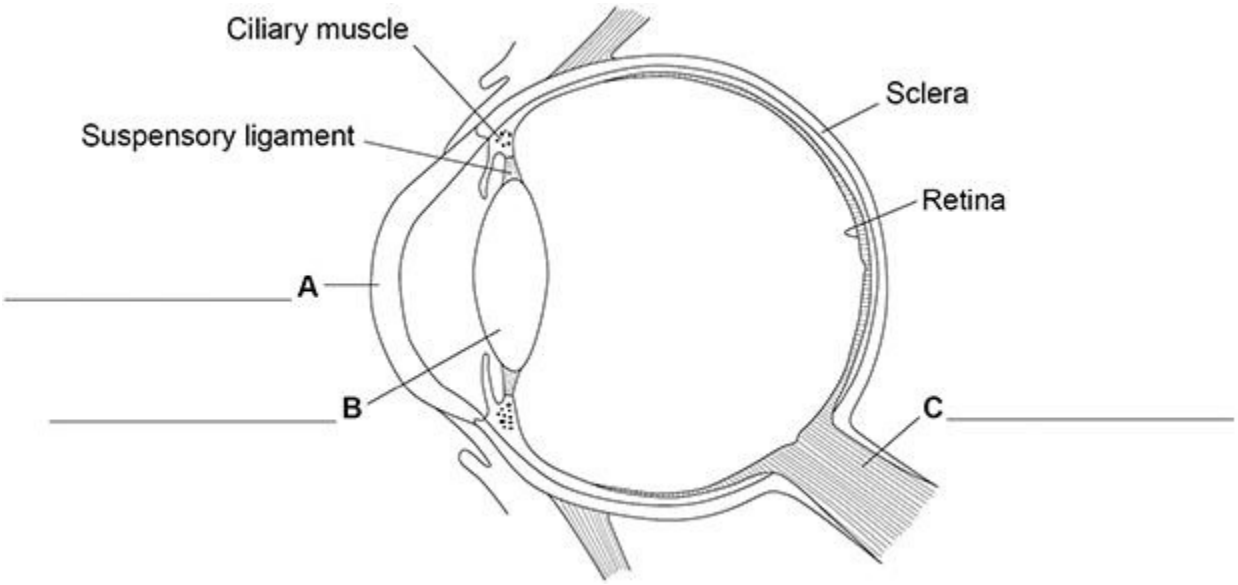
Q1.

The human eye can form images of objects that are at different distances away from the eye.

Figure 1 is a diagram of the eye.

Figure 1



(a) Label structures A, B and C on Figure 1.

Choose answers from the box.

cornea	eyelid	iris	lens	optic nerve

(3)

The eye in Figure 1 is focused on a distant object.

If the eye then focuses on the words in a book, changes would occur in the eye.

The light rays would be refracted more by the lens.

(b) How does the lens refract the light more?

Tick (✓) one box.

By becoming longer ☐

By becoming thicker ☐

By becoming transparent ☐

(1)

(c) Which **two** structures control the shape of the lens?

Tick (✓) **two** boxes.

Ciliary muscles ☐

Cornea ☐

Iris ☐

Sclera ☐

Suspensory ligaments ☐

(2)

(d) To form a clear image, the light rays entering the eye must focus on one structure in the eye.

Name the structure.

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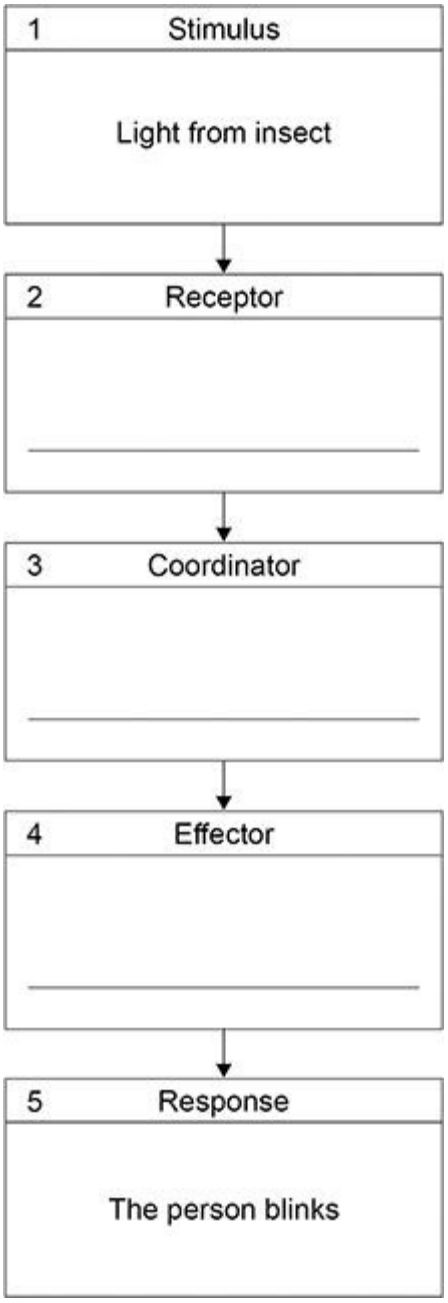
(1)

(e) An insect flies near a person's eye. The person blinks. This is a reflex action.

Figure 2 shows the coordination system for this reflex action.

Figure 2



Complete Figure 2.

Choose answers from the box below.

Write one word in each of boxes 2, 3 and 4 of Figure 2.

brain	cornea	iris	muscles	retina

(2)

(Total 9 marks)

Q2.

Reflex actions are coordinated by the nervous system.

(a) What is meant by the term 'reflex action'?

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(2)

(b) A woman's hand accidentally touches a hot object.

The woman moves her hand away rapidly. Describe how the woman's nervous system coordinates the reflex action.

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(6)

(c) The endocrine system coordinates many internal functions of the body.

Give three ways coordination by the endocrine system is different from coordination by the nervous system.

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3 _____

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(3)

(d) Describe how hormones control the menstrual cycle.

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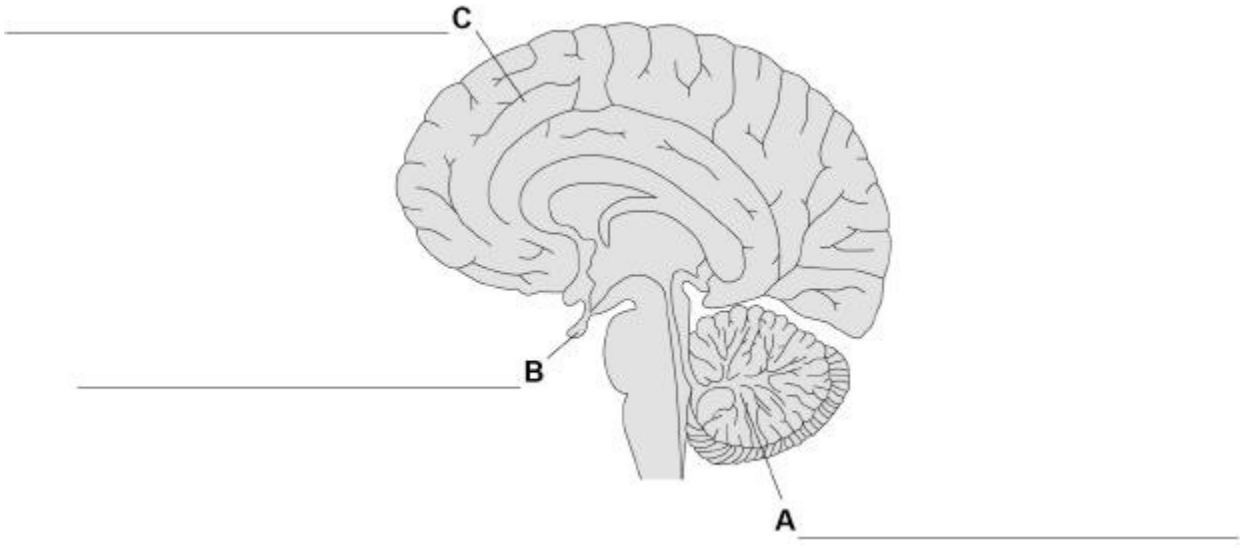
(5)

(Total 16 marks)

Q3.

The diagram below shows the brain.



(a) Label A, B and C on the diagram above.

Choose answers from the box.

cerebellum	cerebral cortex	medulla	pituitary gland

(3)

(b) Which part of the brain controls balance when riding a bicycle?

Tick (✓) one box.

- Cerebellum ☐
- Medulla ☐
- Pituitary gland ☐

(1)

(c) The ears send information about sound to the brain.

Which word describes the brain?

Tick (✓) one box.

- Coordinator ☐
- Effector ☐
- Receptor ☐
- Stimulus ☐

(1)

(d) What type of cell carries impulses from the ears to the brain?

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(1)

(e) Human eyes detect light.

Which part of the eye has cells that detect light?

Tick (✓) one box.

Iris ☐

Lens ☐

Retina ☐

(1)

(f) The eyes of some birds have specialised cells to detect ultraviolet (UV) light.

Some fruits reflect UV light.

Explain why it is an advantage for birds to be able to detect UV light.

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(2)

The image below shows a student reading a book.

There are trees on the far side of the field.

The student looks at the trees instead of looking at the book.

(g) What process occurs in the eye when the student looks at the trees instead of looking at the book?

Tick (✓) one box.

Accommodation ☐

Magnification ☐

Reflection ☐

(1)

(h) What change happens in the student's eyes when they look up at the trees?

Tick (✓) one box.

Light rays are refracted less ☐

More light is reflected ☐

The optic nerves move ☐

(1)

(i) The student cannot see the trees in focus.

Name the common defect of the eye which causes distant objects to appear out of focus.

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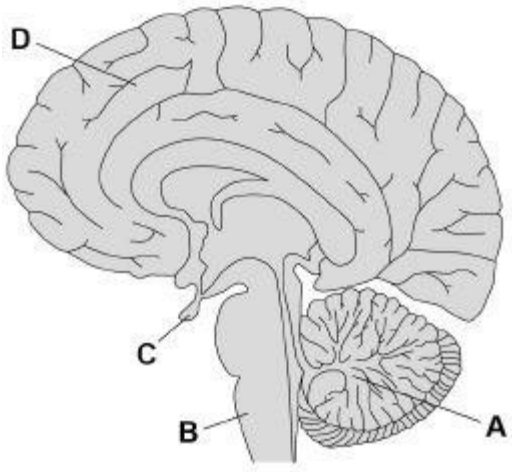
(1)

(Total 12 marks)

Q4.

The diagram below shows the brain.



(a) Which part of the brain becomes more active if a person balances on one leg instead of standing on two legs?

Tick (✓) one box.

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐

(1)

(b) Name the part of the brain that is responsible for making a decision.

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(1)

(c) In most MRI scanners the person being scanned needs to stay completely still.

A functional MRI (fMRI) scanner allows a person to move while the scanner makes images of the person's brain activity.

Suggest how the fMRI scanner could help to find out more about the brain damage a person has.

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(3)

(d) Describe how the brain receives information about light entering the eye.

You should include the names of structures in your answer.

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(3)

(e) The eyes of some birds contain cells that detect ultraviolet (UV) light.

UV light is reflected by some fruits and the urine of small mammals.

Explain how birds that detect UV light have evolved from birds that could not detect UV light.

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(6)

(Total 14 marks)

Q5.

The nervous system allows a person to detect stimuli.

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

Stimulus	Sense organ
Chemicals	Ear
Light	Eye
	Tongue

(2)

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

(b) What is a reflex action?

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(2)

(c) A muscle in the arm moves the hand away from the hot object.

How does the arm muscle do this?

Tick (✓) one box.

The muscle contracts. ☐

The muscle expands. ☐

The muscle relaxes. ☐

The muscle shrinks. ☐

(1)

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 Figure 1.
2. Student A lets go of the metre rule.

3. Student B catches the metre rule as quickly as possible.

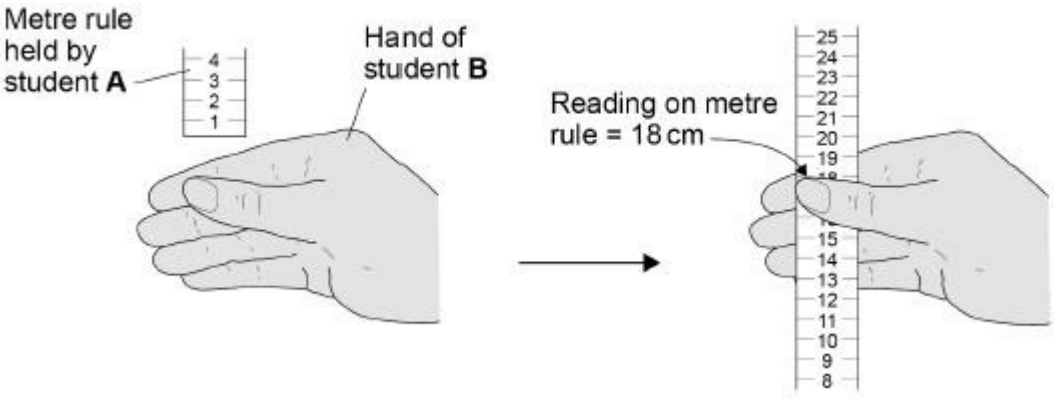
4. Student A writes down the reading from the scale on the metre rule.

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

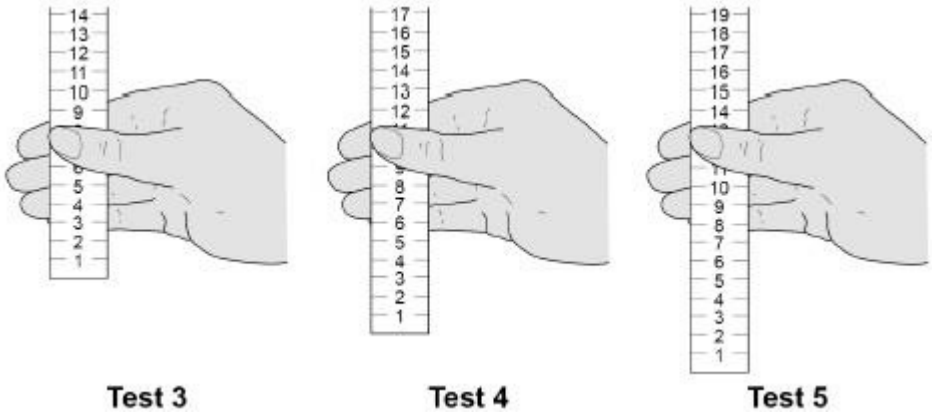


The table below shows some of the results.

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

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

Figure 2



(d) Complete the table.

Use results from Figure 2.

(2)

The students made the following conclusion:

'Drinking coffee speeds up reactions.'

(e) Give evidence from the table above to support the students' conclusion.

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(1)

(f) The students' conclusion may not be valid.

Suggest two improvements the students could make to their method. 1

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(2)

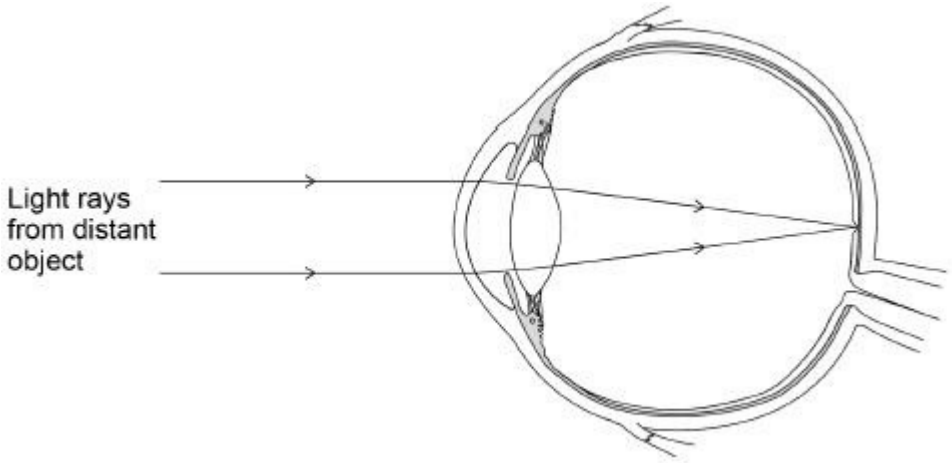
(Total 10 marks)

Q6.

The human eye can focus on objects at different distances.

Figure 1 shows how a clear image of a distant object is formed in a person's eye.

Figure 1



(a) Explain how the person's eye could adjust to form a clear image of a nearer object.

(6)

(b) Explain why a long-sighted person has difficulty seeing near objects clearly.

(2)

(c) Long-sightedness can be corrected by wearing spectacles.

Describe how spectacle lenses can correct long-sightedness.

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(3)

(Total 11 marks)

Q7.

Many human actions are reflexes.

(a) Which two of the following are examples of reflex actions?

Tick two boxes.

Jumping in the air to catch a ball ☐

Raising a hand to protect the eyes in bright light ☐

Releasing saliva when food enters the mouth ☐

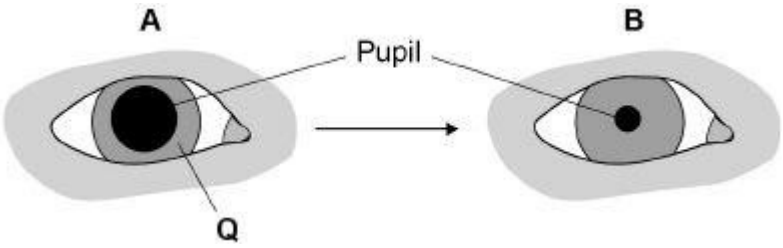
Running away from danger ☐

Withdrawing the hand from a sharp object ☐

(2)

Figure 1 shows how the size of the pupil of the human eye can change by reflex action.

Figure 1



(b) Name one stimulus that would cause the pupil to change in size from A to B, as shown in Figure 1.

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(1)

(c) Structure Q causes the change in size of the pupil.

Name structure Q.

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(1)

(d) Describe how structure Q causes the change in the size of the pupil from A to B.

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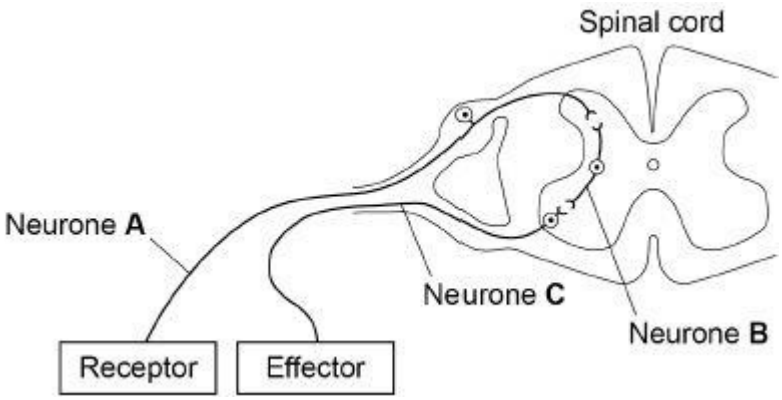
(1)

(e) Figure 2 shows some structures involved in the coordination of a reflex action.

Figure 2



Describe how the structures shown in Figure 2 help to coordinate a reflex action.

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(6)

(Total 11 marks)

Q8.

Three students measured their reaction times.

The students used a computer program.

The image below shows the image displayed on the computer screen.

This is the method used:

1. Sit facing the computer screen.
2. Click the mouse button as quickly as possible when the computer screen turns green.
3. Record the time taken as shown on the computer screen.
4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 a further 9 times.

The table shows the students' results.

Attempt number	Time in milliseconds		
	Student A	Student B	Student C
1	275	260	272
2	259	268	268
3	251	251	275
4	261	256	266
5	260	244	270
6	263	280	283

7 8 9	259	468	274
10	256	258	278
Mean	255	255	286
	248	277	275
	259	282	275

(1 second = 1000 milliseconds)

(a) Suggest why measuring reaction time with a computer is more accurate than measuring reaction time with a stopwatch.

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(1)

(b) The students measured 10 reaction times for each person rather than 3 reaction times.

Explain why.

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(2)

(c) Explain why the mean for student B has been calculated incorrectly. Use information from the table.

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(2)

(d) Calculate the ratio of student C's mean reaction time to student A's mean reaction time.

Give your answer to 3 significant figures.

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Ratio student C : student A = _____ : 1

(2)

(e) Student A wanted to present his mean result in seconds, in standard form.

What is the correct way of doing this?

Tick one box.

259×10^{-3} seconds ☐

0.259 × 10−3 seconds ☐

2.59 × 10−1 seconds ☐

0.259 × 10−4 seconds ☐

(1)

(f) Student C said the results from this investigation showed that he had the fastest reactions.

Give two reasons why student C's statement is not correct.

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2.

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(2)

(g) The reaction the students investigated is not a reflex action.

Give the reason why.

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(1)

(Total 11 marks)

Q9.

Two students investigated reflex action times.

This is the method used.

1. Student A sits with his elbow resting on the edge of a table.
2. Student B holds a ruler with the bottom of the ruler level with the thumb of Student A.
3. Student B drops the ruler.
4. Student A catches the ruler and records the distance.
5. Steps 1 to 4 are then repeated.

The same method was also used with Student A dropping the ruler and Student B catching the ruler.

(a) Give two variables the students controlled in their investigation.

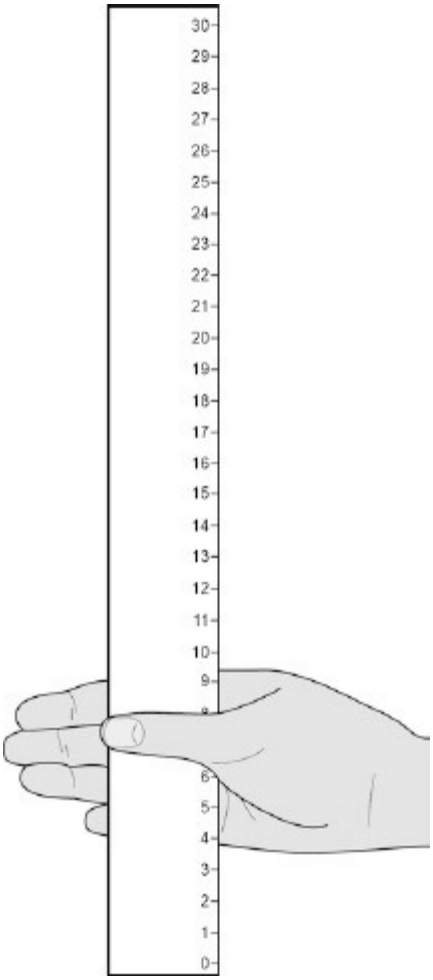
1. _____

2. _____

(2)

(b) Figure 1 shows one of the results for the Student.

Figure 1



What is the reading shown in Figure 1?

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Reading on ruler = _____ cm

(1)

(c) Table 1 shows the students' results.

Table 1

Test number	Distance ruler dropped in cm	
	Student A	Student B
1	9	12
2	2	13
3	6	13
4	7	9
5	7	8

Mean	7	X

Circle the anomalous result in Table 1 for Student A.

(1)

(d) What is the median result for Student B?

Tick one box.

8 ☐

11 ☐

12 ☐

13 ☐

(1)

(e) Calculate the value of X in Table 1.

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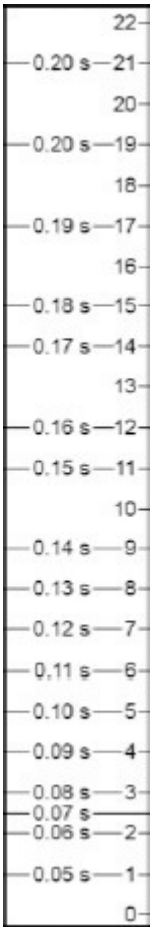
Mean distance ruler dropped = _____ cm

(1)

(f) Figure 2 shows the scale used to convert distance of the ruler drop to reaction time.

Figure 2



Calculate how much faster the reaction time of Student A was compared to Student B.

Use Figure 2 and Table 1.

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Answer = _____ s

(2)

(g) What improvement could the students make to the method so the results are more valid?

Tick one box.

Use alternate hands when catching the ruler ☐

Carry out more repeats ☐

Use a longer ruler for catching ☐

Use more than two students to collect results ☐

(1)

(h) Student A carried out a second investigation to see the effect of caffeine on the reflex action.

Table 2 shows his results.

Table 2

Test number	Distance ruler dropped in cm	
	Without caffeine	With caffeine
1	9	5
2	6	5
3	9	4
4	6	7
5	10	4
Mean	8	5

Give one conclusion about the effect of caffeine on reflex actions.

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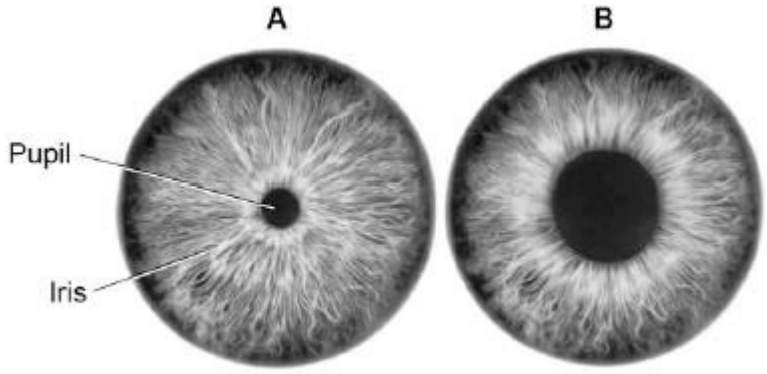
(1)

(Total 10 marks)

Q10.

Figure 1 shows a reflex in the iris of the human eye in response to changes in light levels.

Figure 1



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(a) Describe the changes in the pupil and iris going from A to B in Figure 1. Explain how these changes occur. Refer to the changes in light level in your answer.

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(4)

(b) Some people wear glasses to improve their vision.

Figure 2 shows light entering the eye in a person with blurred vision.

Figure 3 shows how this condition is corrected with glasses.

Figure 2

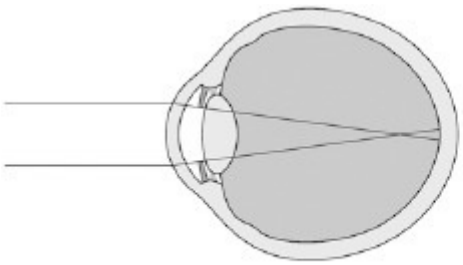
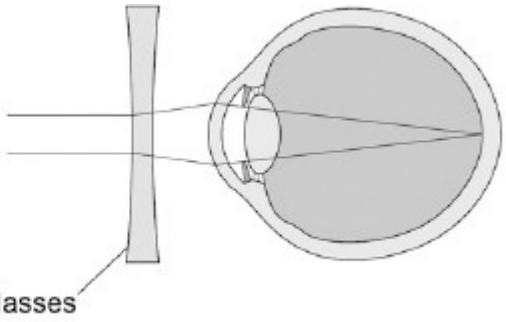


Figure 3



Compare Figure 2 and Figure 3.

Explain how the blurred vision is corrected.

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(2)

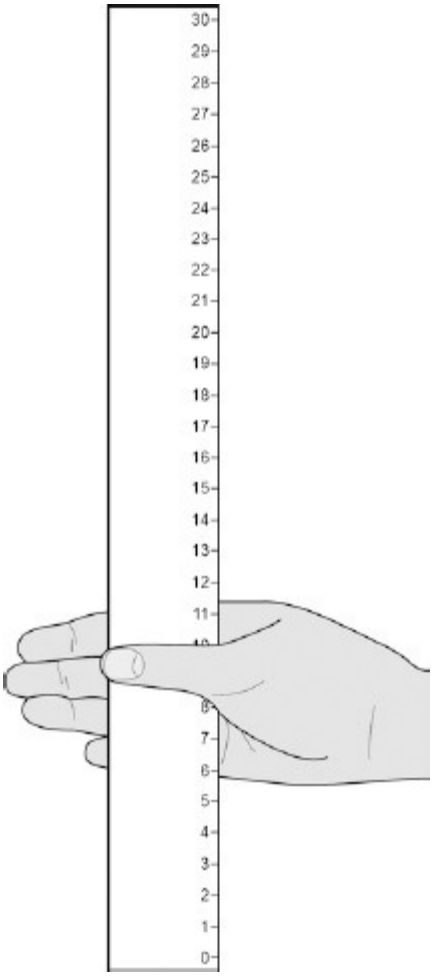
(Total 6 marks)

Q11.

Two students investigated reflex action times.

This is the method used.

1. Student A sits with her elbow resting on the edge of a table.
2. Student B holds a ruler with the bottom of the ruler level with the thumb of Student A.
3. Student B drops the ruler.
4. Student A catches the ruler and records the distance, as shown in the diagram below.
5. Steps 1 to 4 were then repeated.



(a) Suggest two ways the students could improve the method to make sure the test would give valid results.

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2.

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(2)

(b) The table below shows Student A's results.

Test Number	Distance ruler dropped in mm
1	117
2	120
3	115

4	106
5	123
6	125
7	106

What is the median result?

Tick one box.

106 ☐

115 ☐

116 ☐

117 ☐

123 ☐

(1)

(c) The mean distance the ruler was dropped is 116 mm.

Calculate the mean reaction time.

Use the equation:

$$\text{reaction time in s} = \sqrt{\frac{\text{mean drop distance in cm}}{490}}$$

Give your answer to 3 significant figures

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Mean reaction time = _____ s

(3)

(d) The students then measured Student A's reaction time using a computer program.

This is the method used.

1. The computer shows a red box at the start.

2. As soon as the box turns green the student has to press a key on the keyboard as fast as possible.

3. The test is repeated five times and a mean reaction time is displayed.

Student A's mean reaction time was 110 ms.

Using a computer program to measure reaction times is likely to be more valid than the method using a dropped ruler.
Give two reasons why.

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(2)

(e) A woman has a head injury.

Her symptoms include:

- finding it difficult to name familiar objects
- not being able to remember recent events.

Suggest which part of her brain has been damaged.

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(1)

(f) A man has a head injury.

He staggers and sways as he walks.

Suggest which part of his brain has been damaged.

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(1)
(Total 10 marks)

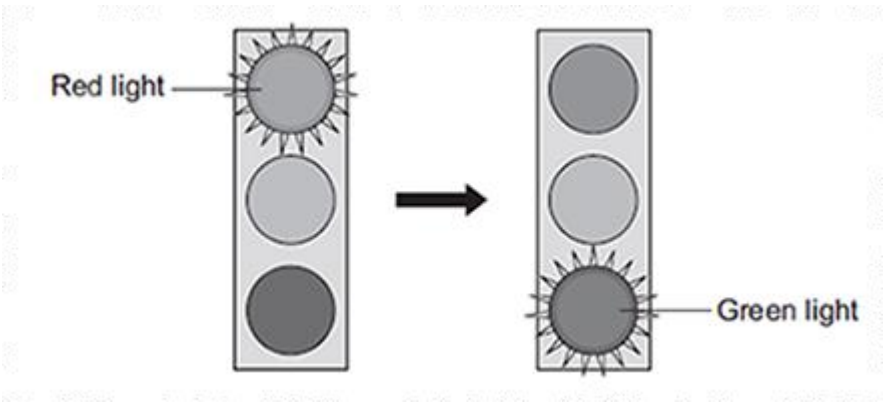
Q12.

Car drivers need quick reactions to avoid accidents.

A student uses a computer program to measure reaction time.

The computer screen shows a traffic light on red. The traffic light then changes to green.

The diagram below shows the change the person sees on the computer screen.



When the traffic light changes to green the person has to click the computer mouse as quickly as possible.

The computer program works out the time taken to react to the light changing colour.

(a) Special cells detect the change in colour.

(i) What word is used to describe special cells that detect a change in the environment?

Draw a ring around the correct answer.

receptor cells **reflex cells** **stimulus cells**

(1)

(ii) Where in the body are the special cells that detect the change in colour of the traffic lights?

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(1)

(b) The student used the computer program on one computer to measure the reaction times of people of different ages.

(i) Give one variable the student should control so that a fair comparison can be made between the people of different ages.

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(1)

(ii) The student did each measurement three times to calculate a mean value.

The table shows the results.

Age in years	Mean reaction time in milliseconds
15	242
30	
45	221
60	258
75	364
90	526

The reaction times for the 30-year-old person were 192, 174 and 180 milliseconds.

Calculate the mean reaction time of the 30-year-old person.

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Mean reaction time = _____ milliseconds

(1)

(iii) Which one of the following is an advantage of repeating each test three times and not doing the test just once?

Tick (✓) one box.

Any anomalies can be identified. ☐

The results will be more precise. ☐

There will be no errors. ☐

(1)

(iv) Some people think that old people should not be allowed to drive a car.

Why is it more dangerous for old people to drive cars?

Use information from the table above to support your answer.

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(2)

(Total 7 marks)

Q13.

This question is about the nervous system.

(a) Describe the difference between the function of a receptor and the function of an effector.

In your answer you should give one example of a receptor and one example of an effector.

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(4)

(b) Synapses are important in the nervous system.

(i) What is a synapse?

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(2)

(ii) Describe how information passes across a synapse.

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(2)

(c) Reflexes may be co-ordinated by the brain or by the spinal cord.

(i) The reflexes from sense organs in the head are co-ordinated by the brain.

Name a sense organ involved in a reflex co-ordinated by the spinal cord.

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(1)

(ii) The table shows information about reflexes co-ordinated by the brain and reflexes co-ordinated by the spinal cord.

Organ co-ordinating the reflex	Mean length of neurones involved in cm	Mean time taken for reflex in milliseconds	Mean speed of impulse in cm per millisecond
Brain	12	4	3
Spinal cord	80	50	

Calculate the mean speed of the impulse for the reflex co-ordinated by the spinal cord.

_____

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Mean speed = _____ cm per millisecond

(1)

(iii) In reflexes co-ordinated by the brain there are no relay neurones.

Suggest why there is a difference in the mean speed of the impulse for the two reflexes.

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(2)

(Total 12 marks)