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BIOLOGY

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Paper 1 Multiple Choice (Core)

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45 minutes

Additional Materials: Multiple Choice Answer Sheet
Soft clean eraser
Soft pencil (type B or HB is recommended)



READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write in soft pencil.

Do not use staples, paper clips, glue or correction fluid.

Write your name, Centre number and candidate number on the Answer Sheet in the spaces provided unless this has been done for you.

DO NOT WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.

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 separate Answer Sheet.

Read the instructions on the Answer Sheet very carefully.

Each correct answer will score one mark. A mark will not be deducted for a wrong answer.

Any rough working should be done in this booklet.

Electronic calculators may be used.

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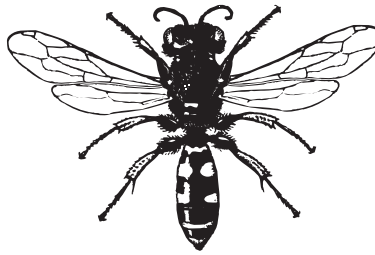
- 1 Which characteristic of living organisms is responsible for the production of oxygen in the leaf of a plant exposed to sunlight?
- A excretion
 - B movement
 - C nutrition
 - D respiration

- 2 The scientific name for humans is *Homo sapiens*.

What does *Homo* refer to?

- A arthropod
- B genus
- C kingdom
- D species

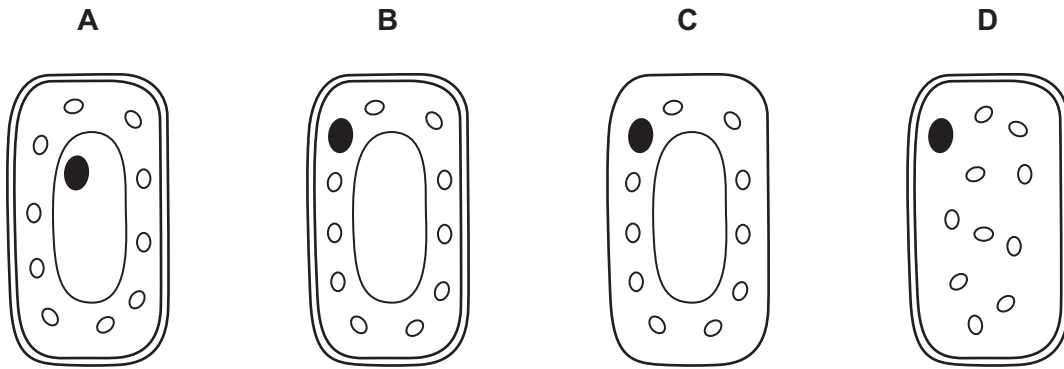
- 3 The diagram shows an insect.



Use the key to identify the insect.

- 1 wings present go to 2
- wings absent **A**
- 2 two pairs of wings go to 3
- one pair of wings **B**
- 3 wings with circular markings **C**
- wings without circular markings **D**

4 Which diagram represents a typical plant cell?

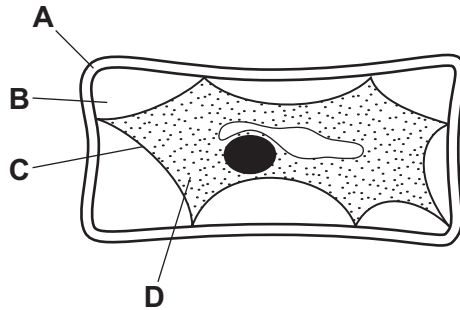


5 What is **not** an organ?

- A aorta
- B liver
- C neurone
- D skin

6 The diagram shows a plant cell which has lost water to its surroundings by osmosis.

Which part is the partially permeable membrane?



7 Which identifies the chemical elements found in proteins?

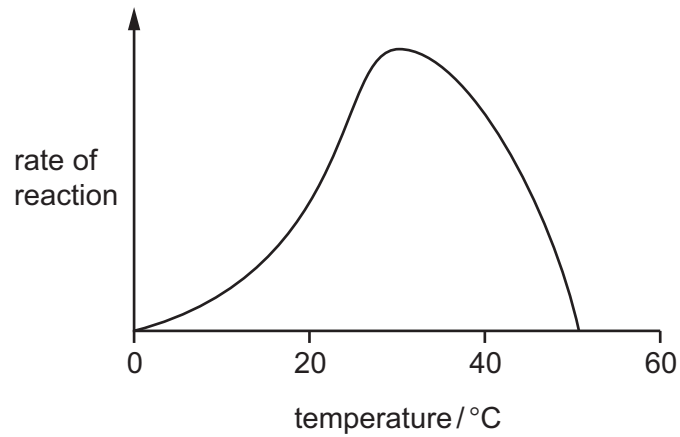
	carbon	hydrogen	oxygen	nitrogen
A	✓	✓	✓	✓
B	✓	✓	✓	x
C	✓	x	✓	x
D	x	✓	x	✓

key

✓ = present

x = absent

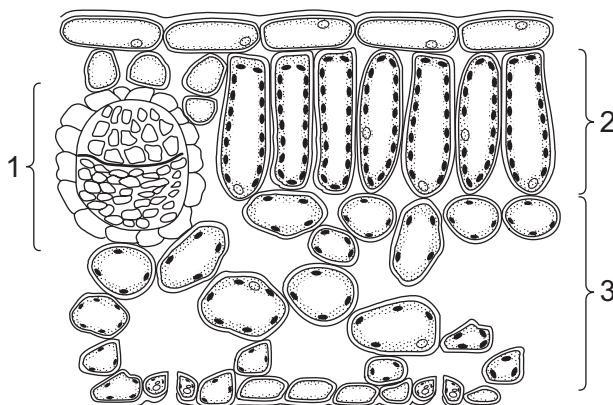
8 The graph shows the effect of temperature on an enzyme-controlled reaction.



Which statement describes the effect of temperature on this reaction?

- A As the temperature increases to 25 °C the reaction speeds up.
 - B Between 10 °C and 20 °C the enzyme stops working.
 - C Between 35 °C and 45 °C the enzyme stops working.
 - D The optimum temperature for this reaction is 40 °C.
- 9 Where are carbohydrates made in a green leaf?
- A cell vacuoles
 - B chloroplasts
 - C phloem
 - D xylem

10 The diagram shows part of a leaf as seen in cross section under the microscope.



What are the names of regions 1, 2 and 3?

	region		
	1	2	3
A	palisade mesophyll	vascular bundle	spongy mesophyll
B	spongy mesophyll	palisade mesophyll	vascular bundle
C	vascular bundle	palisade mesophyll	spongy mesophyll
D	vascular bundle	spongy mesophyll	palisade mesophyll

11 The roots of plants take up nitrates from the soil.

What are the nitrates used to make?

- A** fat
- B** glucose
- C** protein
- D** starch

12 A child decided to eat only meat, oily fish, cheese and bread, and drink only water.

Which nutrient would be in low levels in this diet?

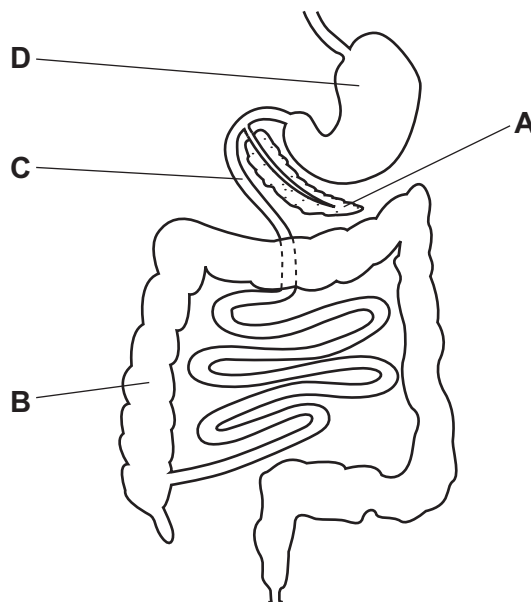
- A** calcium
- B** iron
- C** vitamin C
- D** vitamin D

13 What functions are carried out by the small intestine?

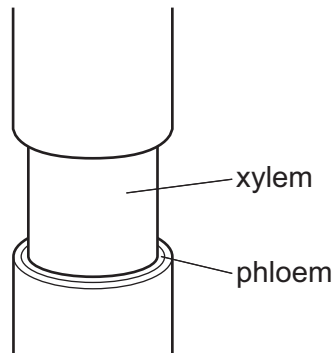
	absorption of digested food	absorption of water	ingestion
A	✓	✓	✓
B	✓	✓	x
C	✓	x	x
D	x	x	✓

14 The diagram shows part of the human alimentary canal and associated organs.

Where does amylase act on food?



- 15 The diagram shows the stem of a plant. A strip of the outer tissue including the phloem has been removed.



How is transport in the plant affected?

- A Amino acids and sugar cannot pass to the roots.
 - B Dissolved salts cannot pass to the leaves.
 - C Water cannot pass to the leaves.
 - D Water cannot pass to the roots.
- 16 A plant shoot is placed in a solution of a dye.

The dye moves up the stem.

Under which conditions will the dye move slowest?

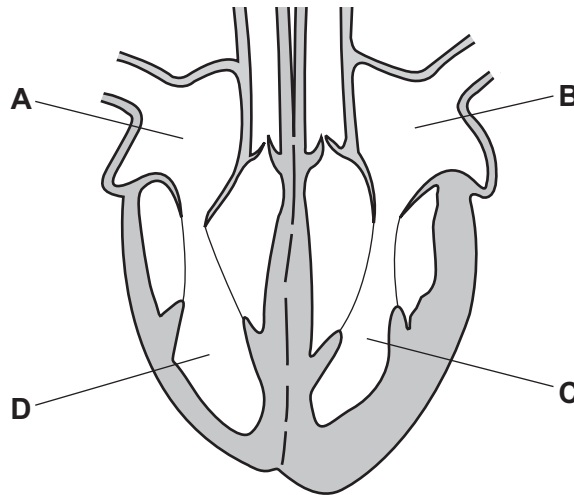
	temperature	humidity
A	high	high
B	high	low
C	low	high
D	low	low

- 17 Which process releases water vapour into the atmosphere from the leaves of trees?
- A active transport
 - B osmosis
 - C respiration
 - D transpiration

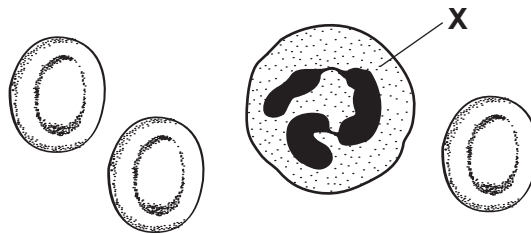
18 Which blood vessel carries blood to the muscle of the heart?

- A coronary artery
- B pulmonary artery
- C renal vein
- D vena cava

19 Which chamber of the heart receives blood directly from the pulmonary vein?



20 The diagram shows human blood cells, as seen under a microscope.



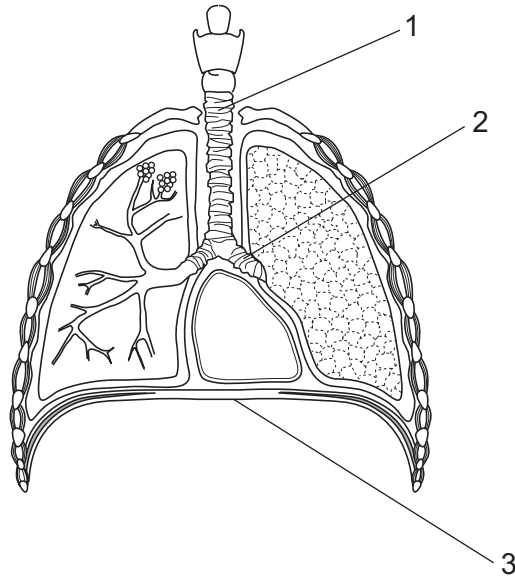
What is the function of cell X?

- A to carry glucose
- B to carry oxygen
- C to defend against disease
- D to make the blood clot

21 What is a chemical barrier to pathogens?

- A nose hairs
- B skin
- C stomach acid
- D white blood cells

22 The diagram shows the breathing system.



What are the labelled structures?

	1	2	3
A	bronchus	diaphragm	trachea
B	diaphragm	bronchus	trachea
C	trachea	bronchus	diaphragm
D	trachea	diaphragm	bronchus

23 The equations represent chemical reactions that take place in living organisms.

Which reaction releases the greatest amount of energy?

- A carbon dioxide + water → glucose + oxygen
- B glucose + oxygen → carbon dioxide + water
- C glucose → alcohol + carbon dioxide
- D glucose → lactic acid

24 Where is urea made and where is it removed?

	made	removed
A	kidney	bladder
B	kidney	kidney
C	liver	kidney
D	liver	rectum

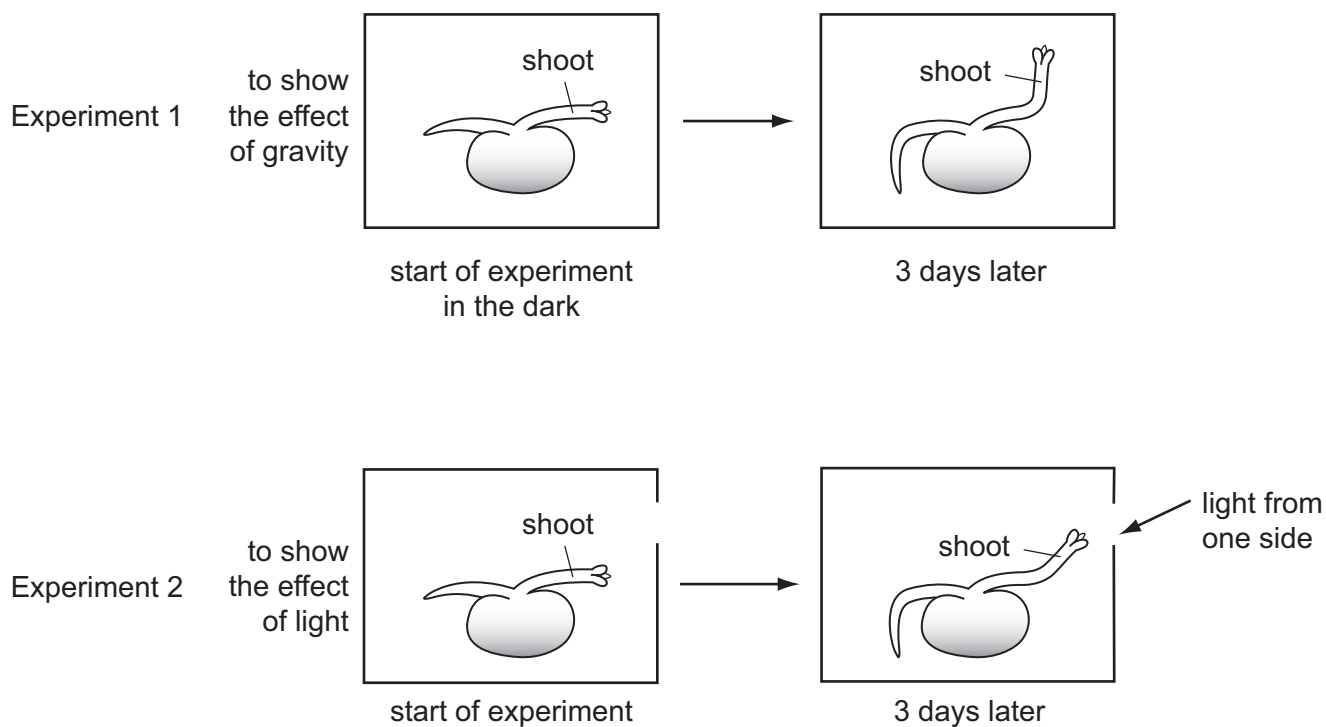
25 In reflexes, which term describes light, heat and sound?

- A** effectors
- B** impulses
- C** receptors
- D** stimuli

26 What is a function of the cornea?

- A** carries impulses to the brain
- B** controls how much light enters the eye
- C** detects light
- D** refracts light

- 27 The diagram shows seedlings in two experiments on the tropic response of seedlings to gravity and light.



How have the seedlings responded?

	to gravity	to light
A	✓	✓
B	✓	x
C	x	✓
D	x	x

key

✓ = tropic response shown

x = no tropic response shown

- 28 When does fertilisation occur in humans?

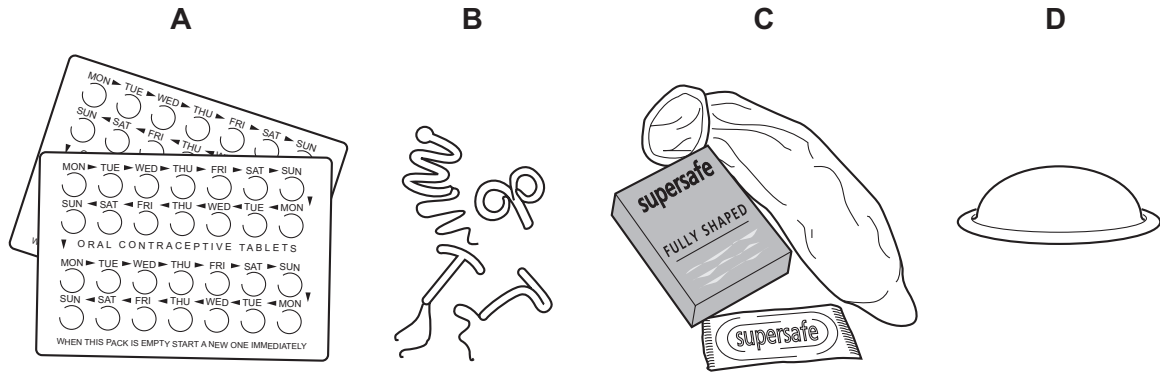
- A when an egg is released
- B when implantation occurs
- C when sperm and egg nuclei fuse
- D when sperm are released

- 29 Pollination is the transfer of pollen grains from

- A anther to ovary.
- B anther to stigma.
- C stigma to ovary.
- D stigma to ovule.

30 The diagrams show four methods of birth control.

Which one is placed in the uterus?



31 Which method of birth control can protect a person from sexually transmitted infections?

- A chemical implant
- B condom
- C female sterilisation
- D IUD

32 Which combination of chromosomes from egg and sperm cells will produce a boy?

	egg	sperm
A	X	X
B	X	Y
C	Y	X
D	Y	Y

33 What is **not** a function of meiosis?

- A producing genetically different cells
- B producing nuclei in ovules
- C producing sperm cells
- D repairing damaged tissues

- 34** A farmer buys a bull with unusual curved horns. He wants to know if the bull is pure-breeding for curved horns. He mates the bull with cows in his herd which are all pure-breeding for straight horns.

Which proportion of calves shows that the bull is pure-breeding for curved horns?

- A** all with curved horns
 - B** half with straight horns
 - C** three-quarters with curved horns
 - D** three-quarters with straight horns
- 35** The phenotype of an organism is its
- A** combination of alleles.
 - B** family pedigree.
 - C** genetic make-up.
 - D** observable features.

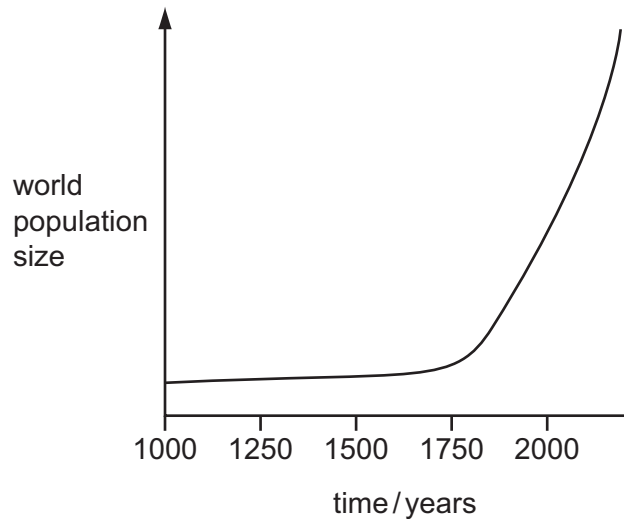
- 36** An insect is usually pale in colour which helps to camouflage it on tree trunks. Occasionally black individuals of this insect occur.

If the tree becomes dark in colour due to pollution, then the black individuals become more common.

Which process causes this?

- A** biotechnology
- B** conservation
- C** natural selection
- D** selective breeding

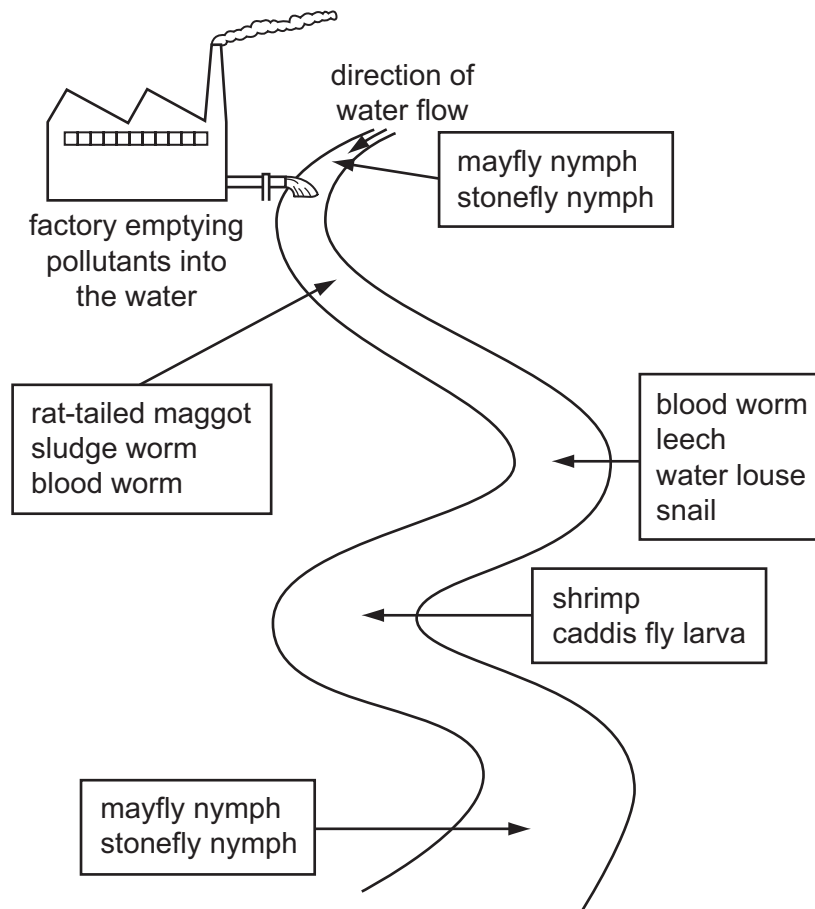
37 The graph shows how the world population of humans is increasing.



What has contributed to this increase?

- A a high death rate in developing countries
 - B drought leading to famine
 - C improved medical care
 - D the widespread use of contraception
- 38 Why is yeast used in bread-making?
- A Aerobic respiration produces alcohol.
 - B Aerobic respiration produces lactic acid.
 - C Anaerobic respiration produces alcohol.
 - D Anaerobic respiration produces carbon dioxide.
- 39 What is an example of genetic engineering?
- A inserting genes into bacteria
 - B inserting insulin into bacteria
 - C spraying plants with herbicides
 - D using pectinase to make fruit juice

- 40 The diagram shows the results of a survey on the types of animals found along a stretch of river near to a factory.



Which of the following animals lives in the most polluted water?

- A blood worm
- B caddis fly larva
- C leech
- D stonefly nymph

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