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SCIENCE A**

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Unit 1: Modules B1 C1 P1
(Higher Tier)

Candidates answer on the question paper
A calculator may be used for this paper

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Other Materials Required:

- Pencil
- Ruler (cm/mm)

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Afternoon**

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name clearly in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the boxes above.
- Use black ink. Pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Read each question carefully and make sure that you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided, however additional paper may be used if necessary.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **42**.
- This document consists of **20** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Answer **all** the questions.

1 Read the newspaper article.

Should human-animal embryos be banned?

The government is considering plans to ban the creation of embryos which are made from a human cell nucleus and an animal egg.

Many MPs and scientists do not want this research to be banned.

There are many more animal eggs available for research than human eggs.

Some scientists believe that stem cells from these human-animal embryo clones could help develop treatments for disorders such as cystic fibrosis and Alzheimer's.

(a) In the table, some statements are true and some are false.

Put a tick (✓) in the correct box for each statement.

	true	false
Clones are made from a sperm nucleus and an egg nucleus.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cloned cells will all be genetically identical.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cloned human-animal embryos are made by fusing a human sperm nucleus with an animal egg nucleus.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cloned human-animal embryos are made by fusing a human body cell nucleus with an animal egg nucleus.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cloned human-animal embryos are made by putting a human body cell nucleus into an empty animal egg cell.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The embryonic cells produced will be unspecialised cells.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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(b) Here are some statements about genetic research.

- 1 Too many people have genetic disorders.
- 2 Human and animal cells never join together in nature.
- 3 It is ethically less controversial to use animal eggs than human eggs.
- 4 Human-animal embryo cells may improve scientists' understanding of disorders.
- 5 It is a technological breakthrough to be able to make human-animal embryos.
- 6 The research is expensive and there is no guarantee that it will be useful.

These statements could be used to **support** or **oppose** creating human-animal embryos.

Complete the table by writing in the sentence numbers **1** to **6** in the correct columns.

supports the creation of human-animal embryos	opposes the creation of human-animal embryos	neither supports nor opposes the creation of human-animal embryos

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- 2 Huntington's disorder is caused by a **dominant** allele.

Read the newspaper article.

The article contains a mistake in the science.

New hope in search for Huntington's cure.

- 1 Scientists have made a breakthrough in the search for a cure for Huntington's disorder.
- 2 About 8000 people in the UK have Huntington's disorder.
- 3 Symptoms develop between the ages of 30 and 50 years.
- 4 The symptoms are caused by a build up of a wrongly-formed protein in the brain.
- 5 This only happens if both copies of the gene which code for the protein are defective.
- 6 A new drug has shown signs of treating the symptoms of Huntington's disorder in mice.

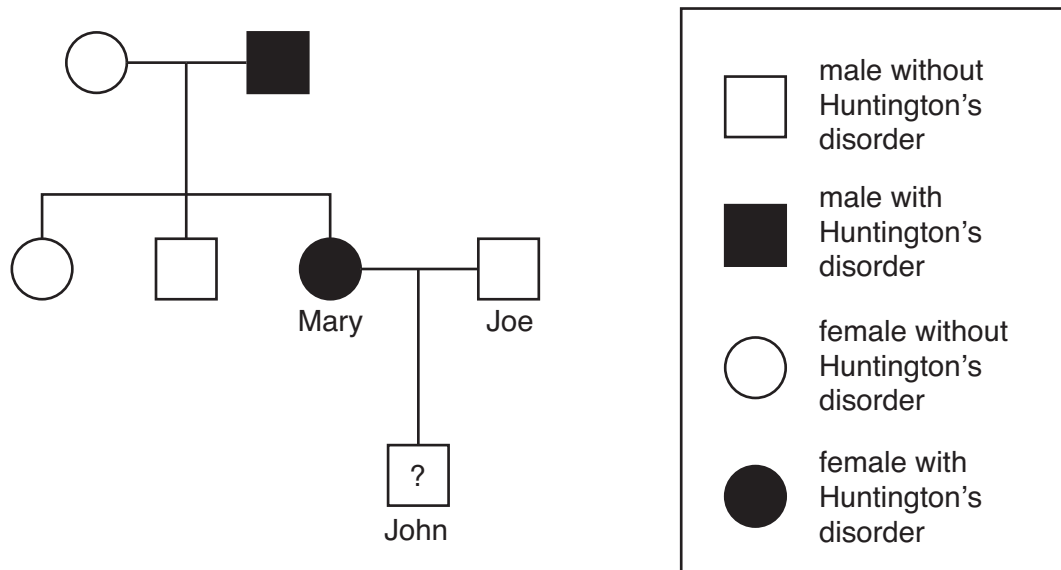
- (a) The day after this article was first printed a correction was published.

Write down the number of the sentence containing the mistake.

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(b) The diagram shows a family tree.



John is not old enough to have shown symptoms of Huntington's disorder.

What is the chance that John will have inherited Huntington's disorder from his mother?

Put a ring around the correct percentage.

0 % 25 % 50 % 75 % 100 %

Complete the genetic diagram to explain your answer.

H = Huntington's allele and **h** = normal allele

		Mary Hh	
		H	h
Joe hh	h		
	h		

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(c) John cannot be a carrier for Huntington's disorder.

Why is this?

Put a tick (✓) in the box next to the correct answer.

He cannot have both H and h alleles.

☐

If one allele is defective the protein is wrongly formed.

☐

Gene therapy can cure Huntington's disorder.

☐

His mother is not a carrier.

☐

He cannot have two H alleles.

☐

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3 Read the article.

Rare quads born

A Canadian woman has given birth to four genetically identical daughters, Autumn, Brooke, Calissa and Dahlia.

The odds of producing quads like this are estimated to be 1 in 13 million.

The girls were conceived naturally.

They have an older brother, Simon.

(a) In the table, some statements are true and some are false.

Put a tick (✓) in the correct box for each statement.

	true	false
One egg was released and fertilised by a single sperm cell.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The quads are an example of cloning.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The quads will differ from each other because of their genes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The quads were produced from embryonic stem cells.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The quads are not clones because of environmental factors.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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(b) (i) Simon is male because of a gene on one of his chromosomes.

Which chromosome is this?

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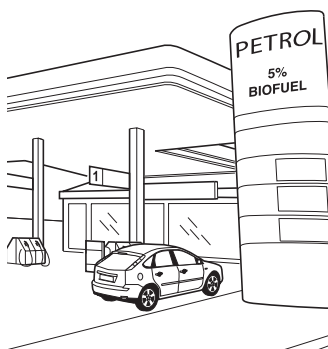
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(ii) Which organs **only** start to develop in an embryo without this gene?

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4 Read the article on biofuels.



Cars and lorries cause a quarter of the UK's atmospheric pollution.

The UK government wants all petrol and diesel sold by 2010 to contain 5% biofuel.

Biofuels are made from crops such as cereals, soya bean, rape seed, sugar cane and palm trees.

Biofuels are carbon neutral. The amount of carbon dioxide released when biofuels are burned in an engine, is the same as the amount of carbon dioxide absorbed by the plants when they were growing.

Environmentalists are worried about the land needed for growing these crops. This could damage ecosystems such as rainforests and reduce the area available for food crops in developing countries.

(a) The article says that biofuels are 'carbon neutral'.

Why are biofuels called carbon neutral?

Put a tick (✓) in the box next to the **best** answer.

Carbon dioxide dissolved in water makes a neutral solution.

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When biofuels are made and used there is no overall change in the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

☐

Incomplete combustion of biofuels does not make carbon.

☐

The amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere decreases when biofuels are burned.

☐

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(b) Some scientists do not think biofuels should be made.

Which **two** of the following statements, when put together, explain their thinking?

Put ticks (✓) in the boxes next to the **two** correct statements.

Large areas of land in the UK are available to grow biofuel crops.

☐

Not enough biofuel can be made to reduce the amount of crude oil required.

☐

Large areas of land in developing countries would be needed to grow biofuel crops.

☐

Habitats may be damaged and there would be less land to grow food crops.

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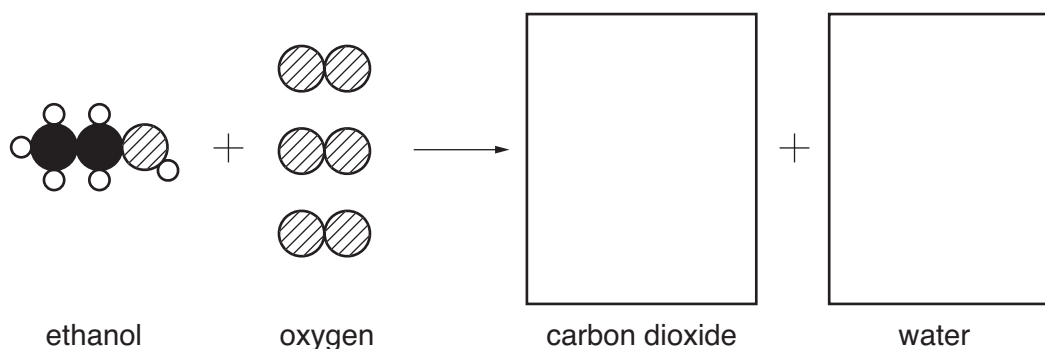
No-one will buy biofuels because they are too expensive.

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(c) Many biofuels contain ethanol. Ethanol burns to make carbon dioxide and water.

Complete this diagram to show this reaction.



Key:



carbon



hydrogen



oxygen

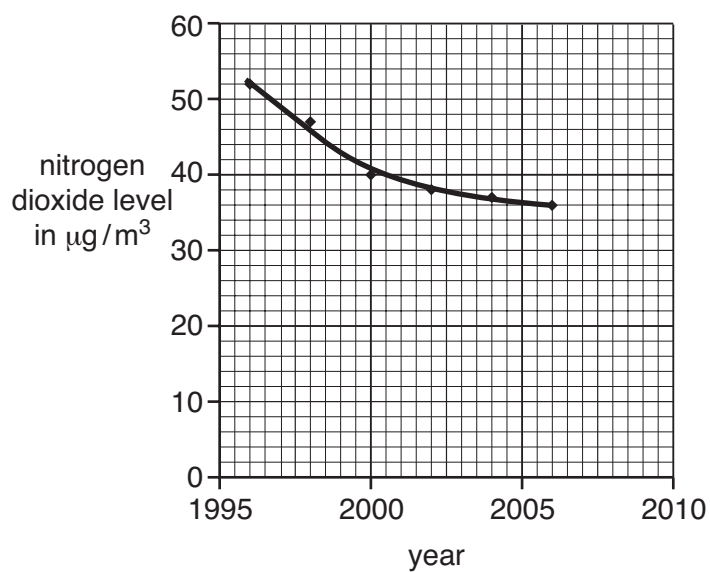
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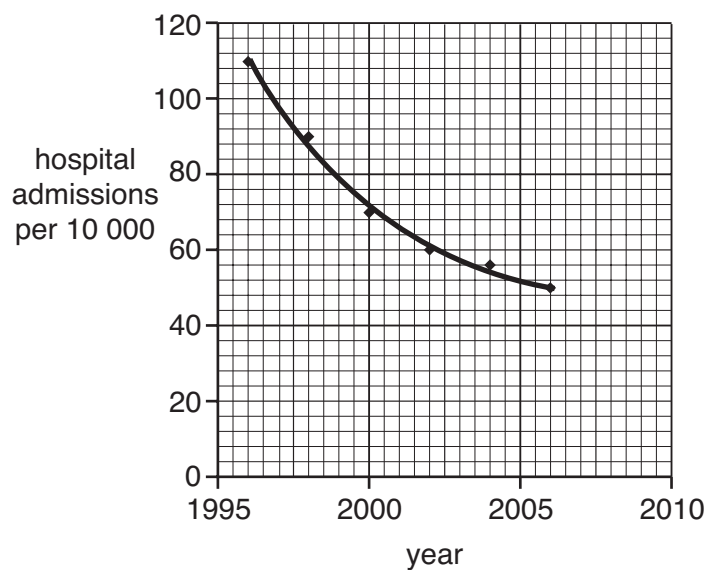
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- 5 The graphs show nitrogen dioxide pollution in the air and the number of hospital admissions for asthma between 1996 and 2006.

**average nitrogen dioxide levels
in UK towns**



hospital admissions for asthma



- (a) Look at the statements about the graphs.

Put a tick (✓) in the correct box for each statement.

	true	false
Data is given for the same period of time.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
As the level of nitrogen dioxide decreased, the number of hospital admissions stayed the same.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There is a correlation between the nitrogen dioxide levels and the number of asthma patients.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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- (b) Students are discussing how to investigate the link between nitrogen dioxide pollution and asthma.

This is what they say.

Anna
We should find out how many asthma inhalers are prescribed by doctors.

Ben
We need to collect data for 2007, 2008 and 2009 to check the graphs don't change shape.

Omar
We must find out how nitrogen dioxide is made in a car engine.

Matt
We must find out how many of the asthma patients smoke.

Kate
We must find out exactly how nitrogen dioxide affects breathing.

- (i) Name **one** person who is talking about a factor other than nitrogen dioxide that might affect the number of people suffering from asthma.

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- (ii) Which person suggests investigating whether nitrogen dioxide **causes** asthma?

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(c) Here are **some** statements about the production of nitrogen dioxide in a car engine.

Some of them are **incorrect**.

- A** Nitrogen monoxide is formed in the engine.
- B** Only nitrogen dioxide is formed in the engine.
- C** Nitrogen in the fuel reacts with oxygen in the air.
- D** Nitrogen monoxide is oxidised to nitrogen dioxide.
- E** Nitrogen monoxide dissolves in water.
- F** Nitrogen and oxygen from the air react with each other.
- G** Nitrogen dioxide is reduced to nitrogen monoxide.

Choose the **three** correct statements.

Put them in the order in which they occur in the production of nitrogen dioxide and write them in the boxes.

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(d) Between 1996 and 2006, the number of miles driven by motor vehicles in the UK increased by 50%.

During this time the amount of pollution by nitrogen dioxide decreased.

Here are five ways that pollution from vehicle exhausts could have been reduced.

- 1** manufacturing cars with more efficient engines
- 2** using low sulfur fuels
- 3** installing catalytic converters in cars
- 4** introducing congestion charges in cities
- 5** encouraging people to travel on public transport

Which of these would account for the **decrease** in nitrogen dioxide pollution even though the distance driven by vehicles **increased**?

Write down the numbers of the **two correct** answers.

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Question 6 starts on page 14.

- 6 In the 1950s, there were two main theories about how the Universe began.



Martin Ryle

The Universe started as a burst of energy at one point and rapidly got bigger. Galaxies are all moving outwards from this 'Big Bang'.



Fred Hoyle

I agree that galaxies are moving apart, but I don't think the Universe had a beginning like you say. It has always been the same. New galaxies are being made all the time. They form in the gaps between old galaxies, which are dying out.

- (a) Here are some astronomical statements.

Each statement agrees with what is being said by **Ryle**, or by **Hoyle**, or by **both** of them, or by **neither** of them.

Put a tick (✓) in the **one** correct box after each statement.

	Ryle	Hoyle	both	neither
Galaxies are moving apart from each other.				
In the past, all the galaxies would have been close together.				
Older galaxies have newer galaxies between them.				
The Universe will eventually stop expanding.				

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(b) In the 1960s, the Big Bang theory became accepted as correct.

The boxes on the left show possible **stages in accepting a scientific theory**.

Link each one to the correct box in the **development of the Big Bang theory**.

One has been done for you.

**stages in accepting a
scientific theory**

1. Observations are made.

2. Someone thinks up
a scientific explanation
to account for these
observations.

3. This explanation is used to
make predictions.

4. Observations are made
which seem to confirm the
theory.

5. New experiments are
devised to test the new
observations more carefully.

6. The improved experiments
confirm the theory.

**development of the
Big Bang theory**

Astronomers discovered that
galaxies were all moving
away from each other.

Big Bang theory suggested
that the Universe should
now be filled with microwave
radiation.

Satellite measurements of
the microwave radiation from
space showed it fitted the
Big Bang theory exactly.

Detailed measurements
of the microwave radiation
from space were made by a
satellite.

Scientists detected
microwave radiation coming
from all directions in space.

Big Bang theory showed
how galaxies started at one
point and why they are now
moving apart.

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- 7 (a) This question is about interpreting the data related to earthquakes.

The damage caused by earthquakes is related to their magnitude.

magnitude	how often they happen	effect
under 3.5	800 000 each year	Detected only by seismometers.
3.5 – 4.2	30 000 each year	Just about noticeable indoors.
4.2 – 4.8	4800 each year	Most people notice them. Windows rattle.
4.8 – 5.4	1400 each year	Everyone notices them. Dishes fall off shelves.
5.4 – 6.1	500 each year	Slight damage to buildings.
6.1 – 6.8	100 each year	Much damage to buildings.
6.8 – 7.1	15 each year	Serious damage. Bridges twist, walls break.
7.1 – 8.0	4 each year	Great damage. Most buildings collapse.
more than 8.0	one every 5 to 10 years	Total damage. Surface waves seen, objects thrown in the air.

- (i) How many earthquakes per year would you expect people to notice?

Put a ring around the closest estimate.

1400

4800

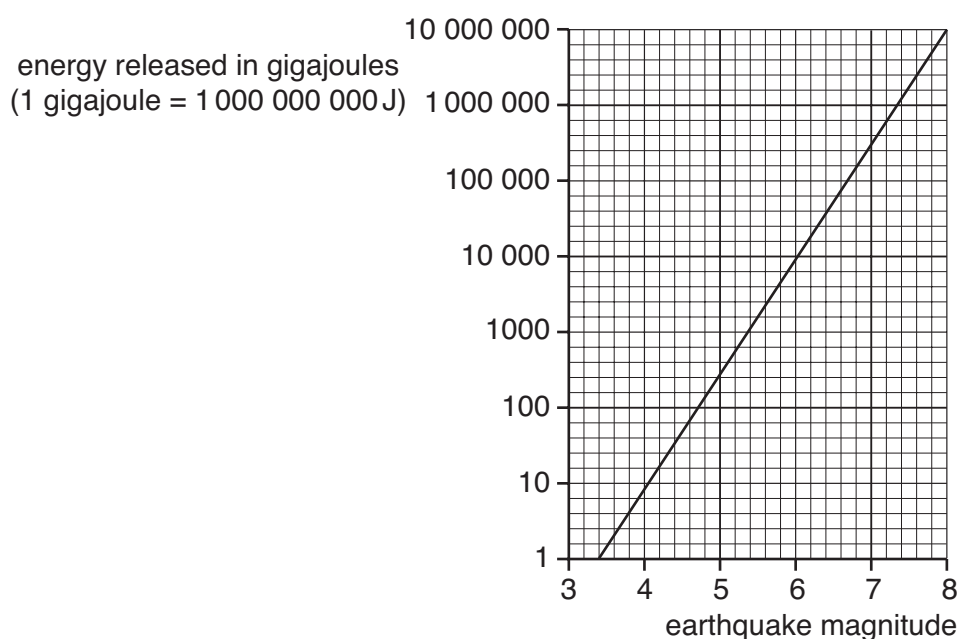
30 000

37 000

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- (ii) The following graph shows the energy released by earthquakes of different magnitudes.



Use the table on the opposite page and the graph above to decide which of the following statements are true and which are false.

Put a tick (✓) in the correct box after each statement.

	true	false
Earthquakes of magnitude 8 release 10 million joules.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Earthquakes of magnitude less than 3 cannot be detected.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A magnitude 8 earthquake releases 1000 times as much energy as a magnitude 6 earthquake.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Earthquakes releasing at least 1 000 000 gigajoules happen more than 10 times a year.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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(b) Earthquakes are quite common in certain parts of the world.

(i) Here is a list of statements about earthquakes.

Some contain **data** about earthquakes, and some have **explanations** of data. Some contain **both**.

Put **one** tick (✓) in the correct box next to each statement.

	data	explanation	both
Earthquakes are common in Chile.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chile is on the edge of two tectonic plates.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tectonic plates move on top of the Earth's mantle due to slow movement of the mantle.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Earthquakes happen when tectonic plates slip against each other.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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(ii) In countries where earthquakes are common, it is important that the governments make plans and take actions to reduce earthquake damage.

Join each **planned action** below to the **effect** it should produce.

planned action	effect
Make sure all builders follow the regulations.	Fewer buildings will fall down.
Emergency services practise what to do when an earthquake happens.	Trained staff go into action quickly.
Educate all the people about emergency procedures.	The whole population knows what to do when an earthquake strikes.
Write regulations for making buildings earthquake-proof.	

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