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# GCSE BIOLOGY

# F

Foundation Tier

Paper 2F

Friday 7 June 2019

Afternoon

Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

## Materials

For this paper you must have:

- a ruler
- a scientific calculator.

## Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer all questions in the spaces provided.
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.
- In all calculations, show clearly how you work out your answer.

## Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 100.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- You are expected to use a calculator where appropriate.
- You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

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Answer all questions in the spaces provided.

0 1

The **nervous system** allows a **person to detect stimuli**.

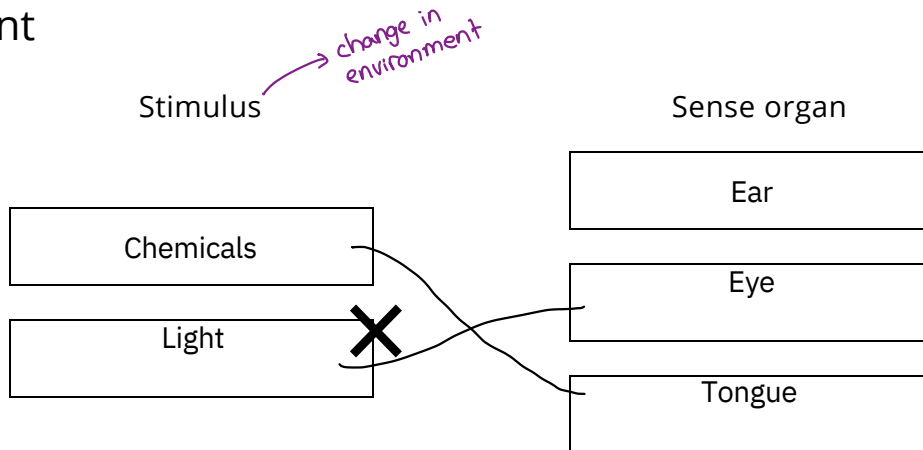
0 1 1

Draw one line from each stimulus to the sense organ that detects the stimulus.

[2 marks]

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Moving a hand away from a hot object is an example of a **reflex action**.

0 1 2

What is a **reflex action**?

[2 marks]

Rapid, involuntary response to protect the body from harm

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A **muscle** in the arm moves the hand away from the hot object.

How does the **arm muscle** do this?

Tick (☐) **one** box.

[1 mark]

The muscle contracts.

The muscle expands.

The muscle relaxes.

The muscle shrinks.

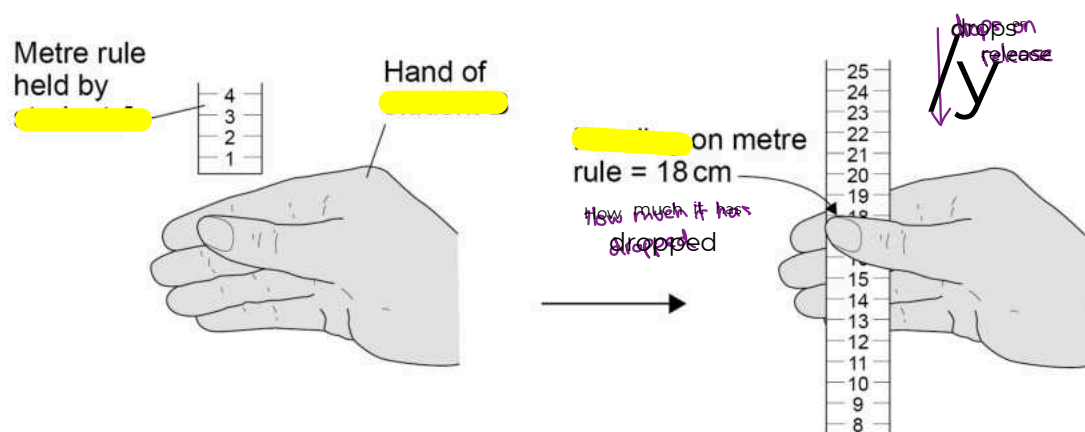
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Two students investigated the effect of **drinking coffee** on **reaction time**. This is the method used.

1. Student A holds a metre rule just above student B's hand, as shown in 2. Figure 1.
- Student A lets go of the metre rule.
3. Student B catches the metre rule as quickly as possible.
4. Student A writes down the reading from the scale on the metre rule.
5. Students A and B **repeat steps** 1–4 another four times.
6. Student B then drinks a cup of coffee.
7. After **15 minutes**, students A and B **repeat steps** 1–5.

Figure 1



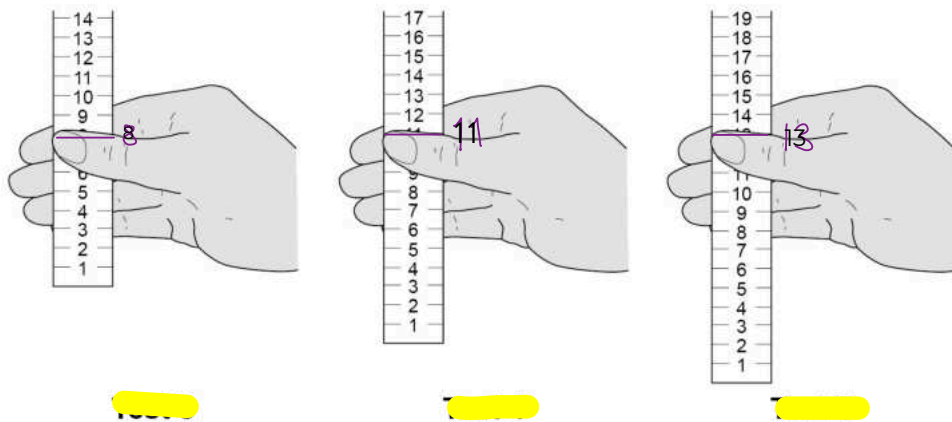
**Table 1** shows some of the results.

Table 1

Test	Reading from scale on metre rule in cm	
	Before drinking coffee	After drinking coffee
1	18	10
2	21	14
3	15	8
4	12	11
5	19	13

Figure 2 shows the results after drinking the coffee for tests 3, 4 and 5.

Figure 2



0 1 4

Complete Table 1

results from Figure 2.

[2 marks]

The students made the following conclusion:

'Drinking coffee speeds up reactions.'

0 1 5

Give evidence from Table 1 to support the students' conclusion.

[1 mark]

After coffee, ruler falls less far

0 1 6

The students' conclusion may not be valid.

Suggest two improvements the students could make to their method.

[2 marks]

1 more more repeats  
repeats userulerwithmore

use ruler with more precise scale

drop from same height  
test more students

drop from same height above hand

2 testmorestudentsensurestudent B'shand

ensure student B's hand stationary

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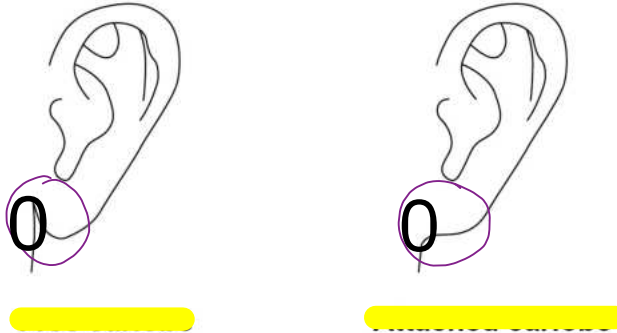
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0 2

The shape of a person's earlobes is controlled by a gene.

Figure 3 shows two types of earlobe.

Figure 3



A dominant allele codes for free earlobes.

0 2 1

What is a dominant allele?

always expressed  
 Tick ( ) one box.

[1 mark]

An allele expressed even if a person only has one copy

An allele expressed only if a person has two copies of the allele   
 x recessive

An allele expressed only if a person has no recessive allele   
 - x

An allele expressed only if it is inherited from the male parent   
 x

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0 2 2

A man with free earlobes and a woman with attached earlobes have children together.

Complete Figure 4 to show the possible genotypes of the children.

Use the symbols:

E = allele for free earlobes

e = allele for attached earlobes

[2 marks]

Figure 4

Woman

e e

	E	Ee	Ee
Man	e	ee	ee

0 2 3

What is the probability that one of the children would have attached earlobes?

Use Figure 4.

[1 mark]

Tick (☐) one box.

0.125 0.25 0.5 0.75




Woman

		e	e
	E	Ee	Ee
Man	e	ee	ee

$2/4 = 0.5$

E = allele for free earlobes  
e = allele for attached earlobes



0 2 4

Figure 5 shows the inheritance of the sex chromosomes, X and Y.

Complete Figure 5 to show the sex chromosomes in the gametes of the man and the woman.

[2 marks]

Figure 5

Woman

X  
X

		X	X
Man	X	XX	XX
	Y	XY	XY

0 2 5

Calculate the probability that the man and the woman's next child will be a girl with attached earlobes.

[2 marks]

Use the equation:

probability of a girl with attached earlobes

= probability of attached earlobes  
× probability of being a girl

$0.5 \times 0.5 = 0.25$

Probability of a girl with attached earlobes =  $0.25$  (25% of 4)

E = allele for free earlobes  
e = allele for attached earlobes

	Woman	
	e	e
Man	E	Ee
	e	Ee

$2/4 = 0.5$

	Woman	
	X	X
Man	X	XX
	Y	XY

$2/4 = 0.5$

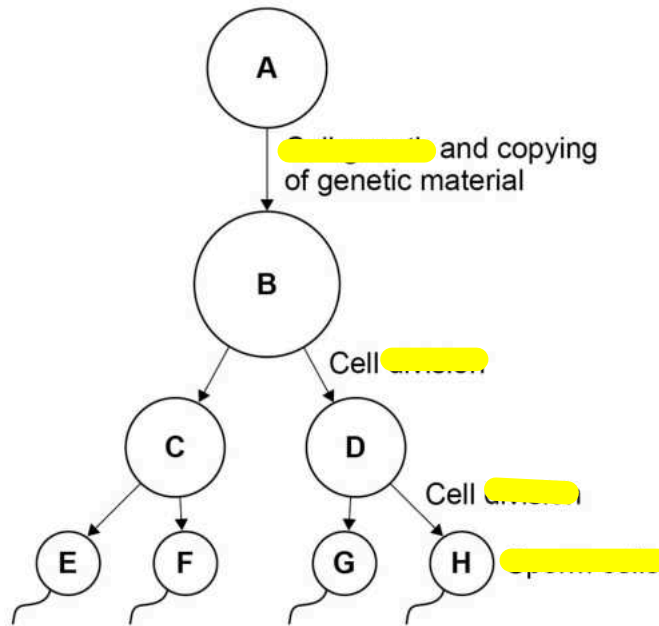
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0 3

Figure 6 shows the production of sperm cells in humans.

Figure 6



0 3 1

Cell A is a normal body cell.

How many chromosomes are there in cell A?

[1 mark]

Tick (☐) one box.

✓  
23 46



48

92

Info.rs

0 3 2

What is the mass of DNA in cell E?

[1 mark]

Tick (☐) one box.

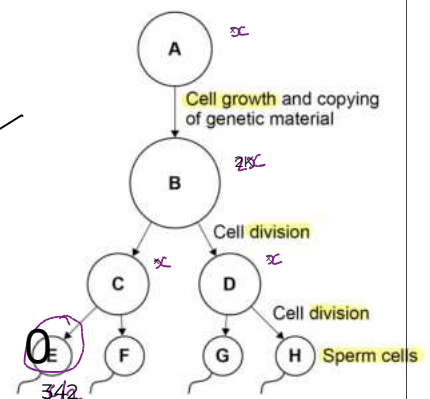
A quarter of the mass of the DNA in cell A

Half the mass of the DNA in cell A

The same mass as the DNA in cell A

Twice the mass of the DNA in cell A

Figure 6



0 3 3

What type of cell division produces sperm cells?

[1 mark]

Tick (☐) one box.

- bacteria *← bacteria*
- Binary fission
- specialisation *← specialisation of cells*
- Differentiation of cells
- Meiosis ✓

0 3 4

Sometimes there are errors in copying the genetic material.

What term describes an error in the genetic material?

[1 mark]

Tick (☐) one box.

- Absorption
- Fertilisation
- Mitosis
- Mutation ✓

*young* *genetic material* *mod N*  
genetic

0 3 5

A woman has three children, aged 4, 6 and 9 years.

Why are the children not genetically identical?

[2 marks]

Different egg/sperm each time, each gamete has different genetic information  
Genes from two parents

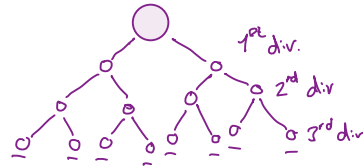
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In **sexual reproduction**, a **sperm cell fuses with an egg cell** to form a new single cell.

An **embryo** develops from the single cell. 1<sup>st</sup> div.

The cell divides three times to produce the **embryo**.



0  3  6 How many cells are there in the embryo after **three cell divisions**?

Tick (☐) one box.

[1 mark]

3

6

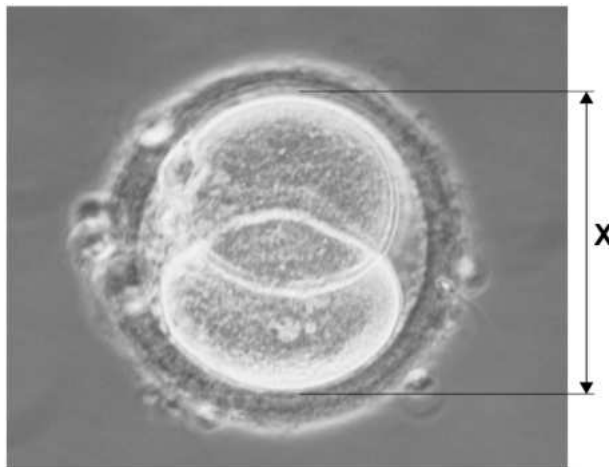
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Figure 7

**Figure 7** shows a different human **embryo**.

Figure 7



0  3  7 Measure image length X on Figure 7.

[1 mark]

Give your answer in millimetres (mm).

X = 400 mm

0 3 8

The image in Figure 7 has been magnified

×500 Calculate the real length of the embryo.

Use the equation:

image length  
real length of the embryo  
= magnification

Give your answer in micrometres ( $\mu\text{m}$ ).1 mm = 1000  $\mu\text{m}$ 

[3 marks]

Image length = 40 mm  $\rightarrow 40 \times 1000 = 40000$

Magnification = 500  $\times$   
 $\frac{40000}{500} = 80$

Real length of the embryo = 80  $\mu\text{m}$

0 3 9

The embryo may not implant in the lining of the uterus.

The embryo will then be lost from the woman's body several days later.

Explain why the woman may not notice this has happened.

[2 marks]

Embryo is very small, so is not seen/felt

(or) lost in normal menstrual flow

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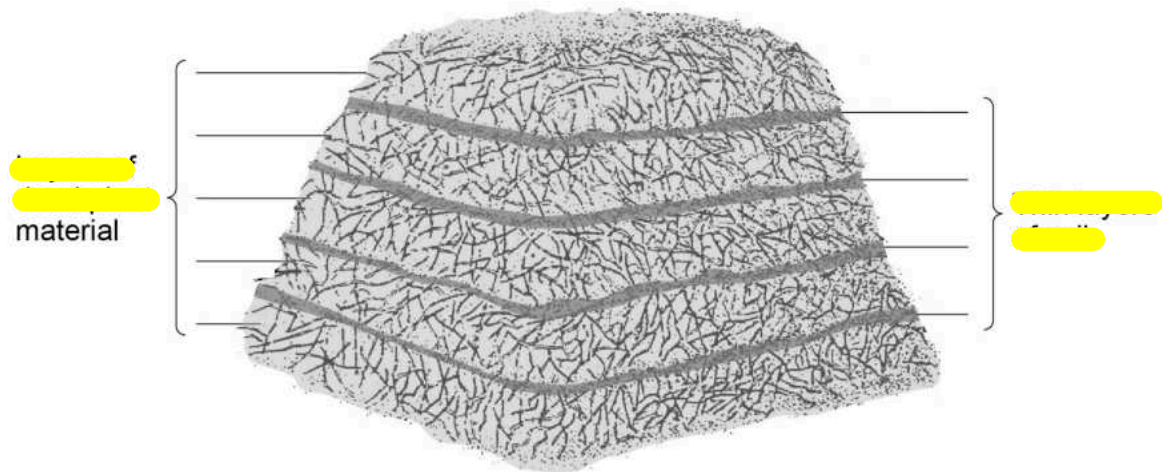
0 4

Gardeners sometimes make **compost heaps** from **dead plant material**.

The dead plants **decay** in the compost heap.

**Figure 8** shows a compost heap.

Figure 8



The thin layers of soil contain **organisms** that cause **decay**.

Which **two types** of organism cause decay?

[2 marks]

Tick (☐) **two boxes**.

- Bacteria
- Fungi
- Grass
- Insects
- Worms

The **rate of decay** in the compost heap depends on several **environmental factors**.

0 4 2

Explain how the rate of decay would be affected by:

- an **increase in oxygen concentration**
- a **temperature increase from 5 °C to 25 °C**

[3 marks]

Both increase rate

Because oxygen is needed for (aerobic) respiration

Increased temperature causes faster reactions

0 4 3

Give **one environmental factor** needed for decay.

**Do not refer to oxygen or temperature** in your answer.

[1 mark]

water

(1/1) 0

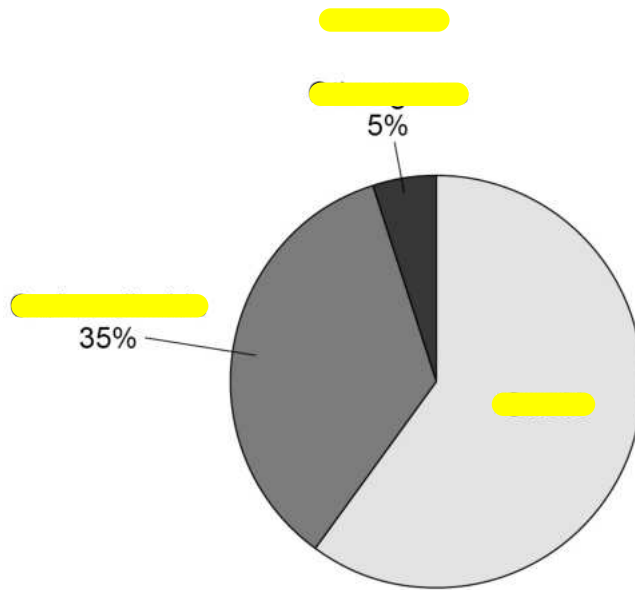
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Dead plant material can also be decayed in a biogas generator. box

Figure 9 shows the percentages of the gases found in a sample of biogas.

Figure 9



0 4 . 4 Gas X is the main fuel gas found

What is gas X?  
[1 mark]

Blank space for answer

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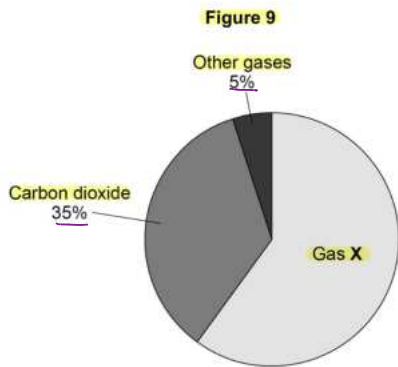
Nitrogen



0 4 5

What is the percentage of gas X in the biogas?

[1 mark]



Total % = 100%

$100 - 5 - 35 = 60\%$

Percentage = 60 %

0 4 6

The dead plant material in the compost heap and biogas generator does not decay completely.

Explain why a farmer might spread the remaining dead plant material onto his fields.

[2 marks]

- So plants/crops grow faster
- Dead plant material contains mineral ions
  - ↳ fertiliser
  - ↳ improves drainage
- ↳ suppresses weed growth
- ↳ insulates
- ↳ improves soil structure

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0 5

Figure 10 shows a flightless bird called the dodo (*Raphus cucullatus*).

Figure 10

Genus [ ] species



The dodo:

- was 1 m tall
- had a mass of 20 kg
- lived in rainforests on a tropical island
- ate fruits
- made its nest on the ground.

A female dodo laid only one egg each year.

Humans arrived on the island in the year 1507. By 1681 the dodo was extinct.

0 5 1

What is the **genus** of the dodo?

[1 mark]

Tick (☐) **one box**.

Animal

Bird

Raphus

0 5 2

Before the arrival of humans, there were **no other large animals** living on the island.

Suggest **two reasons** why the dodo became **extinct** soon after the arrival of humans.

[2 marks]

or the dodo's eggs

1 Humans hunted/killed/ate the dodo  
~~Humans hunted/killed/ate the dodo~~

← or the dodo's eggs

2 Humans ate the dodo's food  
~~Humans ate the dodo's food~~

food Diseases introduced by humans/by  
~~imported animals brought by humans ate dodos~~

Diseases introduced by humans/by  
 imported animals

Animals brought by humans ate dodos  
 Humans destroyed dodo habitats

Humans destroyed dodo habitats

Today, **humans are cutting down** large areas of **tropical rainforests**.

0 5 3

Suggest **one use** of the land after the trees have been removed.

[1 mark]

Growing crops / biofuels

Grazing animals

Quarrying/mining

Building houses

Dumping waste

0 5 4

**Why** does the **removal of trees** cause an **increase in carbon dioxide** in the atmosphere?

[2 marks]

Tick (☐) **two boxes**.

There are fewer animals. ✗  
 animals exhale CO<sub>2</sub>

There is less photosynthesis. ✓  
 $6CO_2 + 6H_2O + \text{light} \rightarrow C_6H_{12}O_6 + 6O_2$

There is less respiration. ✗  
 trees photosynthesise

The soil dries out. ✗

The trees are burned. ✓  
 combustion produces CO<sub>2</sub>

Turn over ►

0 5 5

What effect would an increase in carbon dioxide in the atmosphere have on global air temperature?

greenhouse  
greenho → more use  
gas  
Tick (✓) one box.  
effect → heating

more greenhouse gas → more greenhouse effect → heating

[1 mark]

Decrease

✓ Increase

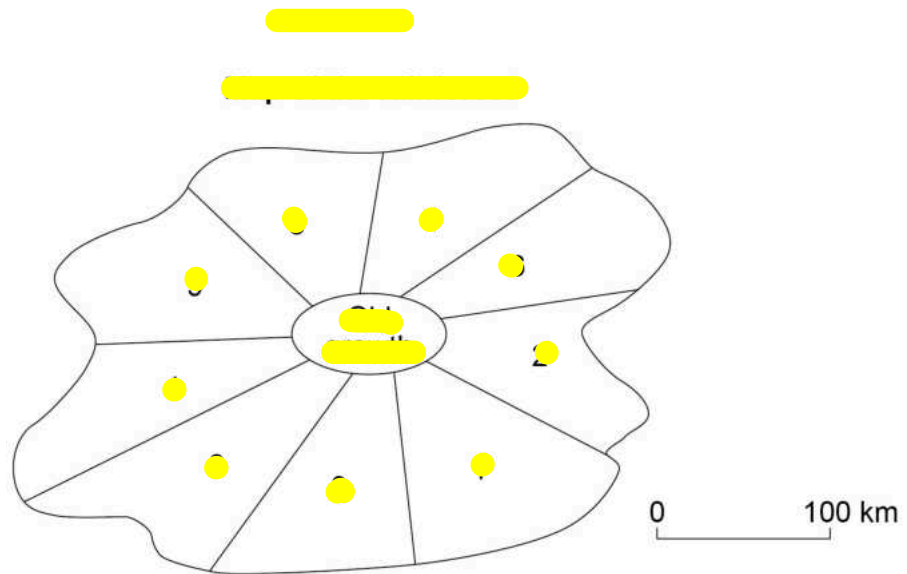
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'Sustainable forestry' reduces the harmful effects of cutting down trees on the environment.

Figure 11 shows a method of 'sustainable forestry'.

Numbers 1–9 show different parts of a rainforest.

Figure 11



The trees are cut down in the sequence 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 – 6 – 7 – 8 – 9

- The trees are cut down in only one area at any one time.
- It takes 30 years to cut down the trees in each area.
- The trees in the 'Old growth' area are never cut down.

0 5 6

How many years would it take to cut down the trees in all of the numbered areas in Figure 11?

[2 marks]

$179 \rightarrow 9$        $30 \text{ years/area}$        $9 \times 30 = 270$

Number of years = 270

0 5 7

The rainforest contains:

- 750 species of trees
- 400 species of birds
- **150 species of plants**
- many other species of plants and animals.

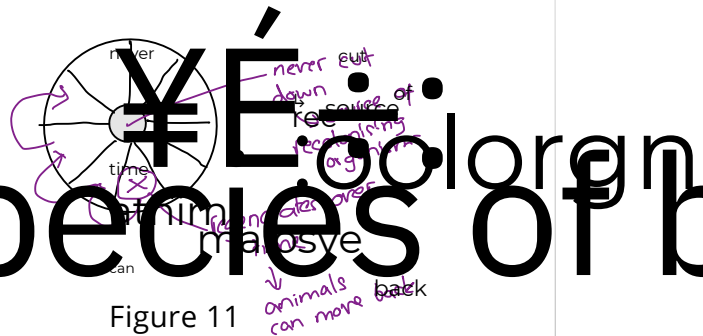


Figure 11

Explain how the pattern of cutting down trees shown in Figure 11 stops the biodiversity of the rainforest being reduced.

[4 marks]

Displaced animals can move to adjacent zones where suitable habitats present as trees not cut down. Seeds return to deforested from other forested areas. Sufficient time for regeneration, plants/trees begin to grow back, so shelter provided (and food) for animals. Animals return to re-growing area. Old growth area source of recolonising organisms.

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0 6

Two of the substances the body excretes are **urea** and **carbon dioxide**.

0 6 1

Complete the sentence.

Choose the answer from the box.

[1 mark]

carbohydrate      lipid      protein      salt

A person makes a lot of urea if the person's diet contains

a lot of protein. protein

0 6 2

Why must **urea** be **excreted** from the body?

[1 mark]

Urea is a waste product  
Urea is toxic / may damage cells / denature proteins

0 6 3

A person produces **more carbon dioxide during exercise than when resting**.

Complete the sentences.

[2 marks]

Choose answers from the box into the blank

breathing      digestion      egestion

osmosis      permeable      respiration

*Handwritten notes: mole, stimulates, large, broken molecules, movement of H2O, movement of small molecules, excretion of waste, 6CO2 + 6H2O -> C6H12O6 + 6H2O*

The process that makes carbon dioxide is - respiration respiration

During exercise, extra carbon dioxide can be removed from the body by increasing - the rate of breathing breathing.

0 6 4

Excess water must also be removed from the body.

If a person sweats a lot, less water will be excreted in the urine.

A healthy person did the same amount of exercise on each of 3 days.

Table 2 shows information for the 3 days.

Table 2

Day	Air temperature in °C	Volume of water consumed in cm <sup>3</sup>	Relative amount of urine produced by the kidneys
1 30 hotter	hotter	1500	least
2 20		1500	medium
3 15		2000	most

lower temperature ≈ less sweat

Complete Table 2.

[2 marks]

Choose answers from the box.

least	medium	most
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Some people have kidney disease.

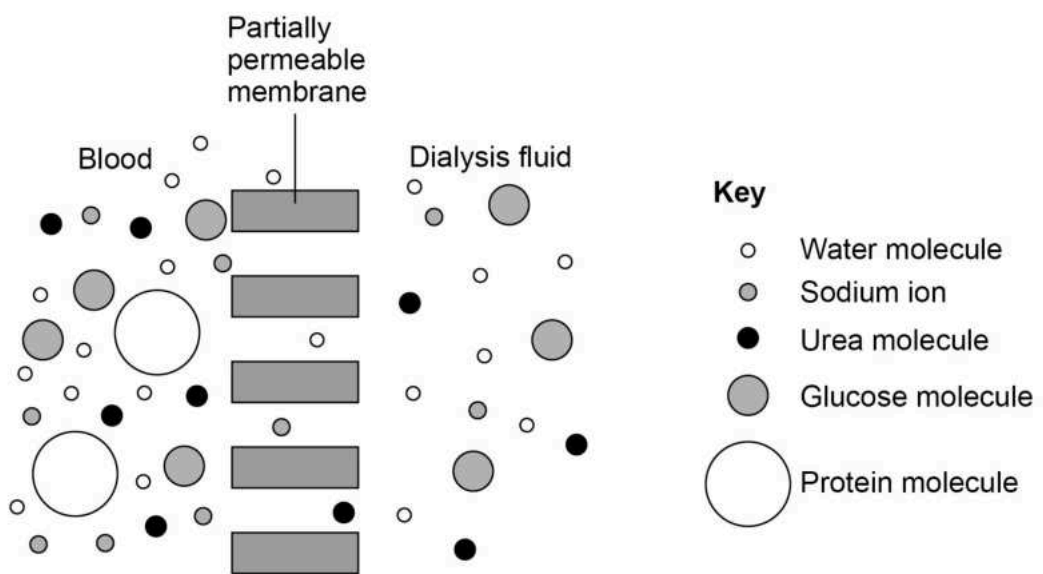
Kidney disease may be treated by dialysis or by having a kidney transplant operation. •

During dialysis, a person is connected to a machine that filters the blood.

- Each dialysis session lasts about 6 hours.
- The person has several dialysis sessions each week.

Figure 12 shows how dialysis works.

Figure 12



0 6 5 p

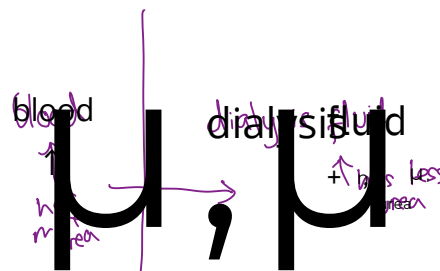
How does urea **move out of the blood** during dialysis?

[1 mark]

Tick (☐) **one box.**

- Movement of substances from an area of higher concentration to an area of lower concentration along a concentration gradient
- Digestion (food)
- Osmosis (water)
- Respiration (breathing)

Movement of substance from an area of higher concentration to an area of lower concentration along concentration gradient





0 6 6

Which substance in Figure 12 does not pass from the blood into the dialysis fluid?

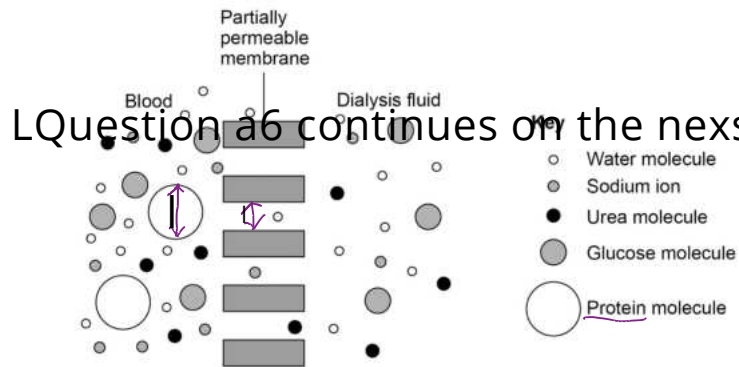
Give the reason for your answer.

[2 marks]

Substance Protein

Reason Molecules too large (allows pores too small in membrane)

Figure 12



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Two people have kidney disease.

- Person A is treated by dialysis.
- Person B has had a kidney transplant.

Figure 13 shows changes in the urea concentration in the blood of each person over 2 weeks.

Figure 13



How many dialysis sessions did person A have each week?

0 6 7

[1 mark]

3

What happens to the concentration of urea in the blood between dialysis sessions?

0 6 8

[1 mark]

increase

Give two reasons why a kidney transplant is a better method for treating kidney disease than dialysis.

0 6 9

[2 marks]

1 lower concentration of urea  
of urea less hospital visits/time on

less hospital visits/time on machine

less restriction on travel

less restriction on travel

constant urea concentration

no repeated piercing of skin

2 constant urea concentration  
no diet restrictions

changes in long term

repeated piercing of skin

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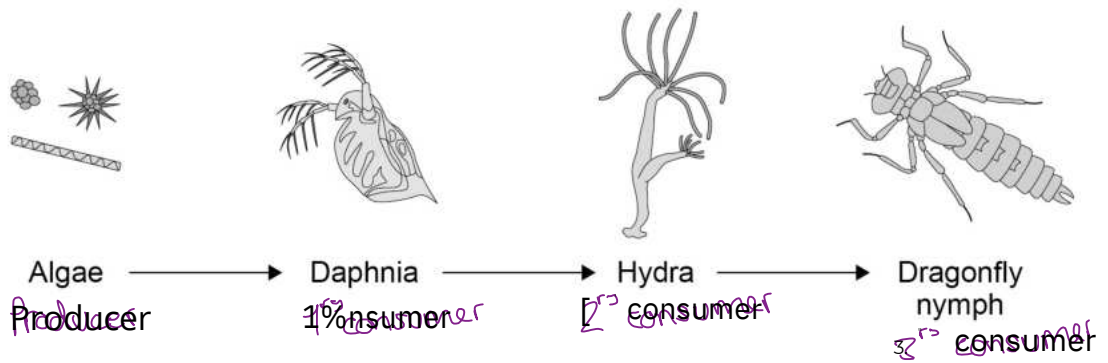
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0 7

Figure 14 shows a food chain in a pond.

Figure 14



0 7 1

Which term describes the **Daphnia** in this food chain?

[1 mark]

Tick (☐) one box.

- Apex predator
- ✓ Primary consumer
- Producer
- Secondary consumer

0 7 2

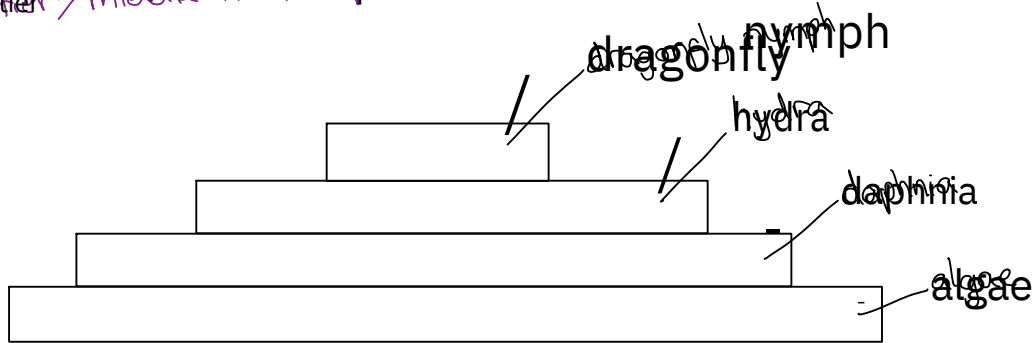
Draw a pyramid of biomass for the food chain.

**Label each trophic level** [2 marks]  
 biological system derived from living or recently living organisms  
 living

- Tiers = number of different organisms (on different levels)

group of organisms within an ecosystem which occupy the same level in the food chain

- Bottom tier > middle tier > top tier



0 7 3

Give one reason why the total biomass of the Daphnia in the pond is different from the total biomass of the algae.

[1 mark]

- Not all absorbed
- Not digestible parts lost in faeces
- Use in respiration/lost as CO<sub>2</sub>
- Lost in urine
- Algae not all eaten

Question 7 continues on the next page

Turn over ►

Students investigated the size of the population of Daphnia in the pond.

This is the method used.

1. Collect 1 dm<sup>3</sup> of pond water from near the edge of the pond.
2. Pour the water through a fine net.
3. Count the number of Daphnia caught in the net.
4. Repeat steps 1–3 four more times.

Table 3 shows the results.

Table 3

Sample number	Number of Daphnia in 1 dm <sup>3</sup> water
1	5
2	21
3	0
4	16
5	28

0 7 4

Calculate the mean number of Daphnia in 1 m<sup>3</sup> of pond water.

$$1 \text{ m} = 1000 \text{ dl} \rightarrow \frac{\text{sum of values}}{\text{no. values}} \times 3 \text{ m}^3$$

[2 marks]

$$\frac{5 + 21 + 0 + 16 + 28}{5} = 14$$

$$14 \times 1000 = 14000$$

Mean number of Daphnia in 1 m<sup>3</sup> of pond water = 14000

0 7 5

The pond was a rectangular shape, measuring:

- length = 2.5 metres
- width = 1.5 metres
- depth = 0.5 metres.

Volume = length  $\times$  width  $\times$  depth

Volume =

Mean no. daphnia in  $1\text{m}^2 = 14000$

Calculate the estimated number of Daphnia in the pond.

Use your answer from Question 07.4.

Give your answer in standard form.  $\leftarrow y \times 10^x \quad 0 < y < 10 \quad 0 < x < 10$

[4 marks]

Volume of pond  $2.5 \times 1.5 \times 0.5 = 1.875 \text{ m}^3$

Daphnia in  $1.875 \text{ m}^3 = 1.875 \times 14000 = 26250$

$2.625 \times 10^4$

Number of Daphnia in the pond =  $2.625 \times 10^4$

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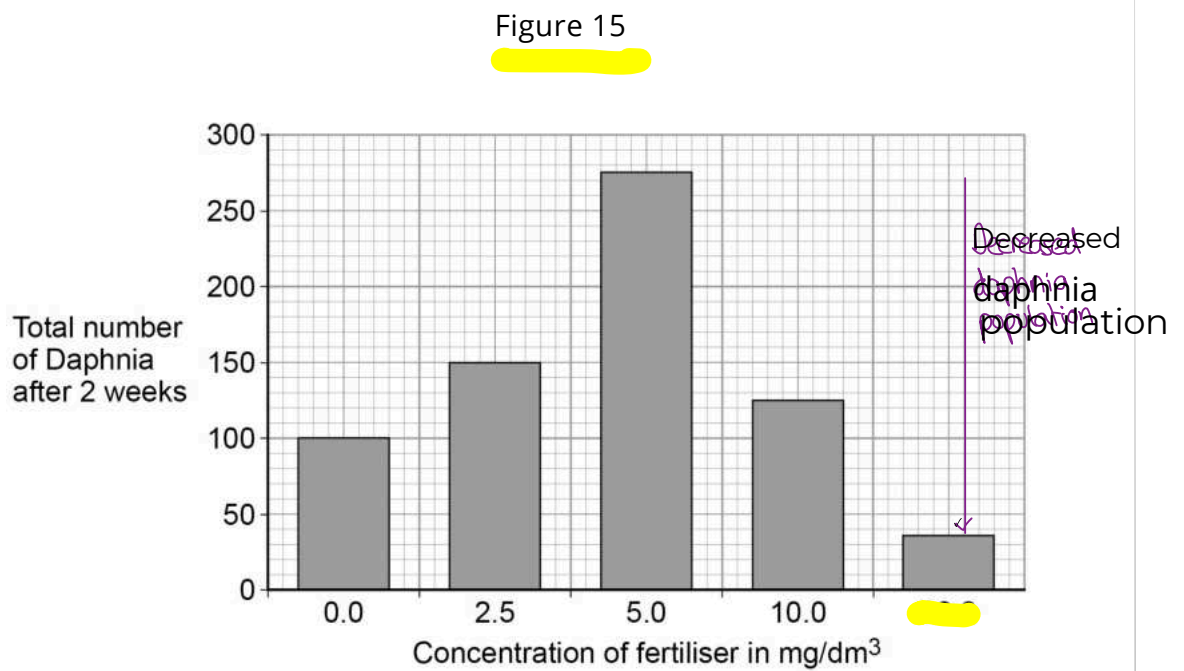
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Rainfall can cause fertiliser to be washed from farmland into a pond.

The students investigated the effect of fertiliser on the population of *Daphnia* in water from the pond.

- The students put 20 *Daphnia* in each of five different concentrations of fertiliser.
- The students counted the total number of *Daphnia* in each concentration of fertiliser after 2 weeks.

Figure 15 shows the results.



0 7 6

A concentration of 5.0 mg/dm<sup>3</sup> of fertiliser caused a large increase in the population of *Daphnia*.

Explain why.

[2 marks]

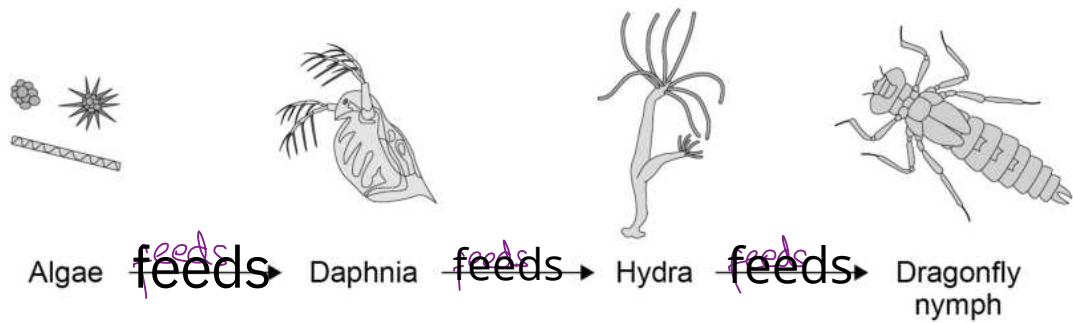
- Increased growth of algae, so more food for *Daphnia*



07.7

Figure 14 is repeated below.

Figure 14



The population of Hydra will decrease when 20 mg/dm<sup>3</sup> of fertiliser is added to the pond.

Explain why.

[2 marks]

Hydra have less food because there are fewer Daphnia

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0 8

Genetic material is made of DNA.

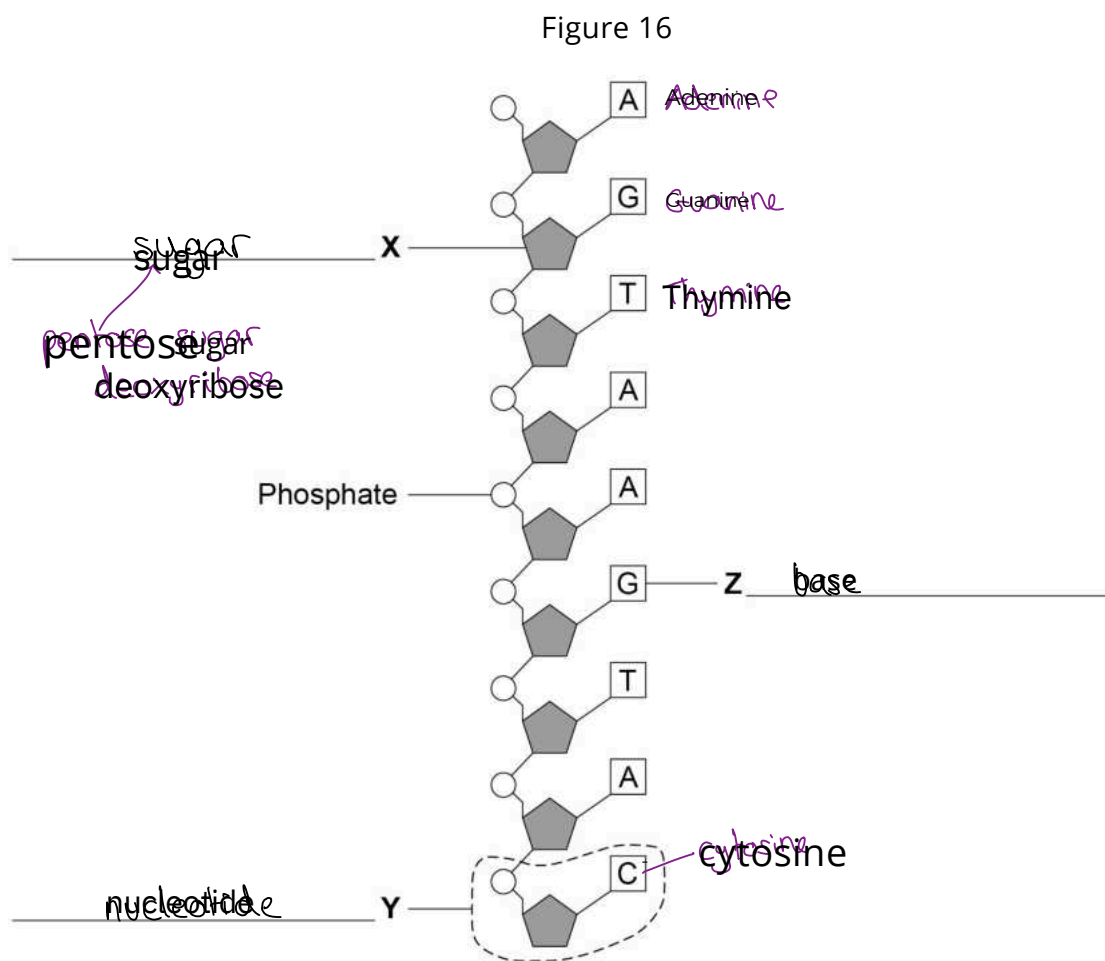
0 8 1

Which structures in the nucleus of a human cell contain DNA?

[1 mark]

chromosomes

Figure 16 shows part of one strand of a DNA molecule.



0 8 2

Label parts X, Y and Z on Figure 16.

[3 marks]

Choose answers from the box.

- |      |            |            |       |          |
|------|------------|------------|-------|----------|
| Base | Fatty acid | Nucleotide | Sugar | Glycerol |
|------|------------|------------|-------|----------|

0 8 3

A complete DNA molecule is made of two strands twisted around each other.

What scientific term describes this structure?

[1 mark]

double helix

amino acid = three bases

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DNA codes for the production of proteins.

A protein molecule is a long chain of amino acids.

How many amino acids could be coded for by the piece of DNA shown in Figure 16?

[1 mark]

Tick (☐) one box.

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Scientists have now studied the whole human genome.

Give two benefits of understanding the human genome.

[2 marks]

1 diagnosis of genetic disorders

diagnosis of genetic disorders

understanding  
evolution/ancestry

2 treatment for inherited disorders

treatment for inherited disorders

- tracing human  
migration patterns

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Phototropism is a growth response by part of a plant to light.

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Name one other tropism.

Give the stimulus the plant responds to in the tropism you have named.

[2 marks]

Tropism	geotropism	hydrotropism	thermotropism
Stimulus	gravity	water	heat

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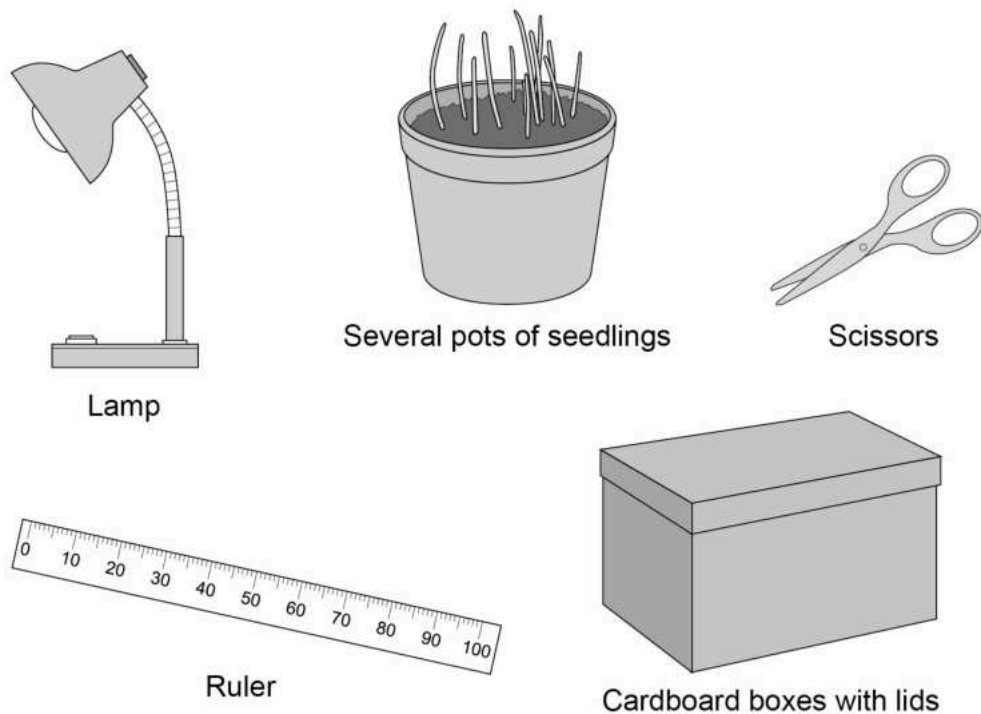
Plan an investigation to show the effect of light from one direction on the growth of plant seedlings.

Include details of any controls needed.

You may use some of the equipment shown in Figure 17 and any other laboratory apparatus.

[6 marks]

Figure 17



Method must lead to a valid outcome  
Must be sequenced in a logical order

- Use several pots of seedlings that will be given the same amount of water and the same temperature and soil type

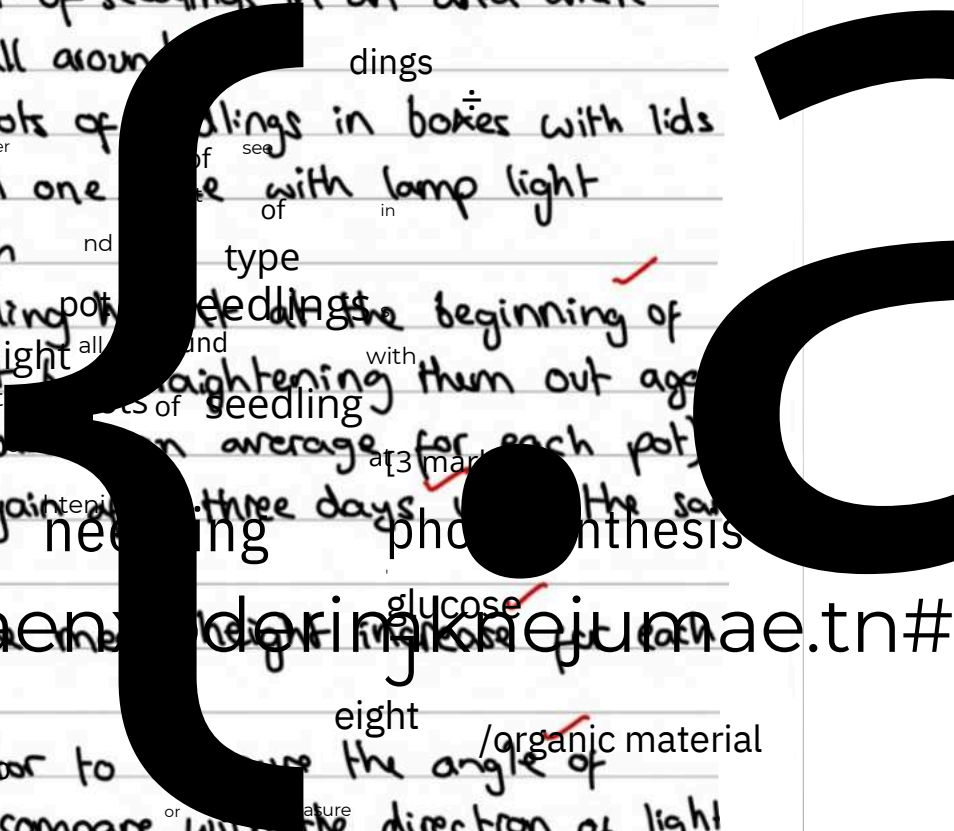
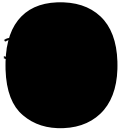
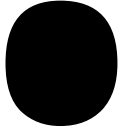
- Have one pot of seedlings in an area where there is light all around

- Have other pots of seedlings in boxes with lids and a hole in one side with lamp light shining through

- Measure seedling height at the beginning of the experiment and straighten them out against a ruler (calculate an average for each pot) and measure again after three days

- Calculate the mean height increase for each group

- Use a protractor to measure the angle of bending and compare with the direction of light entry



Explain how phototropism in a plant shoot helps the plant to survive.

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Plant leaves receive more light so photosynthesis occurs and the plant produces more glucose  
starch / carbohydrate / organic material

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