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BIOLOGY (US)

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Paper 3 Extended

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1 hour 15 minutes

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

No Additional Materials are required.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your Center number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.

Do not use staples, paper clips, glue or correction fluid.

DO NOT WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.

Answer **all** questions.

Electronic calculators may be used.

You may lose marks if you do not show your working or if you do not use appropriate units.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

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1 Fig. 1.1 shows some cells from the lining of the trachea.

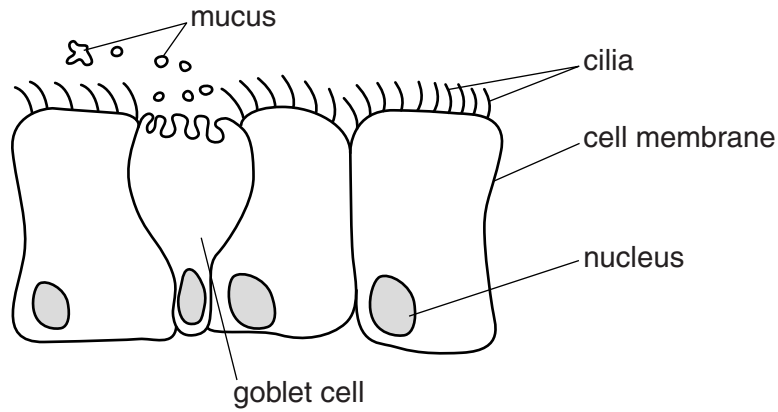


Fig. 1.1

(a) Describe the functions of the nucleus and cell membrane.

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(b) The cells in Fig. 1.1 form a tissue.

Define the term *tissue*.

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(c) The goblet cell secretes mucus.

Describe the role of mucus and cilia in the trachea.

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2 In tulip plants, the petals can have markings called flecks.
There are two alleles for flecks in tulip plants: with flecks **F**; and without flecks **f**.

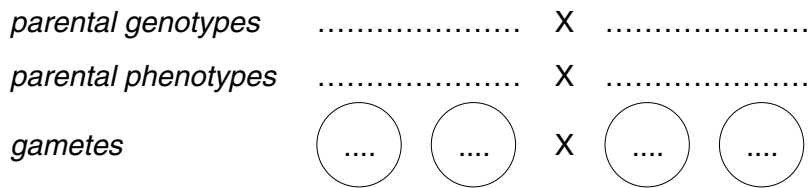
(a) Explain the meaning of the term *dominant allele*.

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(b) A tulip grower crosses two tulip plants.

He finds that 76 of the offspring have petals with flecks and 23 of the offspring have petals without flecks.

(i) Complete the genetic diagram to explain this result.



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(ii) The tulip grower wants to produce a pure-breeding variety of tulips with petals without flecks.

State the genotypes of the parent plants he should use to produce tulip plants without flecks. Explain your answer.



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3 The blood of a fetus does not mix with the blood of its mother, but substances are exchanged across the placenta.

(a) Table 3.1 shows five substances that cross the placenta, their direction of movement and the reason for the movement.

Complete Table 3.1. The second row has been completed for you.

Table 3.1

substance	direction of movement	reason
amino acids		
carbon dioxide	from fetus	waste gas from respiration
glucose		
oxygen		
urea		

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(b) During pregnancy, women are often given dietary advice.

Explain why pregnant women require more iron and vitamin D in their diet.

iron

vitamin D [2]

(c) Mothers may be encouraged to breast-feed their newborn babies. The first milk that a mother secretes is called colostrum and contains antibodies.

(i) Name the cells that produce antibodies.

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(ii) Explain why it is important for newborn babies to have antibodies.

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(iii) Some mothers bottle-feed their newborn babies with formula milk rather than breast-feed. Describe **four advantages** of breast-feeding, **other than** providing antibodies.

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- 4 Ecologists study plants and animals in their natural environment. Some ecologists inserted probes into the water-conducting tissue in trees, as shown in Fig. 4.1. The ecologists measured the time taken for water to move up from probe 1 to probe 2.

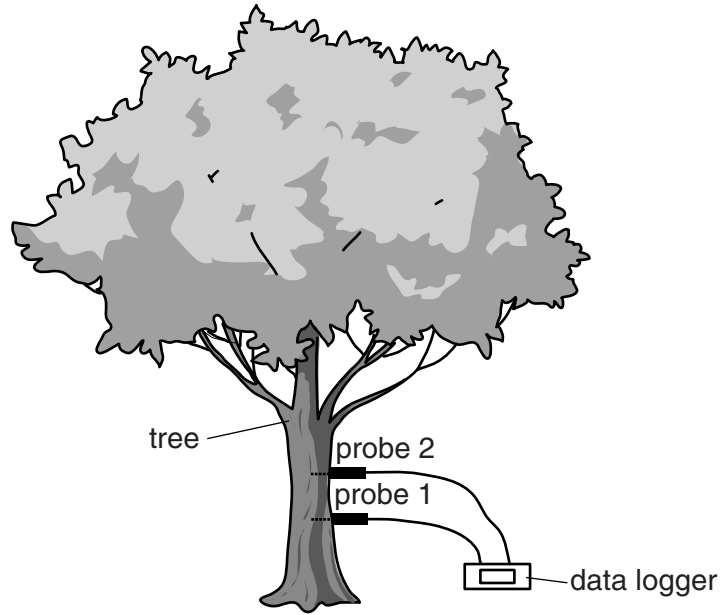


Fig. 4.1

- (a) (i) Name the water-conducting tissue into which the two probes were inserted.

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- (ii) Describe how the structure of this water-conducting tissue is adapted to its function.

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(b) Explain the mechanism of water movement from the roots up the tree to the leaves.

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(c) Fig. 4.2 shows the rate of water conduction up three different trees in a forest over 24 hours.

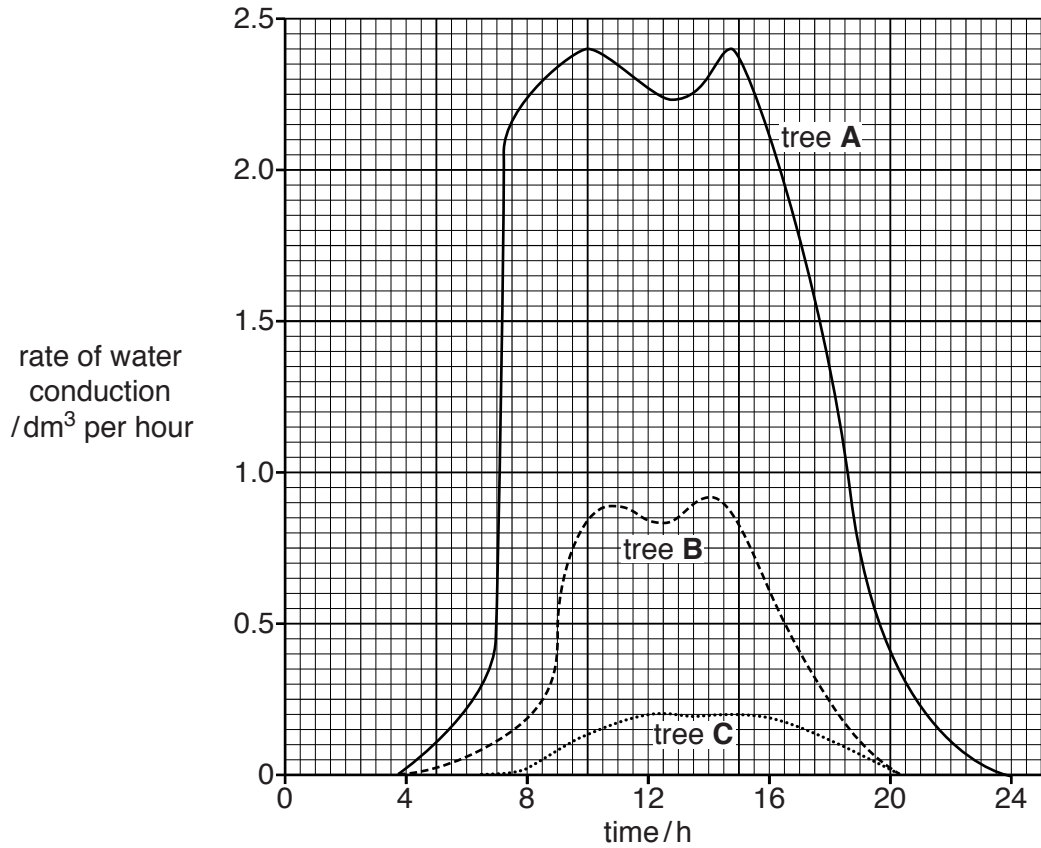


Fig. 4.2

(i) Describe the rate of water conduction in tree **A**, during this 24 hour period.

You will gain credit for using the data in Fig. 4.2 to support your answer.

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(ii) Suggest how the ecologists used the data in Fig. 4.2 to calculate the total volume of water used by a tree in 24 hours.

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(iii) In Fig. 4.2, tree **A** is a tall tree, tree **B** is a medium-height tree and tree **C** is a short tree. Suggest reasons for the different rates of water conduction in the three trees.

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(d) Loggers often cut down the tall trees in a forest.

Describe the effects on the forest ecosystem of cutting down trees.

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5 Fig. 5.1 shows a species of bacterium, *Lactobacillus bulgaricus*.

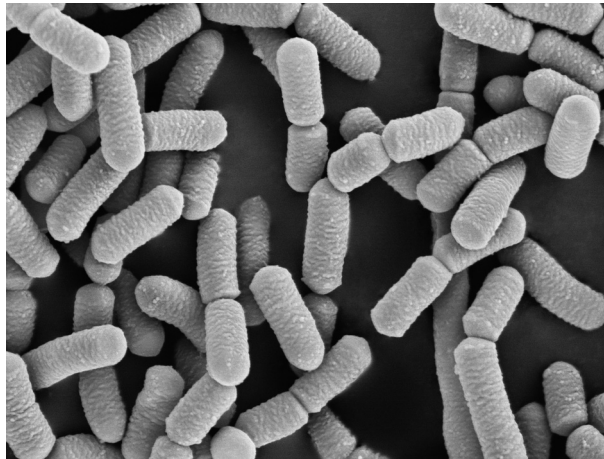


Fig. 5.1

(a) List **two** features that distinguish bacteria from other groups of organisms.

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(b) *L. bulgaricus* are added to milk to make yogurt.

Fig. 5.2 shows the changes in a population of *L. bulgaricus* during fermentation to make yogurt.

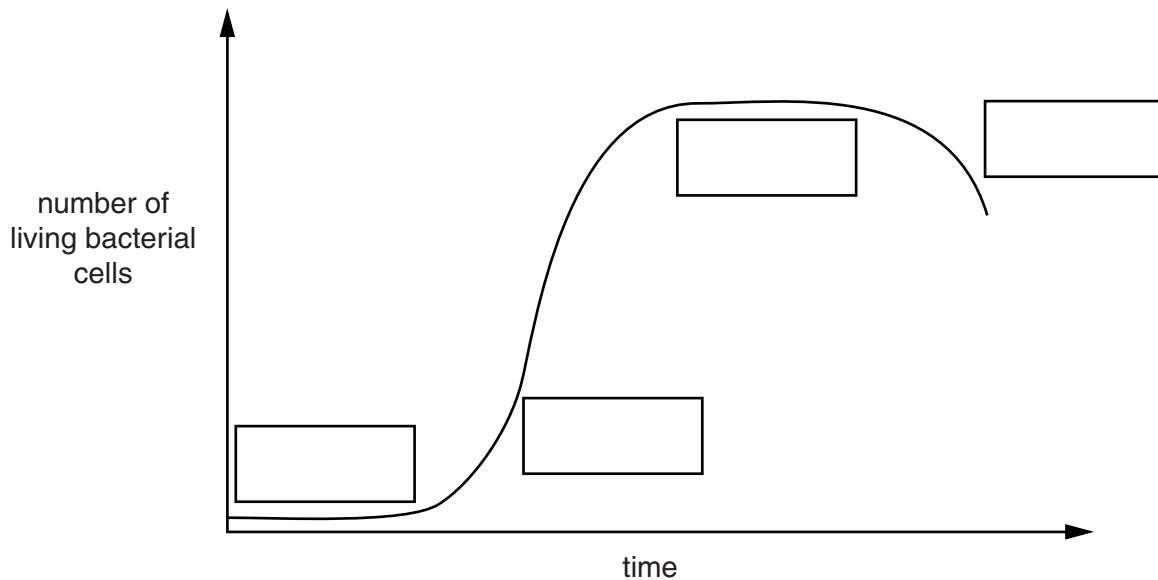


Fig. 5.2

(i) Name the stages shown on Fig. 5.2. Write your answers in the boxes on Fig. 5.2. [4]

(ii) Explain why the population of *L. bulgaricus* does not continue to increase during the fermentation to make yogurt.

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(c) The curve shown in Fig. 5.2 is a sigmoid population growth curve.

Define the term *growth*.

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(d) Bacteria, such as *L. bulgaricus*, can reproduce rapidly.

Name the process of reproduction in bacteria.

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- (e) Sometimes food additives are added to yogurt. Some people suggest that it is healthier to eat yogurt without additives.

Suggest the advantages and disadvantages of putting food additives into yogurt.

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6 Microorganisms in the soil release enzymes to digest dead leaves.

(a) Explain how enzymes catalyze chemical reactions.

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(b) Protease and cellulase are two enzymes secreted by soil microorganisms. Protease digests protein.

Suggest what part of the dead leaf cells are digested by the enzyme cellulase.

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- (c) Table 6.1 shows the results of a study comparing the decomposition of dead leaves at two locations **A** and **B**.

Table 6.1

	location A	location B
protease activity/ $\mu\text{mol min}^{-1}$	2750	2670
cellulase activity/ $\mu\text{mol min}^{-1}$	4790	2500
soil pH	6.0	3.5
soil water content/%	10	77

- (i) Compare the enzyme activity at location **A** with the enzyme activity at location **B**.
You will gain credit for using the data from Table 6.1 to support your answer.

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- (ii) Suggest possible reasons for any differences in the enzyme activity at location **A** and location **B**.

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(d) Describe how nitrogen in proteins in dead leaves is recycled to be absorbed by plants.

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(e) Microorganisms also process and convert atmospheric nitrogen to form a nitrogen compound that can be absorbed by plants.

(i) Name this process of converting atmospheric nitrogen.

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(ii) Explain how this process happens.

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