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BIOLOGY **9700/11**

Paper 1 Multiple Choice **October/November 2024**

1 hour 15 minutes

You must answer on the multiple choice answer sheet.

You will need: Multiple choice answer sheet
Soft clean eraser
Soft pencil (type B or HB is recommended)

INSTRUCTIONS

- There are **forty** questions on this paper. Answer **all** questions.
- For each question there are four possible answers **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**. Choose the **one** you consider correct and record your choice in soft pencil on the multiple choice answer sheet.
- Follow the instructions on the multiple choice answer sheet.
- Write in soft pencil.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number on the multiple choice answer sheet in the spaces provided unless this has been done for you.
- Do **not** use correction fluid.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.
- You may use a calculator.

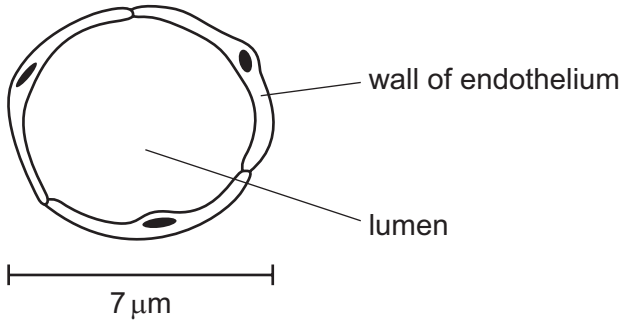
INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 40.
- Each correct answer will score one mark.
- Any rough working should be done on this question paper.

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1 The diagram shows a transverse section through a blood capillary.



What is the magnification of the drawing?

A ×200 **B** ×245 **C** ×500 **D** ×5000

2 Which statement explains why lymphocytes with **no** nucleoli die?

A The cells do **not** have centrioles and cannot divide.

B The cells do **not** have mitochondria and cannot release energy.

C The cells do **not** have mRNA and cannot transcribe DNA.

D The cells do **not** have ribosomes and cannot synthesise protein.

3 Density gradient centrifugation is used to separate cell structures by their relative density. Larger cell structures have greater density and sink further down the centrifuge tube.

What is the correct order of the cell structures, starting from the top of the centrifuge tube?

A chloroplasts → nuclei → mitochondria → ribosomes

B nuclei → chloroplasts → mitochondria → ribosomes

C ribosomes → chloroplasts → nuclei → mitochondria

D ribosomes → mitochondria → chloroplasts → nuclei

4 Which cell structures contain nucleic acids?

1 chloroplasts

2 Golgi bodies

3 lysosomes

4 ribosomes

A 1, 2 and 3 **B** 1, 2 and 4 **C** 1 and 4 only **D** 2, 3 and 4

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5 The statements describe processes that take place in a secretory cell.

1 Modification of the protein occurs in the Golgi body.

2 mRNA leaves the nucleus.

3 Ribosomes bind to mRNA during translation.

4 Transcription of a specific DNA sequence occurs.

5 Vesicles fuse with the cell surface membrane.

6 Vesicles transport the protein to the Golgi body.

Statement 4 is the first process, and statement 5 is the last process.

What is the correct sequence of the middle four processes?

A $2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 6$

B $2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 1$

C $3 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 6$

D $3 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 1$

6 How many types of structures with a double membrane that are found in animal cells are also found in plant cells?

A 1 **B** 2 **C** 3 **D** 4

7 A naturally occurring polysaccharide synthesised in a plant is a branched chain of α-glucose.

The straight parts of the molecule are linked by α-1,6 glycosidic bonds with only a small number of branches which are linked by either an α-1,3 glycosidic bond or an α-1,4 glycosidic bond.

Which polysaccharide has a structure **most** similar to that described?

A amylopectin

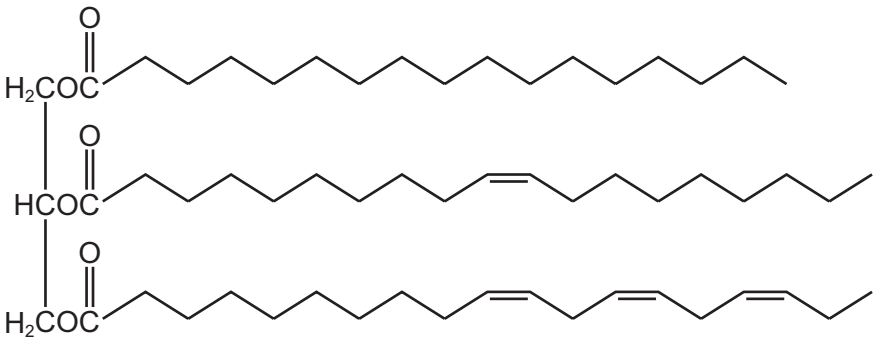
B amylose

C cellulose

D glycogen

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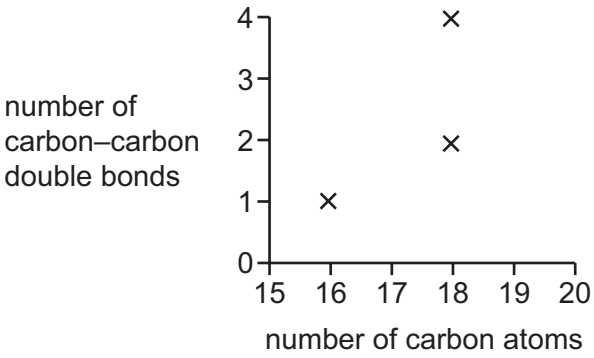
8 The diagram shows a triglyceride.



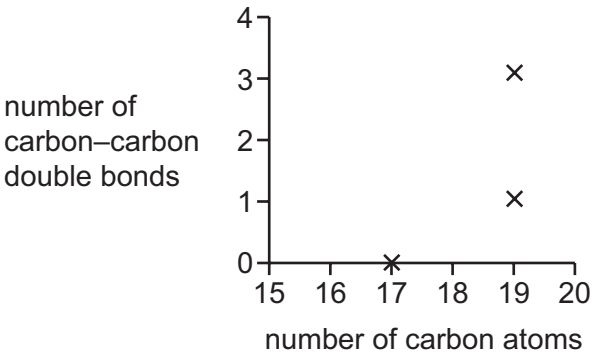
An enzyme was used to digest this triglyceride into glycerol and fatty acids.

Which scatter plot correctly represents each fatty acid component of the triglyceride?

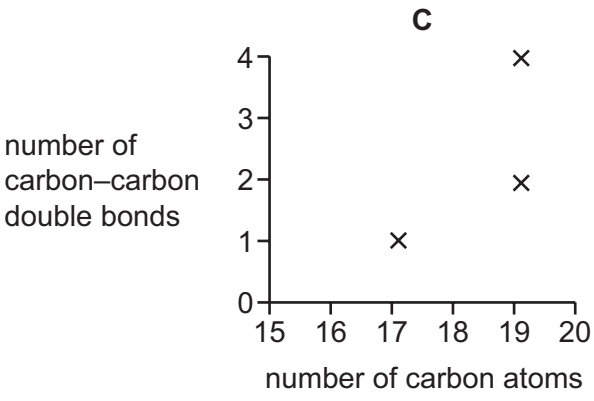
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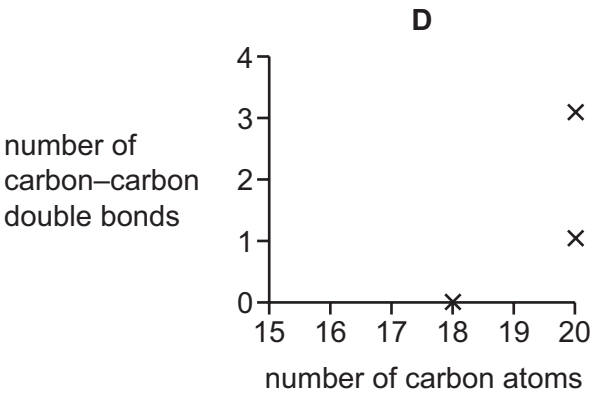
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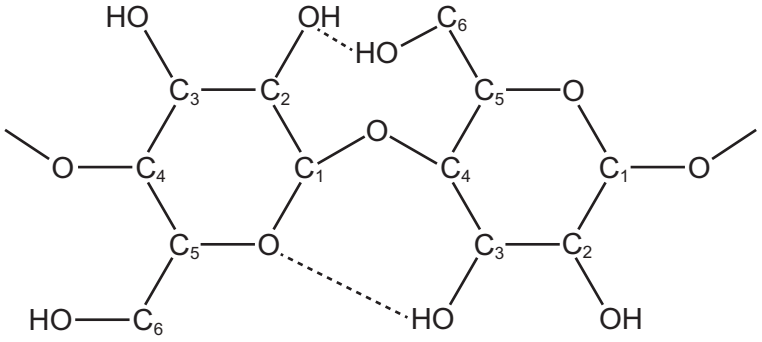


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9 The diagram shows how the alternating nature of β-glucose monomers along a chain allows hydrogen bonds to form between consecutive monomers.



Hydrogen bonds in cellulose affect the tensile strength (the ability to withstand pulling forces without breaking).

How do the hydrogen bonds shown in the diagram help cellulose function as a suitable material for a cell wall?

A The hydrogen bonds add additional tensile strength along individual cellulose molecules within the cell wall.

B The hydrogen bonds create stronger crosslinks between adjacent cellulose molecules, adding to the tensile strength of the cell wall.

C Stronger hydrogen bonds form between adjacent cellulose molecules, adding to the tensile strength of the cell wall.

D Cellulose molecules within a cellulose microfibril have a stronger link between them, increasing the tensile strength of the cellulose microfibrils.

10 Two solutions, 1 and 2, each contained a mix of two different biological molecules. One solution contained starch and sucrose, and the other contained glucose and protein.

The two solutions were tested with a variety of reagents to identify the presence of the biological molecules in the solution.

The table shows the results recorded for the various tests.

Which row identifies the two solutions?

	add iodine solution		boil with Benedict's solution		boil with Benedict's solution after acid hydrolysis		add biuret solution	
	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
A	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓
B	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓
C	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
D	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗

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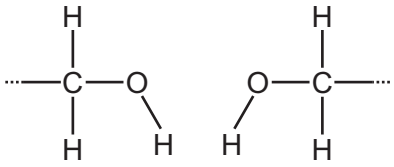
✓ = positive result

✗ = negative result

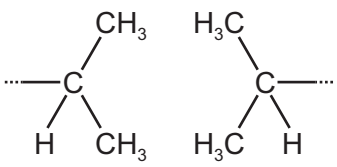
11 The diagrams show parts of three pairs of amino acids within a protein.

The pairs are labelled X, Y and Z.

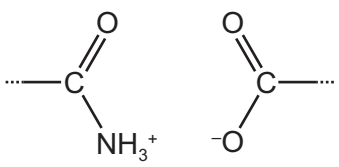
X



Y



Z



Which row shows the correct type of interaction that would occur between the two amino acids in each pair?

	X	Y	Z
A	hydrophobic interaction	hydrophobic interaction	hydrogen bond
B	hydrogen bond	hydrophobic interaction	ionic bond
C	hydrogen bond	hydrogen bond	hydrogen bond
D	hydrophobic interaction	hydrogen bond	ionic bond

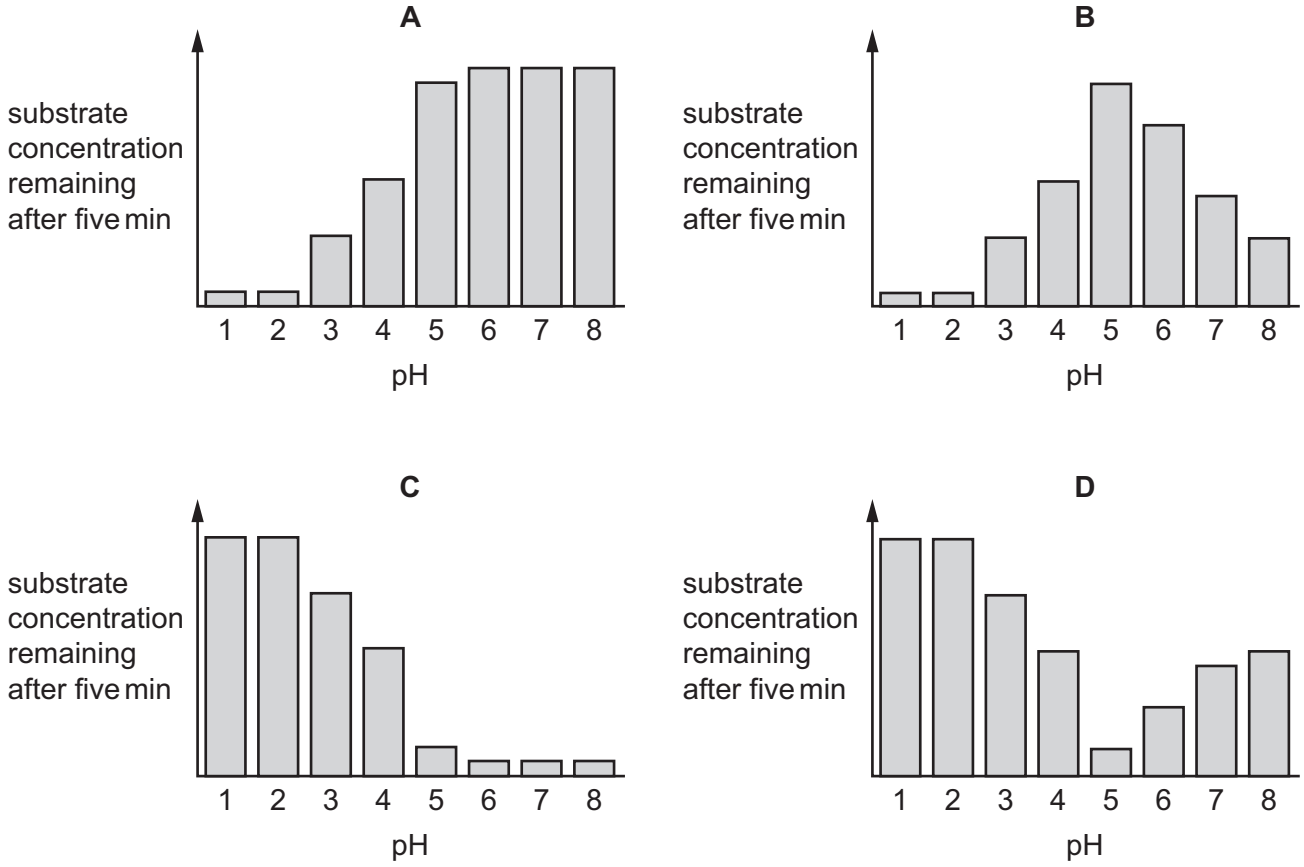
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12 A student carried out investigations at pH 1–8 to look at the effect of pH on an enzyme-catalysed reaction.

The optimum condition for this enzyme is the acidic environment of the stomach at pH 1–2.

The remaining substrate concentration was measured after five minutes at each different pH.

Which graph shows the effect of increasing pH on substrate concentration remaining after five minutes?



13 Which statement is correct for a non-competitive inhibitor?

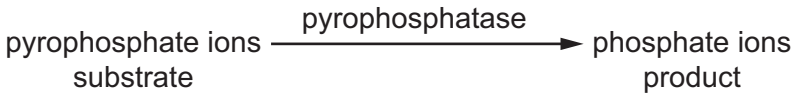
A The inhibitor binds to the active site of the enzyme and decreases V_{max}.

B The inhibitor binds away from the active site and increases the Michaelis–Menten constant.

C The inhibitor decreases V_{max}, but the Michaelis–Menten constant does **not** change.

D The inhibitor does **not** change V_{max} but increases the Michaelis–Menten constant.

14 Pyrophosphatase enzymes catalyse a hydrolysis reaction.

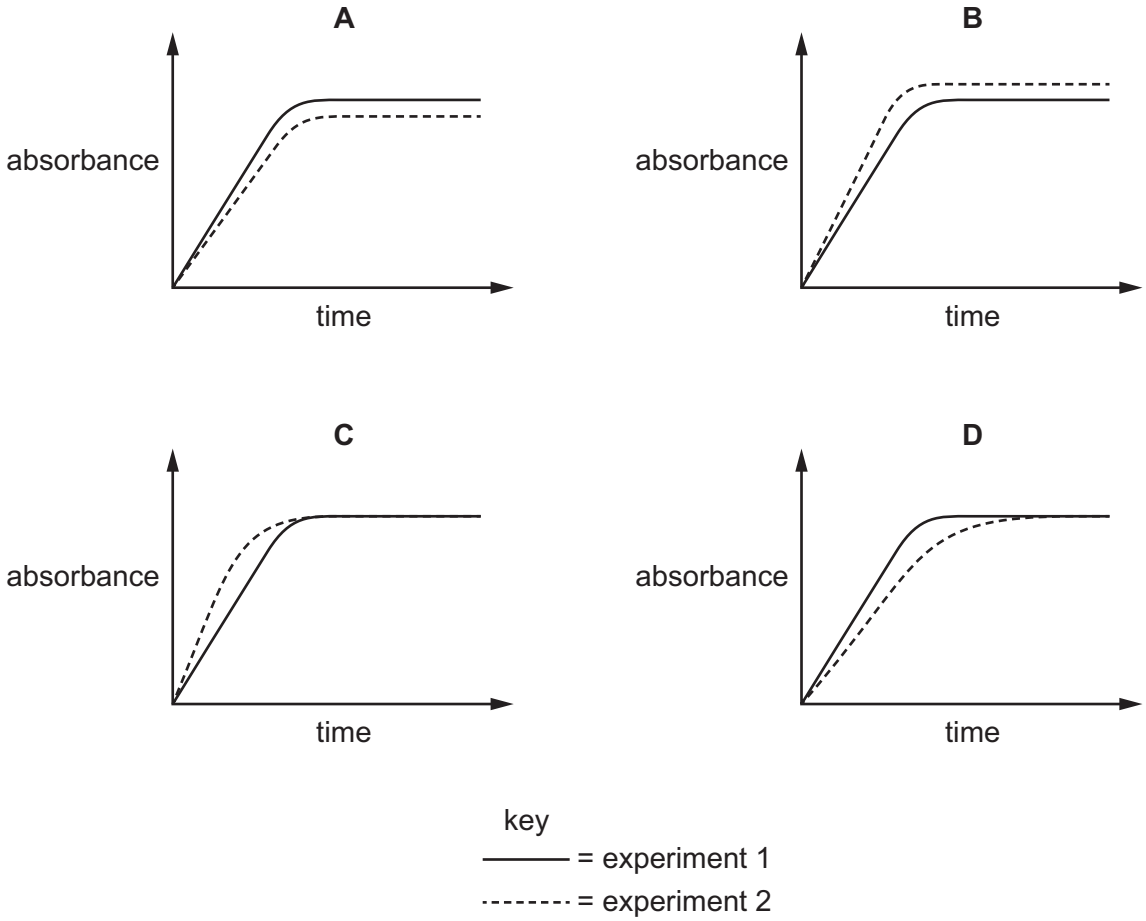


In experiment 1, a scientist studied the rate of this reaction, using a colorimeter.

The absorbance of the solution was measured at regular intervals until all of the pyrophosphate ions had been converted into phosphate ions.

In experiment 2, the scientist repeated the procedure with a higher concentration of pyrophosphatase. All other variables were standardised.

Which graph shows the effect of increasing the concentration of pyrophosphatase?



15 Proteases are a group of enzymes that digest proteins.

Which statements about proteases are correct?

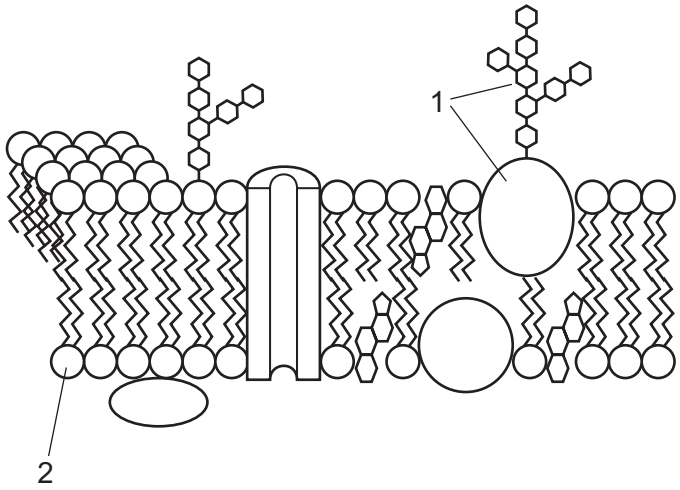
1 A bacterial protease that is secreted from a disease-causing bacterium could act as an antibody and cause the production of antigens against it.

2 Non-competitive inhibition of a protease that has an optimum condition of pH 2 can be overcome by increasing the substrate concentration and increasing the pH.

3 Water molecules are required when peptide bonds that link the monomers together are broken by the action of proteases in hydrolysis reactions.

A 1, 2 and 3 **B** 1 and 2 only **C** 2 only **D** 3 only

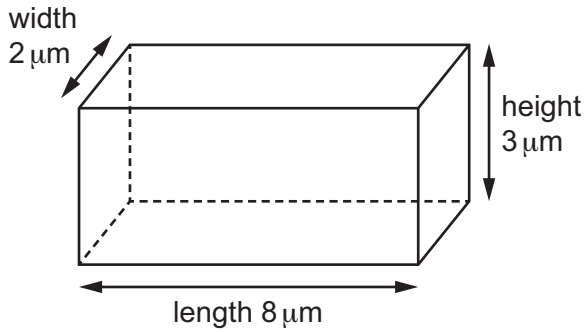
16 The diagram shows part of a cell surface membrane.



Which row correctly identifies the molecules labelled 1 and 2?

	1	2
A	glycoprotein	protein
B	glycolipid	lipoprotein
C	glycoprotein	phosphate head
D	glycolipid	phosphate head

17 The diagram shows the mean dimensions of an epithelial cell in micrometres (μm).



Which row shows the surface area to volume ratio of the epithelial cell and how the surface area to volume ratio of the cell would change if the cell width doubled?

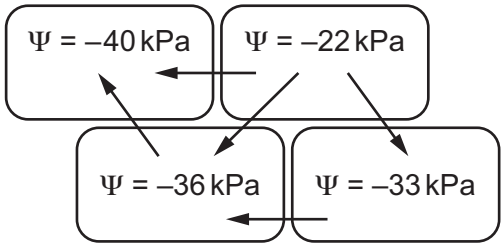
	surface area : volume	how surface area : volume changes if the cell width doubled
A	12 : 23	decreases
B	12 : 23	increases
C	23 : 12	decreases
D	23 : 12	increases

18 Which diagram shows the correct direction of net water movement between the four cells due to osmosis?

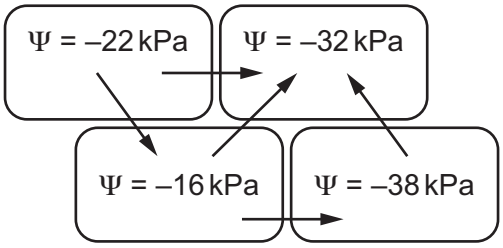
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Ψ = water potential

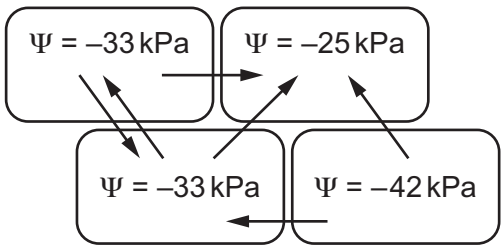
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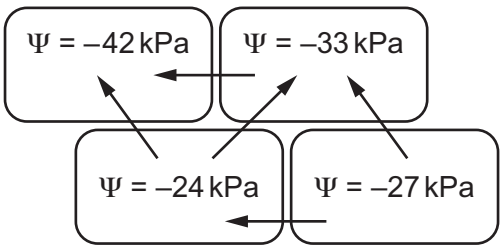
B



C



D



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19 An investigation was carried out into the effect of four different treatments on the permeability of the cell surface membranes and tonoplasts of beetroot cells. Beetroot cell vacuoles contain a red pigment. This pigment **cannot** diffuse through the tonoplasts or cell surface membranes.

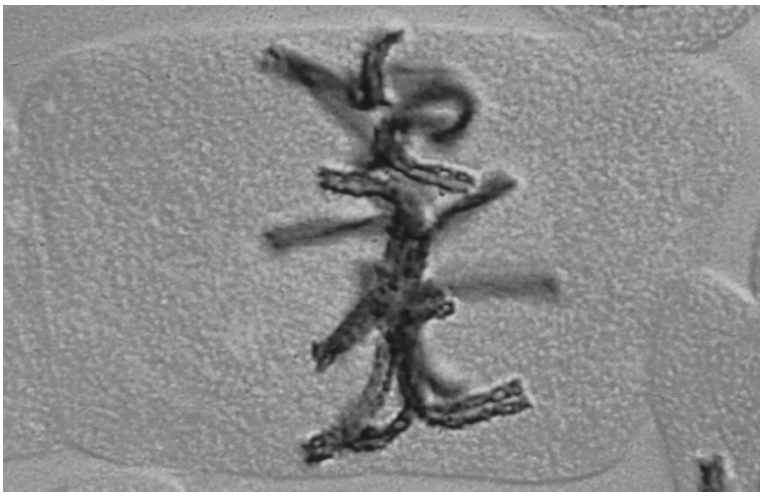
1 cm^3 cubes were cut from beetroot tissue and washed in running water for 20 minutes to remove any pigment released from damaged cells.

Two cubes were then placed in each of the four test-tubes containing different contents and observed for five minutes.

Which row shows a correct explanation for the observation recorded for one of the treatments?

	treatment	observation	explanation
A	dilute hydrochloric acid	contents of test-tube stay clear	membrane proteins have been denatured
B	ethanol	contents of test-tube turn red	lipids, including membrane phospholipids, have dissolved
C	water at 20 °C	contents of test-tube stay clear	membrane proteins have been denatured
D	water at 80 °C	contents of test-tube turn red	lipids, including membrane phospholipids, have dissolved

20 The photomicrograph shows a stage of mitosis.



What would be correct for the next stage in mitosis?

	two sister chromatids remain attached	nuclear membrane
A	no	**not** present
B	no	re-forming
C	yes	**not** present
D	yes	breaking down

21 What are the correct roles of mitosis?

	stem cell growth	replacing lost skin cells
A	✓	✗
B	✓	✓
C	✗	✗
D	✗	✓

key

✓ = correct

✗ = **not** correct

22 Which row about the stages of the mitotic cell cycle is correct?

	DNA ligase used in the nucleus	RNA polymerase used in the nucleus
A	G_1 phase	S phase
B	G_2 phase	mitosis
C	mitosis	G_2 phase
D	S phase	G_1 phase

23 Which statements describe how a gene mutation can lead to the production of a non-functional protein?

1 During transcription, an incorrect nucleotide is added to a DNA molecule.

2 The mutated gene results in a new codon being transcribed.

3 The order of the bases in an anticodon on tRNA is altered during translation.

A 1, 2 and 3 **B** 1 and 2 only **C** 2 and 3 only **D** 2 only

24 There are 64 chromosomes in the muscle cells of a particular mammal.

How many DNA molecules are present in a cell during early prophase and telophase of mitosis?

	early prophase	telophase
A	64	32
B	64	64
C	128	128
D	128	64

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25 The diagram shows the nucleotide sequence of a small section of the transcribed strand of a gene.

GCG CGC GGC GCG

The table shows the amino acids coded for by 10 mRNA codons.

mRNA codon	amino acid
AAG	Lys
ACG	Thr
CGG CGC CGU	Arg
CCG	Pro
GCC GCG	Ala
GGC	Gly
UGC	Cys

What is the sequence of the four amino acids in the polypeptide translated from this small section of a gene?

A Ala-Ala-Cys-Ala

B Ala-Arg-Gly-Ala

C Arg-Ala-Pro-Arg

D Arg-Arg-Thr-Arg

26 How many hydrogen bonds form when adenine and cytosine each bind to their complementary bases?

	adenine	cytosine
A	2	2
B	2	3
C	3	2
D	3	3

27 Which statement correctly identifies the movement of sucrose and amino acids in plant vascular tissue?

A They are carried from source to sink by mass flow in upward and downward directions.

B They are carried from sink to source by cohesion-tension in upward and downward directions.

C They are carried from sink to source by mass flow in one direction.

D They are carried from source to sink by cohesion-tension in one direction.

28 Xylem vessel elements are specialised cells that are adapted for the transport of water.

Which statement correctly matches an adaptation of a xylem vessel element to its function?

A Cytoplasm is only found in a thin layer next to the cell walls and does **not** contain any organelles. This reduces resistance to the flow of water in the xylem vessels.

B The end walls between xylem vessel elements have partially broken down, forming end plates. This reduces resistance to the flow of water in the xylem vessel.

C The walls of the xylem vessel elements contain cellulose that is hydrophilic and can form hydrogen bonds to water, allowing adhesion of water molecules to the vessel walls.

D Xylem vessel elements have plasmodesmata that connect them with companion cells. The companion cells provide ATP, which is needed for the transport of water.

29 A student makes an accurate labelled plan diagram of a section of a leaf containing a vascular bundle.

Which statement correctly describes part of their plan diagram?

A The vascular bundle has labels for the xylem vessel elements, phloem sieve tube elements and companion cells.

B The vascular bundle is divided into two sections, with the section closer to the upper epidermis labelled as xylem and the other section labelled as phloem.

C In the section of the vascular bundle positioned closer to the lower epidermis, each sieve tube element has an associated companion cell.

D The phloem sieve tube elements are drawn with thick cell walls to represent the lignin in the walls.

30 Some babies are born with a hole between the right and left atria. These babies are found to have an increased number of red blood cells.

What is the reason for this increase in red blood cells in these babies?

A Blood is pumped faster, which causes more blood to circulate in the heart.

B More blood is needed in the heart because the pressure is lower.

C Their haemoglobin has a higher affinity for oxygen.

D There is a lower oxygen concentration in the body of the newborn baby.

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31 An increase in carbon dioxide in human blood shifts the oxyhaemoglobin dissociation curve to the right.

What is the explanation for this effect?

A An increase in carbon dioxide concentration increases the breathing rate.

B Carbon dioxide is more soluble than oxygen and displaces it.

C Diffusion of carbon dioxide between the alveoli and the blood is more rapid.

D Increasing the H^+ concentration decreases haemoglobin affinity for oxygen.

32 'Heart block' is a disease which can result in a lower than normal heart rate. A doctor treating a person with heart block found that electrical impulses were initiated as normal but were not correctly conducted to the ventricles, so the rate of ventricular contraction was slowed.

Which parts may **not** be functioning correctly in the person with heart block?

1 atrioventricular node (AVN)

2 Purkyne tissue

3 sinoatrial node (SAN)

A 1 and 2 **B** 1 and 3 **C** 2 and 3 **D** 3 only

33 The pumping action of the heart creates hydrostatic pressure in the blood. The table shows the hydrostatic pressure in a blood capillary.

	arteriole end of capillary / KPa	venule end of capillary / KPa
hydrostatic pressure in blood	4.2	1.7

About 90% of the tissue fluid which surrounds a capillary is returned to the blood at the venule end.

How is this achieved?

A The capillary wall is more permeable at the arteriole end than the venule end.

B The hydrostatic pressure in tissue fluid is higher than in blood.

C There is a higher concentration of dissolved solutes in tissue fluid than in blood.

D There is osmotic movement of water from the tissue fluid into the blood.

34 What is the function of cilia in the gas exchange system?

A to increase the surface area

B to move mucus

C to produce mucus

D to trap dust and pathogens

35 Which tissues are present in the walls of a trachea and an alveolus?

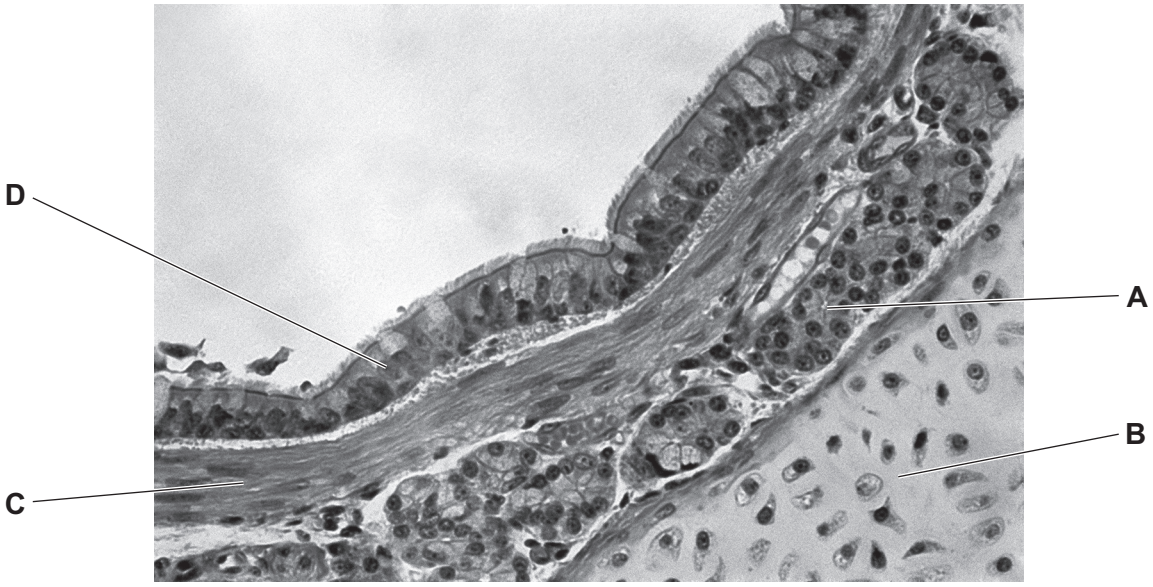
		tissue	
		epithelium with goblet cells	smooth muscle
A	trachea	✓	✓
	alveolus	✗	✗
B	trachea	✓	✓
	alveolus	✗	✓
C	trachea	✓	✗
	alveolus	✓	✓
D	trachea	✗	✓
	alveolus	✗	✗

key

✓ = present
✗ = **not** present

36 The photomicrograph shows part of a bronchus.

Which label identifies cartilage?



37 Which structures or compounds are present in a typical cell that can be killed by penicillin?

1 circular DNA

2 cytoplasmic DNA

3 70S ribosomes

4 peptidoglycan

A 1, 2, 3 and 4

B 1, 2 and 4 only

C 1 and 2 only

D 4 only

38 Three statements about cholera and its transmission are listed.

1 The pathogen causes watery faeces.

2 Frequent air flight has led to mobile populations.

3 The pathogen is transmitted through water.

Which statements are reasons why outbreaks of cholera are likely to occur?

A 1, 2 and 3 **B** 1 and 2 only **C** 1 and 3 only **D** 2 and 3 only

39 What will be produced by the division of memory cells during a secondary immune response?

A macrophages

B plasma cells

C neutrophils

D monocytes

40 A vaccine is used to give immunity to the virus that causes the disease influenza.

A new influenza vaccine is needed every year because the virus mutates regularly.

What is the reason for needing a new influenza vaccine every year?

A Memory cells become less effective as they age.

B The primary immune response does **not** produce enough antibodies.

C The secondary immune response does **not** produce enough antibodies.

D The virus antigens change and are **not** recognised by the immune system.

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