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BIOLOGY

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Paper 2 Theory

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1 hour 45 minutes

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

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Section A

Answer **all** questions.

Write your answers in the spaces provided on the Question Paper.

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Answer **one** question.

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Section A

Answer **all** questions in this section.

Write your answers in the spaces provided.

- 1 Fig. 1.1 shows three types of organism (not drawn to the same scale).

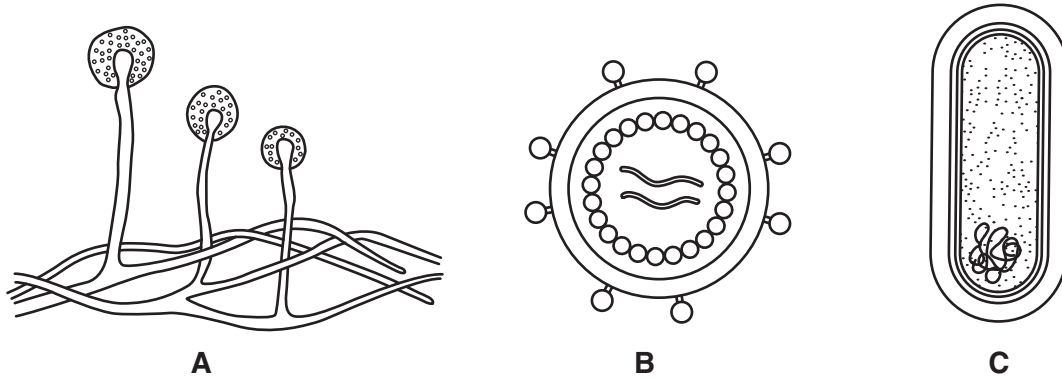


Fig. 1.1

- (a) Identify the three types of organism shown in Fig. 1.1.

A

B

C

[3]

- (b) (i) List the organisms in Fig. 1.1 in order of their actual size, starting with the largest.

.....[1]

- (ii) State which of these organisms might bring about decay of organic matter.

.....[2]

- (c) On Fig. 1.1, label

- a structure (**N**) that is always made mostly of DNA,
- a structure (**P**) that is made only of protein.

[2]

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(d) A microorganism, similar to one shown in Fig. 1.1, is used commercially to make human insulin. Name the microorganism and suggest why this process is referred to as *genetic engineering*.

microorganism name

why the process is called genetic engineering

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[Total: 11]

- 2 Table 2.1 shows the masses of various substances in 100 g of banana fruit and in 100 g of avocado fruit.

Table 2.2 shows a person’s recommended daily intake for calcium, iron and vitamin C.

Table 2.1

substance	banana	avocado
fat	0.33 g	14.60 g
cholesterol	0.00 g	0.00 g
carbohydrate	22.80 g	8.53 g
fibre	2.60 g	6.70 g
protein	1.10 g	2.00 g
calcium	5.00 mg	12.00 mg
iron	0.26 mg	0.55 mg
vitamin C	8.70 mg	10.00 mg

Table 2.2

calcium	500 mg
iron	13 mg
vitamin C	62 mg

Bananas form a significant part of the diet of some communities.

- (a) Explain why bananas can be a valuable part of a person’s diet.

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- (b) Explain why a diet of only bananas is not suitable for a growing child.

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- (c) Explain which of the two fruits, banana or avocado, it would be better to eat just before running a race.

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3 Fig. 3.1 shows energy flow in a habitat.

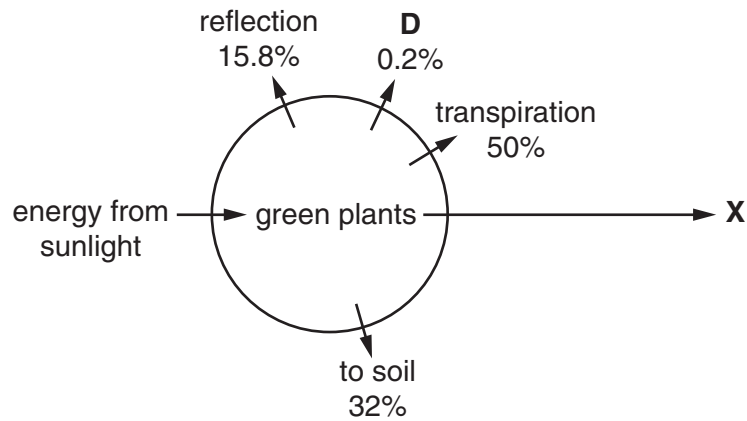


Fig. 3.1

(a) (i) Suggest the identity of **X** in Fig. 3.1.[1]

(ii) State the form in which energy passes from the green plants to **X**.
[1]

(iii) Calculate the percentage of energy passing to **X**.
[1]

(b) State the name of the process **D** in Fig. 3.1[1]

(c) (i) Describe how energy passes into the soil and is then released.

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(ii) Suggest how the release of this energy is useful to seeds in the soil.

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4 Fig. 4.1 shows a plant cell.

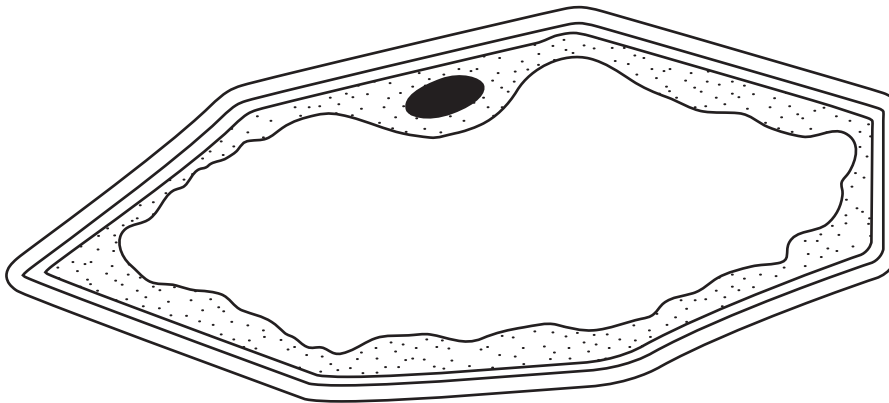


Fig. 4.1

(a) On Fig. 4.1, label a partially permeable membrane. [1]

(b) It is possible to remove the cell wall of a plant cell by using an enzyme. Suggest and explain what would happen if a cell that had been treated in this way, and also an untreated cell, were both put into distilled water for an hour.

treated cell

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untreated cell

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..... [5]

(c) Cells are taken from one plant, treated with the enzyme described in (b), and then grown on a culture medium. There, each of these cells divides to form a group of cells. Each group of cells then develops into a new plant.

(i) State the type of division that the nuclei of these cells have undergone. [1]

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(ii) Suggest and explain a possible commercial use of this procedure. [3]

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5 Fig. 5.1(a) and Fig. 5.1(b) show graphs of the pulse and breathing rates of two students, E and F, during and after one minute's vigorous exercise.

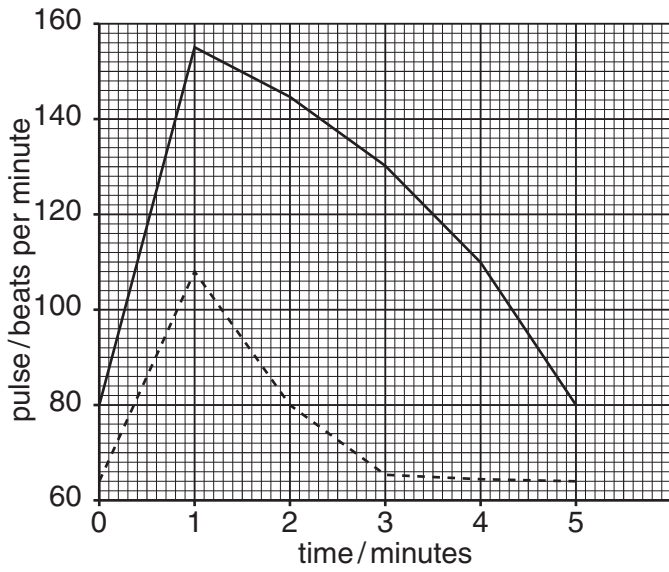


Fig. 5.1(a)

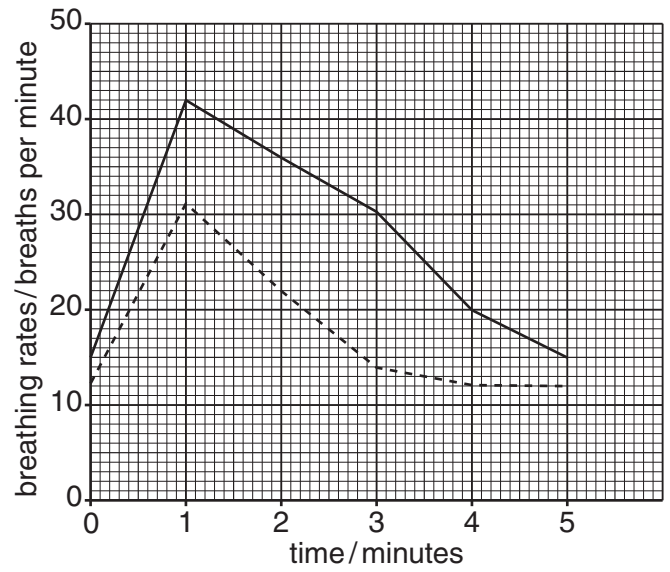


Fig. 5.1(b)

Key: — student E - - - - student F

(a) State how long it took for student F's pulse and breathing rates to return to their original levels after the student had finished exercising.

pulse rate

breathing rate [2]

(b) Explain why the pulse and breathing rates of both students increased during exercise.

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(c) Suggest and describe possible reasons for the differences in the effect of vigorous exercise on these two students.

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Section B

Answer **all** questions in this section.

Write your answers in the spaces provided.

6 (a) (i) State what is meant by *transpiration*.

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(ii) Explain how the transpiration stream is important for the production of proteins in a plant.

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(b) Describe and explain how tissues in the stem of a plant become stained when a plant is carefully removed from the soil and placed in a solution of dye for a few hours.

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7 (a) Describe the functions of the kidneys.

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(b) Describe and explain the ways in which a person may be kept alive even when both of their kidneys have stopped functioning.

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9 (a) Explain why there are approximately equal numbers of babies born of each sex.

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(b) With the aid of a genetic diagram, describe the possible genotypes and phenotypes of the offspring of two parents who both have codominant alleles for a named character.

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