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BIOLOGY

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Paper 3 Theory (Core)

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1 hour 15 minutes

You must answer on the question paper.

No additional materials are needed.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen. You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.
- You may use a calculator.
- You should show all your working and use appropriate units.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

This document has **20** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.



1 (a) Describe the meaning of the term species.

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.....
..... [2]

(b) Fig. 1.1 is a photograph of *Lithobius forficatus*, a species of myriapod.



Fig. 1.1

(i) State the genus of the organism shown in Fig. 1.1.

..... [1]

(ii) State **one** feature **visible** in Fig. 1.1 that identifies the organism as:

a myriapod

an arthropod.

[2]

(iii) State the names of **two** groups of arthropods, other than myriapods.

1

2

[2]

(iv) State **two** features of plant cells that would be **absent** in the cells of the organism shown in Fig. 1.1.

1

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[2]

(c) Adaptive features enable organisms to survive in their environment.

Fig. 1.2 is a photograph of another species of arthropod. Some of its adaptive features are visible in Fig. 1.2.



Fig. 1.2

(i) State **one** adaptive feature visible in Fig. 1.2 that reduces water loss when the organism is on land.

..... [1]

(ii) State the name of the kingdom that the organism in Fig. 1.2 belongs to.

..... [1]

[Total: 11]

2 (a) Fig. 2.1 is a diagram of a human tooth.

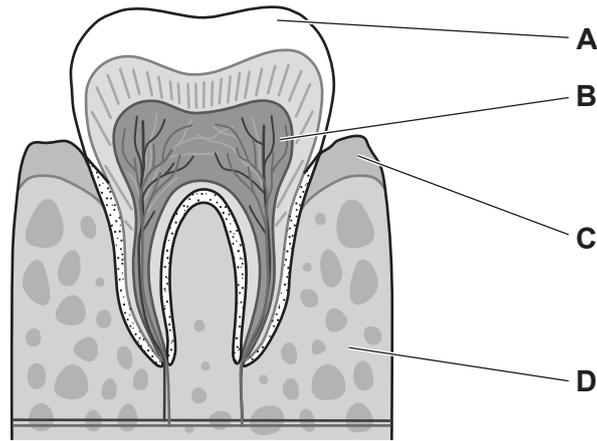


Fig. 2.1

The boxes on the left contain the letters identifying the parts in Fig. 2.1.

The boxes on the right contain the names of some parts shown in Fig. 2.1.

Draw lines to link each letter to its correct name.

Draw **four** lines.

letter in Fig. 2.1

A

B

C

D

name

bone

dentine

enamel

gum

pulp

[4]

(b) Complete the sentences to describe the role of teeth in digestion.

The teeth are needed for digestion.

They break down food into smaller

This increases the area of the food for the action of biological catalysts called

These biological catalysts are needed for digestion.

[5]

(c) State the names of **two** different types of human teeth.

1

2

[2]

[Total: 11]

(b) Describe how platelets in the blood prevent disease.

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.....
.....
..... [2]

(c) Blood plasma transports many substances including excretory products and hormones.

(i) Circle the names of **two** excretory products in humans.

amino acids **cellulose** **carbon dioxide** **glucose**

lipase **oxygen** **urea**

[2]

(ii) State the names of **two** hormones that are produced by the reproductive organs.

1

2 [2]

[Total: 10]

4 (a) Fig. 4.1 is a diagram of a cross-section of a root.

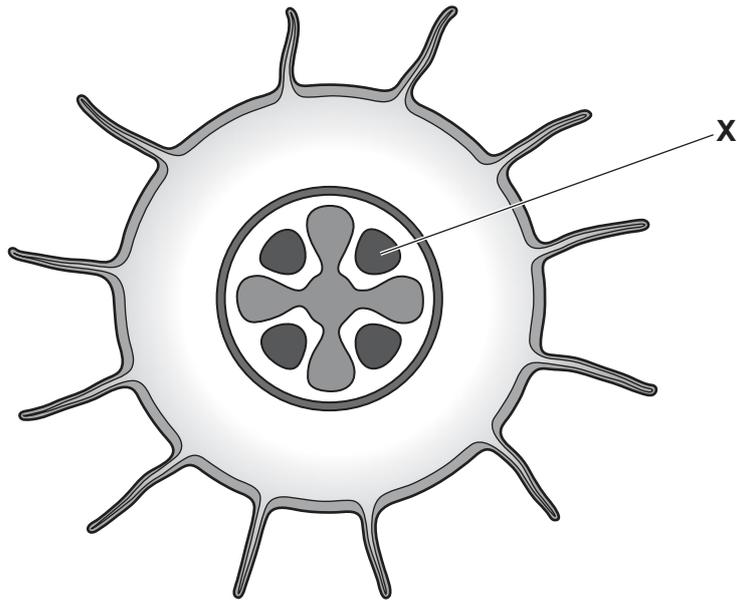


Fig. 4.1

(i) Circle **two** substances transported by the part labelled X in Fig. 4.1.

- amino acids
- cellulose
- fatty acids
- glucose
- glycogen
- starch
- sucrose

[2]

(ii) Label the part of the root in Fig. 4.1 that absorbs mineral ions from the soil with a label line and the correct name. [2]

(b) Mineral ions are absorbed by active transport and are transported with water in the xylem.

(i) Describe what is meant by the term active transport.

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..... [3]

(ii) State **one** function of xylem other than transport.

..... [1]

(c) Transpiration is the loss of water vapour from leaves.

State **two** environmental factors that affect the rate of transpiration.

1

2

[2]

[Total: 10]

5 Fig. 5.1 shows a pyramid of numbers for a food chain.

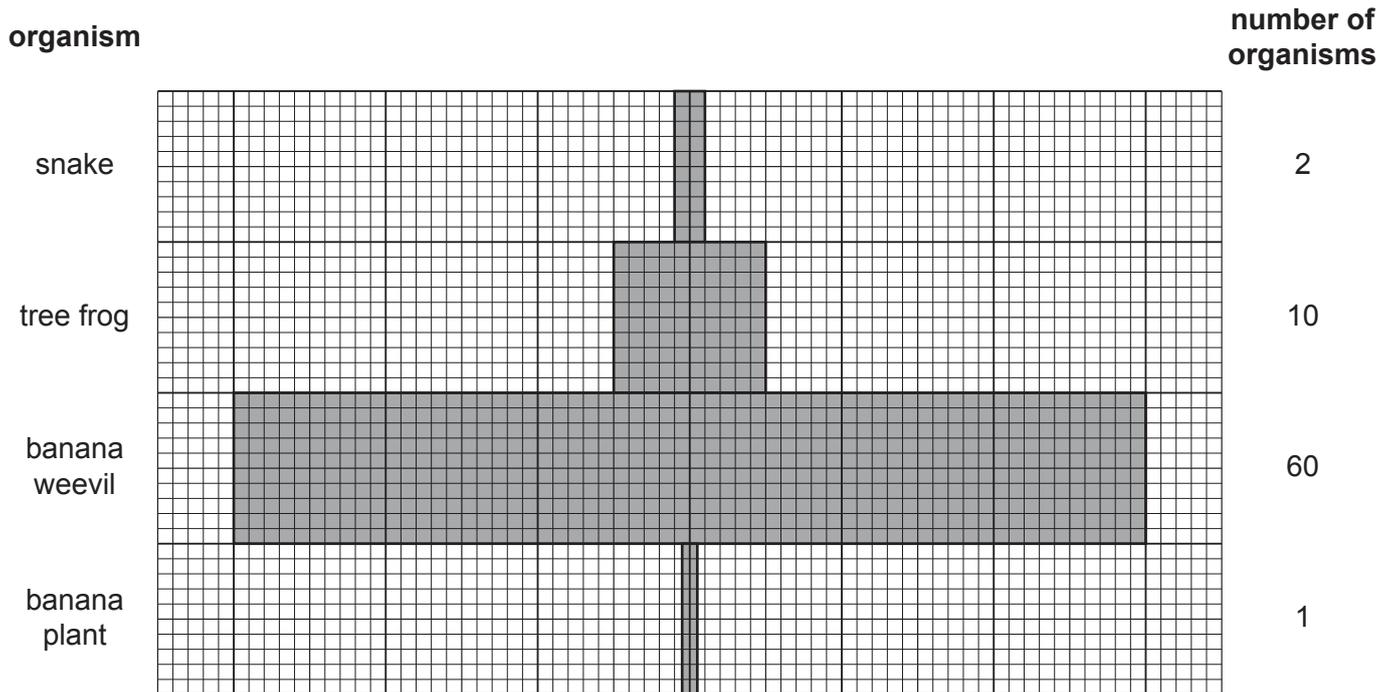


Fig. 5.1

(a) Write the food chain for the pyramid of numbers shown in Fig. 5.1.

..... [2]

(b) Identify the number of trophic levels in Fig. 5.1.

..... [1]

(c) The words in the list can be used to describe the organisms shown in Fig. 5.1.

- carnivore consumer decomposer herbivore producer**

Choose words from the list to describe the:

banana plant

tree frog and [3]

(d) State **one** advantage of using a pyramid of biomass rather than a pyramid of numbers.

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 [1]

(e) Describe how plants synthesise carbohydrates.

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..... [3]

[Total: 10]

- 6 (a) Fig. 6.1 is a graph that shows the concentration of dissolved oxygen in the water at increasing distances along a river.

Untreated sewage is released into the river. This is marked on the graph in Fig. 6.1.

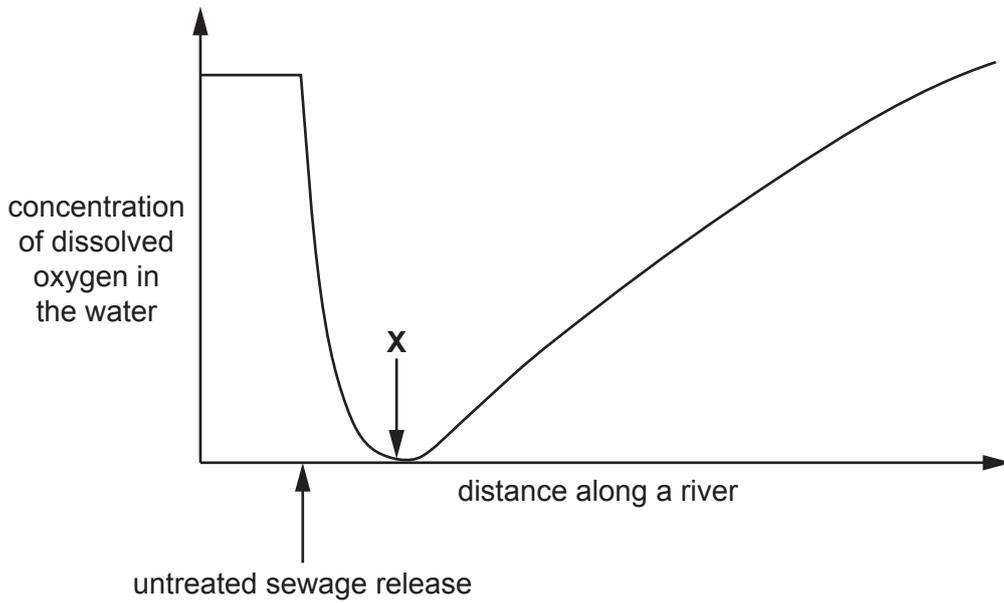


Fig. 6.1

- (i) Describe the results shown in Fig. 6.1.

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..... [3]

- (ii) Predict **and** explain the effect on the organisms in the river of the dissolved oxygen concentration at X in Fig. 6.1.

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..... [2]

(b) Describe why it is important for humans that sewage is treated before entering rivers.

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..... [1]

(c) Pollution can cause organisms to become extinct.

State **three** other factors that can cause extinction.

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2
3 [3]

[Total: 9]

7 (a) Fig. 7.1 is a diagram showing some of the organs in the human body.

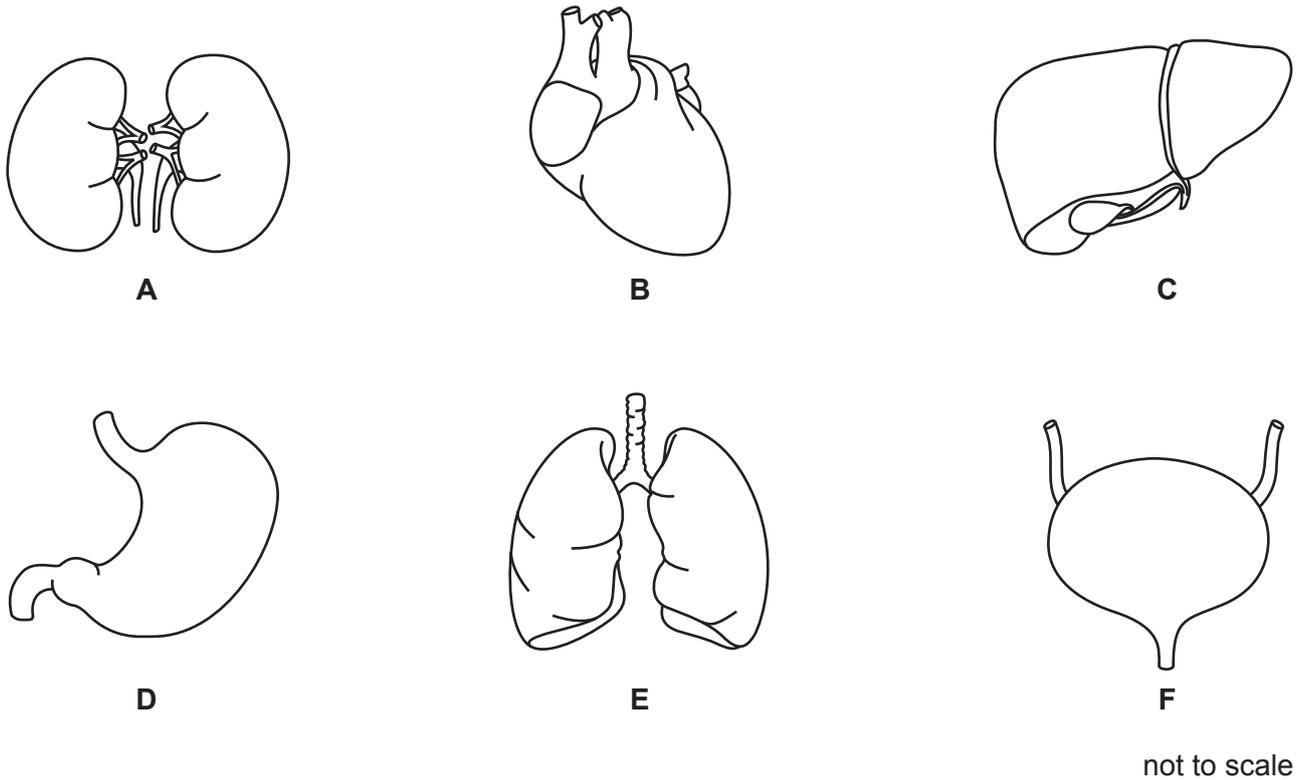


Fig. 7.1

Table 7.1 shows the names of some of the organs in Fig. 7.1, the identifying letters of some of these organs and their functions.

Complete Table 7.1.

Table 7.1

name	letter in Fig. 7.1	function
		excretes carbon dioxide from the body
heart	B	
	F	stores urine
		excretes urea, excess water and ions

[6]

(b) State the names of **two** organs from the human female reproductive system.

1

2

[2]

(c) Excretion and reproduction are two characteristics of all living organisms.

Place ticks (✓) in **two** boxes to show other characteristics of all living organisms.

breathing	
eating	
growing	
moving	
sleeping	
talking	

[2]

[Total: 10]

8 (a) Fig. 8.1 is a diagram representing a reflex action.

When the knee is tapped with a small rubber hammer, the leg will immediately straighten.

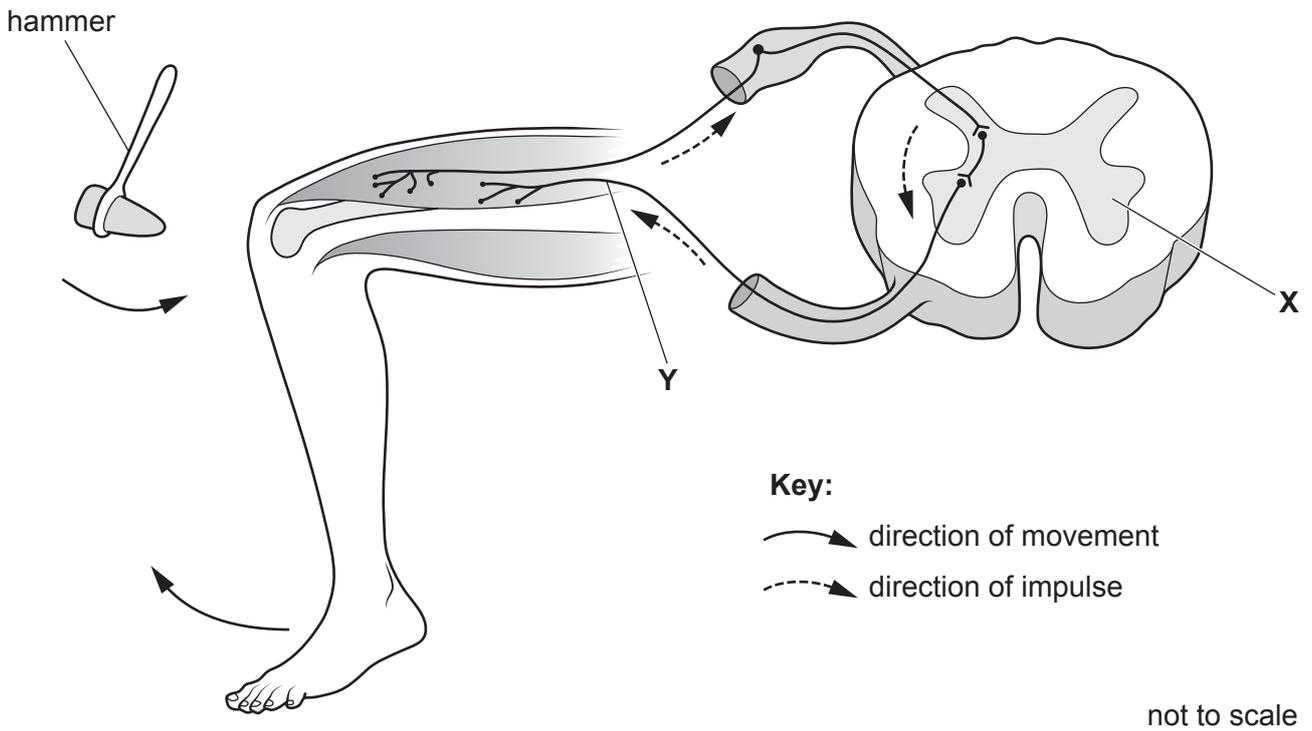


Fig. 8.1

(i) Identify the parts labelled X and Y in Fig. 8.1.

X

Y

[2]

(ii) State the name of the effector in the example shown in Fig. 8.1.

..... [1]

(iii) Describe the stimulus in the example shown in Fig. 8.1.

.....

 [1]

(iv) State **two** features of reflex actions.

1

2

[2]

(b) The shortest neurones in the human body are 0.0004 mm.

The longest neurones are 1.5 m.

Calculate how many times longer the longest neurones are than the shortest.

Space for working.

..... [2]

(c) State the name given to the junction between neurones.

..... [1]

[Total: 9]

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