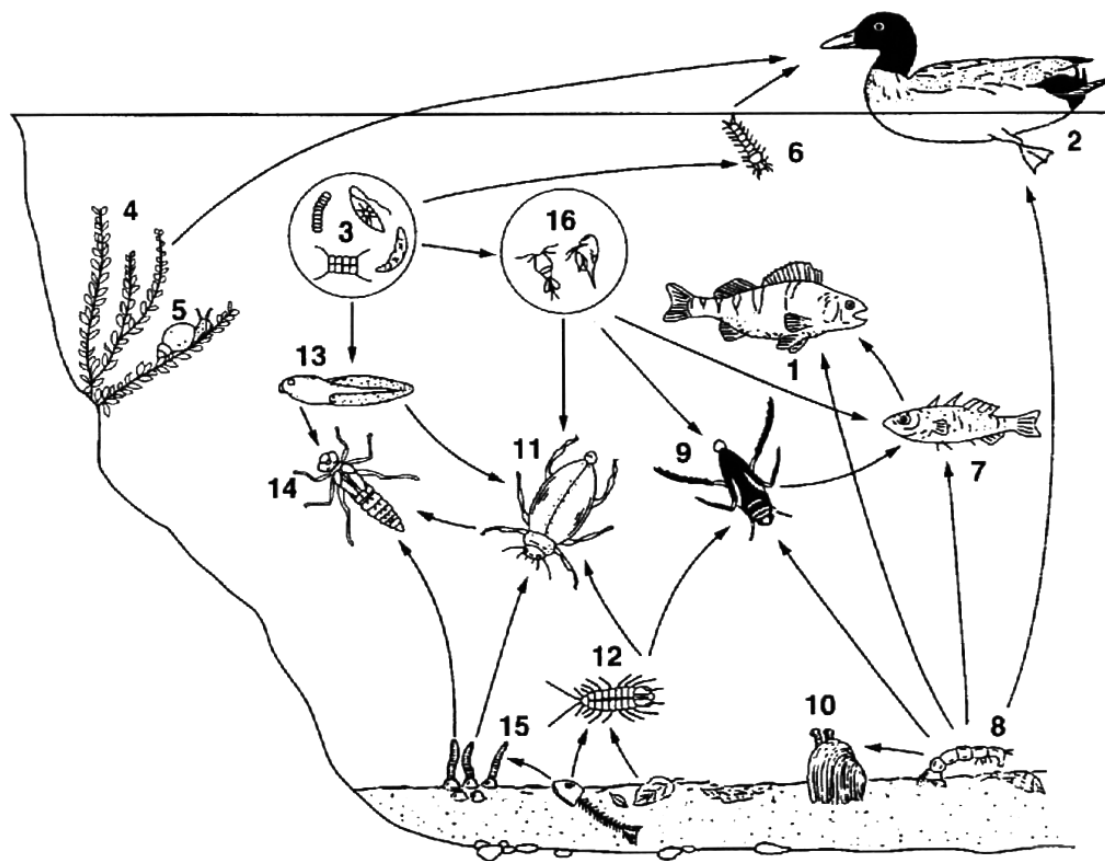


Fig. 4

(organisms 3 and 16 are greatly enlarged)

- (a) Two trophic levels are listed below. For each level, state **two** examples from Fig. 4. Identify them by their **numbers**.

- (i) *Primary consumers (herbivores)* ..... and .....
- (ii) *Secondary consumers (carnivores)* ..... and .....

[2]

**Alternative to a practical 1**

- (b) Using only the numbers in Fig. 4 construct a simple food chain with **five** stages.

..... [2]

- (c) Suggest how you could collect large numbers of the microscopic organisms numbered **3** in Fig. 4.

..... [2]

[Total : 6]

**EXTENSION questions****Extension 1**

- (a) Distinguish between the following groups of organisms:
- (i) viruses and bacteria;
  - (ii) arachnids and crustacea;
  - (iii) monocotyledons and dicotyledons. [12]
- (b) Using an example, explain the term *binomial system*. [3]
- [Total : 15]

## Extension 2

Fig. 5 shows the proportion of all known species in each of the main groups of organisms.

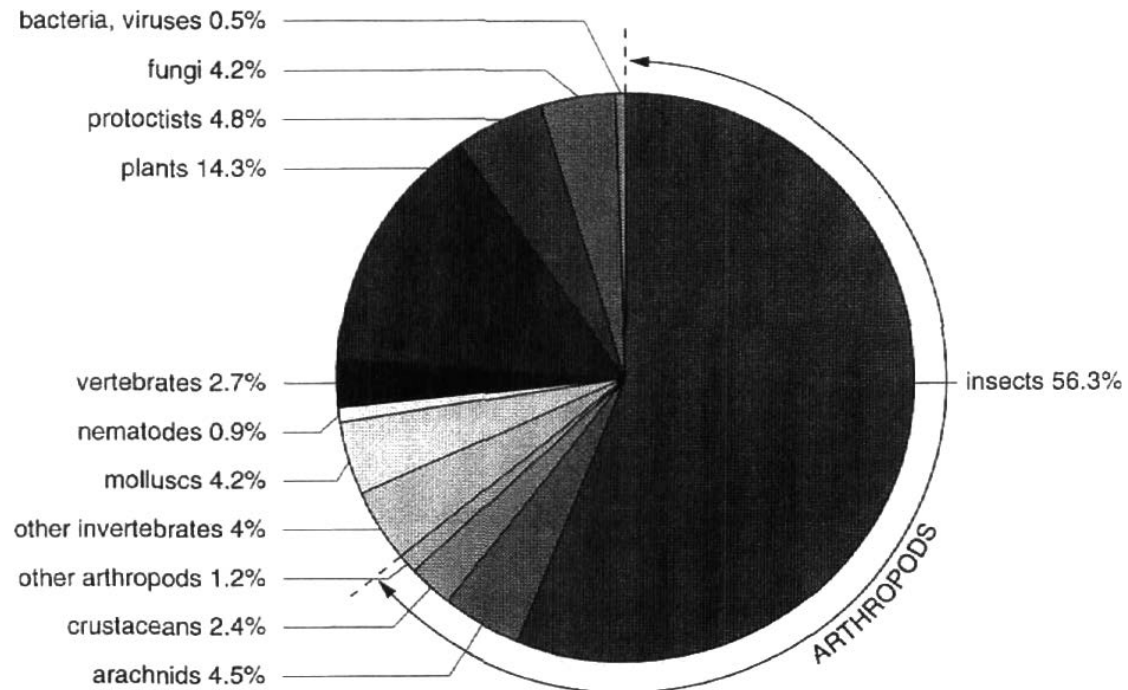


Fig. 5

- (a) (i) Apart from insects, which group of organisms in Fig. 5 has the most known species?

[1]

- (ii) Fungi are shown as a separate group of organisms. State **two** reasons why fungi are **not** classified as plants.

1. ....
2. .... [2]



**Extension 2**

- (b) (i) Use information from the pie chart to calculate what percentage of the arthropods are insects. Show your working.

.....% [2]

- (ii) State **one** feature of insects which contributes to their success and explain how this feature is beneficial to the group.

*Feature* .....

*Explanation* .....

[3]

- (c) 2.7% of all known species are vertebrates. Birds is one class of vertebrates.

- (i) State **one** feature which distinguishes this class from all the other vertebrate classes.

[1]

- (ii) State **one** external feature which birds have in common with fish.

[1]

- (d) It is estimated that 1.7 million species of organisms have been named. Use data from the pie chart to calculate the total number of plant species known. Show your working.

*Total* ..... [2]

[Total: 12]

## Organisms and environment – answers

### Core 1

Name of arthropod	Letter
Anopheles	B
Musca	E
Ornithodoros	C
Pediculus	A
Pulex	D

### Core 2

The table shows the correct answers, up to four correct gain credit.

Check carefully that no extra ticks are added.

Leaf	1a	1b	2a	2b	3a	3b	4a	4b	5a	5b	Name of tree
A											
B		x				x				x	Quercus
C		x				x			x		Ilex
D		x			x			x			Fraxinus
E		x			x		x				Aesculus
F	x			x							Magnolia

### Core 3

- a(i) any one of these  
 amino acid  
 protein  
 enzyme  
 named plant protein  
 enzyme
- (ii) urea
- (iii) nitrogen fixing bacteria  
 in root nodules or roots of leguminous plants or a named example
- b(i) nitrogen cycle  
 plant or crop material removed from field, less material to decay  
 less nitrates released or formed
- crop yield
- would gradually decrease over a period of years  
 less nitrates to form protein or new cells
- (ii) add fertilisers or manure  
 use of leguminous crops or named example

### Alternative to Practical 1

a(i) two from 16, 6, 13, 5, 2

(ii) two from 14, 11, 10, 9, 7, 1

b 3 → 16 → 9 → 7 → 1 Links must carry arrows.

c any two from these  
 using a fine net / centrifuge / filter / sieve  
 detail of how the apparatus is used  
 sample soil from the river bed  
 details of how this could be sorted  
 shine light  
 to attract organisms

### Extension 1

a(i) any four from

#### BACTERIA

have a cell wall  
 have DNA (strand)  
 Are larger  
 have a slime capsule  
 have a membrane  
 have cytoplasm  
 Can reproduce outside cells  
 show all life processes  
 Can have flagellum

#### VIRUSES

have a protein coat  
 have RNA or DNA  
 are smaller  
 have no slime capsule  
 have no membrane  
 have no cytoplasm  
 can only reproduce inside living cells  
 only show reproduction  
 no flagellum

(ii) any four from

#### ARACHNIDS

have 4 pairs of legs / 8 legs  
 have no antennae  
 have simple eyes  
 have chelicerae / poison fangs  
 have a cephalothorax  
 have thin / no carapace  
 breathe with gill / lung books

#### CRUSTACEA

have 5 pairs of legs / 10 legs or more  
 have antennae / have two pairs  
 have compound eyes  
 have no chelicerae / poison fangs  
 poorly defined cephalothorax  
 have thick carapace  
 have gills

(iii) any four from

#### MONOCOTS

have one cotyledon /  
 food store / seed leaves  
  
 have strap-shaped leaves  
 flower parts are grouped  
 into threes  
  
 have fibrous roots  
  
 have stomata evenly distributed on  
 both leaf surfaces  
  
 have vascular bundles scattered

#### DICOTS

have two cotyledons /  
 food stores / seed leaves  
  
 have broader leaves  
 flower parts are grouped in 4's /  
 5's / larger numbers  
  
 have tap roots  
  
 have stomata unevenly distributed on leaf  
 surfaces  
  
 vascular bundles arranged in ring

- b three of the following points
- named example using genus and species
  - reference to two names for the organism
  - reference to genus and species
  - reference to use in classification

## Extension 2

- a(i) plants
- (ii) any two from
- reference to method of nutrition or no chlorophyll
  - no cellulose cell walls or reference to chitin present
  - hyphae present or reference to mycelium
- b(i)  $\frac{56.3}{64.4} \times 100$   
= 87.4%
- (ii) Possible features
- wings / impermeable cuticle or exoskeleton / antennae / 3 pairs of legs / compound eyes / small size / large numbers formed through reproduction

Possible explanations linked to named features

Wings: reference to flying, to find food, to escape from predators, to find a mate

Cuticle: to reduce water loss, to survive in hot or dry places, muscle attachment, protection from predators, protection of internal organs

Antennae: to sense food, early warning of predators, to sense a mate

Small size: easy to hide from predators, only small amounts of food or water needed to survive

Large numbers: some will survive to breed, reference to variation

Spiracles: for ventilation, control of ventilation

Reproduce in large numbers: so some will survive, increases chances of variation to cope with environmental change

- c(i) Presence of feathers/beak
- (ii) reference to scales/eyes/tail/mouth/anus
- d(i)  $\frac{1700000}{100} \times 14.3$   
= 243100

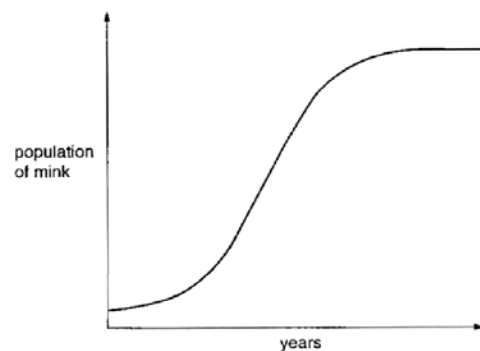
## Human influences on the environment

### CORE questions

#### Core 1

In the summer of 1998 about 2000 mink were released from captivity into one area of forest in southern Britain. Mink are aggressive carnivorous mammals.

The graph shows how the population of mink might change over a few years if there were no human interference.



- (a) State **three** factors which would cause the mink population to become constant.

1. ....  
.....
2. ....  
.....
3. ....  
..... [3]

- (b) It might be expected that a graph for human world population would show a similar pattern. However, it is now thought that the human population will continue to grow steadily. Suggest **three** reasons why this might happen.

1. ....  
.....
2. ....  
.....
3. ....  
..... [3]

[Total : 6]

## Core 2

Fig. 1 shows a food web which includes some organisms in the African grasslands.

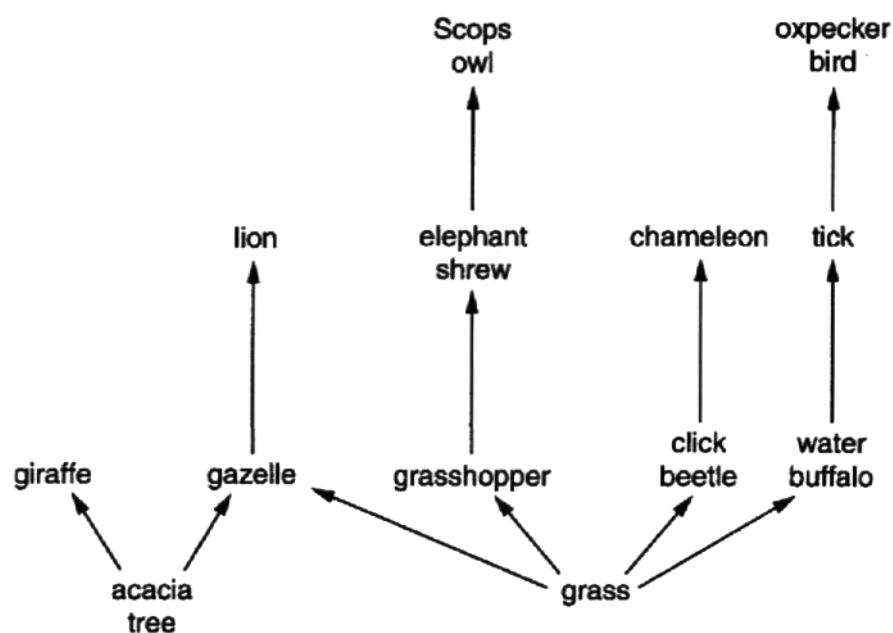


Fig. 1

- (a) (i) In the space below draw a food chain consisting of **four** organisms. The organisms must be part of the food web.

[2]

- (ii) Using examples from the food web, explain the difference between producers and consumers.

[4]

**Core 2**

- (b) When weather conditions are favourable the grasshopper population can suddenly increase enormously.

Predict and explain the effect this might have on the

- (i) Scops owl population;

..... [2]

- (ii) water buffalo population;

..... [2]

- (iii) giraffe population.

[3]

[Total : 13]

### Core 3

Sheep were first taken to the island of Tasmania in 1814. Fig. 2 shows changes in the size of the sheep population in Tasmania between 1818 and 1930.

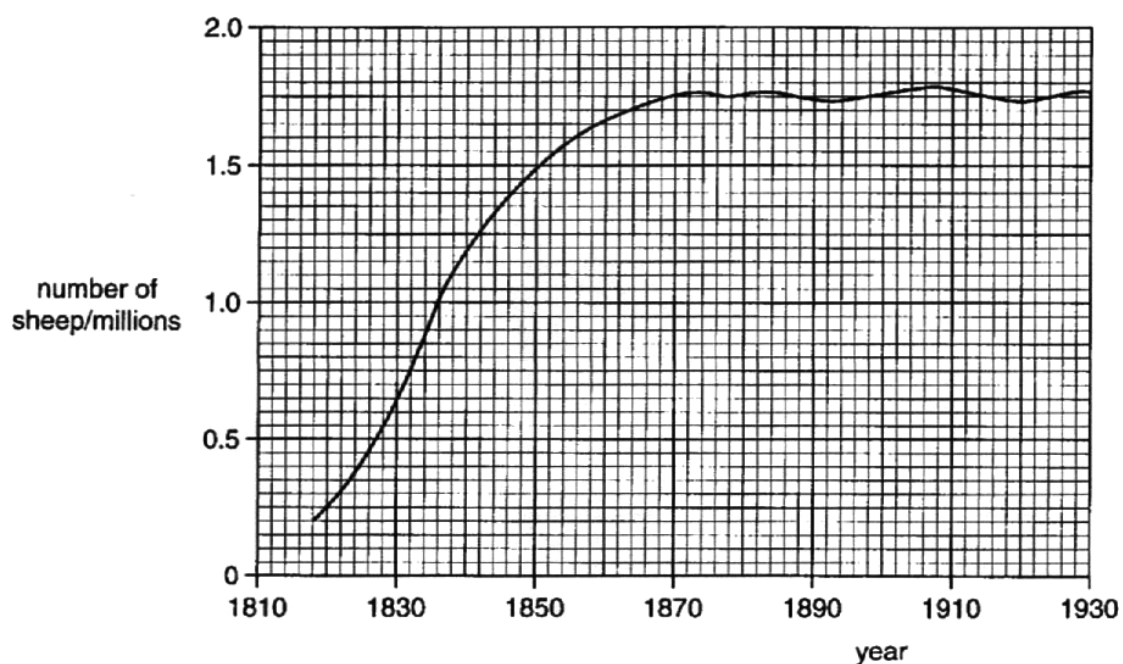


Fig. 2

- (a) State the size of the sheep population in 1842.

[1]

- (b) (i) Suggest biological reasons for the steep rise in the number of sheep between 1830 and 1840.

..... [2]

- (ii) Suggest biological reasons for the shape of the curve between 1870 and 1890.

..... [2]

[Total : 5]



## ALTERNATIVE TO PRACTICAL questions

### Alternative to Practical 1

Samples of animals living on the surface of logs in a woodland were collected.

The animals found on the top and sides were brushed carefully into a tray.

The animals found on the underside of the logs were brushed carefully into a second tray.

The animals were identified, sorted into groups and counted. This information was recorded in Table 1

**Table 1**

animal group	feeding category	number of animals	
		top and sides of log	underside of log
snails	herbivores	4	3
mites	herbivores	12	9
larvae of flies	herbivores	1	8
centipedes	carnivores	0	5
spiders	carnivores	2	7
beetles	carnivores	2	4
woodlice	detritivores*	2	10
millipedes	detritivores*	1	4

\* Detritivores are animals that eat dead matter such as fallen leaves.

- (a) (i) Complete Table 2 to show the numbers of animals in each feeding category expressed as a percentage of the total number of animals found on the underside of the logs.

**Table 2**

feeding category	number of animals found on the underside of the logs	percentage %
Herbivores	20	
Carnivores	16	
Detritivores	14	
Total	50	100

[2]

### Alternative to Practical 1

- (ii) Using Fig. 3, construct a pie chart to show the proportion of herbivores, carnivores and detritivores collected from the underside of the logs.

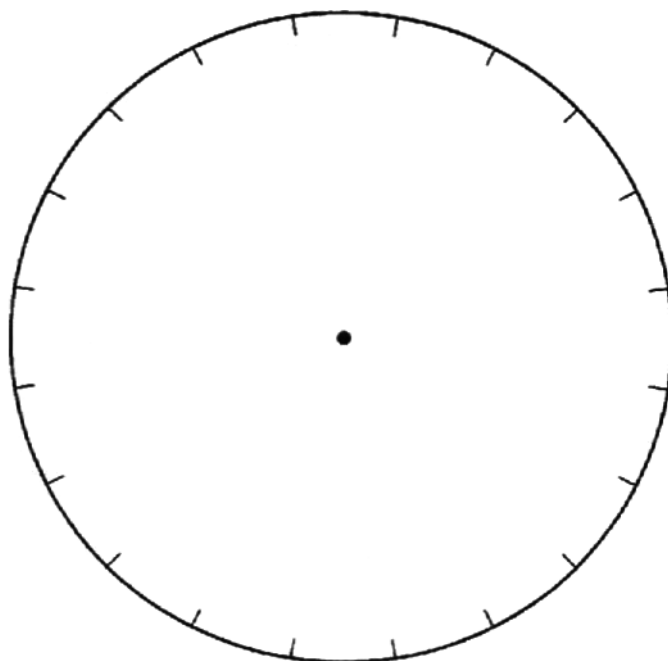


Fig. 3

[2]

- (b) Suggest **two** reasons why most animals were found on the underside of the logs.

1. ....

.....

2. ....

..... [2]

- (c) Describe an investigation you could carry out to compare the number of animals living amongst fallen leaves in two different woodland habitats.

[4]

[Total : 10]

## EXTENSION questions

### Extension 1

South Uist is a small island which provides one of the few remaining summer habitats for a bird called the Corncrake (*Crex crex*). It lives in hay fields where it feeds on insects, worms and seeds. South Uist provides a good habitat because there are plenty of hay fields where the Corncrake can nest and there are few predators.

However, a small mammal called the Hedgehog (*Erinaceus europaeus*) was released onto the island. The Hedgehog also has few natural predators and will feed on the eggs of Corncrakes, as well as on insects and worms. The number of Hedgehogs on South Uist has risen rapidly to 10 000 while Corncrakes are becoming endangered as their numbers worldwide are falling.

- (a) (i) State **two** features which birds and mammals have in common.
1. ....
2. ....
- (ii) State **two** features which distinguish birds from mammals.
1. ....
2. ....

[4]

- (b) Suggest why isolated islands such as South Uist are more easily colonised by birds than mammals.

[1]

- (c) State **three** reasons why South Uist provides a good habitat for Corncrakes.
1. ....
2. ....
3. .... [3]

- (d) Explain why Corncrakes are becoming endangered by Hedgehogs.
- .....
- .....
- ..... [2]

**Extension 1**

- (e) Draw a food web to show the feeding relationships described in the passage. Assume that insects and worms feed on leaves.

[4]

- (f) Suggest two ways by which the extinction of the Corncrake may be prevented.

1. ....

.....

2. ....

..... [2]

[Total : 16]

**Extension 2**

- (a) Describe and explain the possible effects of allowing untreated sewage to enter a small lake. [5]
- (b) Outline a treatment of sewage which would produce re-usable water. [6]
- (c) Describe how a plant living in a dry habitat is adapted to conserve water. [4]

## Human influences on the environment – answers

### Core 1

- a any three of these  
 predators of the mink  
 competition with other predators for the same food  
 prey limited by availability of prey's food  
 disease / parasites
- b any three of these  
 humans have no natural predators  
 food supplies may be moved from areas of excess to areas of shortage  
 medical advances in disease prevention  
 medical advances in curing / treating patients  
 humans modify habitats for themselves  
 limited use of family planning programmes

### Core 2

- a(i) grass or plant      grasshopper water      elephant shrew tick      Scops owl /  
 grass or plant bird      buffalo      oxpecker
- linked by arrows pointing towards the consumers
- (ii) named producer example  
 makes its own food / glucose / gains energy by photosynthesis  
 named consumer example  
 gains energy / takes in / eats ready-made food / other organisms
- b(i) Scops owl population would rise – plague of grasshoppers would increase elephant  
 shrew population / food if Scops owl will increase
- water buffalo population would fall – more grass eaten by grasshoppers / less food  
 available for water buffalo
- (ii) grasshoppers eat more grass so less food for gazelles
- either** gazelles eat more acacia so less food for giraffes and  
 population falls
- or** gazelle population falls and eats less acacia so more food for  
 giraffes so population rises

### Core 3

- a 1.25 million
- b(i) any two from these  
 most of offspring surviving  
 little / no competition for / plenty of food / space  
 few / no natural parasites / predators / diseases  
 no limiting factors
- (ii) any two of these

births equal deaths  
 some factor / food supply limiting / competition for food / space /  
 because of overcrowding  
 introduction of / increase in parasites / disease / predators / competitor  
 species / deliberate husbandry

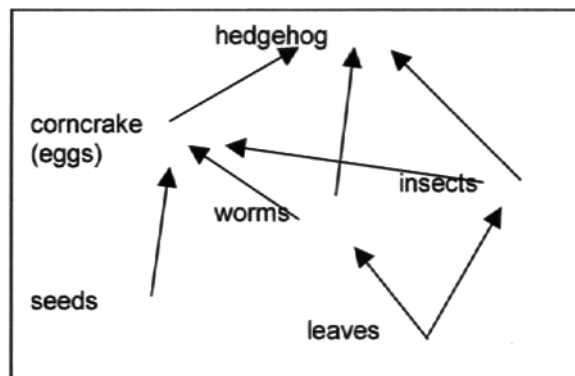
### Alternative to Practical 1

- a(i) in order in the table
- 40  
32  
28
- (ii) the pie chart should show  
       correct proportions for the segments  
       correct order of segments (largest starting at 12 position and going  
       clockwise in decreasing size)
- b wet / damp  
 darkness (or alternative wording)
- c to include four of these points  
       hand search and / or Tullgren funnel  
       sample standard area  
       same time of year  
       identify animals and trophic levels  
       repetition of samples

### Extension 1

- a(i) any two from  
       four limbs  
       body covering (or alternative wording)  
       backbone  
       warm blooded  
       lungs
- (ii) any two from, provided feature linked to correct group  
       birds have feathers / animals have fur  
       birds lay eggs / mammals produce live young  
       mammals suckle young  
       birds have a beak  
       birds have scales on legs
- b birds can fly over water or it is difficult for mammals to swim long distances
- c few predators present  
       hay fields present for nesting  
       hay fields provide a food source (or alternative wording)
- d any two of these  
       hedgehogs eat corncrake eggs  
       hedgehogs eat the same food / reference to insects or worms  
       corncrakes nest on the ground

e



f

any two of these

- remove / exterminate hedgehogs from the island
- create corncrake sanctuaries (which are hedgehog-free)
- introduce corncrakes to other islands
- reference to captive breeding programme

## Extension 2

a

any five of the following points

- reference to the presence of nitrates / phosphates
- effect of above i.e. plants grow faster
- reference to light blocked out for deeper plants
- plants die (linked of the above points)
- dead plants provide food for bacteria
- numbers of bacteria increase
- animals in water die due to lack of oxygen
- bacteria respire (aerobically), using up oxygen
- reference to eutrophication
- reference to possible presence of disease-causing organisms

b

any six of the following points

- sewage screened (or alternative wording) to remove large objects
- settling tanks allow grit to settle out
- sludge allowed to settle out
- reference to anaerobic conditions killing aerobic pathogens, linked to above
- remaining liquid sprayed onto stones or clinker
- reference to presence of protoctists / bacteria
- microorganisms feed on sewage
- harmful substances removed, linked to above
- reference to aerobic stage killing many anaerobic bacteria
- reference to clear water effluent produced (or alternative wording)
- reference to chlorination

c

any four of these

- thick cuticle
- reduced number of stomata
- stomata only open at night
- rolled leaves
- hairs on leaves
- leaves reduced to spines
- deep or long roots
- fleshy stem

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