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X707/76/01

Biology
Section 1 — Answer Grid
and Section 2

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Total marks — 100

SECTION 1 — 20 marks

Attempt ALL questions.

Instructions for the completion of Section 1 are given on *Page 02*.

SECTION 2 — 80 marks

Attempt ALL questions.

Questions 10 and 15 contain a choice.

Write your answers clearly in the spaces provided in this booklet. Additional space for answers and rough work is provided at the end of this booklet. If you use this space you must clearly identify the question number you are attempting. Any rough work must be written in this booklet. You should score through your rough work when you have written your final copy.

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Before leaving the examination room you must give this booklet to the Invigilator; if you do not, you may lose all the marks for this paper.



The questions for Section 1 are contained in the question paper X707/76/02.

Read these and record your answers on the answer grid on *Page 03* opposite.

Use **blue** or **black** ink. Do NOT use gel pens or pencil.

1. The answer to each question is **either** A, B, C or D. Decide what your answer is, then fill in the appropriate bubble (see sample question below).
2. There is **only one correct** answer to each question.
3. Any rough working should be done on the additional space for answers and rough work at the end of this booklet.

Sample Question

The thigh bone is called the

- A humerus
- B femur
- C tibia
- D fibula.

The correct answer is **B** — femur. The answer **B** bubble has been clearly filled in (see below).

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Changing an answer

If you decide to change your answer, cancel your first answer by putting a cross through it (see below) and fill in the answer you want. The answer below has been changed to **D**.

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SECTION 1 — Answer Grid



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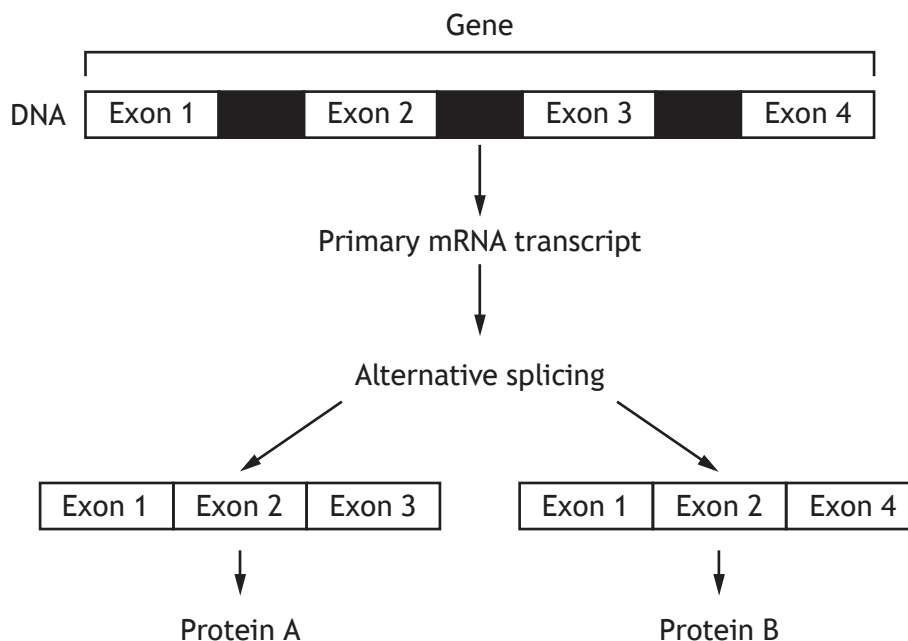
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SECTION 2 — 80 marks

Attempt ALL questions

Note that Questions 10 and 15 contain a choice

1. The diagram illustrates steps in the transcription and translation of a gene.



- (a) Name the regions always removed from a primary mRNA transcript. 1

- (b) Insert numbers in the boxes below to show the three exons in the gene shown above which could be translated to produce a protein which is different from proteins A and B. 1

Exon ____	Exon ____	Exon ____
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1. (continued)

(c) Single gene mutations can occur which may affect the structure of the proteins produced.

- (i) Describe the effect of a nonsense mutation on Protein A and give a reason for your answer.

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Description _____

Reason _____

- (ii) A deletion mutation occurred in Exon 2.

Explain why this would have a major effect on the structure of proteins A and B.

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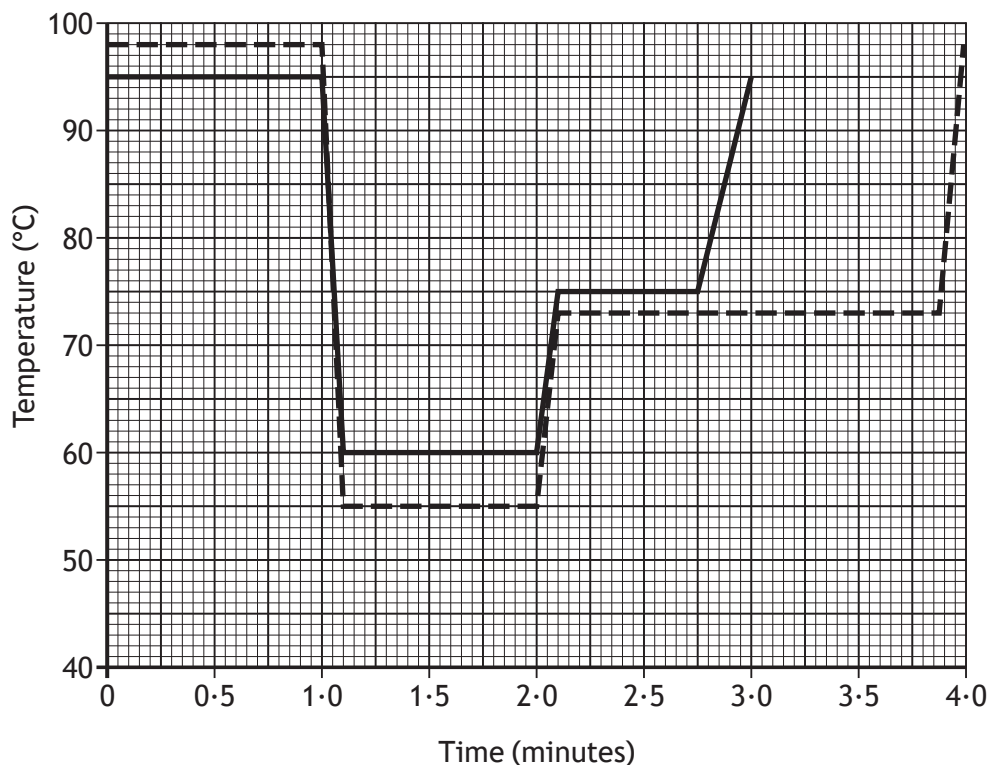


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2. Two heat-tolerant DNA polymerases used in polymerase chain reactions (PCR) are *Taq* and *Pfu*.

Pfu has “proof reading” activity. It checks that the correct nucleotides are inserted during replication of a target sequence and then corrects any errors.

The graph shows the temperatures during a single PCR cycle required to amplify a target sequence using *Taq* and *Pfu*.



Key: ——— *Taq* polymerase
 - - - - *Pfu* polymerase

- (a) (i) Calculate the time taken for 16 copies of the target sequence to be made from one DNA fragment using *Taq* polymerase. 1

Space for calculation

_____ minutes



2. (a) (continued)

- (ii) Identify the time period during which primers bind to the original DNA fragment.

1

from _____ to _____ minutes.

- (b) A scientist was planning to amplify DNA using PCR.

State which DNA polymerase should be used and describe the advantage of using this polymerase.

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DNA polymerase _____

Advantage _____

- (c) Explain the importance of using heat-tolerant DNA polymerases in PCR.

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3. The herbicide glyphosate is used to control the annual weed charlock (*Sinapis arvensis*) in cereal fields.

An investigation was carried out into the effect of glyphosate on the development of glyphosate resistance in charlock plants in a cereal plot.

The charlock plants were treated with glyphosate from 2009 to 2016 and the percentage of glyphosate resistant plants in the plot was recorded every year.

The results are shown in the table.

Year	Charlock plants resistant to glyphosate (%)
2009	10
2010	18
2011	32
2012	42
2013	53
2014	58
2015	66
2016	66

- (a) Using values from the table describe the change in glyphosate resistance over the time of investigation. 2

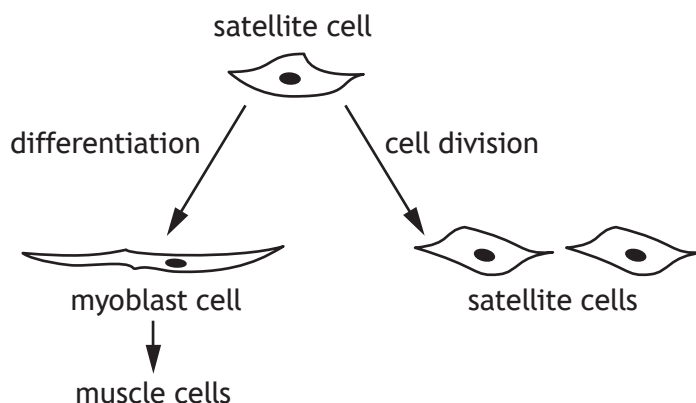
- (b) Explain how natural selection resulted in the change in glyphosate resistance. 2

- (c) Another investigation was carried out into the development of antibiotic resistance in bacteria. It was observed to be more rapid than the development of glyphosate resistance in charlock.

Explain this observation in terms of gene transfer. 1



4. (a) Human muscles contain satellite cells within the muscle tissue.
The diagram illustrates the division and differentiation of satellite cells.

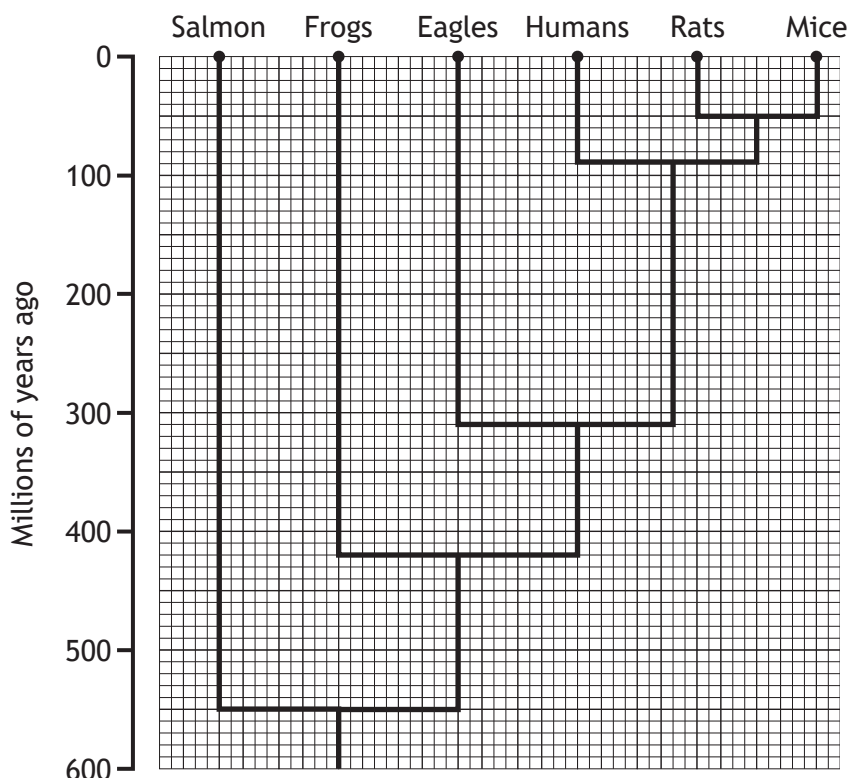


- (i) Using information from the diagram explain why satellite cells are an example of tissue (adult) and not embryonic stem cells. 1
- _____
- _____
- (ii) State **one** benefit to the human body of satellite cells differentiating into myoblast cells. 1
- _____
- _____
- (iii) Satellite cells could be used to treat muscle diseases.
Give **one** ethical reason for using satellite cells instead of embryonic stem cells in order to treat such diseases. 1
- _____
- _____
- (b) Give **one** example of how stem cells are used as model cells in medical research. 1
- _____
- _____

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5. (a) The phylogenetic tree illustrates the evolutionary relatedness of six groups of animals.



- (i) Using information from the phylogenetic tree state when the last common ancestor of salmon and frogs lived. 1

_____ million years ago

- (ii) Calculate how many million years separate the divergence of eagles and humans from the divergence of rats and mice. 1

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- (iii) Rats are more closely related to humans than they are to frogs.

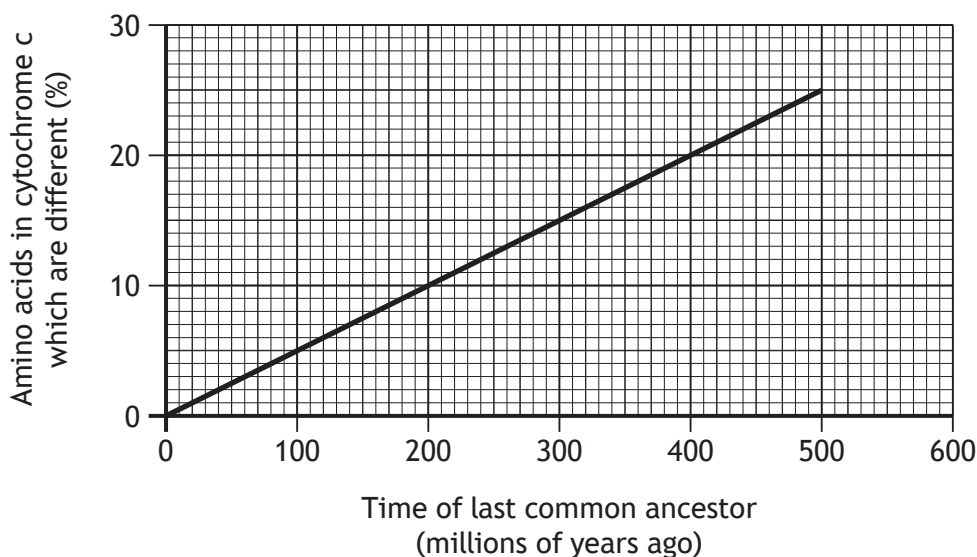
Use evidence from the phylogenetic tree to justify this statement. 1



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5. (continued)

(b) The graph shows a molecular clock which compares the amino acid sequence of the protein cytochrome c between a range of species.



(i) Cytochrome c is a protein containing 112 amino acids.

Calculate the number of amino acids in cytochrome c that are different between two species whose last common ancestor lived 500 million years ago.

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(ii) Predict the percentage of amino acids in cytochrome c which would be different between two species who shared a common ancestor 550 million years ago.

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_____ %

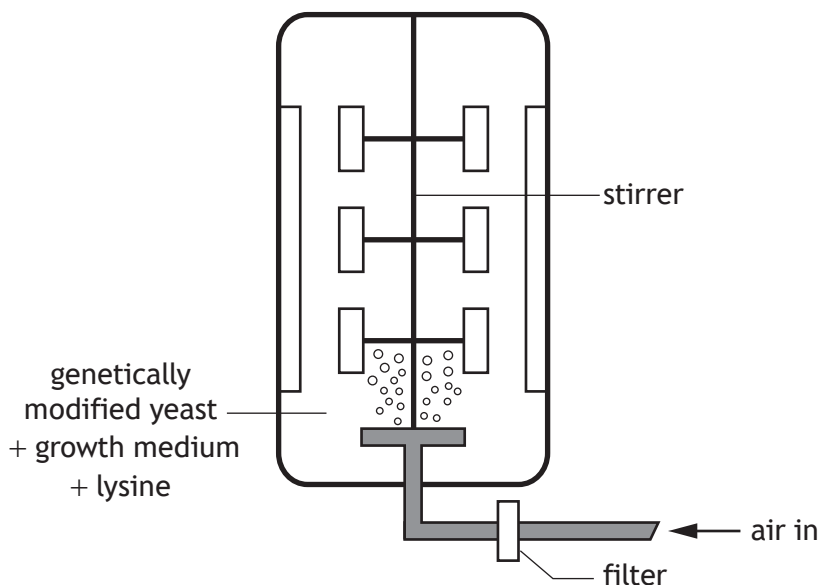
(c) Using information from the **phylogenetic tree and the graph**, state the percentage of amino acids in cytochrome c that are different between rats and frogs.

1

_____ %



6. The diagram shows genetically modified yeast growing in a fermenter in a medium to which the amino acid lysine has been added.



- (a) (i) Name the process for which the yeast cells need the amino acid lysine. 1

- (ii) The fermenter contains 5.5 litres of growth medium.
Calculate the mass of lysine which should be added to the medium to give a concentration of 300 mg/l. 1

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- (iii) The air entering the fermenter passes through a filter to prevent contamination.

Explain why it is necessary to prevent contamination of the culture. 1



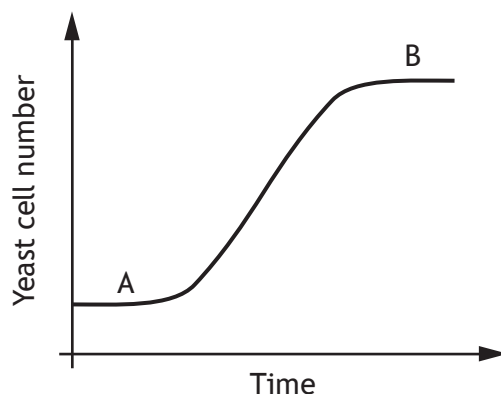
6. (a) (continued)

(iv) The optimum pH for yeast growth is 4.5.

Suggest how this pH could be maintained in the fermenter.

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(b) Some phases of a growth curve of yeast culture are shown.



Complete the table by selecting growth phase A or B. Name the chosen phase and describe an event which occurs during that phase of growth.

2

Letter	Phase of growth	Description

(c) Describe a safety mechanism used to prevent the survival of genetically modified microorganisms in the external environment.

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7. Sea bass are saltwater fish that can regulate their internal salt concentration. They have specialised cells in their gills with protein pumps in the membrane. These pumps actively transport excess salt from their bodies.

(a) The specialised cells have many mitochondria.

Explain why this is necessary.

2

(b) Many animal species regulate their body temperature.

Explain the importance of regulating body temperature.

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(c) Compare regulators and conformers in terms of their ecological niches.

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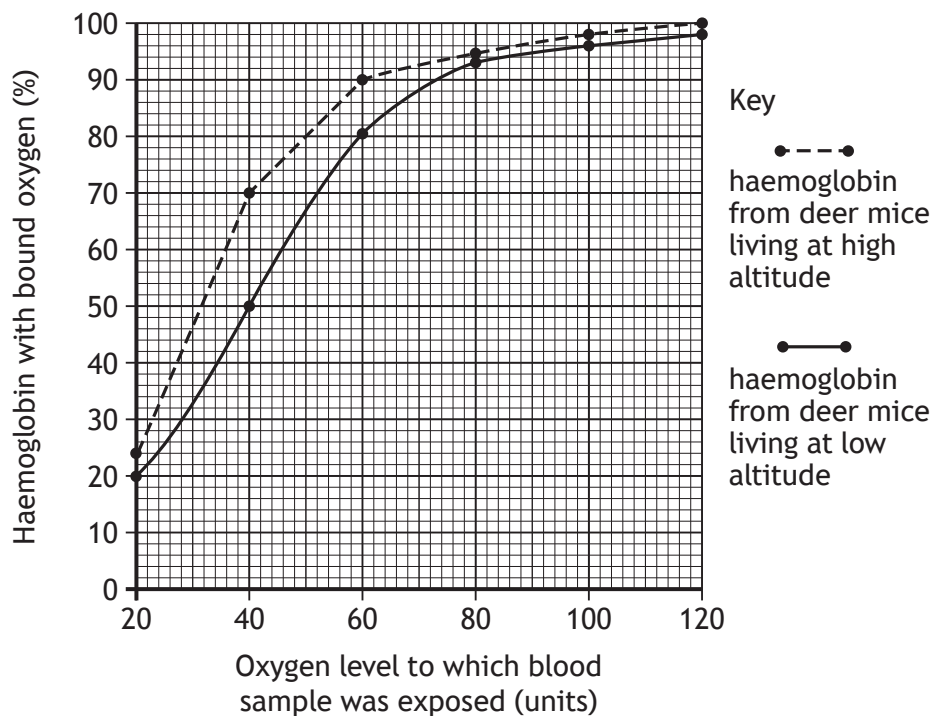
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8. Deer mice (*Peromyscus maniculatus*) are small mammals living in a variety of habitats ranging from low to high altitude.

An investigation was carried out to compare the haemoglobin from two populations of deer mice living at low and high altitudes.

Blood samples were taken from both populations and exposed to different levels of oxygen. The percentage of haemoglobin in the blood samples which had oxygen bound to it was measured.

The results are shown in the graph.



- (a) (i) State **one** variable that should be controlled when exposing the blood samples to oxygen in order for a valid conclusion to be drawn.

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8. (a) (continued)

(ii) State the oxygen level at which there is the greatest difference in the percentage of haemoglobin bound to oxygen between the two groups.

1

_____ units

(iii) Use information from the graph to explain how the deer mice from the population living at high altitude are adapted to a low oxygen niche.

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(b) Suggest **one** physiological adaptation, other than differences in haemoglobin, that deer mice from high altitudes could have to increase the efficiency of oxygen delivery to cells.

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(c) Describe the structure of a deer mouse heart and explain how this allows efficient delivery of oxygen to cells.

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Explanation _____

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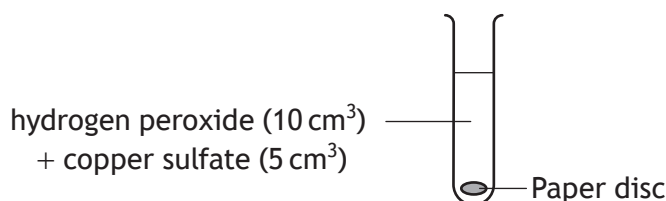


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9. Catalase is an enzyme which breaks down hydrogen peroxide into oxygen and water. Paper discs soaked in catalase sink when placed into hydrogen peroxide solution. The discs rise to the surface when oxygen is produced. The time taken for the discs to rise can be used to measure catalase activity.

An experiment was set up to investigate the effect of copper sulfate concentration on catalase activity.

Six tubes were set up, each containing 10 cm³ of hydrogen peroxide and 5 cm³ of a different concentration of copper sulfate. One paper disc was then placed into each test tube as shown in the diagram. The time taken for each paper disc to rise to the surface was recorded.



The results are shown in the table.

<i>Concentration of copper sulfate solution (mol l⁻¹)</i>	<i>Time taken for paper disc to rise (seconds)</i>
0.2	8
0.3	12
0.4	15
0.6	18
0.8	19
1.0	20

- (a) (i) Name the independent variable in this experiment. 1
- _____
- (ii) Describe a suitable control for this experiment. 1
- _____
- _____
- (iii) Suggest how the temperature of the tubes could be kept constant. 1
- _____
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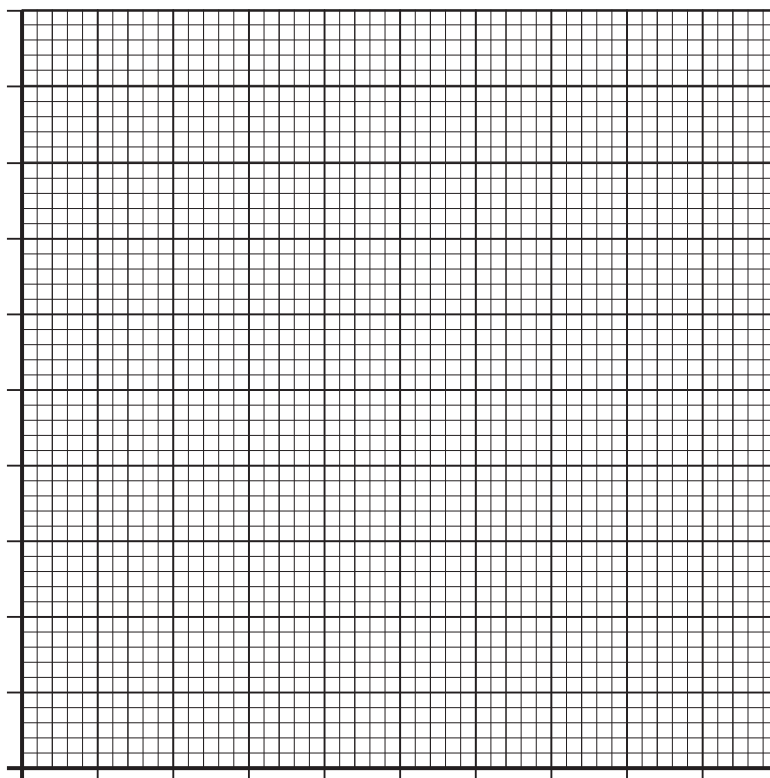
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(iv) Give a feature of the experiment which may make the results unreliable.

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(b) (i) Draw a line graph using the results in the table.
(Additional graph paper, if required, will be found on *Page 32.*)

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(ii) Calculate the percentage increase in the time taken for the paper disc to rise when the copper sulfate concentration increased from 0.2 mol l^{-1} to 1.0 mol l^{-1} .

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(c) Draw a conclusion from the results of this experiment.

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10. Answer either A or B in the space below.

A Write notes on primate behaviour.

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OR

B Write notes on invasive species.

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11. During photosynthesis light energy is absorbed by photosynthetic pigments in the chloroplasts.

(a) (i) State one fate of the light which is **not** absorbed by the photosynthetic pigments. 1

(ii) Describe the effect of absorbed light energy on the pigment molecules. 1

(iii) Plants contain several pigments including chlorophyll a, chlorophyll b and carotenoids. Explain the advantage to a plant of having more than one type of photosynthetic pigment. 1

(b) Following photolysis, hydrogen is transferred to the coenzyme NADP. State the source of this hydrogen. 1

(c) Describe the role of the NADPH in the Calvin cycle (carbon fixation). 1

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12. Potato plants are attacked by leaf eating caterpillars. *Bacillus thuringiensis* is a bacterium which can be used to control these pests. The bacteria produce a protein (Bt toxin) which kills these caterpillars.

(a) (i) Explain how an attack by leaf eating caterpillars causes a reduction in crop yield.

2

(ii) State an advantage of using this type of biological control rather than using chemicals.

1

(b) Bt toxin does not kill all caterpillars.

A study was carried out to investigate the effectiveness of the Bt toxin compared with a modified Bt toxin by exposing different groups of caterpillars to them.

The results are shown in the table.

<i>Toxin tested</i>	<i>Number of caterpillars tested</i>	<i>Number of caterpillars surviving</i>	<i>Caterpillars killed (%)</i>
Bt toxin alone	240	204	
Modified Bt toxin alone	300	105	65
Bt toxin and modified Bt toxin used together	210	42	80

(i) Complete the table to show the percentage of caterpillars killed by the Bt toxin alone.

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12. (b) (continued)

- (ii) The Bt toxin and modified Bt toxin work by different mechanisms.
Use information from the table to justify this statement.

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13. (continued)

(c) Barley is a naturally inbreeding plant.

Explain why inbreeding depression would be unlikely to be a problem when a barley cultivar self-pollinates for many generations.

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(d) Barley grains contain the enzyme amylase which breaks down starch in the grain to sugar used in brewing beer.

Average grain mass, starch content and amylase activity for three barley cultivars are shown in the table.

<i>Barley cultivar</i>	<i>Average mass of a single grain (mg)</i>	<i>Starch content of grains (%)</i>	<i>Amylase activity (units/mg)</i>
Sloop	53.6	70	0.6
ULG1	33.5	65	1.0
ULG2	39.2	64	1.4

(i) As well as total mass of all the grains, state the information required in order to calculate the average mass of a single grain.

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(ii) Select a cultivar from the table that would be best to use in beer production and justify your selection.

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Cultivar _____

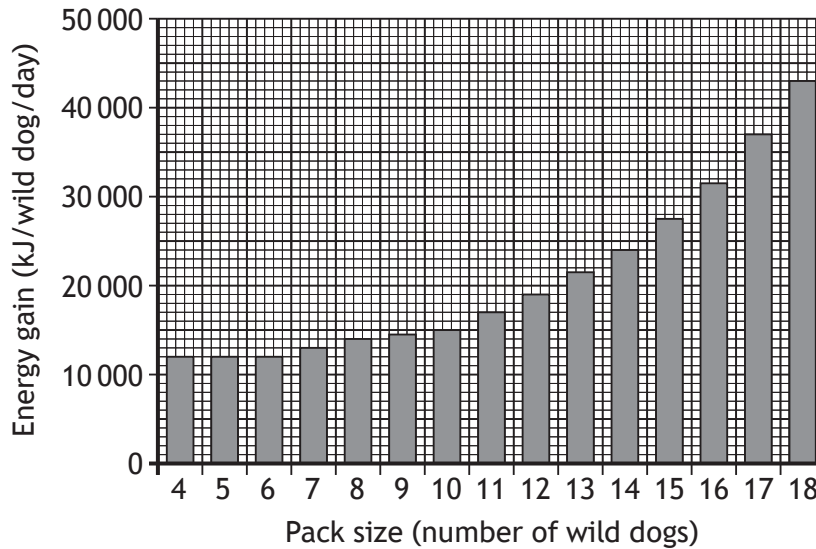
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14. African wild dogs are carnivores which live in packs and use cooperative hunting. Each wild dog requires an average of 30 000 kJ of energy per day for the pack to survive.

The bar chart shows the relationship between pack size and energy gain per wild dog per day.



- (a) Using information from the bar chart, state the minimum pack size

(i) at which cooperative hunting becomes an advantage;

1

_____ wild dogs

(ii) for survival of the pack.

1

_____ wild dogs

- (b) Suggest why wild dogs in larger packs gain more energy per individual from hunting even though there are more animals to be fed.

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- (c) Most of the wild dogs in a pack are related. Usually only one dominant female has offspring which other members of the pack will feed.

Explain why pack members feed offspring which are not their own.

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A Write notes on the citric acid cycle of cell respiration.

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OR

B Write notes on how animals survive and avoid adverse conditions.

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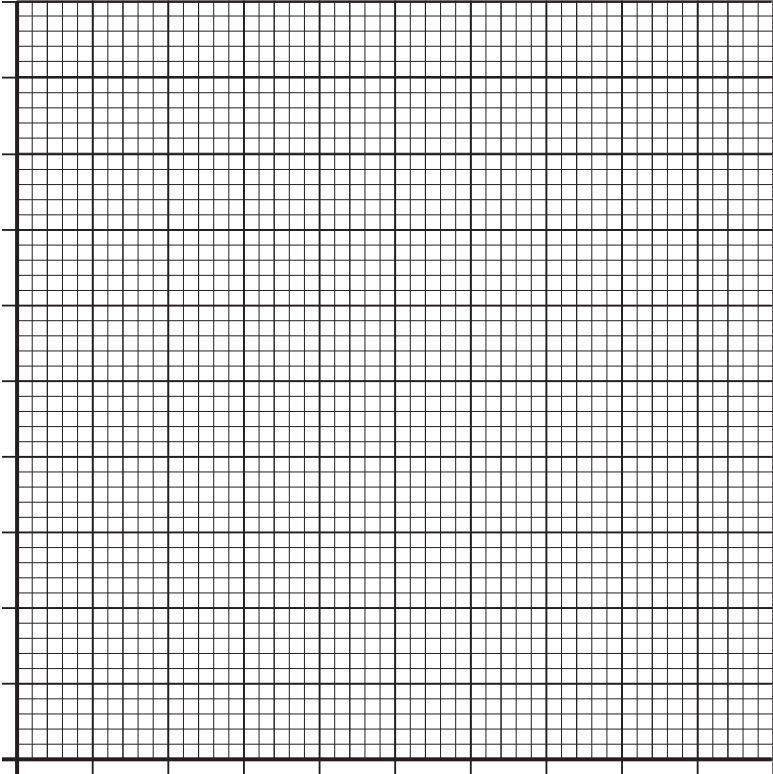
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