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GCSE (9–1) Biology B (Twenty First Century Science)

J257/02 Depth in Biology (Foundation Tier)

Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes



You must have:

- a ruler (cm/mm)

You can use:

- an HB pencil
- a scientific or graphical calculator



Please write clearly in black ink. **Do not write in the barcodes.**

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INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink. You can use an HB pencil, but only for graphs and diagrams.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided. If you need extra space use the lined pages at the end of this booklet. The question numbers must be clearly shown.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- Where appropriate, your answer should be supported with working. Marks might be given for using a correct method, even if your answer is wrong.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **90**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [].
- Quality of extended response will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (*).
- This document has **20** pages.

ADVICE

- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

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Answer **all** the questions.

1 The health of humans can be affected by disease.

(a) Draw lines to connect each **disease** with the correct type of **pathogen** that causes it.

Disease	Pathogen
Athlete's foot	Bacteria
Influenza	Fungus
Malaria	Protist
	Virus

[3]

(b) Tuberculosis is a disease in humans. It is caused by the same type of pathogen that causes *Salmonella* food poisoning.

Suggest what type of pathogen causes tuberculosis.

..... [1]

(c) Blood cells in the human body help to protect us against pathogens.

Which type of blood cell makes antibodies?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

All types of blood cells

Platelets

Red blood cells

White blood cells

[1]

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(d) Human diseases can be spread by coughs and sneezes.

Identify **three other** ways in which diseases can be spread in humans.

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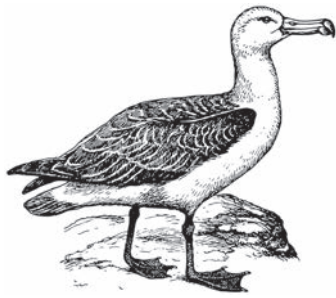
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2 An albatross is a large sea bird.



- (a) Fish and squid are eaten by the albatross.
Albatross chicks are eaten by large mice.

Draw a food web for this community of organisms.

[2]

- (b) Read the article.

The albatross chicks on the island are hunted and eaten by large mice.

There were no mice on the island originally. They were brought to the island by human visitors in the 1800s. Since then, the average size of the mice has gradually increased, and most are now giants!

These albatross are now a critically endangered species.

- (i) The mice that were brought to the island were a new predator for the albatross. The new predator has caused the size of the albatross population to decrease.

Describe **two other** factors that could cause a decrease in the size of the albatross population.

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[2]

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- (ii) Statements **A** to **D** explain how natural selection caused the mice to become larger.

They are **not** in the correct order.

- A** These mice got more food, so were more likely to survive to reproduce.
- B** Big mice had an advantage when competing to eat albatross chicks.
- C** More mice in each generation inherited genes that allowed them to grow larger.
- D** When mice were brought to the island, some were large and some were small.

Write the letters in the boxes to show the correct order.

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- (iii) The table shows how many albatross were counted on the island in five squares measuring 1 km² each, in 2020.

Square	1	2	3	4	5
Number of albatross	32	64	50	79	60

Calculate the mean number of albatross per km² in 2020 on the island.

Mean = [2]

- (iv) Scientists have estimated that:

- In 1980, the mean number of albatross per km² of the island was 1429.
- In 2000, the mean number of albatross per km² of the island was 159.

Scientists plan to kill all of the large mice on the island by poisoning them.

Suggest **two** reasons that could be used to justify the scientists' plan.

1.

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[2]

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3 The circulatory system transports blood around the human body.

(a) Blood is transported in blood vessels.

Complete the table by identifying each type of blood vessel **and** explaining the function of each structure.

Type of blood vessel	Vessel's structure	Function of the vessel's structure
<p>.....</p>	<p>Thick walls made of muscle and elastic tissue</p>	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
<p>.....</p>	<p>Thin walls containing elastic tissue</p>	<p>Allows the vessel to be squashed, to push blood along</p>
<p>.....</p>	<p>Valves inside the vessel</p>	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>

[4]

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4 Sarah and Ben are thinking about having a baby.

(a) Each body cell in Ben's body contains 46 chromosomes.

(i) How many chromosomes would you expect to find in one of Ben's sperm cells?

Number of chromosomes = [1]

(ii) How many chromosomes would you expect to find in one of Sarah's egg cells if it was fertilised by one of Ben's sperm cells?

Number of chromosomes = [1]

(b) Sarah and Ben decide they are not yet ready to have a baby.

(i) Explain how a contraceptive pill will help to prevent Sarah from becoming pregnant.

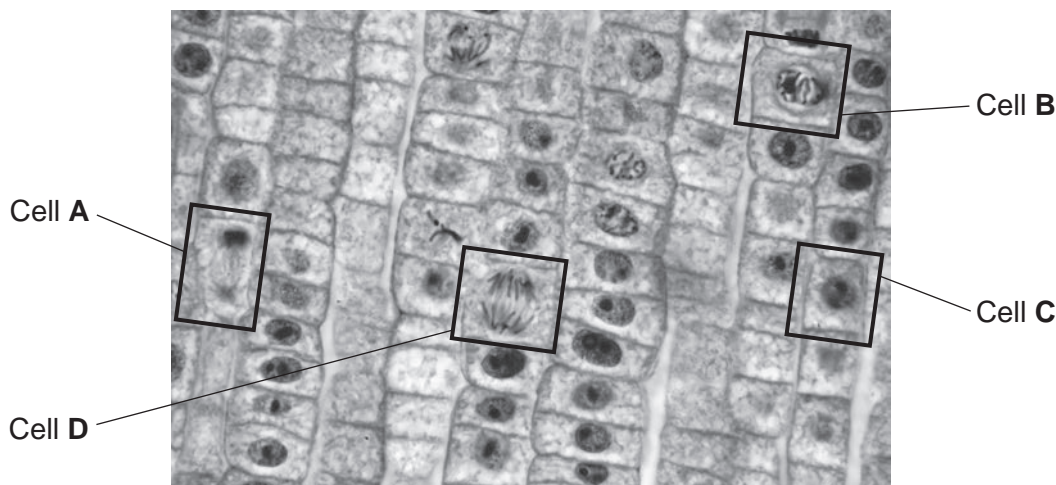
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(ii) Explain the advantages of Ben wearing a condom during sex even if Sarah is taking the pill.

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5 The photograph shown was taken using a light microscope.

Four cells have been labelled.



(a) Cells A, B, C and D illustrate different stages and events during the cell cycle.

Complete the information in the table, using the photograph.

Name of stage of the cell cycle	Events that take place during the stage	Cell that illustrates the event
.....	Chromosomes are unwound and spread out inside the nucleus so that they can be copied.	C
.....	Chromosomes wind up like springs, and each one has a copy attached to it.
	The nucleus breaks down. The chromosome copies separate and move to opposite ends of the cell.
	Two new nuclei form at opposite ends of the cell. The cell divides in two.

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(b) The photograph shows cells from the tip of a plant's root.

Suggest why cells in the root tip are dividing.

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- (b) Fig. 6.3 shows an experiment that a class did, which involved growing a plant in a pot for one year.

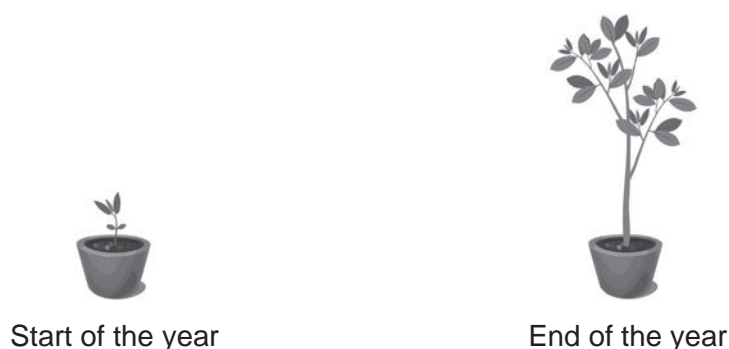


Fig. 6.3

- (i) Water was added to the soil in the pot several times each week. The total amount of water added to the soil in each 7-day week was 280 ml.

Calculate the rate at which water was added to the soil, in **ml/day**.

Rate = ml/day [2]

- (ii) The rate at which water is added to the soil is **not** an accurate measurement of the rate at which the plant takes up the water.

Which piece of apparatus could be used to accurately measure the rate at which the plant takes up water?

Put a **ring** around the correct answer.

Balance

Measuring cylinder

Potometer

Thermometer
[1]

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- (c) The class recorded the mass of the pot and soil at the start of the year and again at the end of the year. They also recorded the mass of the plant on its own. The results are shown in **Fig. 6.4**.

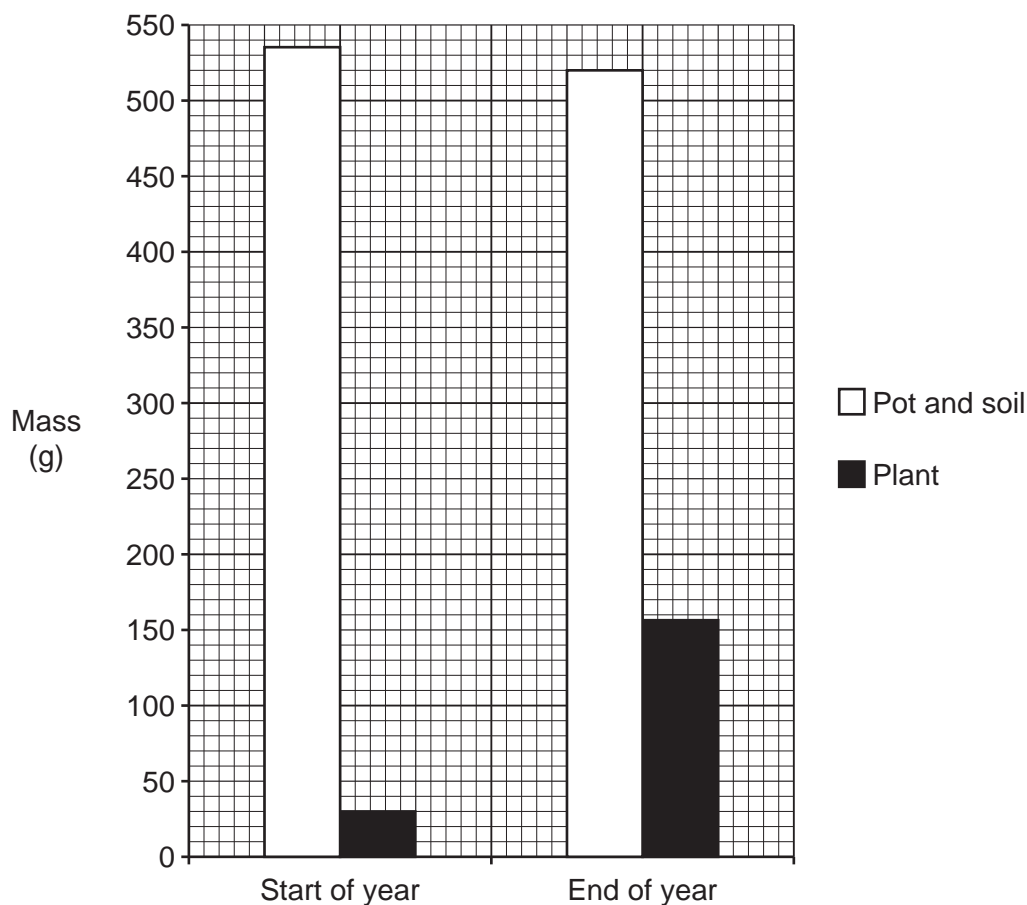


Fig. 6.4

- (i) What was the mass of the pot and soil at the end of the year, using **Fig. 6.4**?

Mass = g [1]

- (ii) The mass of the plant was 30g at the start of the year.
The mass of the plant was 156g at the end of the year.

Calculate the percentage change in the mass of the plant.

Use the equation: Percentage change = $\frac{\text{difference}}{\text{original}} \times 100$

Percentage change = % [2]

- (iii) Jamal suggests a conclusion for the class experiment.

Jamal

The plant gained all of that mass because it took in soil.



Explain why Jamal is wrong.

Use data from **Fig. 6.4** to support your answer.

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[2]

- (iv) Sundip suggests a different conclusion.

Sundip

The plant's mass increased because it took in carbon dioxide as well as water.



Suggest why Sundip's conclusion is **not** supported by the data collected by the class.

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[2]

(ii) The scientists worked out that she had blue eyes.

Suggest how they could have worked this out from her genome.

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(iii) Even though scientists found her complete genome, they cannot be sure that she looked exactly like the image.

Her genome is **not** the only factor that would have affected her features.

Describe **three** things in her environment or her lifestyle that could have affected her features.

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(iv) How many of our features are affected by both our genome **and** our environment?

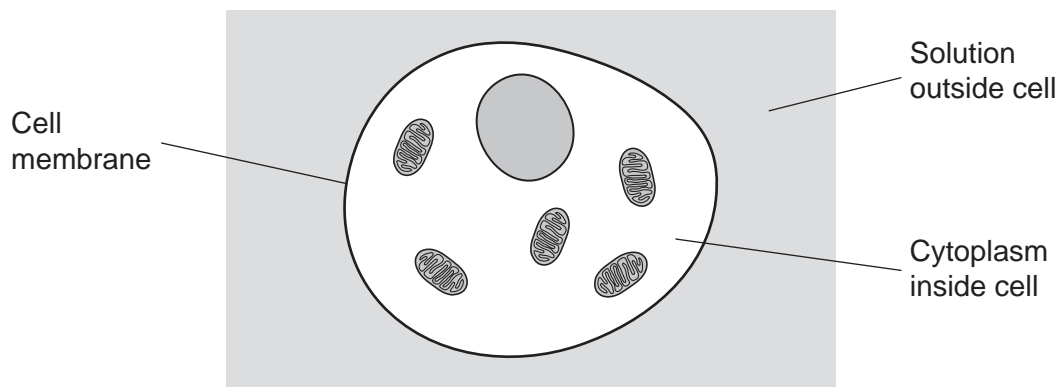
Tick (✓) **one** box.

All of our features	<input type="checkbox"/>
A small number of our features	<input type="checkbox"/>
Most of our features	<input type="checkbox"/>
None of our features	<input type="checkbox"/>

[1]

8 Substances can move into and out of cells.

(a) The diagram shows an animal cell.



(i) Osmosis is a type of diffusion.

Which type of particles move through the cell membrane by osmosis?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Particles of all substances

Particles of salt

Particles of sugar

Particles of water

[1]

(ii) What would be the **net** movement of these particles by osmosis?

Draw **one** line to join the correct start of the answer to the correct end.

From where they
are concentrated...

...to where they are
less concentrated.

From where they
are **not** concentrated...

...to where they are
more concentrated.

...to where they have the
same concentration.

[1]

(iii) Explain how the cell's membrane is able to let some particles move through it but prevents other particles from doing so.

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ADDITIONAL ANSWER SPACE

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