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**Instructions to Candidates**

- (a) Write your name and index number in the spaces provided above.
- (b) Sign and write the date of examination in the spaces provided above.
- (c) Answer **all** the questions in this paper.
- (d) All answers must be written in the spaces provided.
- (e) Additional pages must not be inserted.
- (f) This paper consists of 11 printed pages.
- (g) Candidates should check the question paper to ascertain that all the pages are printed as indicated and that no questions are missing.
- (h) Candidates should answer the questions in English.

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Question Number	Maximum Score	Candidate's Score
1 - 27	80	

Answer *all* the questions.

1 State the importance of each of the following in living organisms:

(a) nutrition (1 mark)

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(b) excretion. (1 mark)

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2 (a) What is meant by the term seed dormancy? (1 mark)

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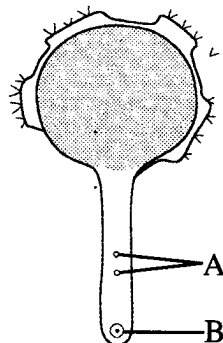
(b) State **three** causes of seed dormancy. (3 marks)

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3 State **two** functions of the placenta in mammals. (2 marks)

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4 The diagram below illustrates a growing pollen tube.



(a) Name the part labelled **B**.

(1 mark)

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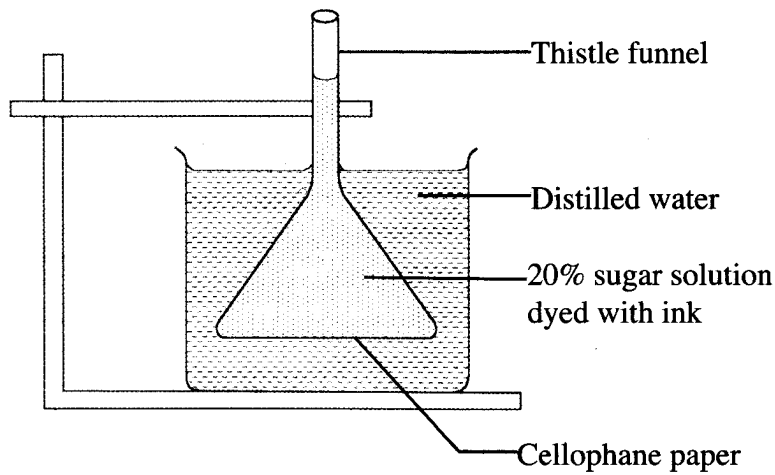
(b) Explain the role of the parts labelled **A**.

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5 The diagram below shows a set up for an experiment to demonstrate a certain physiological process.



(a) What nature of solution is represented by 20% sugar solution?

(1 mark)

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(b) Explain the observation made on the set up after one hour.

(2 marks)

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6 State **three** roles of auxins in a plant stem. (3 marks)

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7 A student drew a 6cm long diagram of a plant flower. If the actual length of the flower was 12cm, calculate the magnification of the drawing made by the student. Show your working. (2 marks)

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8 Differentiate between phenotype and genotype as used in genetics. (1 mark)

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9 State **two** functions of intervertebral discs in the mammalian skeleton. (2 marks)

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10 (a) Explain **two** roles of diffusion in human beings. (4 marks)

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(b) What is meant by each of the following terms?

(i) Crenated cell. (1 mark)

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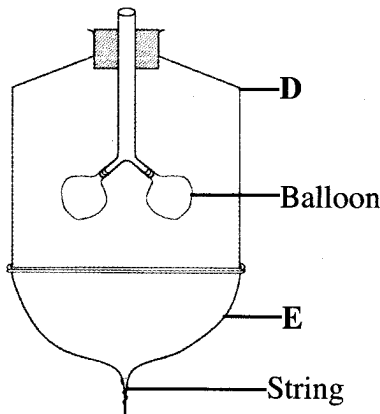
(ii) Flaccid cell. (1 mark)

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11 State **three** differences between tactic and tropic responses. (3 marks)

Tactic Responses	Tropic Responses

12 The diagram below represents a model used to demonstrate breathing in mammals.



(a) Name the mammalian structure represented by the parts labelled **D** and **E**.

(i) **D** ..... (1 mark)

(ii) **E** ..... (1 mark)

(b) State the observation made when the string is pulled downwards. (1 mark)

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(c) Explain the observation in (b) above. (2 marks)

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13 State **one** function of each of the following parts of a mammalian eye:

(a) eye lashes (1 mark)

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(b) lachrymal glands. (1 mark)

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14 State **three** structural differences between DNA and RNA. (3 marks)

DNA	RNA

15 (a) Which type of mammalian muscles is voluntary? (1 mark)

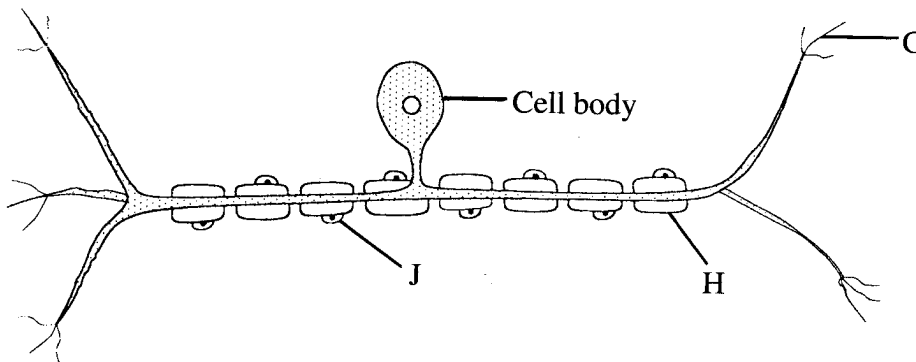
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(b) Distinguish between a tendon and a ligament. (1 mark)

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16 The diagram below illustrates a nerve cell.



(a) Name the type of nerve cell illustrated. (1 mark)

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(b) Give a reason for your answer in (a) above (1 mark)

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(c) Identify the part labelled **J** (1 mark)

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(d) State **one** function of each of the parts labelled **G** and **H**.

(i) **G** ..... (1 mark)

(ii) **H** ..... (1 mark)

**17** Give a reason why the image is not formed when light is focused on the blind spot. (1 mark)

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**18** Explain why

(a) mammalian testes are located to hang outside the body (2 marks)

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(b) four months after fertilisation, ovaries can be removed from a human female, without terminating pregnancy. (2 marks)

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**19** Why is a burning charcoal stove in a poorly ventilated room likely to cause death of the inhabitants? (3 marks)

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**20** State **one** function of each of the following cell organelles:

(a) golgi bodies (1 mark)

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(b) lysosomes. (1 mark)

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**21** Name the type of skeleton that makes up each of the following animals:

(a) locust (1 mark)

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(b) bird. (1 mark)

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**22** (a) Name **two** vestigial structures in human beings. (2 marks)

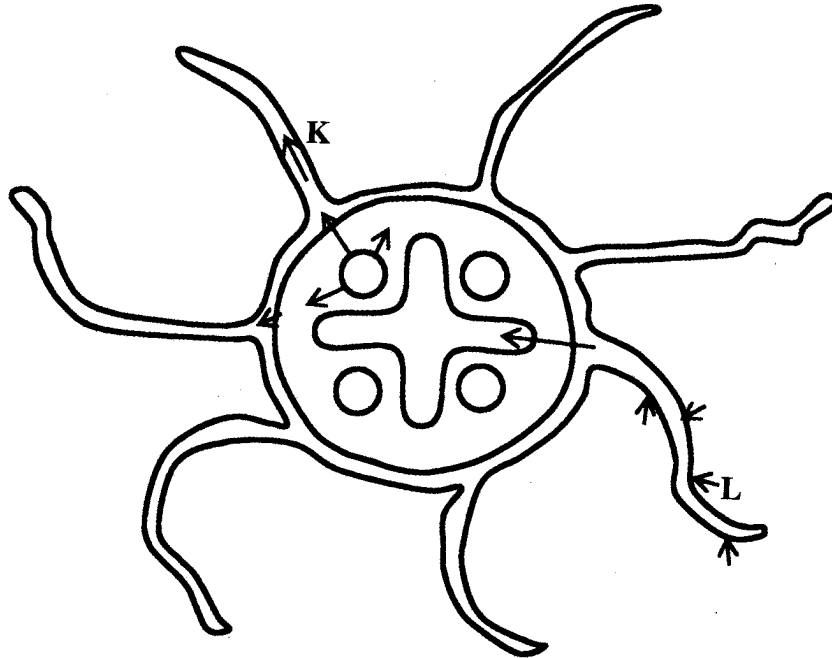
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(b) Why are some bacteria able to resist the effect of antibiotics? (2 marks)

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23 Below is an illustration of a cross section of a plant root showing the transportation of substances in the plant.



(a) Name the substances transported along the paths labelled **K** and **L**.

**K** ..... (1 mark)

**L** ..... (1 mark)

(b) Give a reason for your answer in **L** above. (1 mark)

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24 The table provided shows the transportation of substances in the human body.

Substance	Transported by blood	
	From	To
Oxygen	M	Whole body
N	Liver	Kidneys
P	Intestine	Whole body

Name the substances represented by

M ..... (1 mark)

N ..... (1 mark)

P ..... (1 mark)

25 State **two** roles of luteinising hormone in human reproduction. (2 marks)

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26 The table provided shows the concentration of sodium and iodine in sea water and cell sap of a plant.

	Sodium ion concentration	Iodide ion concentration
Sea water	250	35
Cell sap	100	550

(a) (i) Name the process through which the plant cells take up sodium ions. (1 mark)

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(ii) Give a reason for your answer in (a) (i) above. (1 mark)

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(b) If the plant was sprayed with a chemical that inhibits respiration:

(i) which of the two ions uptake will be affected? (1 mark)

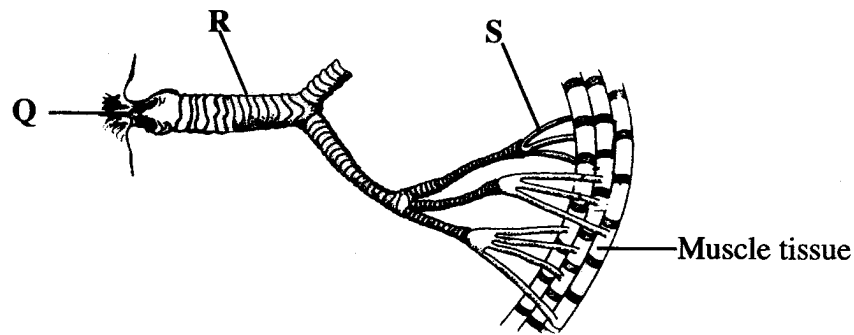
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(ii) give a reason for your answer in (b) (i) above. (1 mark)

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27 The diagram below shows the gaseous exchange system of a locust.



(a) Name the structure labelled Q. (1 mark)

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(b) State the function of the part labelled R. (1 mark)

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(c) How is the part labelled S structurally adapted to its function? (2 marks)

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