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Biology
Standard level
Paper 2

Wednesday 19 May 2021 (morning)

Candidate session number

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1 hour 15 minutes

Instructions to candidates

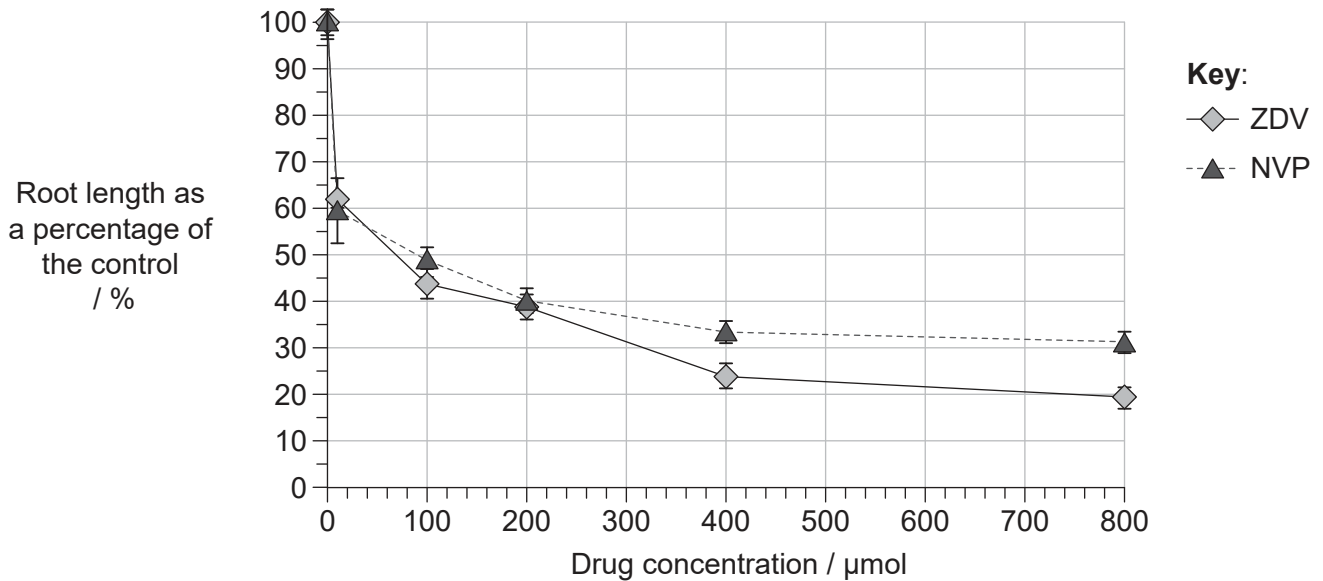
- Write your session number in the boxes above.
- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Section A: answer all questions.
- Section B: answer one question.
- Answers must be written within the answer boxes provided.
- A calculator is required for this paper.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is **[50 marks]**.



Section A

Answer **all** questions. Answers must be written within the answer boxes provided.

1. Antiretroviral drugs are used to treat Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infections. Zidovudine (ZDV) and nevirapine (NVP) are examples of antiretroviral drugs. There are concerns that these drugs may be toxic to body cells in mitosis. In a study using *Allium cepa*, root tips were exposed to the drugs for 96 hours at a range of concentrations. The control treatment was a drug concentration of 0 μmol . In the graph, root lengths after the 96-hour treatment period are expressed as a percentage of the length of the control.



- (a) (i) Deduce the concentration of ZDV that would cause a 50% reduction in root growth compared to the control. [1]

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- (ii) Identify the root length, as a percentage of the control, resulting from a ZDV concentration of 400 μmol . [1]

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(b) Compare and contrast the effect of ZDV and NVP on the growth of *Allium* roots. [2]

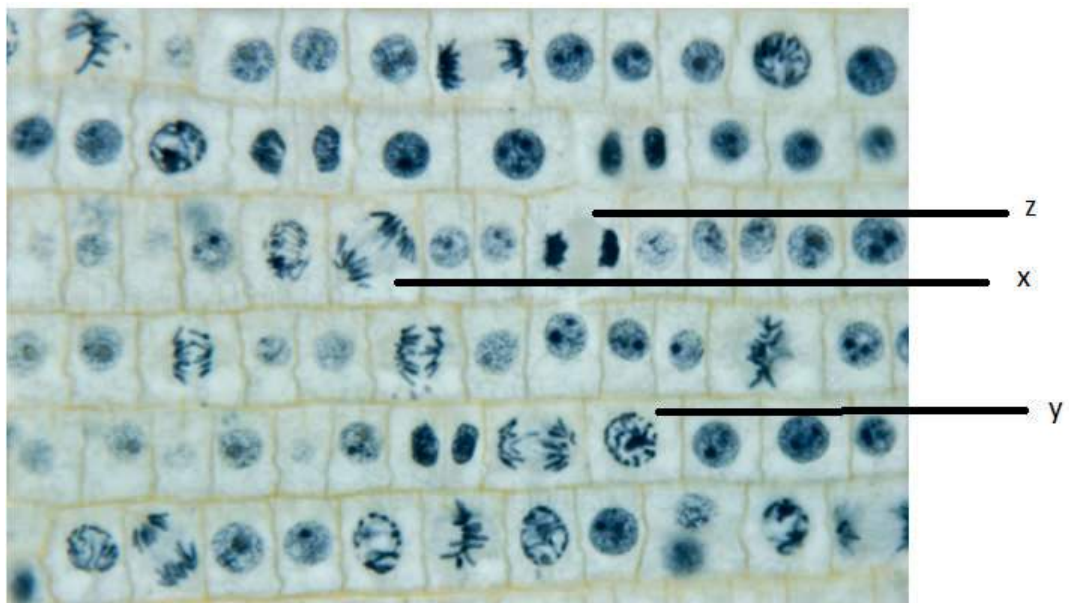
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Both ZDV and NVP are believed to have a damaging effect on the process of mitosis but ZDV in particular is believed to block the formation of the spindle.



(c) Based on this information, suggest with a reason which of the labelled cell types will become more common in *Allium* root tips treated with ZDV. [2]

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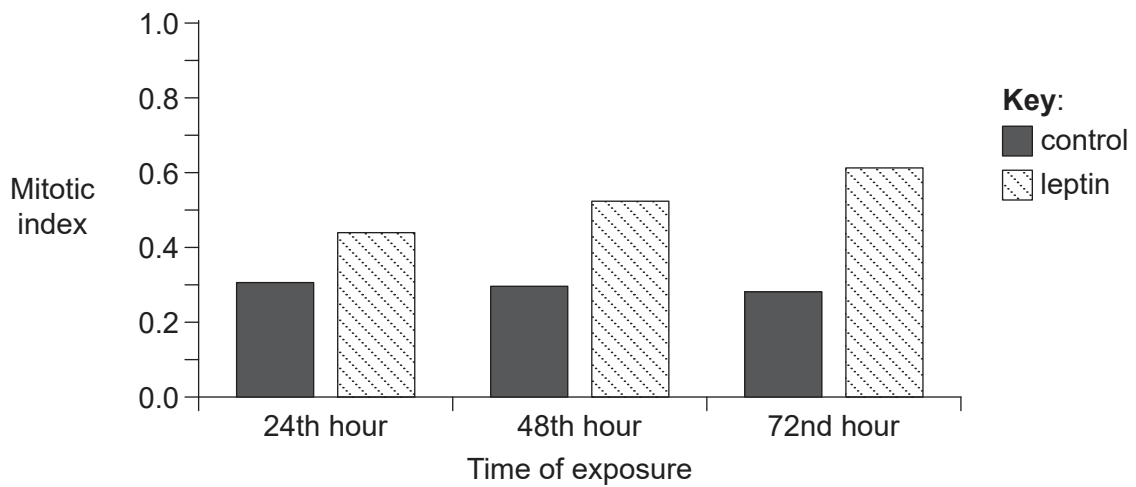
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- (d) *Allium* root tips continue to show some growth even at high concentrations of NVP. Suggest a possible reason for the growth seen in root tips with 800 μmol NVP. [1]

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Mitosis plays an important role in tissue regeneration and can be an important factor in recovery from surgery. The hormone leptin has been shown to promote mitosis in certain circumstances. The bar chart shows the mitotic indices of liver tissue exposed to leptin and control tissue during 72 hours after surgery.



- (e) Deduce the change in mitotic index after 72 hours compared to the control. [1]

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(f) Based on the data, evaluate the evidence for leptin promoting regeneration of liver tissue.

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(g) Outline the role of leptin in appetite control.

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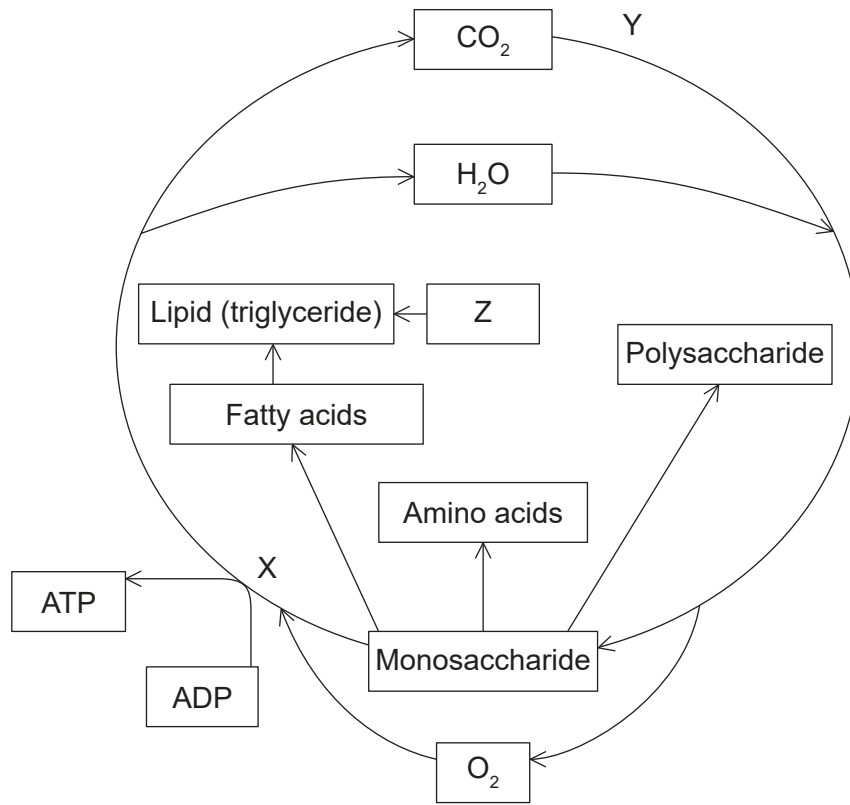
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2. The diagram shows some of the metabolic processes taking place in a plant cell.



(a) (i) Identify the process Y and state the name of the organelle where it takes place in a plant cell. [1]

Process Y:

Name of the organelle:

(ii) Identify the molecule Z. [1]

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(b) State the type of reaction which converts excess monosaccharides to polysaccharides. [1]

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(Question 2 continued)

(c) The process X uses oxygen and produces ATP. Identify the process X. [1]

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(d) Outline the uses of ATP in plant cells. [2]

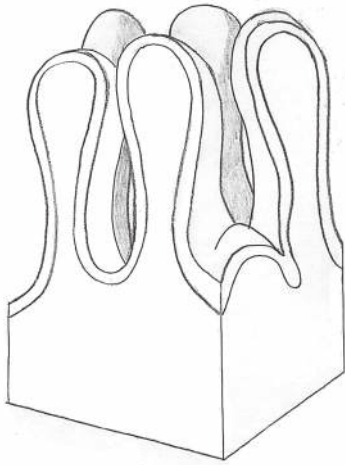
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(e) With reference to the diagram, identify **one** example of catabolism. [1]

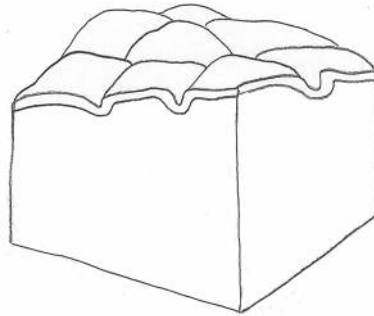
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3. Celiac disease is an immune reaction to eating gluten, a protein found in many cereals. The diagram shows the arrangement of normal villi and villi affected by celiac disease in the small intestine.



Normal villi



Villi affected by celiac disease

- (a) Outline the functions of the villi in the small intestine. [2]

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- (b) Explain the consequences of celiac disease for absorption of digested nutrients. [2]

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- (c) Wheat, barley and rye all contain gluten. Outline how a protein such as gluten is digested. [2]

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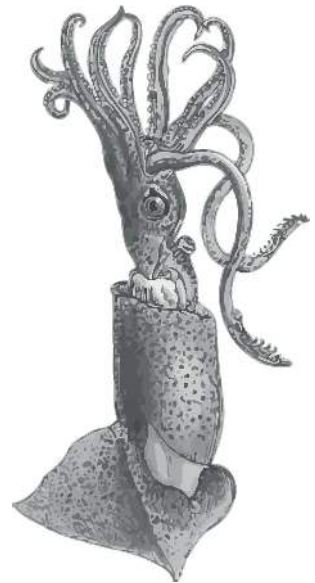
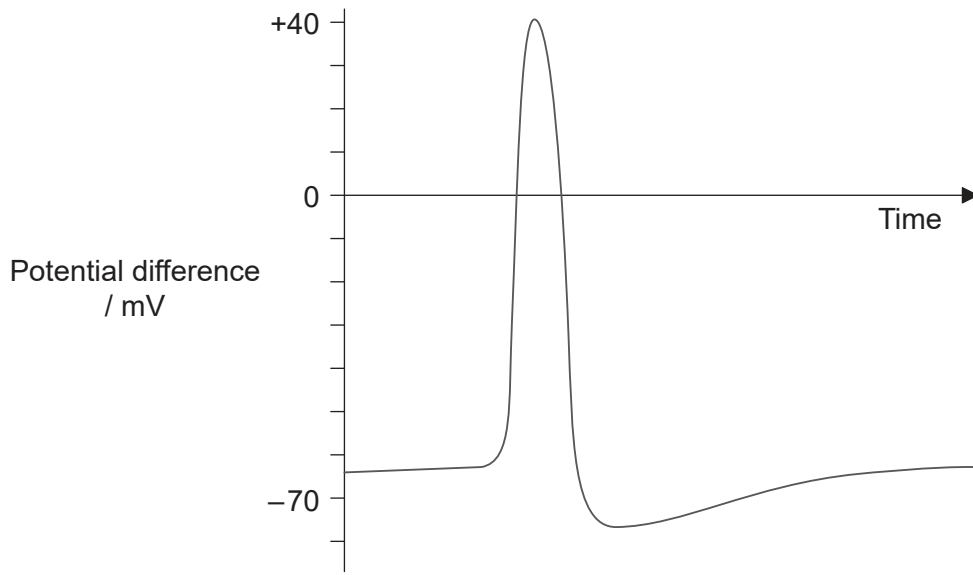
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4. Squid have been used for research on nerve impulses. The mechanism of nerve transmission in these animals is the same as that in humans. The image shows an oscilloscope trace from a nerve impulse in a squid's giant axon.



- (a) Estimate the resting potential for this axon. [1]

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- (b) Outline the role of the sodium-potassium pump in maintaining the resting potential. [2]

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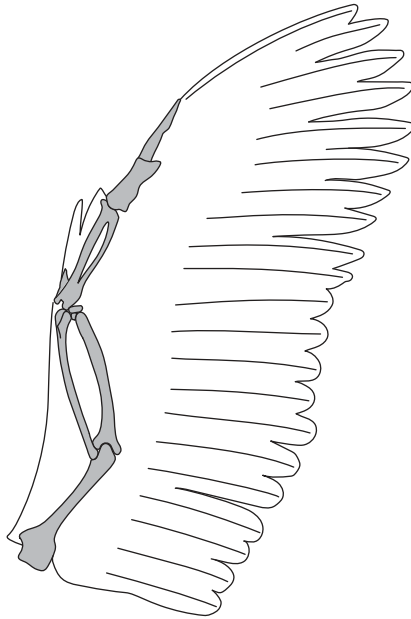


5. The image shows the wings of an insect, bird and bat.

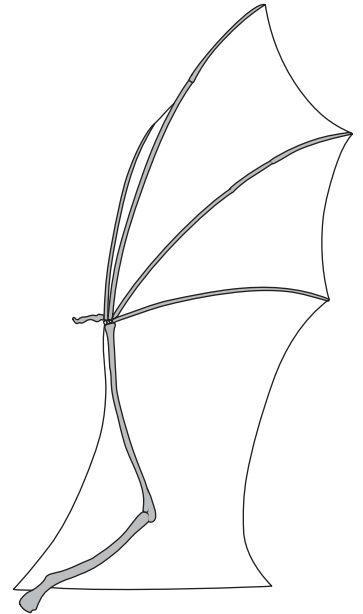
Insect



Bird



Bat



(a) (i) Based on their structure, the insect and bat wings are analogous. Outline what is meant by an analogous trait. [2]

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(ii) The bird and bat wings share homologous bone structures whereas the insect wing does not. Outline the conclusion that can be drawn about the evolution of these wings, based on homologous structures. [1]

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(Question 5 continued)

(b) Explain how cladistics can be used to investigate evolutionary relationships. [2]

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(c) Cladistics and other evolutionary evidence suggest that mammals and birds have a more recent common ancestor than mammals and amphibians. Draw a cladogram to show the relationships between mammals, birds and amphibians. [1]



Section B

Answer **one** question. Up to one additional mark is available for the construction of your answer. Answers must be written within the answer boxes provided.

6. (a) Outline the structure of proteins. [3]
- (b) Cells produce a large variety of proteins with different sequences of amino acids. Explain how this is done. [7]
- (c) Outline the range of functions of proteins in cells. [5]
7. (a) Outline the process of inhalation. [4]
- (b) Explain the process of gas exchange taking place in the alveoli. [7]
- (c) Discuss the relationship between atmospheric carbon dioxide concentration and global temperatures. [4]



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