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Teacher's Introduction

These topic tests have been designed to help you and your students assess their knowledge of a topic after you have taught each part of Topics 3–4 of the **CCEA A Level Biology course**, comprising the A2 section of the course.

Each topic test closely follows the content of the specification and includes:

- **Factual questions:** Some shorter factual response, gap-fill and match-up questions are included to ensure that all the content and basics are covered, and to allow less-able or less-engaged learners access to some marks.
- **Short-answer questions:** These are not in exam style, and the purpose of these is to test different elements, knowledge and skills from the specification in a variety of styles.
- **Long-answer questions:** Where appropriate, topics may contain one or more extended-response questions to prepare students for what they might meet in the exam, and to test exam skills.
- Questions will also regularly test students' ability to interpret and use graphs, understand diagrams and apply maths skills.

Mathematical and practical skills are also covered in these topic tests.

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Tests have been designed to take approximately 25–35 minutes to complete.

Students are able to see the number of marks awarded for each question, allowing them to gauge the level of detail they will require for the answers. Full answers with marks are included at the end of each test. Additionally, it makes the resource a suitable tool for students to use independently.

The topic tests are suitable for a classroom assessment, revision aid or homework task and are, therefore, suitable for use immediately after a topic is completed in class or at the end of teaching the course.

It is recommended that students have access to a calculator to complete the questions. We hope you find these tests useful during your teaching.

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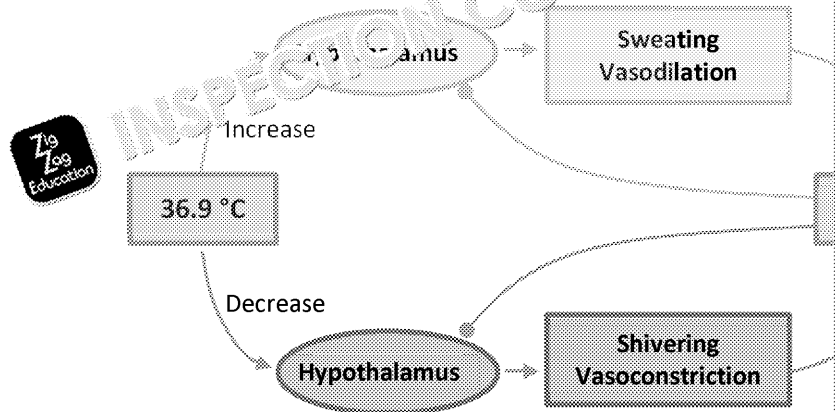
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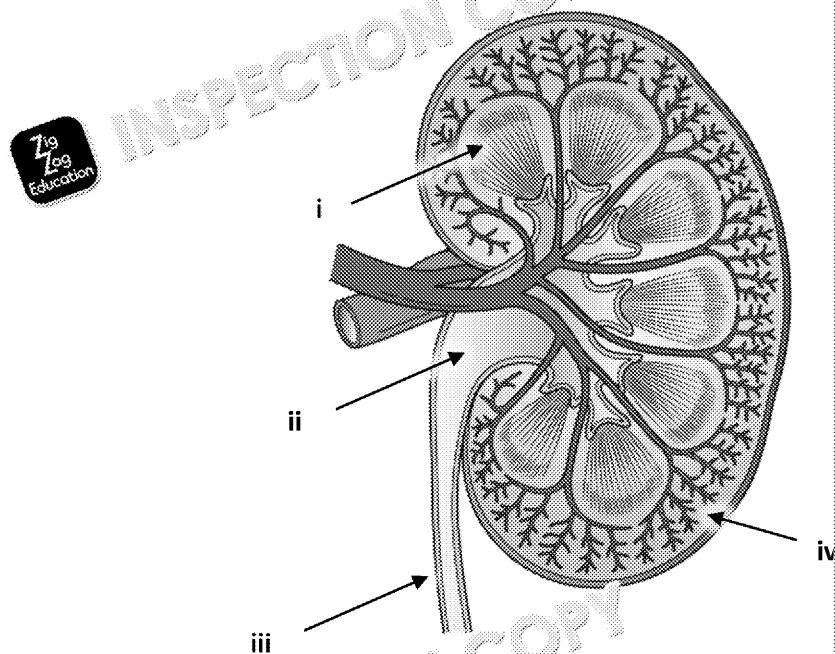
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Homeostasis and the Kidney

1. Define 'homeostasis'.
2. The diagram below shows homeostasis of body temperature in a healthy human.



- a) What type of feedback does this diagram illustrate?
 - b) Describe how this feedback works.
3. Name the process that controls the water potential of the blood.
 4. The picture below shows a cross section through a kidney.



Name structures i-iv

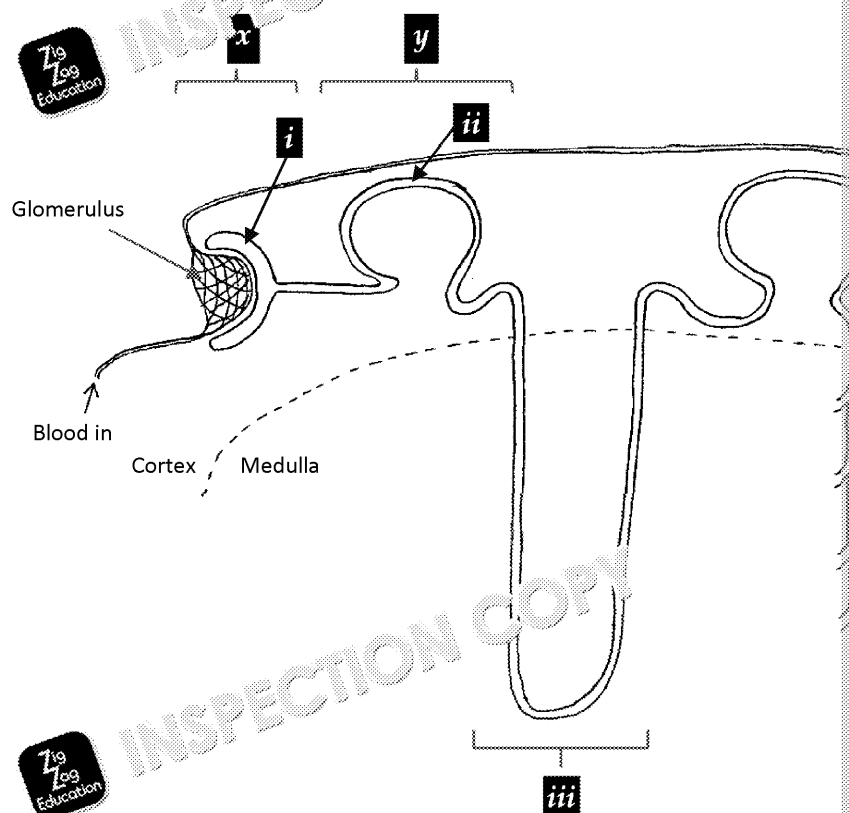
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5. The diagram below shows a nephron from a human kidney.

- Label features i to iii.
- What type of cell is typically found in feature i?
- What process occurs in region x?
- Outline the key steps of the mechanism named in y.
- Describe one adaptation of the cells in region y that adapts them to their function.
- Describe how the permeability of structure iii changes across its length.



- Describe the process of water reabsorption in feature ii of the diagram above.
- Describe the movement of ions and water in feature iii of the diagram above.
- Copy, and fill in the missing words in, the process below:

The contains cells that are sensitive to
 When the solute concentration is high, they stimulate thirst centres and the

- Explain how ADH affects the collecting ducts and, therefore, the concentration of urine.

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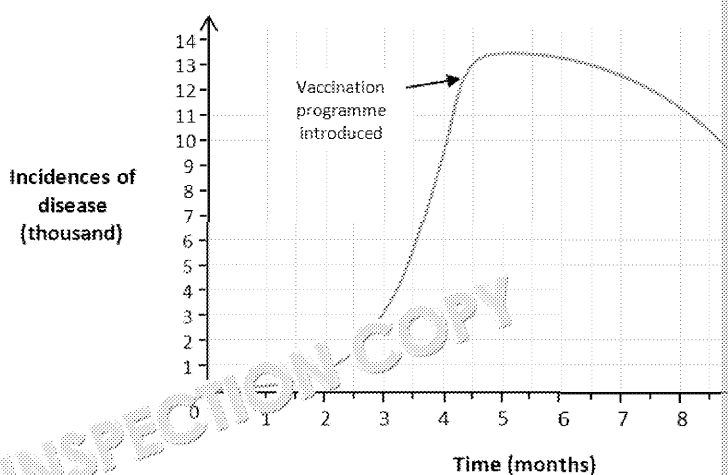


Immunity: Responding to Infection

- Name two non-specific defences that animals have against pathogens.
 - State how **one** of these defences works.
- Contrast the terms 'antigen' and 'antibody'.
- Copy out the table below about the roles of the three main T-lymphocyte cell types, filling in the missing words.

Cell type	Role:
T-helper cells	Detect and stimulate other T-cells
..... T-cells	Kill infected cells by creating a hole in their cell membrane
Memory T-cells	Remain in the to provide a rapid response

- Describe how B-lymphocytes provide a response to infection.
- Compare and contrast the way in which B-cells and T-cells are stimulated to become active.
- Describe how agglutination prevents pathogens from entering host cells.
- Immunity can be active or passive.
 - What type of immunity is involved in early breast feeding?
 - How do active immunity and passive immunity differ in terms of natural exposure to antigens?
- The graph below shows the spread of a disease before and after vaccine development.
 - Describe the incidence of the disease before vaccination.
 - Calculate the rate of decrease in disease incidences four months after the vaccine was developed (to 3 s.f.). Summarise your answer in a short sentence.



- The immune system can limit the success of transplantation.
 - Explain how the immune system can threaten a transplanted organ.
 - Doctors can protect transplants by irradiating immune cells with X-rays. Explain how this method works, and why it is not universally used.

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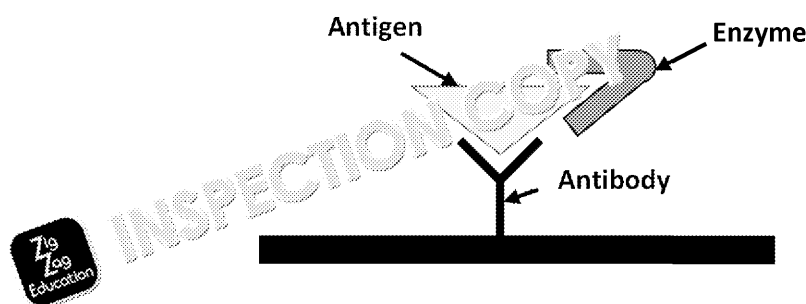
The Immune System and Medical De

1. a) Identify which statement about the ABO rhesus system is correct.
 1. People with the AB blood group produce anti-A and anti-B antibodies.
 2. Universal donors normally have the blood group AB.
 3. A reaction to anti-D antibody indicates the blood is Rh-.
 4. O blood group samples do not have ABO antigens on the cell surface.
 - b) Explain why donors with the O blood group can be described as 'universal donors'.
 - c) Suggest why a rhesus-negative expectant mother might be given an anti-D injection.
2. a) Copy out the sentence below and complete it using words from the list. The ABO blood system is used in blood transfusions. You do not need to use all the words.

recipients	antigens	transplant	antibodies	donors
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Care must be taken to ensure that blood do not react with which match in the plasma of blood
 an individual with the A- blood type can only receive a blood
 who has the A- or O- blood type.

- b) Due to a laboratory error, a patient with the blood type B- is given an AB- blood transfusion. Explain why this is a serious problem.
3. a) Suggest why there is great pressure to discover new forms of antibiotic.
 - b) In 2015, scientists discovered a new type of antibiotic in soil and other natural environments. Suggest how this might offer new antibiotic options.
4. a) Define the terms 'epidemic' and 'pandemic'.
 - b) Outline the factors that make viruses more likely threats for widespread disease.
5. Describe the role played by bats in disease transmission and severity.
6. The image below outlines a technique which is used to diagnose a number of diseases.
- a) What is the name of the technique shown?
 - b) How can this technique be used to diagnose a disease?
 - c) Suggest how this technique increases both the speed and efficiency of diagnosis.

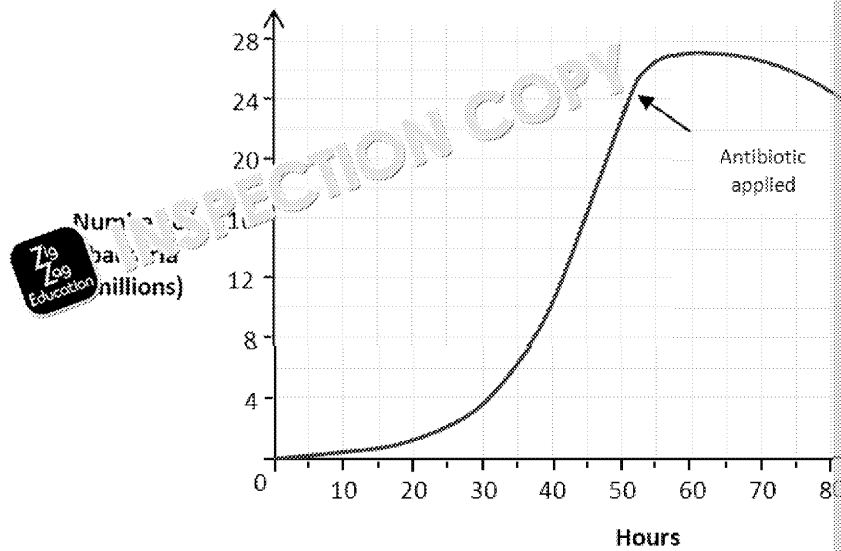


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7. A medical researcher conducted an experiment to determine the effect of a pathogenic bacterium. They grew the bacterial colony, applied the antibiotic and observed the decline.



- Explain why it was necessary for the experiment to be carried out in aseptic conditions.
- State **two** methods used to maintain aseptic technique.
- Predict the effect e-strips would have on the appearance of the culture.
- Calculate the rate of decrease in bacteria 40 hours after the antibiotics were applied (3 s.f.). Summarise your answer in a single sentence.

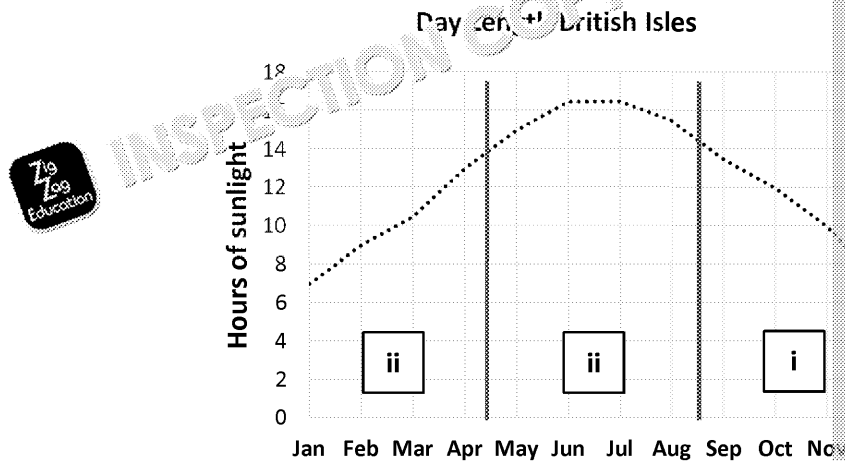
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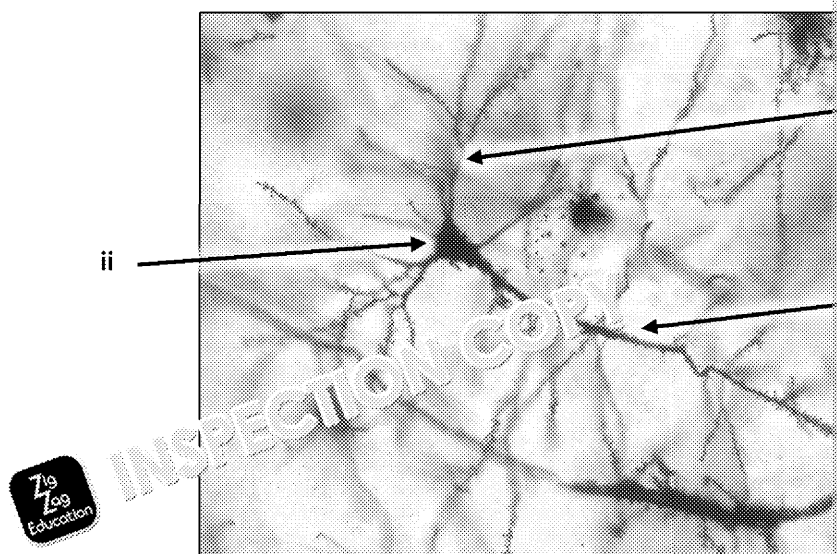


Coordination: Plants and Nervous System

1. What is the name of the pigment that regulates plant flowering?
2. The graph below shows day length across the year in the British Isles.



- a) Which label on the graph represents LDP (long day plant) flowering time?
 - b) Which label on the graph represents days where the P₆₆₀ pigment is stable?
 - c) Which label on the graph represents days with a higher proportion of far red light?
 - d) Henbane is an LDP. Suggest how Henbane can be made to flower out of season.
3. A scientist applies a plant growth substance to the tip of a germinating plant. The same conditions with no growth substance. The length of the test plant.
 - a) What is given to represent the area of stalk between leaves?
 - b) Identify the growth substance applied to the test plant.
 4. The image below shows an electron micrograph of a neuron.



Identify the structures labelled i–iii.

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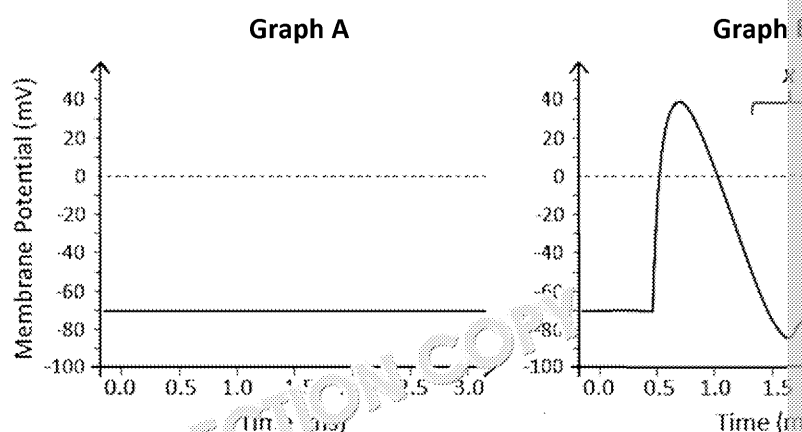
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5. Copy out the following process describing establishment of resting potential, missing words.

The actively transports three brings two ions in. These ions then leave the cell by This creates a charge which is

6. Explain how ion movement is involved in generating action potentials.
7. The oscilloscope traces below show the effect of a stimulus on a sensory neurone.
- Explain which principle is being shown in Graph A.
 - Describe what happens in Period x of Graph B.
 - What would happen if another stimulus was applied during Period x?
 - What three purposes does Period x serve?



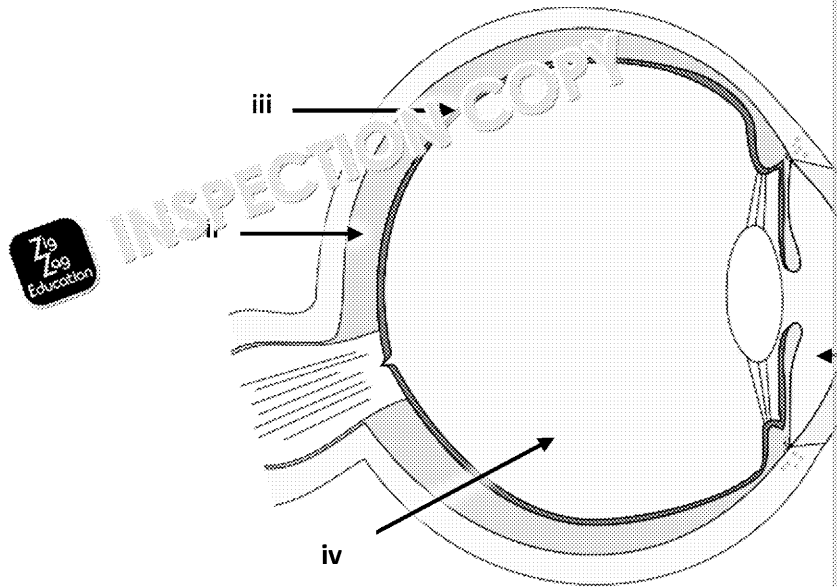
8. How do the following factors affect speed of conduction?
- Increased axon diameter
 - Increased temperature
9. Copy out the following process of synaptic transmission and fill in the missing words.
- Presynaptic neurons produce When the nerve impulse reaches the presynaptic neuron, it causes these chemicals to leave through across the synaptic cleft and bind with specific on the postsynaptic neuron that trigger to open and generate an action potential.
10. Describe how inhibitory synapses prevent an action potential from being generated.
11. What role do acetylcholine and acetylcholinesterase play in synapses?

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Coordination: The Eye and Mu

1. The figure below shows a section through a human eye.



Copy out the following table and fill in the gaps:

Structure	Label	Function
		Protects the front of the eye
		Maintains the shape of the front of the eye
Vitreous humour		Maintains the shape of the back of the eye
Choroid		
Retina	iii	

2. The eye works as a result of the presence of photoreceptor cells. The photoreceptors are:

- a) Copy out this table describing the photoreceptors of the eye, and fill in the gaps.

	Rods	Cones
Relative number		
Visual acuity		High
Colour vision		Yes
Survival function	Yes	
Site of rhodopsin synthesis	Yes	

- b) What benefit does convergence provide to rods?

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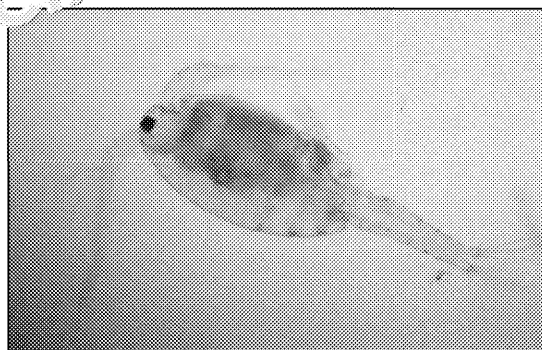
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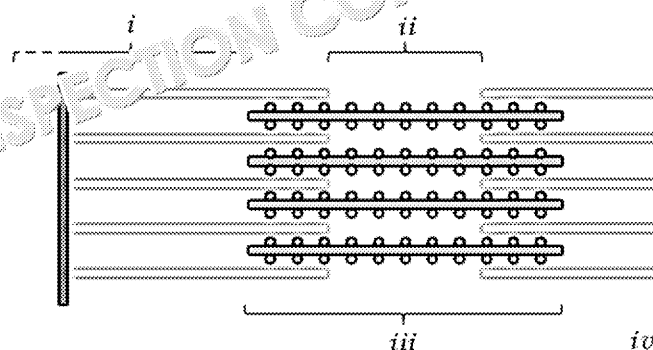
3. Copy out this description of the steps taken to focus on distant objects, and fill in the gaps.

The is a ring of muscle that circles the pupil. This structure allows the to change shape. In order to focus light from a distant object, the contracts, pulling the to the , which pulls on the The pull causes the lens to become refracted.

4. Copepods are small crustaceans. They are omnivorous, meaning that they have a wide range of food. Explain why this is a revolutionary adaptation is likely to be beneficial to them.



5. Muscle fibres are made up of myofibrils, which have repeating patterns of protein. Label the diagram below.
- What is the name of the structure shown in the diagram below?
 - Name the two proteins that overlap within the structure.
 - Label features i to iv.



6. Describe the sliding filament theory of muscle contraction.

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Ecosystems: Interactions between P

- Identify whether the statements below are true or false, and correct the false ones.
 - Competition can be described as a +/- interaction
 - If two very similar species are competing for resources in an ecosystem, one will usually be eliminated from the ecosystem.
 - Competition is caused by limited availability of resources.
 - Intraspecific competition occurs between members of different species.
- Copy or draw the following table and fill in the gaps to complete the terms and definitions.

Term	Definition
	The maximum population of an organism that an environment can support.
..... potential	The maximum rate of population under ideal conditions are perfect and resources are abundant.
Population	The number of organisms of one in a given area.
..... resistance	The aspects of an ecosystem which stop a population from growing indefinitely.

- Describe the typical characteristics of r-selected species.
- Classify each of these relationships as predation, mutualism, grazing or parasitism and explain your answer.
 - A rabbit eats grass and clover plants, although the plants are able to regrow.
 - An isopod survives by destroying and replacing the tongue of a fish, and the fish's nutrients.
 - Clownfish live in sea anemone colonies, receiving protection; in return, the anemones oxygenated by moving water across them.

- Fill in the gaps to complete the paragraph:

A pest species is one which damages a plant. In the damage is mostly, costing farmers money because it species can also cause serious food shortages. Most pest species are and aphids. Sometimes, pests can be controlled using a the pest population by limiting its available resources.

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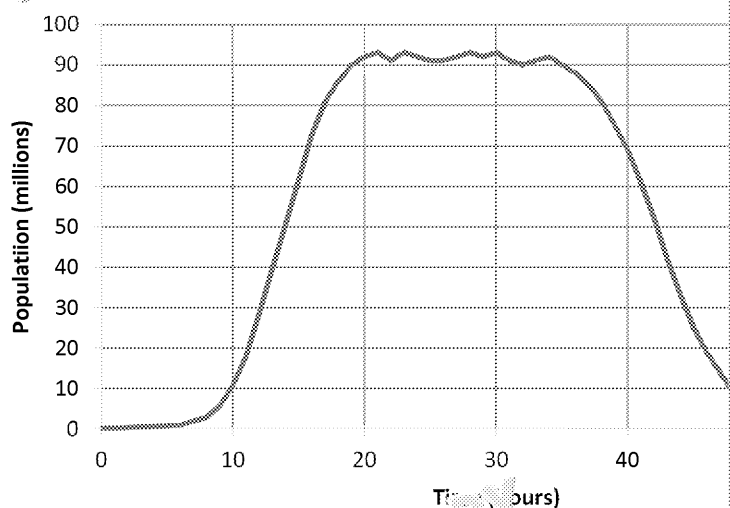
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6. Describe the features of an effective biological control programme which use population size.
7. A growth curve for a bacterial population is shown below.
 - a) Name the phase which occurs from 10–20 hours.
 - b) Why does this phase not begin immediately when bacteria are incubated?
 - c) Describe the phase which occurs from 20–30 hours.
 - d) Suggest factors which may cause the change in the growth curve after 30 hours.



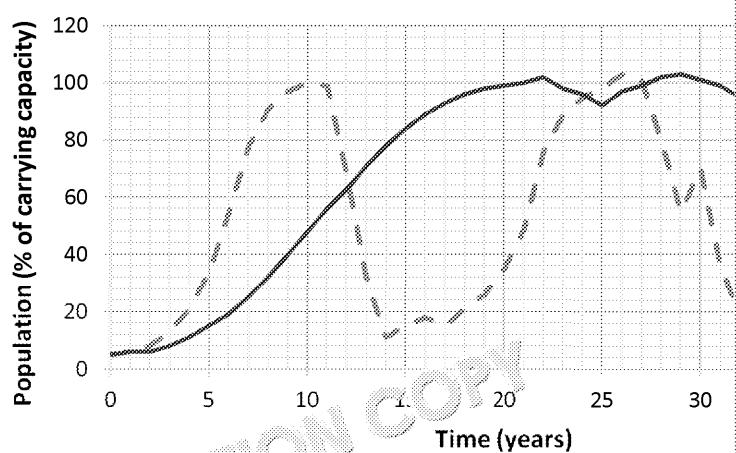
Bacterial Population in Growth Medium



8. Two species are introduced into a new ecosystem. The graph below shows population change over time. Which species is likely to be r-selected, and which is likely to be K-selected? Explain your answer.



Population Change in an Ecosystem



--- Population 1 — Population 2



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Ecosystems: Population and Community

- Which of the following factors in an ecosystem are abiotic: rock type, presence of cover, hours of sunlight, mean temperature, presence of decomposers.
- Copy out the following table and fill in the gaps:

Term	Definition
Autotroph	A species which produces its own nutrients using
	Species relying on one another, and being mutually dependent in population
Ecosystem	All of the interlinked and abiotic
	A species which gets its energy and nutrients by

- Figure 1** shows a forest ecosystem. Suggest seasonal factors which might affect the population of a herbivore (organism which eats plant material) in this ecosystem.

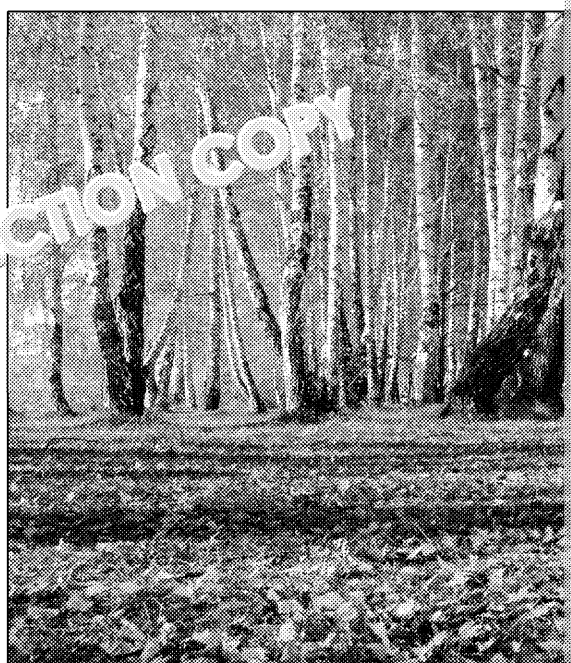


Figure 1

- Table 1** shows the changes in a population over two years. Calculate the percentage change in the population of the two-year period.

Original population	Year 1
Births	46
Deaths	35
Immigration	60
Emigration	9

Table 1

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5. The mark-release-recapture technique is used to estimate the size of a population.
- List **three** assumptions made when using the mark-release-recapture technique.
 - Suggest why scientists using the mark-release-recapture technique might use a special paint, rather than ordinary paint, to mark animals.
 - A team of scientists carries out a mark-release-recapture sample to estimate the size of a bat population in a cave system. In the first sample, 52 bats are caught and marked with a special UV paint. In the second sample, 70 bats are caught; of these, 12 have UV marks. Estimate the size of the bat population. Give your answer as a nearest whole number.

6. Copy out the table below, and fill in the gaps to complete the sentences. The blank spaces are to put the stages of succession in order.

	Given enough time, a community develops. This community is – it is not easily disrupted by new species. This process is known as
	These species gradually the existing pioneer species and
 species colonise an ecosystem that is harsh and where They tend to be species which are well adapted to high salt or low moisture levels.
 builds up as a result of these species dying. As a result, the environment becomes able to colonise the environment.
	Another type of succession is succession, which occurs in damaged by a natural disaster.

7. The hills of the Cotswold district were once part of a deciduous forest, but the trees were removed to allow sheep to graze. The sheep have since prevented the forest ecosystem from regrowing. Which type of community is this an example of?
8. A haemocytometer is used to count red blood cells in a sample. Two type B haemocytometers are shown in **Figure 2**. Each square has an assumed volume of 1 mm^3 . Using these squares and counting partial cells on the upper and left sides only, estimate the number of blood cells in a 1 mm^3 sample.

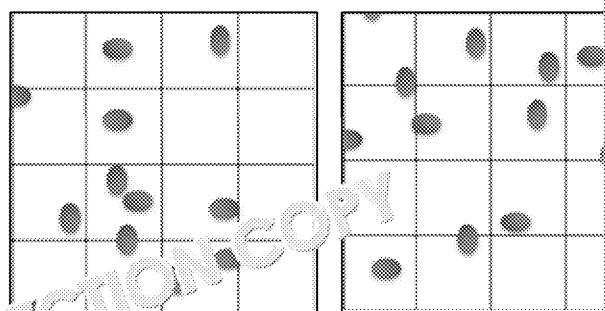
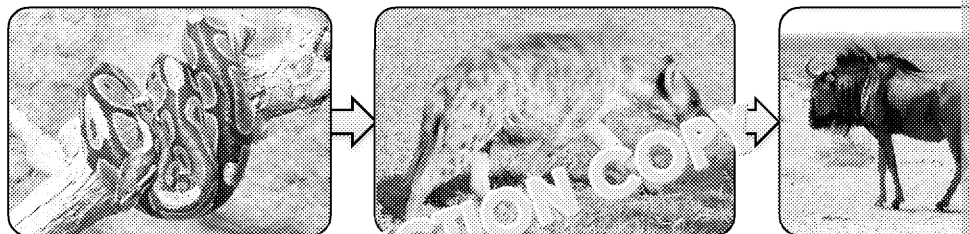


Figure 2

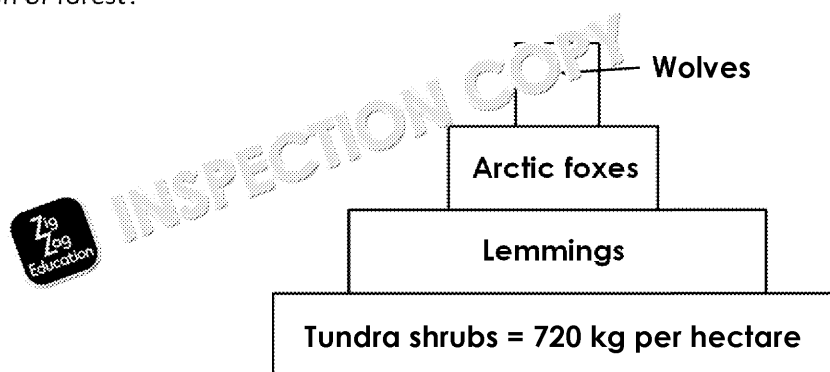
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Ecosystems: Communities



- The African spotted hyena has been known to eat spotted hyenas on occasion. It also eats smaller animals such as wildebeest. Wildebeest are grazers in the dry savanna grasslands of southern Africa. In this food chain, name:
 - a primary consumer
 - a primary producer
 - a tertiary consumer
 - an organism which is at the second trophic level
- Describe the difference between a detritivore and a decomposer.
- A hectare (10 000 m²) of coniferous forest in northern Europe has a gross primary production of 16 000 kJ yr⁻¹. 28 % of this energy is lost to respiration. What is the net primary production of this section of forest?



- The pyramid of biomass above shows transfers of energy in an ecosystem in the Arctic.
 - If the efficiency of transfer from the tundra shrubs to the lemmings is 12 % and the efficiency of transfer from the lemmings to the foxes is 7 %, how much biomass are the foxes able to consume per year?
 - Suggest why the wolf population will need a very large territory to survive.
 - Explain why pyramids of numbers are inconsistent in shape from ecosystems to ecosystems.
- Copy out the following paragraph and fill in the gaps.

At higher level within an ecosystem, there is progressive loss of energy because energy is lost at each level. For example, not all herbivores are eaten by carnivores, and some energy is lost through Energy is also lost through from the body, and – the removal of metabolic waste. Organisms lose some of their assimilated energy as heat when they carry out metabolism, particularly true of such as birds and mammals, which are endotherms to maintain their internal body temperature.

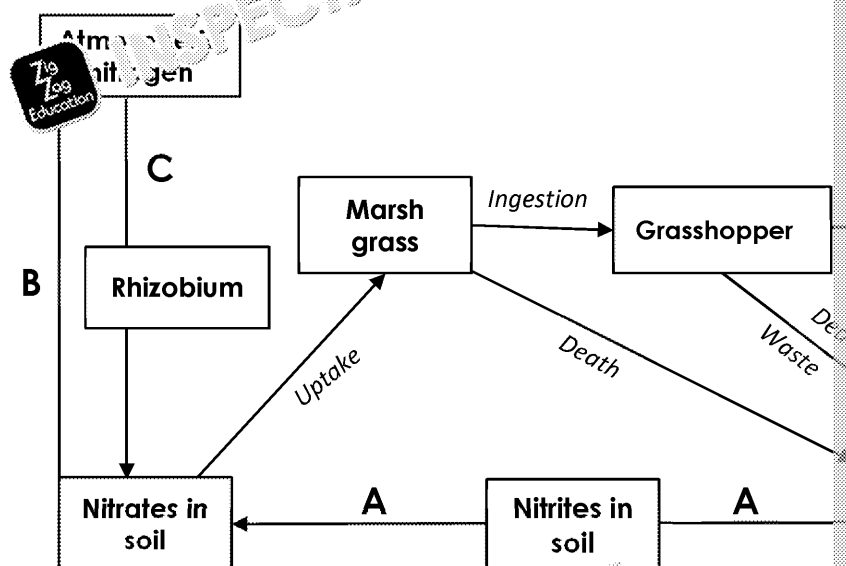
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6. A farmer is trying to improve the yield of milk produced by his goats. He builds insulated walls for the winter, and adds soybean to their feed to increase the yield. Explain why the farmer makes these decisions.
7. Why do farmers use fertilisers on plant crops?
8. The diagram below shows an example of the nitrogen cycle in a swamp forest.

- a) Name processes A, B and C.
- b) Which type of organism converts ammonium compounds from dead organic matter?



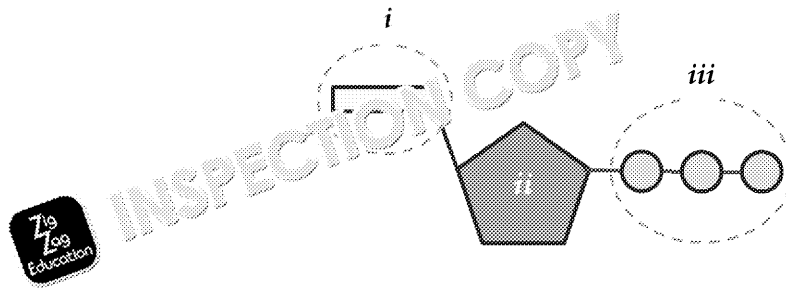
9. Describe the carbon cycle, and explain why it is essential to a functioning ecosystem.

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Respiration

1. Name the nucleotide shown below, and label parts i-iii.



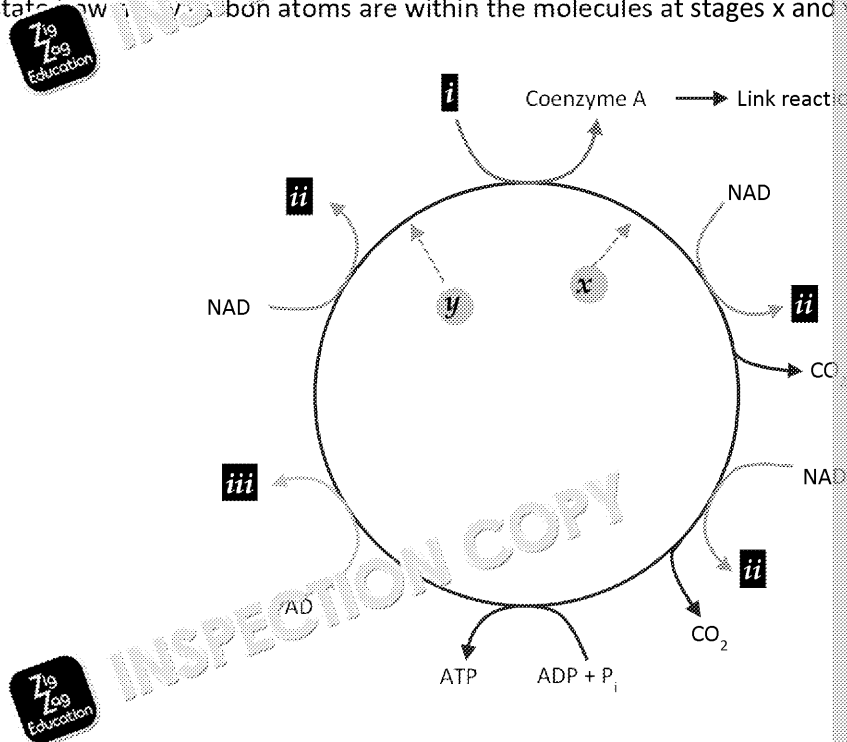
2. All organisms depend on respiration to some extent to provide energy.

- What is the first stage of respiration?
- Where does this occur?
- Copy, and fill in the missing words in, the process below:

During the first part of this reaction, glucose is phosphorylated to make This molecule immediately splits into two molecules and then becomes oxidised to form atoms released during this are accepted by The during the first stage are accepted to make two molecules of

3. The diagram below represents a major part of respiration.

- Name the stage shown below and state where it takes place.
- Write the names of missing molecules i-iii.
- State how many carbon atoms are within the molecules at stages x and y.



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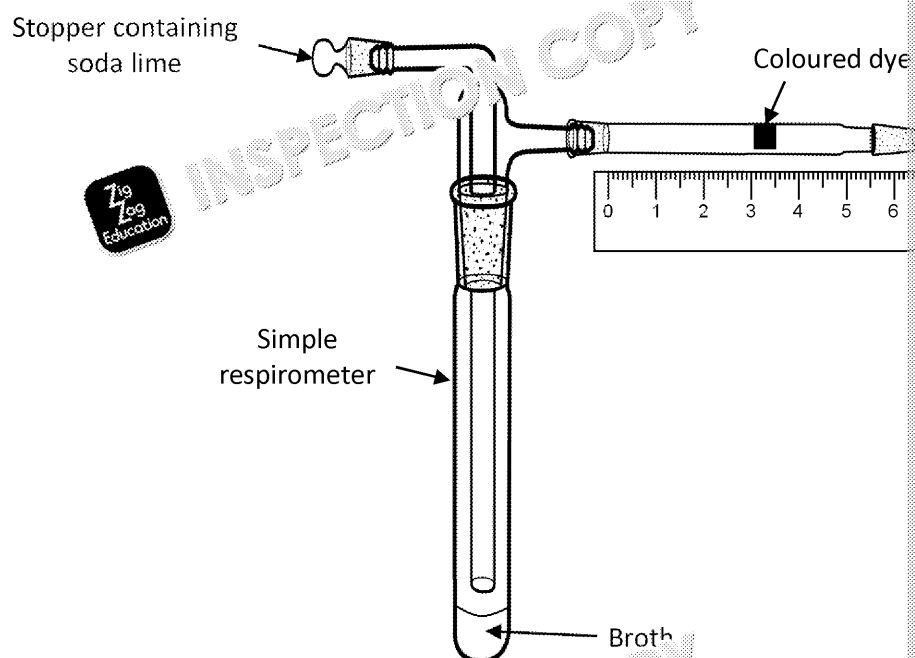


4. Explain the reasons for the difference in ATP yield between aerobic respiration and anaerobic respiration, stating the importance of both methods of respiration.
5. a) Which molecules provide the electrons for the electron transport chain?
b) Identify the molecules that are missing from this description of the electron transport chain:

NAD → _____ → Coenzyme Q → _____

- c) Describe the process that involves electron transfer into and out of the mitochondrial membrane, which generates ATP.
- d) What is the name of the process of ATP formation within this stage?
6. a) Order carbohydrates, lipids and proteins in terms of their relative energy density.
b) A fatty acid is fully respired by a cardiac muscle fibre. In this process, 36 molecules of oxygen are consumed, and 41 molecules of carbon dioxide are produced. What is the respiratory quotient of the fatty acid?

7. The apparatus drawn below shows a simple respirometer which is used by students to determine the respiratory quotient of respiring yeast cells. The soda lime is used to absorb carbon dioxide.
- a) Over a period of 30 minutes, the coloured dye in the apparatus moves 2 cm along the scale. If the radius of 0.45 cm, calculate the volume of oxygen consumed by the yeast cells.
- b) 1.17 g of carbon dioxide is absorbed by the soda lime in the same period. Calculate the RQ of the yeast cells.

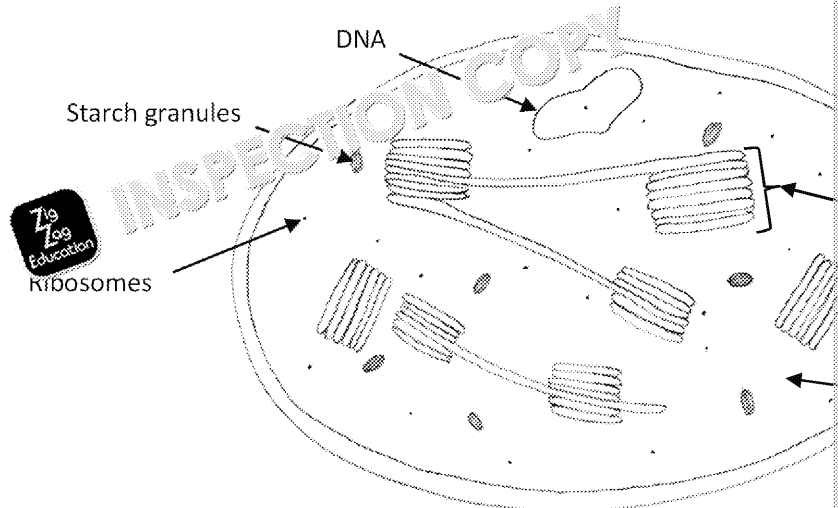


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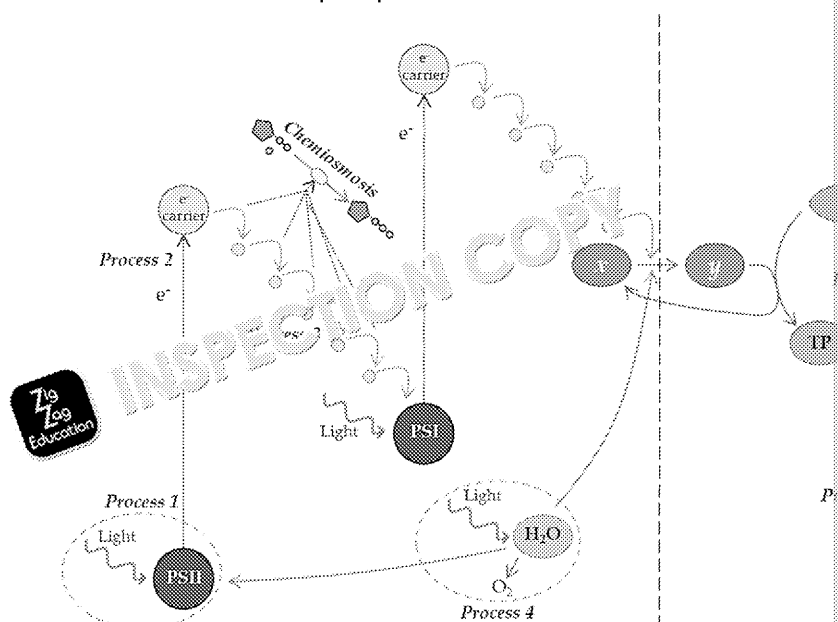


Photosynthesis

- Identify the letters that represent the site of the light-independent and light-dependent photosynthesis. Name each label.



- Explain how water stress decreases production of starch and other organic substances.
- Using the figure shown below, answer the following questions:
 - What is the name of Process 1, where chlorophyll is oxidised by light?
 - What is happening in Process 2?
 - Describe what happens to the electron carrier during Process 3.
 - Describe how chemiosmosis uses electron transfer to make ATP.
 - What are the molecules x and y?
 - What is the name of Process 4?
 - How does Process 4 help convert molecule x into molecule y?
 - How are the electrons of Photosystem I (PSI) and Photosystem II (PSII) re-energised?
 - Explain how Process 5 creates triose phosphate.
 - What two roles does triose phosphate have?

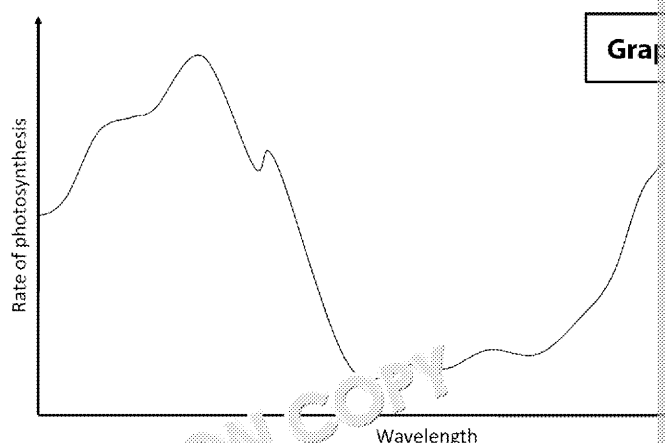
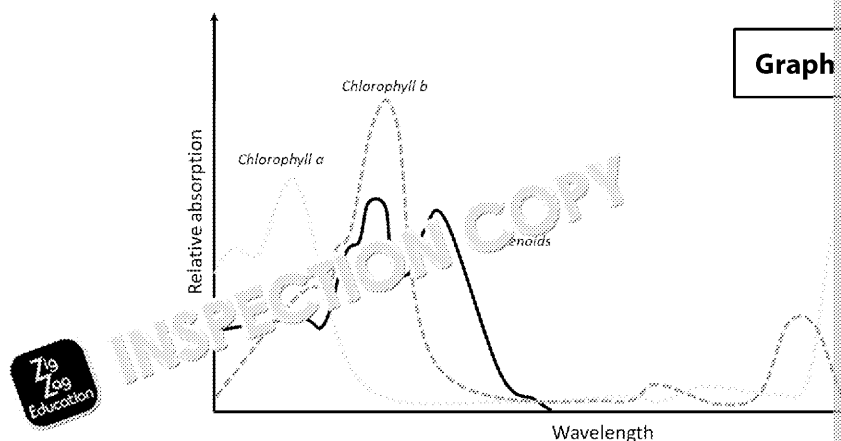


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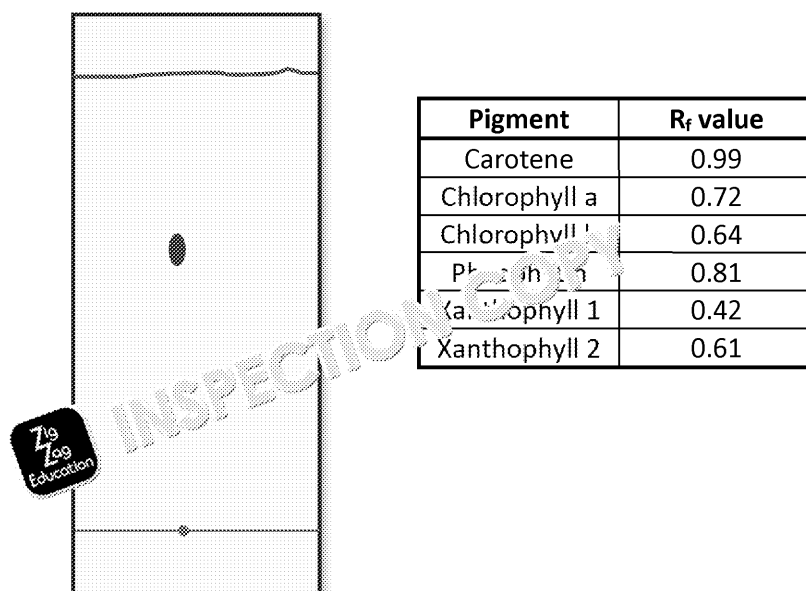
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4. Graph A shows an absorption spectrum. Explain what Graph B is, and how it



5. The environmental factor that limits the slowest process in photosynthesis is
- How does an increase in carbon dioxide affect photosynthesis?
 - Explain why increasing light intensity increases photosynthesis, but only up to a point.
6. Calculate the R_f value of the pigment below, and identify the pigment using the table.



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DNA: The Genetic Code

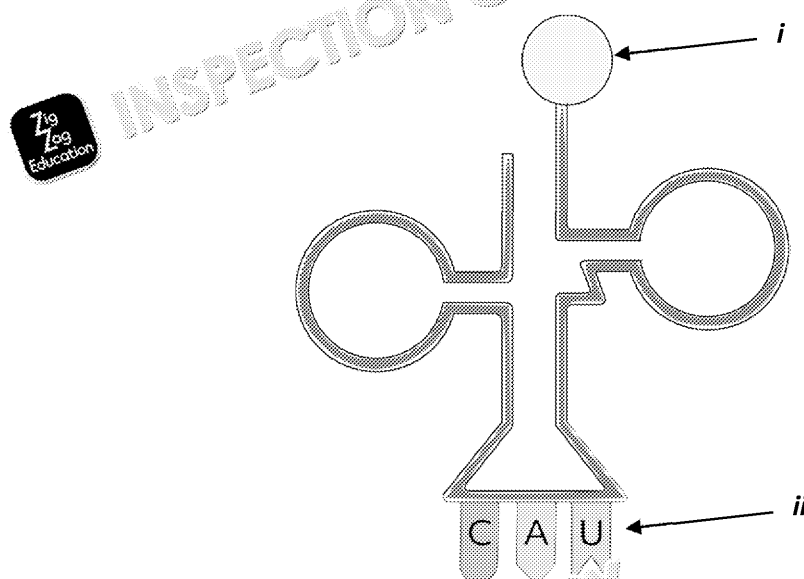
- Copy, and fill in the missing words in, the following statement describing the code:

The code of DNA codes for specific The code is overlapping and, which means that most amino acids have more than one The code can broadly be divided into coding and non-coding regions. The coding regions while the non-coding part

- Copy the table below, complete the stages of transcription, and then put in the correct order.

Step	Description
	The DNA reforms a behind the RNA polymerase.
 takes place between free nucleotides and the DNA template.
	RNA polymerase forms between the nucleotides.
	The enzyme separates the DNA strands by breaking hydrogen bonds.
	The enzyme binds to the transcription start site.

- A molecule of tRNA is shown in the figure below.



- Identify the parts labelled i and ii.
- Outline the roles of a tRNA molecule in translation.
- Describe the structure of a ribosome.

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4. The central dogma of molecular biology has established the idea of 'one gene-one polypeptide'. Suggest why the one gene-one polypeptide theory replaced the one gene-one protein theory.
5.
 - a) What is epigenetic inheritance?
 - b) What role does the environment play in epigenetic inheritance?
6. How is DNA methylation involved in epigenetic inheritance?
7. Histone proteins hold DNA in place and contain information on the fate of the cell.
 - a) How does histone acetylation affect gene expression?
 - b) How is this information inherited?
8. If these control pathways are disrupted, how would cells be affected?

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DNA: Gene Technology

- What is the purpose of the polymerase chain reaction (PCR)?
- Copy the table below and fill in the missing information on the stages of PCR.

Stage	Temperature °C	Description
	95	DNA strands separate
Annealing	55	
Extension	72	

- Why is Taq polymerase used?
- Give **two** possible uses of PCR in modern science.
- The table below gives an outline of the method used to probe for a specific sequence, and complete the missing parts of the method.

Step
DNA is hydrolysed, meaning that are broken.
..... are used to cut the DNA into fragments.
The fragments of DNA are separated using
DNA fragments are transferred to a nylon membrane and a DNA probe is added.
If the correct sequence is present, the probe
The probe can be detected as it is or radiolabelled.

- What are microsatellite repeat sequences (MRSs), and why are they important in DNA fingerprinting?
- How do SNPs give rise to genetic disorders?
- Outline the process of microarray technology.
 - How does this technique differ from DNA fingerprinting?
- A sample of cells are found to produce a protein that can be used as a drug in the treatment of a disease.
 - Suggest a method for producing DNA from the mRNA expressed in these cells.
 - Name a technique that can be used to produce a large quantity of the desired DNA.
 - Why is the desired gene inserted into a vector?
 - What feature of bacteriophages makes them useful in genetic technology?
 - Describe how monoclonal antibodies are used in genetic technology.

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DNA: Genetic Modification

- Name two products of genetic modification that can be used in medicine.
- The use of gene therapy to treat diseases and disorders has the potential to improve the quality of life for many people.
 - How can viruses potentially be used to treat cancer?
 - What is the risk of using viruses to insert genes into an individual's cells?
- The use of genetically modified crops needs to be carefully considered for ethical reasons. Give supporting arguments for both sides of the debate about:
 - whether we should grow GM crops even if they are opposed to it, people should be forced to grow GM crops to feed the world and will protect the environment
 - whether we should engineer crops such as bananas that are currently grown in developing countries to grow successfully in the UK
- Describe how scientists can manage and reduce risks when genetically modifying organisms.
- Gene therapy can take advantage of knowledge of genetic modification in order to treat genetic diseases.
 - Outline the process of gene therapy.
 - Define the terms 'somatic cell gene therapy' and 'germ-line gene therapy'.
 - Identify **one** method for introducing a functional gene into a diseased cell.
 - State one problem with using the method identified in c).
 - Explain how gene therapy has been used to treat cystic fibrosis, and why it has had limited success.
- DNA sequencing methods can now map genomes.
 - Define the term 'genome'.
 - How has DNA sequencing technology developed over time?
- Identify whether the statements are true or false. For each false statement, explain why it is false.

i	The Human Genome Project mapped the human genome and identified all the different genes.
ii	Scientists can use information from gene sequencing to predict the development of a disease.
iii	Genome sequencing can only be used to study organisms that are living.
- Genome sequencing represents many benefits to biologists. In each case, suggest how it has benefitted the field.
 - Pharmacogenetics
 - Gene therapy
- Genes can be inactivated in living organisms.
 - What name is given to an organism in which a gene has been inactivated?
 - How can this type of organism be useful to medicine?
 - Why might a defective gene be intentionally inserted into an organism?
- State three safety instructions for gel electrophoresis include warnings to keep away from the equipment.
 - The acrylamide gel used is a nerve toxin. Describe three safety procedures to implement to reduce the risk of the gel causing any harm.

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Inheritance

- Define 'genotype' and 'phenotype'.
 - How many alleles can a gene have?
- Pea plants can have either green or yellow pods. When two pea plants were crossed, all the offspring had yellow pods. 'G' can be used to represent green and 'g' can be used to represent yellow. Answer the following questions.

 - What is the genotype of the parent plants?
 - An organism can have two different alleles of the same gene. State the term used to describe this.
 - How can the genotype of the yellow offspring be described?
- The diagram below shows how a chestnut horse and a cream horse can have palomino offspring.

 - What proportion of the offspring are palomino?
 - What type of allele is this an example of?

	Chestnut	
	D ¹	D ¹
Cream	D ²	
	D ²	



- The allele for red-green colour blindness can only be found on the X chromosome. A woman who is a carrier for red-green colour blindness has a son. Answer the following questions.

 - Give the term used to describe this type of condition.
 - Determine the probability of their child being colour-blind.
 - Give the term used to describe the mother.
- Define 'autosomal linkage'.
- Describe how chromosome division during meiosis can lead to genetic variation.
- ABO human blood groups are a good example of multiple alleles.

 - What is meant by 'multiple alleles'?
 - Calculate what proportion of children would have the same genotype as their parents in the following example.



Mother – Blood group A

	I ^A	I ^A
Father – Blood group B	I ^B	
	I ^O	

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8. The colour of wild mice coats depends on two genes. The 'colour' gene determines brown or black (represented by the letter 'b'); the 'pigment' gene determines whether melanin, is produced or not (represented by the letter 'm').

All of the mice are brown.

One group of parent mice are homozygous for coat colour and heterozygous for pigment.

The other group of parent mice are heterozygous for coat colour and heterozygous for pigment.

- State the dominant alleles for the two genes.
 - What is the term used to describe the effect of the 'pigment' gene on the 'colour' gene?
 - What proportion of the offspring is expected to be albino?
9. a) What is the difference between the type of variation shown in height and weight?
- Typically, how many genes influence each of these traits?
 - What other non-genetic factors can affect height?

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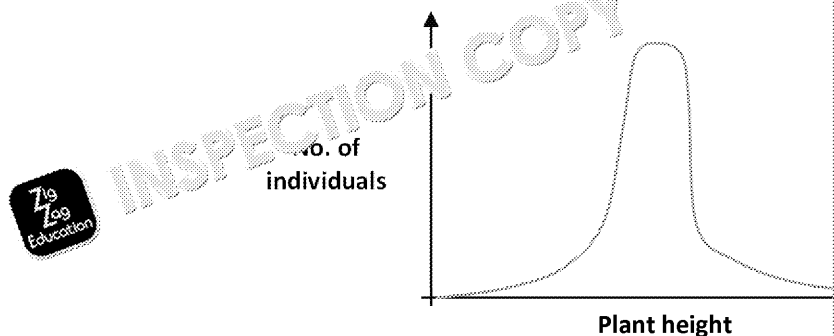


Population Genetics

- Copy out the following paragraph and fill in the gaps:

Genetic variation is present in virtually all populations. It is created by mutations which change the sequence of the mutations involve the loss of one or more bases, while involve swapping one mutation for another. Mutations can also happen at the causing entire groups of genes to be duplicated or lost.

- Explain the difference between allele frequency and a gene pool.
- What does the Hardy–Weinberg equation allow us to calculate?
 - State the Hardy–Weinberg equation.
 - If allele A has a frequency of 0.735, what is the frequency of allele a?
- People with cystic fibrosis have two recessive alleles. In 2015, the population of the UK had one out of every 2,500 babies born with cystic fibrosis.
 - What was the frequency of the dominant allele?
 - Approximately how many people in the UK were carriers?
- State three conditions that are assumed about a population when applying the Hardy–Weinberg principle.
 - Based on your answers to part a), assess the likelihood of the Hardy–Weinberg principle applying to a natural population.
- A period of long winters caused mortality among Arctic foxes. Adults with enough fat survived the winter and could more successfully rear their young.
 - How would you describe the foxes that managed to reproduce?
 - What type of selection is acting on the Arctic foxes?
 - Sketch a graph showing this selection acting on Arctic foxes.
 - Describe how the allele frequencies for short and long hair will change in the next generation.
- The graph below shows the heights of meadow plants that are grazed when they are too short.
 - What type of selection are they undergoing?
 - Draw arrows in the graph to show the selection pressures.



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8. a) What is the difference between allopatric speciation and sympatric speciation?
b) Suggest two mechanisms for sympatric speciation.
9. A few frogs are separated from a larger population by a storm and establish a new population on a small island. Their population grows until a rockslide reduces their numbers.
- a) Describe the possible consequences of the rockslide on the new population's allele frequencies.
- b) What differences would you expect to see in the allele frequencies of the new population, the original population pre rockslide, and the new population post rockslide?



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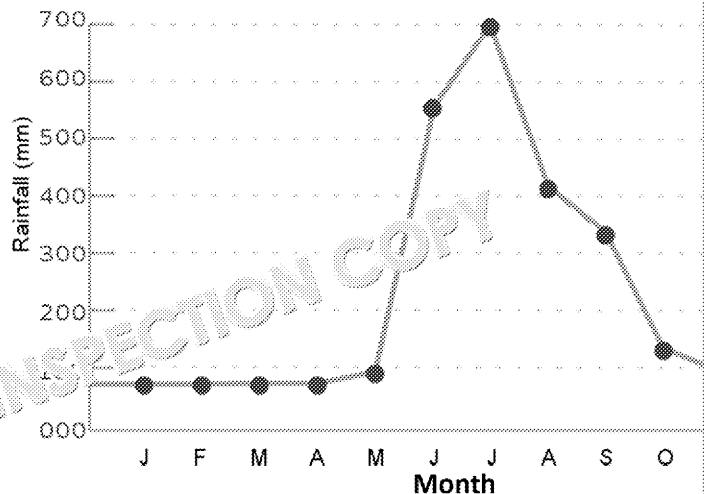


Kingdom Plantae

- Copy out this description of the kingdom Plantae, and fill in the gaps.

All organisms that exist with the kingdom are, meaning they have a nucleus and membrane-bound organelles. Additionally, all contain cell walls that are made of cellulose. Plantae feed by – using the energy from the sun to produce glucose. Within the kingdom, distinct parts of the plants are specialised. The kingdom is divided into which exclusively contain tracheophytes, which include plants.

- State how mosses are able to support their structure.
 - Explain how mosses are able to survive without stomata or a cuticle.
 - Name the root-like structure of mosses.
 - How do the structures named in c) differ from true roots?
 - The graph below shows annual rainfall in a region. Explain why mosses are found in this area.



- Suggest why ferns are able to grow to much larger sizes than mosses.
 - How do ferns differ from flowering plants?
 - Explain why ferns may be absent from an ecosystem that has recently been affected by drought.
- Define the term 'angiosperm'.
 - Why are seeds better adapted to dry conditions than spores?
 - How does the presence of xylem assist plants with terrestrial life?

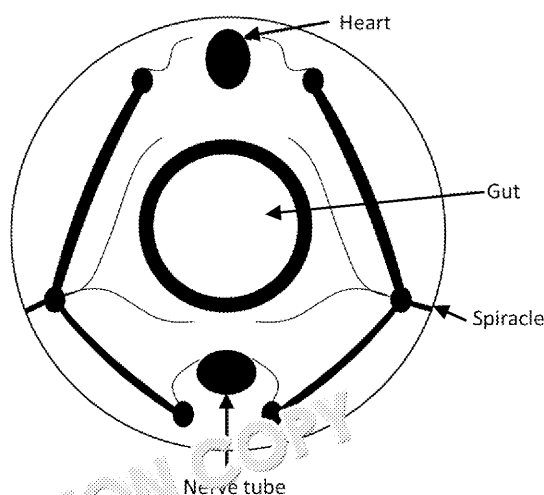
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Kingdom Animalia

1. To which phyla do the following organisms belong?
 - a) Earthworm
 - b) Spider
 - c) Liver fluke
 - d) Hydra
2. a) Compare the body symmetry and shape of a liver fluke and a hydra.
 b) What advantage does this type of symmetry offer the liver fluke?
3. a) How do the feeding tubes of Platyhelminthes and Annelida differ?
 b) The feeding tube of a human is most similar to which of these phyla? Explain.
 c) What features of the human digestion tube differentiate it from that of a flatworm?
4. Annelids are the simplest organisms with metameric segmentation.
 - a) Define 'metameric segmentation'.
 - b) How are annelid bodies supported?
 - c) What advantages (other than support) does this system provide?
5. a) Explain why the body plan of arthropods has made them highly successful.
 b) Name the three major sections of the arthropod body.
 c) Consider the cross section below. Suggest one feature which indicates that it is not a chordate.
 d) Suggest one feature which indicates that the organism is an arthropod.



6. a) Describe the skeletal system of chordates. Why is the skeletal system water-filled?
 b) Where is segmentation most evident in chordates?

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Answers

Homeostasis and the Kidney

1. Processes to maintain a constant internal environment (1)
2.
 - a) Negative feedback (1)
 - b) Deviation from norm detected by hypothalamus (1). Stimulates physiological process (1). Turns off receptor / decreases activity of effector (1). Returned to norm (1).
3. Osmoregulation (1)
4.
 - i. Renal pyramid/nephron (1)
 - ii. Renal pelvis (1)
 - iii. Ureter (1)
 - iv. Collecting duct (1)
5.
 - a)
 - i = Bowman's/renal capsule (1)
 - ii = Proximal convoluted tubule (1)
 - iii = Loop of Henlé (1) [Accept without accent over e]
 - b) Podocytes (1)
 - c) Ultrafiltration (1)
 - d) Blood pressure is high / increases as it enters the glomerulus (1)
 Because: Afferent arteriole is wider than glomerular capillaries and efferent arteriole is narrower (1)
 kidneys is short / coiling of the glomerulus restricts blood flow (1)
 High blood pressure provides force for filtration (1)
 Osmotic gradient from nephron opposes blood pressure (1)
 Pressure in nephron opposes backwards filtration (1)
 - e) [One from:]
 - Cells have many mitochondria (1) to provide ATP/energy for active transport (1)
 - Cells have microvilli (1) to increase the surface area for transport (1)
 - Subcellular and intercellular spaces (*) allow substances to be closer to blood vessels (1)
 - f) Descending limb is permeable to water (1) but impermeable to ions (1)
 Ascending limb is impermeable to water AND highly permeable to (sodium and potassium) (1)
6. Active transport of glucose and other solutes into the cuboidal epithelium / into capillaries (1) (creates a water potential gradient (1), so water moves out (1))
7. The descending limb is permeable to water (1) so water diffuses out / leaves by osmosis (1) into the vessel / vasa recta (1) [Must have something about water removal for mark]. The descending limb is more permeable to water (1). The ascending limb is not permeable to water (1). Chloride ions are reabsorbed in the ascending limb from the filtrate into the blood by active transport (1).
8. The **hypothalamus** (1) contains **osmoreceptor** (1) cells that are sensitive to blood solute concentration. If concentration is high they stimulate thirst centres and the **pituitary gland / posterior pituitary** (1) to release **anti-diuretic hormone** (1). [Do not accept ADH for first usage here]
9. ADH makes the collecting duct membrane permeable (1). The medulla has an extremely high ion concentration (1); therefore, water diffuses out of the filtrate / into the blood (1) resulting in more concentrated/hypertonic urine (1).

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Immunity: Responding to Infection

1. a) [Any two from:]
 - Skin
 - Stomach acid
 - Lysozyme in tears/sweat/saliva
 - Mucus in respiratory tract
 - Blood clotting
- b) [One that matches answer to a) from:]
 - Skin acts as a barrier
 - Acid destroys pathogens
 - Lysozyme kills pathogens
 - Mucus traps pathogens to move out of body / to stomach
 - Blood clotting forms a barrier

2. Antigens are detected by the immune system, while antibodies are produced by the body (1)

3.

Cell type:	Role:
T-helper cells	Detect antigens and stimulate other T-cells to divide
Cytotoxic/killer T-cells	Kill infected cells by creating a hole in their cell membrane
Memory T-cells	Remain in the blood / body fluids to provide a rapid reinfection / infection by the same pathogen

4. B-plasma cells produce antibodies (1) which bind with antigens to form an antigen-antibody complex (1). This complex is stopped from moving, and can be destroyed by phagocytosis (1).
B-memory cells (1) remain in the tissues to provide a rapid response to future reinfection (1). This forms a secondary response (1) (1 mark)

5. Both types of cell are stimulated to divide by exposure to potentially harmful antigen (1). T-cells recognise antigens on the body's own cells (1) (1 mark) cells displaying viral antigens (1) and infections (1), while B-cells recognise antigens in the blood / antigens on pathogens (1). They can then be presented to antigen-presenting cells to stimulate other cells (1).

6. Agglutination involves antibodies that bind to many pathogens (1), forming a structure (1)

7. a) Passive immunity (1)
b) Active natural is response of body to a pathogen (1)
Active artificial is response of the body to an artificially introduced antigen, such as a vaccine (1)
Passive natural is transfer of antibodies via natural means, such as in colostrum (1)
Passive artificial is transfer of antibodies via an artificial means, such as by injection (1)

8. a) Rapidly/Exponentially increases (1)
b) [1 mark for good tangent placed at 8.25 months]
[1 mark for equation:]
Rate = $\frac{\text{change in } y}{\text{change in } x}$

[1 mark for appropriate calculation]

$$\text{Rate} = \frac{9\,800 - 13\,100}{9 - 7} = \frac{-3\,300}{2} = -1\,650$$

[1 mark for summarised answer, or answers in the range 1450–1850 per month]
Four months after the infection is introduced, the rate of new incidences is decreasing (1)

9. a) T-lymphocytes are activated by the transplant antigens (1)
Killer T-cells develop following mitotic cloning of lymphocytes (1)
Killer T-cells destroy the transplanted tissue/organ (1)
b) Inactivates key immune cells, including B- and T-lymphocytes / Inhibits production of antibodies (1)
Prevents recognition of antigens on the transplanted tissue (1)
Weakens immune system / Makes patient more vulnerable to infection / Increases risk of infection (1)

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The Immune System and Medical Development

1. a) 4. O blood group samples do not have ABO antigens on the cell surface (1)
b) No blood group produces antibodies to the O antigen / Blood of group O does not mean an immune response to type O blood does not occur (1)
c) Possibility of mother bearing a baby that is rhesus positive (1)
In this case, the mother's immune system will respond to D antigens (1)
The mother is given the anti-D to reduce chance of responding to the antigen (1)
2. a) [1 mark for each two correct words]
Care must be taken to ensure that blood donors do not have antigens on their plasma of blood receiving it. For example, an individual with A- blood type can receive from someone who has the A- or O- blood type.
b) [Any two from:]
Bacterial rhesus-positive antigen on donor blood cells will trigger immune system
Immune system will destroy foreign cells, causing fever
Antibody-antigen complexes may block blood vessels
Blockage of blood vessels may cause tissue damage, heart attack or stroke
3. a) [Any three from:]
Global increase in antibiotic resistance
Means common bacterial infections may become untreatable / difficult to treat
Increases risk of widespread infection / epidemic
New antibiotics can increase economic productivity / improve quality of life
b) Many bacteria and microbes live in soil (1)
These organisms naturally produce antibiotic substances as defence mechanism
4. a) Epidemic = disease that spreads rapidly within a region (1)
Pandemic = disease that spreads rapidly across regions/countries (1)
b) Prone to mutation (1)
Genetic material in retroviruses / RNA is unstable (1)
Antibiotics not effective against viruses (1)
5. Bats are a potential reservoir for disease (1)
Humans and bats have very similar biology (1)
Bats are highly social organisms facilitating rapid spread (1)
Bats can fly long distances, spreading diseases over large distances (1)
6. a) Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (accept ELISA) (1)
b) Both cards are mixed with antibodies in a well (1)
Antibody binds to test antigen if present (1)
Interaction between antibody and antigen causes enzyme to activate and produce colour (1)
c) Many different test fluids can be tested simultaneously (1)
Many different antigens can be tested for simultaneously (1)
7. a) If the bacteria were contaminated by another organism, the experiment would show that organism (1) which might not be killed by the antibiotic and change the results
b) [Any two from:]
Disinfect surfaces
Sterilise equipment / Autoclave before use
Complete processes quickly to limit exposure to contamination
If Petri dishes are used, only open partially when inoculating / incubate Petri dishes
c) Large-scale bacterial death at high-concentration end of strip (1) with progressively lower concentrations (1)
d) [1 mark for good tangent placed at approximately 32.5 generations]
[1 mark for equation:]

$$\text{Rate} = \frac{\text{change in population}}{\text{time taken}} \times 100$$

[1 mark for calculation:]

$$\text{Rate} = \frac{17\,800\,000 - 24\,000\,000}{95 - 85} = \frac{-6\,200\,000}{10} = -620\,000$$

[1 mark for summarised answer; accept answers in the range 550 000–700 000]
At 92 hours, the population size is falling at a rate of 620 000 bacteria per hour

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Coordination: Plants and Nerves

1. Photochrome (1)
2. a) ii (1)
b) i (1)
c) i (1)
d) Use artificial light during night-time to reduce the need for darkness the plant (1)
3. a) Internode (1)
b) Gibberellin (1)
4. i. Dendrite (1)
ii. Cell body (1)
iii. Axon (1)
5. The **sodium-potassium ion pump** (1) actively transports three **sodium** (1) ions out of the cell (1) and two **potassium** (1) ions in. These ions then leave the cell by facilitated diffusion through **potassium** (1) channels. The **negative** (1) charge within the axon so the membrane is **polarised** (1).
6. Stimulus causes sodium ion channels to open (1)
Diffusion of positive sodium ions into the axon creates electrical charge / action potential (1)
The axon becomes depolarised / positively charged (1),
which stimulates more sodium ion channels to open, so the action potential spreads (1)
7. a) The stimulus is too weak to reach the threshold / trigger an action potential (1)
b) This is the refractory period (1) when sodium ion channels are closed and resting (1)
c) There would be no response (1)
d) Ensures impulses travel in one direction / are unidirectional (1)
Impulses are discrete signals (1)
Only a limited number of action potentials can be generated at one time (1)
8. a) Reduces ion leakage; therefore, increases speed (1)
b) Increases diffusion of ions and therefore speed (1) but if temperature is too hot it will denature the proteins and decrease speed (1)
9. Presynaptic neurones produce **neurotransmitters** (1). When the nerve impulse reaches the presynaptic terminal it causes the release of chemicals to leave through **exocytosis** (1). These chemicals **diffuse** (1) into the synaptic cleft and bind with specific **receptors** (1) in the postsynaptic neuron that trigger **ion channel** (1)s to open, creating an action potential.
10. Neurotransmitters cause hyperpolarisation of the postsynaptic membrane (1) so an action potential is not generated (1)
11. Acetylcholine is an excitatory neurotransmitter (1); acetylcholinesterases are enzymes (1) that break down acetylcholine (1)

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Coordination: The Eye and Muscle

1.

Structure	Label	Function
Cornea	<i>i</i>	Protects the front of the eye and refracts light
Aqueous humour	<i>v</i>	Maintains the shape of the front of the eye
Vitreous humour	<i>iv</i>	Maintains the shape of the back of the eye
Choroid	<i>ii</i>	Pigmented to prevent internal reflection / Contains blood vessels
Retina	<i>iii</i>	Photoreceptor layer

2. a)

	Rods	Cones
Relative number	Many	Few
Visual acuity	Low	High
Colour vision	No	Yes
Convergence	Yes	No
Site of rhodopsin synthesis	Yes	No
	(1)	(1)

- b) Builds up the strength of impulses in low light (1)
Allows visual sensation in low light (1)

3. The **ciliary body** (1) is a ring of muscle that circles the pupil. This structure attaches to the **lens** (1). In order to focus light from a distant object, the **ciliary muscles** (1) relax. This allows the **ligaments** (1), which pull on the **lens** (1). The pull causes the lens to thin and light to focus on the retina.

4. [Any two from:]

Binocular vision allows organisms to compare the distance of objects more effectively.
Binocular vision allows for a wider field of vision to be perceived (than monocular vision).
Organisms with limited depth perception / narrower field of vision less able to change focus.
Binocular vision allows for a better depth perception (than monocular vision).
Organisms with weak depth perception less able to make fine movements.

5. a) Sarcomere (1)
b) Actin (1) and myosin (1)
c) i = Isotropic band (1)
ii = H-zone (1)
iii = Anisotropic band (1)
iv = Z-line (1)

6. **Calcium** ions are released into the **sarcoplasm** (1); this causes **myosin** heads to attach to **actin** (1). Once attached, the heads of the myosin molecule change angle; (1) this causes the **myosin** heads to pull on the **actin** (1). In order for the myosin heads to detach and return to their original position, **ATP** is required (1).

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Ecosystems: Interactions between Populations

1. A) False; it is a -/- interaction because both organisms have to expend energy on it
 B) True (1)
 C) True (1)
 D) False; it occurs between members of the same species / **interspecific** competition (1)

2.

Term	Definition
Carrying capacity (1)	The maximum population of an organism that an ecosystem can support
Biotic potential (1)	The maximum rate of population growth/increase (1) if environment and resources are abundant
Population (1)	The number of organisms of one species (1) in an area or ecosystem
Environmental resistance (1)	The aspects of an ecosystem which stop a population from growing

3. [Any three from:]
 Produces large number of offspring
 Shorter proportion of life spent in childhood / Quicker to reach maturity
 Very little parental care
 Shorter lifespan
 Smaller body size
 More mobile; tendency to colonise new habitats quickly
 Rapid evolution of new traits
 Population size fluctuates dramatically
 Less likely to become dominant species
 More likely to inhabit unstable / quickly changing ecosystems
4. a) Grazing (1); a consumer species feeds on producers but in a way that doesn't kill them
 b) Parasitism (1); parasites such as the cuckoo species live on or in their hosts, consuming their resources
 c) Mutualism (1); both species get some kind of benefit / the clownfish is protected by the sea anemone (1)
5. A pest is an insect which damages a **crop** (1) plant. In the modern world, this kind of damage is a problem because it reduces yields and costs farmers money. However, pest species can also be beneficial. For example, some pest species are **insects** (1), such as locusts and aphids. Sometimes, pest species are **predators** (1), which reduces the pest population size by limiting its available resources.
6. The predator should mostly target the pest species to minimise disruption to other species. The predator should have suitable habitats and conditions to thrive in the ecosystem (1); the predator should not overhunt and drive them to extinction (1)
7. a) Exponential/log phase (1)
 b) Initially, the bacteria have to synthesise necessary proteins and turn on genes for reproduction (by binary fission) (1)
 c) (Stationary phase); the bacteria have reached their carrying capacity (1) and are limited by their ability to reproduce (1)
 d) Build-up of toxic waste products (1); nutrients in growth medium used up (1)
8. [Accept reverse argument based on k-selected species]
 Species 1 is likely to be r-selected, while Species 2 is probably k-selected (1). Species 1 has a higher carrying capacity than Species 2 (1). Species 1 shows more dramatic fluctuations in population size (1).

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Ecosystems: Population and Community Dynamics

1. rock type (1); hours of sunlight (1); mean temperature (1)

2.

Term	Definition
Autotroph	A species which produces its own nutrients using sunlight
Interdependence (1)	Species relying on one another and being mutually affected
Ecosystem	All of the interdependent biotic (1) and abiotic factors in a particular area
Heterotroph (1)	A species which gets its energy and nutrients by feeding on other organisms

3. [Any three from:]
 Change in temperature/daily low temperature
 Reduced/Decreased availability of food, due to leaf growth / leaf fall / fruit production
 Change in weather conditions, e.g. average rainfall, extreme weather conditions
 Change in habitat availability, e.g. tree canopy, availability of branches for nests

4. [1 mark for year 1 calculation; 1 mark for year 2 calculation. ECF]

$$180 + (46 + 60) - (35 + 9) = 242$$

$$241 + (15 + 0) - (55 + 0) = 202$$

5. a) [Any three from:]
 Negligible/no immigration or emigration in between sampling events
 Negligible/no birth or death between sampling events
 Organisms move about randomly within the population, and become mixed between samples
 The process of capturing animals doesn't harm their survival odds
 All organisms in the population are equally likely to be captured
- b) Visible paint could make animals targets for predators '1' these organisms may be seen as unethical to put specific organisms at risk (1)
- c) [1 mark for any valid mark-release-recapture equation; 1 mark for correct substitution]

$$N = \frac{n_1 \times n_2}{m}$$
 where N is the estimate of total population, n_1 is the number of captured in first sample, n_2 is the number captured in the second sample, and m is the number of marked in first sample

$$N = \frac{82 \times 70}{15} = 382.67 \approx 383$$
 (nearest whole number)

6. [1 mark for numbers in correct order]

4	Given enough time, a climax (1) community develops. This community is relatively stable and is not disrupted by new species. This process is known as primary (1) succession.
3	These species gradually outcompete (1) the existing pioneer species and replace them.
1	Pioneer (1) species colonise an ecosystem that is harsh and where nutrients are scarce. They tend to be species which are well adapted to extreme (1) conditions, such as bare rock.
2	Soil (1) builds up as a result of these species dying. As a result, new, less-specialist species can colonise the environment.
5	Another type of succession is secondary (1) succession, which occurs after a disturbance such as a natural disaster.

7. Biotic climax community (1). [ACCEPT 'plagioclimax']
8. Volume of each grid = $0.04 \text{ mm} \times 0.04 \text{ mm} \times 0.001 \text{ mm} = 0.00016 \text{ mm}^3$ (1)
 First sample = 11 cells; Second sample = 12 cells; $\left(\frac{11+12}{2}\right) = 11.5$ cells in 0.00016 mm^3 (1)
 $1 = 0.00016 \text{ mm}^3 \times 312.5$, therefore, cell number in $1 \text{ mm}^3 = 11.5 \times 312.5 = 3593.75$ or 3594

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Ecosystems: Communities

- the wildebeest (1)
 - the grasses/shrubs (1)
 - the African rock python (1)
 - the wildebeest (1)
- Detritivores eat dead/decaying matter and break it down in their digestive tract (1)
break decaying matter down externally before absorbing nutrients (1)
- $$\text{NPP} = \text{GPP} - \text{R}$$

$$\text{R} = 16\,000 \times 0.28 = 4\,480 \text{ kJ m}^{-2} \text{ y}^{-1} \text{ (1)}$$

$$16\,000 - 4\,480 = 11\,520 \text{ kJ m}^{-2} \text{ y}^{-1} \text{ (1)}$$
- $$72\,000 \times 0.07 = 5\,040 \text{ kJ m}^{-2} \text{ y}^{-1} \text{ (1)}$$

$$86\,400 - 5\,040 = 81\,360 \text{ kJ m}^{-2} \text{ y}^{-1} \text{ (1)}$$
 - Of the total energy transferred through an ecosystem, only a very small proportion is transferred to the next trophic level like the wolf (1)
 - Pyramids of number can be skewed by large organisms (such as trees) (1) which have many small organisms (such as insects) (1)
- At higher **trophic** (1) levels within an ecosystem, there is progressively less energy available as energy is lost at each level. For example, not all herbivores are eaten by carnivores – some will die of disease. Energy is also lost through **egestion** (1) – the removal of indigestible food from the digestive tract. **Excretion** (1) – the removal of metabolic waste products. Finally, organisms lose some energy as heat when they carry out **respiration** (1). This is particularly true of **endotherms** (1) which require a permanently high internal body temperature.
- New barn – keeps animals warm so reduces necessary rate of respiration (1)
Soybean – additional protein can be used to create more biomass (1)
- Fertilisers provide nitrate/phosphate/potassium ions which plants need to grow (1)
farmland (1)
- A = Nitrification (1); B = Denitrification (1); C = Nitrogen fixation (1)
 - Decomposers (1)
- Carbon is a major component of essential biological molecules (AND if the carbon cycle stopped, life as we know it would not be possible and no growth could happen (1).
[And any four from:]
Photosynthesis fixes carbon from CO₂ into complex organic molecules.
Complex organic molecules containing carbon are ingested by heterotrophs/animals.
Carbon compounds are respired, producing atmospheric CO₂.
Carbon compounds are released when organisms die or produce waste, and are broken down by decomposers.
Decomposers release carbon compounds into the soil and atmosphere.
Carbon compounds from some aquatic organisms fall to the bottom of the sea / lake.
Time and pressure can turn carbon-containing sediment into sedimentary rock or fossil fuels.
Burning fossil fuels releases CO₂ into the atmosphere.

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Respiration

1. Adenosine triphosphate (1) [Do not accept ATP for first usage]
 i = adenine base (1)
 ii = ribose (1)
 iii = (three inorganic) phosphate groups (1)
2.
 - a) Glycolysis (1)
 - b) Cytoplasm (1)
 - c) During the first part of this reaction glucose is phosphorylated to make a single (1). This molecule immediately splits into two molecules of **triose phosphate** (1) form **pyruvate** (1). The hydrogen atoms released during this are accepted by **NAD** (1). In the second stage are accepted to make two molecules of **ATP** (1).
3.
 - a) Krebs cycle (1) takes place in matrix of mitochondria (1)
 - b) i = acetyl coenzyme A (1)
 ii = reduced NAD / NADH (1)
 iii = reduced FAD / FADH₂ (1)
 - c) Six C atoms (1)
 Four C atoms (1)
4. Aerobic produces a lot more ATP due to the electron transfer / electron transport chain (1). Anaerobic produces little ATP because it only has glycolysis stage (1). Aerobic allows most efficient produce a lot of energy in optimal conditions (1); however, anaerobic provides a survival strategy when oxygen is limited (1).
5.
 - a) Reduced NAD / NADH (1) and reduced FAD / FADH₂ (1)
 - b) Flavoprotein (1), Cytochrome (1)
 - c) Hydrogen ions enter the mitochondrial membrane by cotransport, when carriers leave through channel proteins that are associated with ATP synthase (1) by a proton gradient thereby stimulating ATP synthase to form ATP / convert ADP to ATP (1)
 - d) Oxidative phosphorylation (1) [Do not accept chemiosmosis]
6.
 - a) Lipids highest (1), then carbohydrates (1), then proteins lowest (1)
 - b) [1 mark for correct answer, 1 mark for correct answer]

RQ = $\frac{\text{carbon dioxide produced}}{\text{oxygen consumed}}$

$$RQ = \frac{41}{36} = 1.14 \text{ (2 d.p.)}$$
7.
 - a) Cross sectional area = πr^2
 CSA = $\pi \times (0.45)^2 = 0.636 \text{ cm}^2$ (1)
 Volume = CSA \times distance
 V = $0.636 \times 2 = 1.28 \text{ cm}^3$ (1)
 - b) $RQ = \frac{\text{carbon dioxide produced}}{\text{oxygen consumed}}$ (1)
 $RQ = \frac{1.17 \text{ g}}{1.28 \text{ g}} = 0.91 \text{ (2 dp)}$ (1)

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Photosynthesis

1. Light-dependent = ii (1)
Granum (1)
Light-independent = iii (1)
Stroma (1)
2. Water stress stimulates stomatal closure, which decreases carbon dioxide available (1) (less carbon dioxide is fixed in the Calvin cycle (1) and the production of triose phosphate (organic substances) decreases (1))
3. a) Process 1 is photoionisation (1)
b) In Process 2 an electron becomes photoexcited / gains a lot of energy (1) and binds to a molecule (1)
c) During Process 3 the electron moves down the electron transfer chain (1), releasing energy (1) for the formation of ATP (1)
d) As the electron binds with a carrier, H⁺ ions/protons enter the inter-membrane space (1) and enter through protein channels (1) connected to ATP synthase (1), which is then used to convert inorganic phosphate to ATP (1)
e) x = NADP (1)
y = reduced NADP / NADPH (1)
f) Process 4 is photolysis (1)
g) Photolysis of water provides H⁺ ions/protons (1)
h) Photosystem I's electrons are replaced by the electrons from the first electron donor (1) (Photosystem II's electrons are replaced by the electrons produced from the photolysis of water (1) [If cannot answer 1g) and, therefore, do not mention photolysis in 1h) and 1i), (1 mark from 1i))
i) Ribulose biphosphate combines with carbon dioxide (1) catalysed by the enzyme RuBisCo (1) to form triose phosphate (1) [Accept glycerate phosphate]. Glycerate 3-phosphate oxidises to form triose phosphate (1).
[Remove 2 marks for using given abbreviations instead of full molecule names]
j) Most regenerates ribulose biphosphate (1) and a few forms organic substances (1)
4. Graph B is an action spectrum (1) (It shows the action of photosynthesis at different wavelengths (1) directly related to the absorption peaks of the different (photosynthetic) pigments in the chloroplast (1))
5. a) Increasing carbon dioxide increases rate of photosynthesis (1)
b) Photosynthesis increases as light increases until the compensation point (1), where photosynthesis balances gas exchange for respiration (1). After this point, either temperature or CO₂ limits the photosynthetic rate (1).
6. [1 mark for correct calculation:]
$$R_f = \frac{\text{distance travelled by spot front}}{\text{distance travelled by solvent front}}$$

[1 mark for correct answer:]
$$R_f = \frac{3.7}{6.1} = 0.606 \text{ [Accept } 0.59 - 0.62\text{]}$$

Pigment is xanthophyll 2 (1)

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DNA: The Genetic Code

- The **triplet** (1) code of DNA codes for specific **amino acids** (1). The code is **degenerate/degenerate/universal** (1) which means that most amino acids have more than one codon. The DNA is split into coding and non-coding regions. The coding regions are termed **exons** (1) while the non-coding regions are termed **introns** (1). [Accept codon in place of triplet – this would be awkwardly phrased but still correct] (1)

2.

Step	Description
5	The DNA reforms a double helix (1) behind the RNA polymerase.
3	Complementary base pairing (1) takes place between free nucleotides and the template strand.
4	The nucleotides form phosphodiester bonds (1) between the nucleotides.
1	The enzyme DNA helicase (1) separates the DNA strands by breaking hydrogen bonds (1).
2	The enzyme RNA polymerase (1) binds to the transcription start site.

[[1] for all stages in correct order]

- i = amino acid (1)
ii = anticodon (1)
 - Transport of amino acids around cytoplasm to ribosome (1)
Place amino acids in correct order according to mRNA (1)
 - [Any four from:]
Small organelle
Large subunit and small subunit
Made of protein and ribosomal RNA
Contains aminoacyl site for linking together of tRNA
Contains peptidyl site where amino acids are bound together
- One gene–one protein suggests each enzyme is coded for by a single gene (1)
Some are quaternary proteins, coded for by multiple genes (1)
- The process whereby daughter cells inherit the same specialisation/phenotype information that is not contained in the DNA without any changes being made to the DNA (1)
 - Environmental factors (such as starvation) can cause epigenetic changes to the DNA (1)
These changes can be inherited by offspring (1)
- DNA methylation prevents gene expression (1) and the methyl groups remain on the DNA (1) and are inherited (1)
- Acetylation stimulates transcription so the gene is expressed (1), deacetylation prevents transcription so the gene is not expressed (1)
 - Histones are split between daughter DNA, and new ones fill in the gaps (1); the old ones are still in place on the histones (1)
- Uncontrolled gene expression would cause cells to lose their specialisation / proper cell division (1), causing cancer (1)

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DNA: Gene Technology

- To multiply/replicate/amplify DNA fragments (1)

- [1 mark for each correct box. Accept $\pm 5^\circ\text{C}$ for temperatures]

Stage	Temperature	Description
Separation	95°C	DNA strands separate
Annealing	55°C	Primers bind to complementary sections of single stranded DNA
DNA synthesis		Free nucleotides bind to complementary strand and DNA polymerase joins new strand together

- Taq* polymerase is thermostable than other DNA polymerases; therefore works at high temperatures (1)

- [Any two]
 - Amplify crime scene DNA
 - Medical research
 - Scientific research
 - Human genome project
 - Genetic fingerprinting

- | Step |
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| DNA is hydrolysed, meaning that hydrogen bonds (1) are broken. |
| Restriction endonucleases (1) are used to cut the DNA into fragments. |
| The fragments of DNA are separated using gel electrophoresis (1). |
| DNA fragments are transferred to a nylon membrane and a DNA probe is added. |
| If the correct sequence is present, then the probe hybridises (1). |
| The probe can be identified as it is fluorescent (1) or radioactively labelled. |

- Large repetitions of small DNA fragments (1)
 - Unique number of repetitions for each sequence in each individual (1)
 - Can be used to identify a specific DNA sequence to an individual (1)
- SNPs (single nucleotide polymorphisms) are changes to a single nucleotide in DNA (1)
 - They can give rise to a new form of an allele (1)
 - The new allele can be dysfunctional and can cause genetic disorders (1)
- a) DNA is amplified by PCR (1)
 - DNA hybridised to a chip (1)
 - DNA hybridises to a probe on the chip (1)
 - Upon binding, probe fluoresces (1)
 - Fluorescence can be scanned and represents gene expression intensity (1)
 - b) Microarray measures intensity of the entire genome of an individual to quantify gene expression (1)
 - Genetic fingerprinting quantifies the size of the MRSS/STRs (1)
- a) Reverse transcription (1)
 - b) PCR / Polymerase chain reaction (1)
 - c) Gene must be introduced into a host cell (1)
 - Vector enables the gene to be introduced into a cell without being degraded (1)
 - d) They infect bacteria, which are common host cells (1)
 - They insert foreign DNA into the host cell's DNA (1)
 - e) Gene for fluorescent protein is introduced alongside target gene (1)
 - Transformants are screened for fluorescence (1)
 - Fluorescence indicates successful transformation of the host cell (1)
 - OR
 - Gene for antibiotic resistance is introduced alongside target gene (1)
 - Antibiotic is introduced to culture (1)
 - Viable cells indicate successful transformation of the host cell (1)

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DNA: Genetic Modifications

1. [Any two from:]
insulin, growth hormone, enzymes, lung surfactant, interferon, adhesives, (other correct answers) (1)
2. a) Can insert their genetic material into cancer cells (1)
DNA can program the cell to kill itself (1)
b) Viruses may reactivate and become harmful (1) OR Viruses may transfer genes (1)
3. a) [Any reasonable, balanced answer. For example:]
Would decrease illness and mortality and protect biodiversity (1), but goes against biodiversity (1)
b) [Any reasonable, balanced answer. For example:]
Would decrease fossil fuel use / greenhouse gas production involved in shipping goods (1) OR Would decrease fossil fuel use (1)
4. [Any two from:]
Destroy bacteria that are no longer being cultured and sterilise equipment
Implant genes which make bacteria dependent on specific laboratory substances, so they cannot survive in the wild
Implant genes which make bacteria 'commit suicide' (undergo programmed cell death)
Use strains of bacteria which don't typically live in animals
5. a) Genetic disease can be caused by faulty or absent genes (1)
A functioning version of the gene is prepared and introduced to the patient (1)
The functioning gene is incorporated into the patient's genome (1)
Product of the gene is produced by the patient's cells (1)
b) Somatic cell gene therapy = gene therapy where mature body cells are targeted
Germ line cell therapy = gene therapy applied to gametes / sperm cells / egg cells
order to produce offspring carrying the required gene (1)
c) [One from:]
Adenovirus/Retrovirus/Liposome/Electroporation
d) [One from:]
Adenovirus/retrovirus: some cells might be resistant to viral penetration / virus might be destroyed by the immune system before DNA is incorporated
Liposome: might be destroyed by the immune system before DNA is incorporated
Electroporation: can only be performed on small numbers of cells / cannot be performed on all cells (1)
e) An adenovirus/liposome/some vector is used to transfer the 'normal' CF gene into epithelial cells (1); however, the gene does not reach the nucleus and cannot be expressed (1) OR can only produce proteins for as long as each epithelial cell survives (1)
6. a) The complete/entire DNA sequence of an individual/cell (1)
b) Increasing computer power means DNA sequencing is quicker (1) and more accurate (1)
7. i) False; there are only around 21,000 genes in the human genome (1)
ii) True (1)
iii) False; if DNA is preserved in the right conditions it can survive for tens of thousands of years (1)
has been used to study extinct organisms such as Neanderthal man (1)
8. a) Personalised medicine / Certain patients may respond differently to a medication (1)
patient's specific need (1)
b) Better understanding of the defective gene / Able to identify defective gene's location (1)
effectively / Able to design treatment more effectively (1)
9. a) Knockout (1)
b) [Any two from:]
Can be a model for human disease (1)
Can assess how loss of a gene affects an organism (1)
Can target drugs to test effect of drug on human patient (1)
c) Knock-in can be used to study disease progression (1)
10. a) Gel electrophoresis involves using electricity (1); therefore, wet hands could result in electric shock (1)
b) [Any correct answer, e.g.:] When setting up and carrying out procedure, wear safety glasses (1) and wash hands immediately if any went on skin (1), and dispose of equipment in a safe way (1)

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Inheritance

1. a) Genotype is the genetic make-up/constitution of an organism (1)
Phenotype is the observable characteristics/expressions of the interaction of genotype and environment (1)
b) A single gene can have many alleles (1)
2. a) Gg (1)
b) Heterozygous (1)
c) Homozygous (1) recessive (1)
3. a) 100 % / All (1)
b) Codominant (1)
4. a) Sex-linked / recessive (1)
b) 25 % probability of their child being colour-blind (1)
c) Carrier (1)
5. Where two genes are on the same chromosome (1)
6. Independent segregation/assortment of homologous chromosomes (1) during anaphase (1)
of chromosomes are divided independently (1)
7. a) Where a gene can have more than two alleles (1)
b) None of the children has the same alleles/genotype as their parents (1) but half have the same blood group as / will be blood group A like their mother (1)
8. a) Brown is dominant over black for coat colour (1); melanin-producing is dominant over non-melanin production (1)
b) The gene has an epistatic effect / shows epistasis (1)
c) [1 mark for correct deduction of parent genotypes as BMBm and BMbm]
One quarter are expected to be albino (1)
9. a) Height is an example of continuous variation (1); blood group is an example of discrete variation (1)
b) Height influenced by many genes (1), blood group influenced by a single gene (1)
c) [One for any valid environmental factor, including:]
Diet/availability of nutrients during childhood
Health habits of mother during gestation (smoking/alcohol, etc.)
Maternal age when born affects hormonal activity

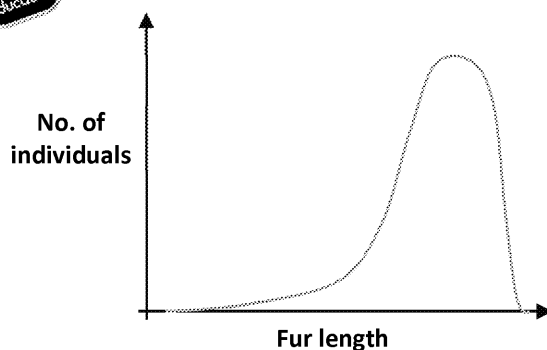
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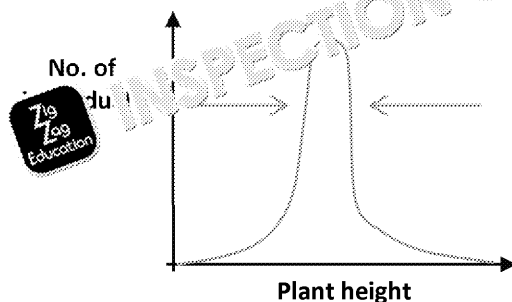


Population Genetics

- Genetic variation is present in virtually all populations. It is created by mutations – which change the **base pair / nucleotide** (1) sequence of the DNA molecule. **Deletion** of one or more bases, while **substitution** (1) mutations involve swapping one mutation happen at the **chromosome** (1) level, causing entire groups of genes to be duplicated
- Allele frequency is the number of times the same allele occurs within the gene pool (1) in a population (1)
- The allele/genotype frequency in a population (1)
 - $p^2 + 2pq + q^2 = 1$ (1)
 - $1 - 0.735 = 0.265$ (1)
- Recessive allele frequency: $q^2 = 1/2500 = 0.0004$; $q = 0.02$ (1)
Dominant allele frequency: $p = 1 - 0.02 = 0.98$ (1)
 - $2pq$ (1) [1 mark for identification of heterozygous $2pq$ as carriers]
 $= 2 \times 0.98 \times 0.02$ (1)
Carrier frequency = 0.0392 (1)
 $53\,000\,000 \times 0.0392 = 2\,077\,600$ people (1)
- [Any three from:]
 - The gene studied does not display any new mutation
 - No selection pressure on the gene / Allele frequencies remain constant over time
 - Random mating between individuals in the population
 - Isolated population / No gene flow between other populations
 - Large population
 - Hardy–Weinberg assumptions are unlikely to be fully met by any natural population [And one from:]
 - Mutations can arise in any gene during DNA replication
 - Many alleles will be either useful or harmful, so frequencies will change over time
 - Mating in a population is unlikely to be random
 - A population is unlikely to be so large and fully isolated from other populations
- They had increased reproductive success (1)
 - Directional selection (1)
 - [Mark for title and axes labels for 1 mark]



- Allele frequency for short hair will decrease (1); allele frequency for long hair will increase (1)
- Stabilising (1)
 - [Need both arrows for 1 mark]



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8. a) Allopatric speciation occurs when a population is separated by a geographical barrier (1)
 b) [Any two from:]
 - Ecological
 - Temporal
 - Mechanical
 - Behavioural
9. a) A rockslide would cause a genetic bottleneck, by causing random mortality (1)
 b) Allele frequencies of the main population would be fairly even as there is a large population (1). In the smaller population, some alleles would have a higher frequency (1). Some alleles would become fixed, while others become extinct by genetic drift (1). After the rockslide, the remaining alleles would be at higher frequencies by chance (1).

Kingdom Plantae

1. All organisms that exist within the kingdom are **eukaryotic/eukaryotes** (1), meaning they have membrane-bound organelles. Additionally, all contain cell walls that are made of cellulose (1). Many are **(photo)autotrophs** (1) – using the energy from the sun to produce nutrition. There are also **bryophytes** (1), which exclusively contain mosses and tracheophytes, which include ferns and flowering plants (1).
2. a) Turgor of water on cells (1)
 b) They live in damp conditions (1)
 Water loss is not faced by mosses (1)
 c) Rhizoid (1)
 d) Unable to penetrate the ground (1)
 Do not play a role in water uptake (1)
 e) Mosses depend on moist conditions (1)
 Their spores desiccate in dry conditions (1)
 This region is very dry for the majority of the year (1)
 Mosses will not be able to absorb enough water (1)
3. a) Ferns have well-differentiated tissues / different parts carry out different roles (1)
 Mosses have a simpler structure, so growth is more efficient, as each tissue can specialise for its role (1)
 Ferns have vascular tissue, while mosses do not (1)
 Vascular tissue distributes substances where they are needed around the plant (1)
 This allows the plant to get larger while still supplying all its tissues with enough water (1)
 b) [Any three from:]
 Ferns produce spores, while flowering plants produce seeds (1)
 Flowering plants have more lignin in their vascular tissues (1)
 Root systems in flowering plants are generally more complex (1)
 The xylem in angiosperms is more extensive, and offers more support to the plant (1)
 Ferns can produce gametophytes / free-living haploid offspring (1)
 c) Spores are not resistant to desiccation, so will be destroyed by drought (1)
 Spores will not germinate in dry conditions (1)
4. a) Flowering plants with reproductive structures that produce seeds (1)
 b) They are resistant to desiccation (1)
 They can lie dormant for extended periods of time until favourable conditions arise (1)
 c) The xylem is woody and offers structural support (1)
 Allows plants to grow taller and support greater structures (1)

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Kingdom Animalia

1.
 - a) Annelid(a) (1)
 - b) Arthropod(a) (1)
 - c) Platyhelminthes (1)
 - d) Cnidaria (1)
2.
 - a) Liver fluke = bilateral symmetry (1) with dorsoventral flattening (1)
Hydra = radial symmetry (1)
 - b) Bilateral symmetry allows sense organs to be placed at one end (1); this allows stimuli and avoidance of them to be processed at those stimuli (1)
OR
Bilateral symmetry allows the body to 'plan' its specialisation along an axis (1) and movement compared to radial symmetry (1)
3.
 - a) Platyhelminthes have a single opening to the gut (1)
Annelida have tubular/unidirectional/one-way gut with two openings (1)
 - b) Humans (chordates) are most similar to annelids as they have a tubular gut with two openings (1)
 - c) Regional specialisation of the gut tube (1)
4.
 - a) Specialised tissues are repeated in segments across the length of the body (1)
 - b) Hydrostatic skeleton that exists across body cavities (1)
 - c) Increases surface area relative to metabolic tissue (1)
Separates gut muscles from muscles of locomotion (1)
Allows room for organ growth/development (1)
5.
 - a) Body plan is basic/simple (1) so it can be adapted to suit a wide range of ecological conditions (1)
 - b) Head (1); thorax (1); abdomen (1)
 - c) Nerve tube with no vertebrae (1)
 - d) Spiracles for gas transfer (1)
6.
 - a) Spinal column (1) with calcified bones and jointed limbs (1)
Allows support / complex locomotion / dexterity (1)
 - b) The spinal column / jointed limbs (1)

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