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Paper 1 Multiple Choice (Core)

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45 minutes

You must answer on the multiple choice answer sheet.

You will need: Multiple choice answer sheet
Soft clean eraser
Soft pencil (type B or HB is recommended)

INSTRUCTIONS

- There are **forty** questions on this paper. Answer **all** questions.
- For each question there are four possible answers **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**. Choose the **one** you consider correct and record your choice in soft pencil on the multiple choice answer sheet.
- Follow the instructions on the multiple choice answer sheet.
- Write in soft pencil.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number on the multiple choice answer sheet in the spaces provided unless this has been done for you.
- Do **not** use correction fluid.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.
- You may use a calculator.

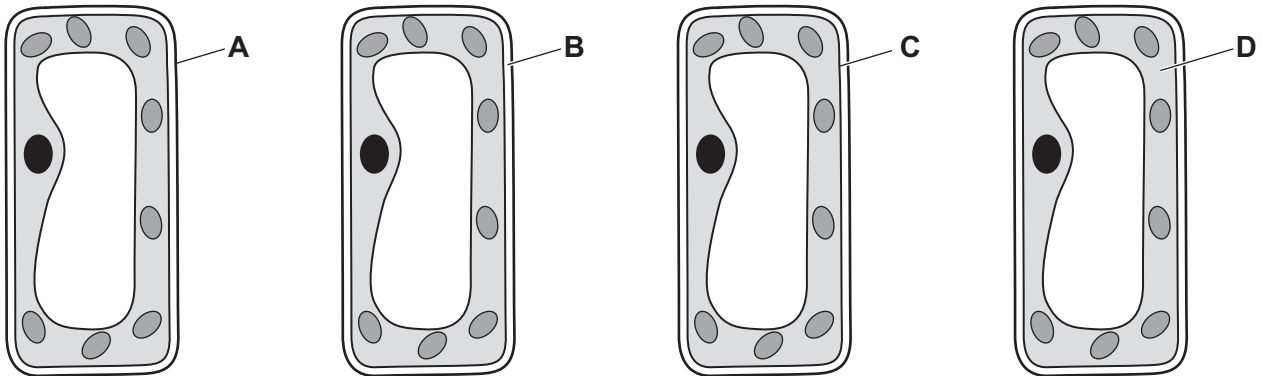
INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 40.
- Each correct answer will score one mark.
- Any rough working should be done on this question paper.
- The Periodic Table is printed in the question paper.

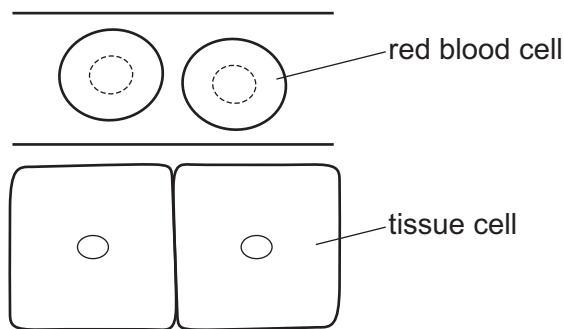
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1 Which label shows the cell membrane?



2 The diagram shows two red blood cells inside a capillary and two tissue cells near this capillary.



How does the oxygen in the red blood cells reach the tissue cells?

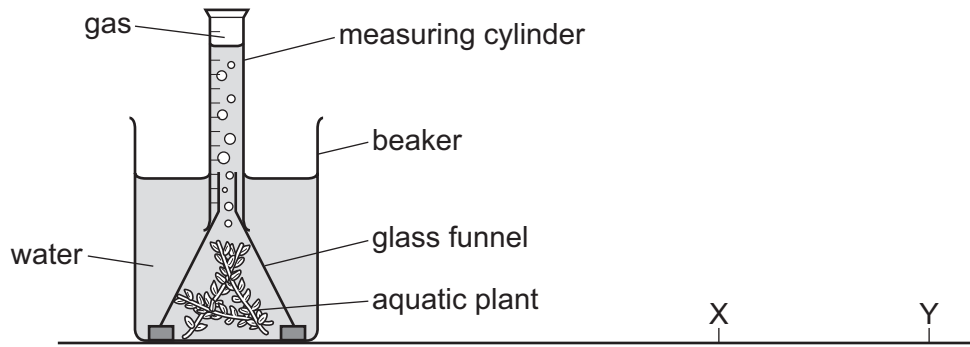
- A by absorption
- B by diffusion
- C by respiration
- D by transpiration

3 When a food sample is heated with Benedict's solution, an orange colour appears.

Which nutrient must be present in the food?

- A fat
- B protein
- C reducing sugar
- D starch

- 4 A student investigates how light affects photosynthesis.



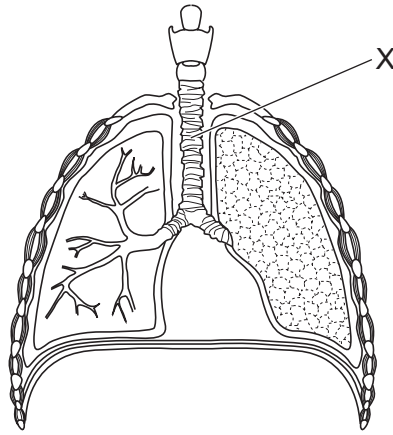
The student shines a light from point Y and measures the volume of gas produced in five minutes.

Which gas is produced, and how does the rate of gas production change when the light is moved from Y to X?

	gas produced	rate of gas production
A	carbon dioxide	decreases
B	carbon dioxide	increases
C	oxygen	decreases
D	oxygen	increases

- 5 Which component of the diet ensures that ingested food passes through the alimentary canal quickly and efficiently?
- A** fats
 - B** fibre
 - C** protein
 - D** vitamins
- 6 What is the pathway taken by water through a plant?
- A** root hair cell → root cortex cells → xylem → mesophyll cells
 - B** root hair cell → root cortex cells → mesophyll cells → xylem
 - C** xylem → root hair cell → root cortex cells → mesophyll cells
 - D** xylem → mesophyll cells → root cortex cells → root hair cell

- 7 The diagram shows the human respiratory system.



What is the structure labelled X?

- A** bronchiole
 - B** intercostal muscle
 - C** rib
 - D** trachea
- 8 Which row shows effects of increased adrenaline secretion on the body?

	breathing rate	size of pupils
A	decreases	decreases
B	decreases	increases
C	increases	decreases
D	increases	increases

- 9 When a seed is germinated in the dark, the shoot grows upwards.

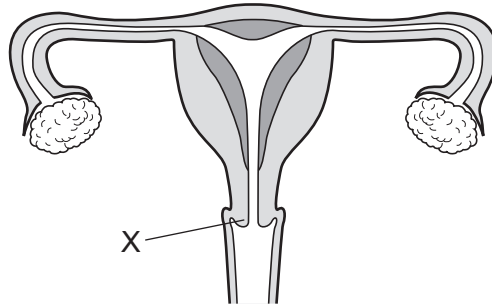
What is this growth response?

- A** away from gravity
- B** away from light
- C** towards gravity
- D** towards light

10 Which statement is correct?

- A Asexual reproduction results in the formation of a zygote.
- B Asexual reproduction results in genetically identical offspring from one parent.
- C Sexual reproduction only occurs in animals.
- D Sexual reproduction results in genetically identical offspring from two parents.

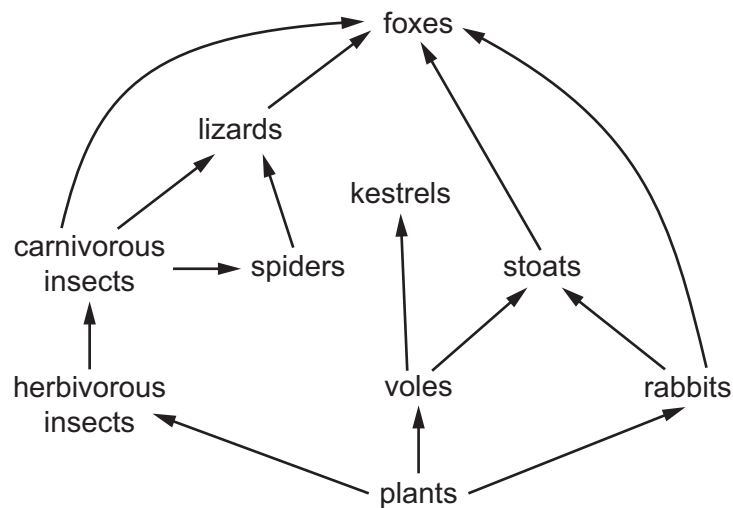
11 The diagram shows the female human reproductive system.



What is the name of the structure labelled X?

- A cervix
- B ovary
- C uterus
- D vagina

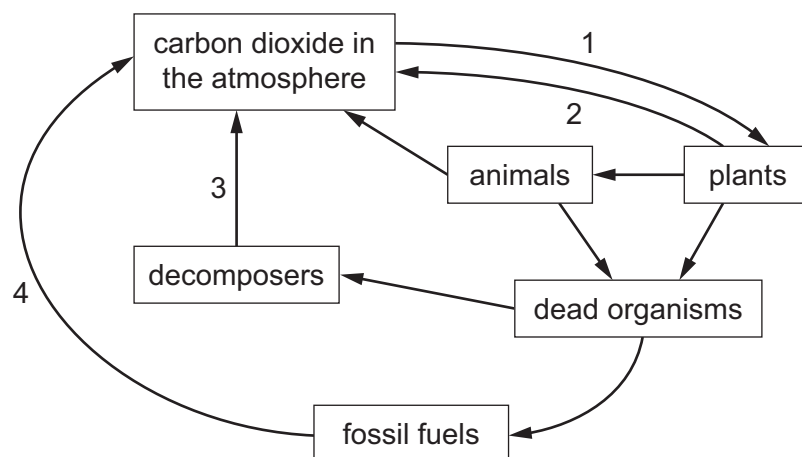
12 The diagram shows a food web.



Which organisms in this food web are secondary consumers?

- A carnivorous insects and voles
- B foxes and lizards
- C kestrels and stoats
- D spiders and stoats

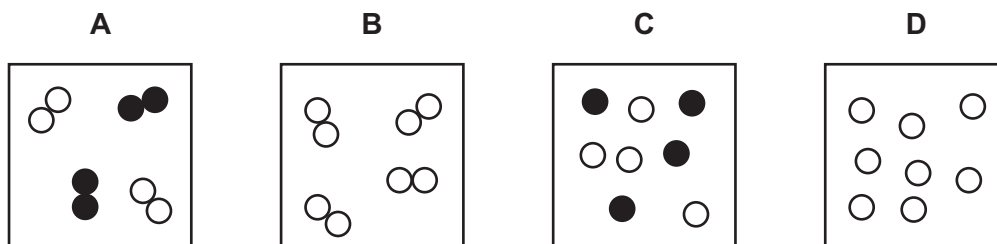
13 The diagram shows part of the carbon cycle.



Which processes are represented by 1, 2, 3 and 4?

	1	2	3	4
A	photosynthesis	respiration	respiration	combustion
B	photosynthesis	combustion	respiration	respiration
C	respiration	photosynthesis	respiration	combustion
D	respiration	combustion	photosynthesis	respiration

14 Which diagram represents a mixture of different molecules?



15 Some changes are listed.

- 1 boiling
- 2 decomposing
- 3 evaporating
- 4 oxidising

Which changes are physical changes?

- A** 1 and 2 **B** 1 and 3 **C** 2 and 4 **D** 3 and 4

16 Water has the chemical formula H_2O .

Which statement is correct?

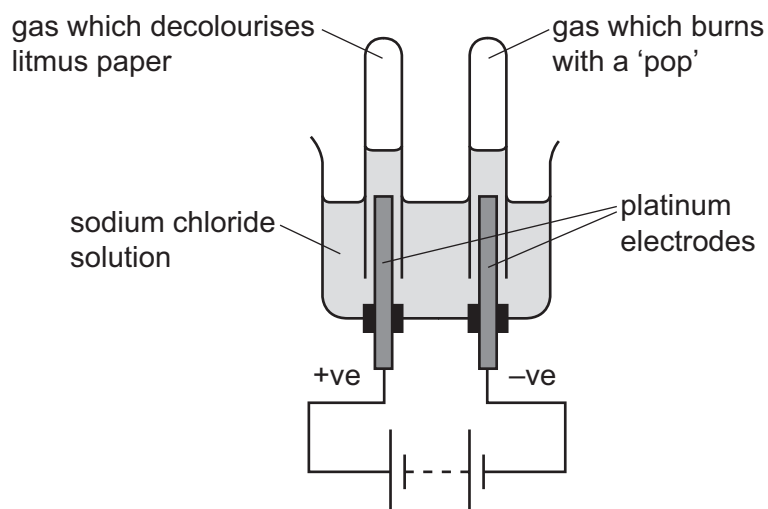
- A** Pure water is a mixture because it contains hydrogen and oxygen.
B Pure water is an element because it contains only one type of molecule.
C Salt water is a compound because it contains salt and water.
D Salt water is a mixture because it contains salt and water.

17 Which two elements combine to form an ionic compound?

- A** carbon and oxygen
B copper and zinc
C hydrogen and oxygen
D magnesium and chlorine

- 18** Concentrated aqueous sodium chloride is electrolysed and a gas is collected at each electrode.

One gas decolourises moist litmus paper, the other gas burns with a 'pop'.



Which statement is correct?

- A** Chlorine gas is collected at the anode.
 - B** Hydrogen gas is collected at the anode.
 - C** Oxygen gas is collected at the cathode.
 - D** Sodium is formed at the cathode.
- 19** Which type of reaction occurs when iron is obtained from its oxide using carbon?
- A** combustion
 - B** neutralisation
 - C** electrolysis
 - D** reduction

- 20 The steps needed to make pure, dry magnesium sulfate crystals from magnesium oxide and dilute sulfuric acid are listed.

- 1 filter
- 2 leave to cool
- 3 add excess magnesium oxide to sulfuric acid and heat
- 4 dry
- 5 filter and wash
- 6 heat to evaporate some of the water

In which order are these steps carried out?

- A** 3 → 1 → 2 → 5 → 6 → 4
- B** 3 → 1 → 6 → 2 → 5 → 4
- C** 3 → 2 → 1 → 6 → 4 → 5
- D** 3 → 5 → 2 → 6 → 1 → 4
- 21 Which row describes trends shown by the elements in Group I and Group VII of the Periodic Table as the groups are descended?

	Group I	Group VII
A	melting point increases	colour becomes darker
B	melting point decreases	colour becomes darker
C	they become more reactive	colour becomes lighter
D	they become less reactive	colour becomes lighter

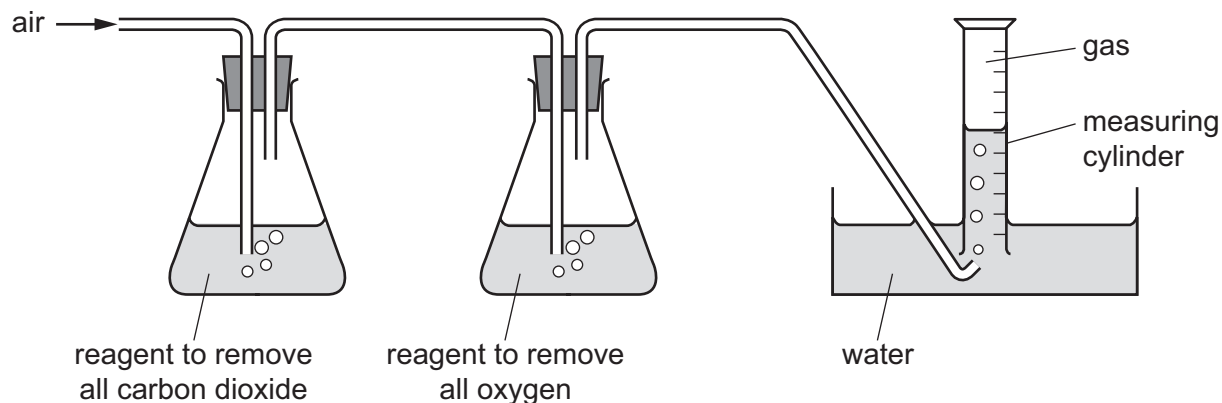
- 22 What is the electronic structure of a noble gas?

- A** 2 **B** 2,1 **C** 2,8,2 **D** 2,8,7

- 23 Which row explains why carbon is used to extract copper from copper oxide and identifies the type of reaction that occurs during the extraction?

	explanation	type of reaction
A	carbon is more reactive than copper	redox
B	carbon is more reactive than copper	thermal decomposition
C	carbon is less reactive than copper	redox
D	carbon is less reactive than copper	thermal decomposition

24 A 100 cm³ sample of clean air is passed into the apparatus as shown.



What is the volume and the composition of the gas collected in the measuring cylinder?

	volume / cm ³	composition
A	21	pure nitrogen
B	21	nitrogen and other gases
C	79	nitrogen and other gases
D	79	pure nitrogen

25 Which substance is a greenhouse gas?

- A** carbon monoxide
- B** chlorine
- C** methane
- D** nitrogen

26 Which statement explains why alkanes are saturated compounds?

- A** They are not very reactive.
- B** They contain double covalent bonds.
- C** They contain carbon and hydrogen only.
- D** They contain only single covalent bonds.

27 Which statement about alkenes is correct?

- A They are manufactured in addition polymerisation reactions.
- B They react with aqueous bromine to give colourless products.
- C They are compounds containing carbon, hydrogen and oxygen.
- D They are cracked to produce other compounds.

28 Which expression is the definition of speed?

- A $\frac{\text{change in acceleration}}{\text{time taken}}$
- B $\frac{\text{distance travelled}}{\text{time taken}}$
- C $\frac{\text{time taken}}{\text{change in acceleration}}$
- D $\frac{\text{time taken}}{\text{distance travelled}}$

29 A solid, rectangular block of wood has length 4.0 cm, width 5.0 cm and height 6.0 cm.

The mass of the block is 90 g.

What is the density of the wood?

- A 0.75 g/cm³ B 1.3 g/cm³ C 4.5 g/cm³ D 6.0 g/cm³

30 Which change **cannot** be caused by a force acting on an object?

- A change of mass
- B change of motion
- C change of shape
- D change of size

- 31 Student R has a mass of 80 kg. Student S has a mass of 50 kg.

On day 1, the students walk up the stairs to the top of a building in 15 minutes.

On day 2, the students climb a vertical wall to the top of the same building in 2.0 hours.

Which student uses the greatest power in reaching the top of the building, and when?

- A student R on day 1
 - B student S on day 1
 - C student R on day 2
 - D student S on day 2
- 32 In which situation is **no** energy transfer occurring?
- A a ball falling from rest through the air to the ground
 - B a battery lighting a lamp
 - C a metal block hanging at rest from a stretched spring
 - D a saucepan being heated

- 33 Benzene and glycerine are two substances.

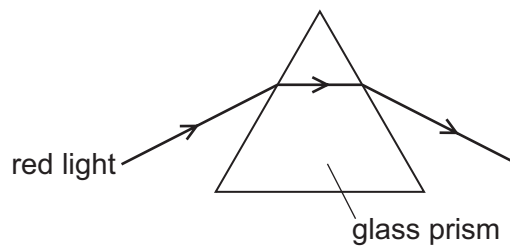
The table gives the melting point and the boiling point of benzene and of glycerine.

	melting point/°C	boiling point/°C
benzene	5.4	80
glycerine	18	290

At which temperature are both benzene and glycerine liquid?

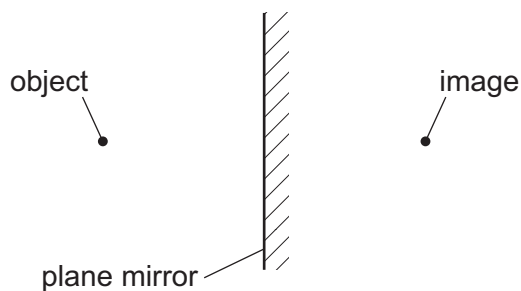
- A 0 °C
 - B 50 °C
 - C 90 °C
 - D 300 °C
- 34 Which substances expand when heated?
- A gases only
 - B liquids only
 - C solids only
 - D solids, liquids and gases

- 35** A ray of red light enters a triangular glass prism. The ray passes through the prism and emerges travelling in a different direction.



Which effect causes the changes of direction?

- A** absorption
 - B** convection
 - C** reflection
 - D** refraction
- 36** An object is placed in front of a plane mirror. An image of the object is formed in the position shown.

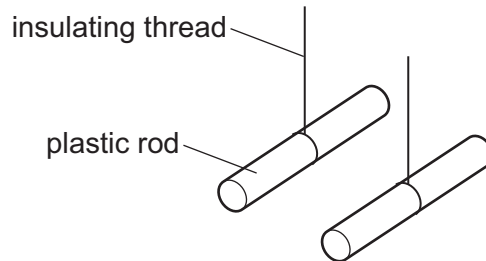


The object is now moved 1.0 cm to the left.

What happens to the image?

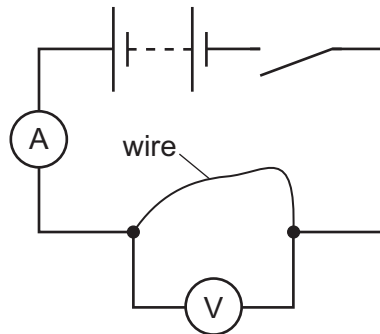
- A** It moves 1.0 cm to the left.
- B** It moves 1.0 cm to the right.
- C** It moves 2.0 cm to the left.
- D** It moves 2.0 cm to the right.

- 37** An uncharged plastic rod is rubbed with a cloth and suspended by an insulating thread. The process is repeated using a second identical rod and a second identical cloth. The rods are then placed close to each other.



What happens, and why?

- A** The rods attract each other because they have like charges.
 - B** The rods attract each other because they have unlike charges.
 - C** The rods repel each other because they have like charges.
 - D** The rods repel each other because they have unlike charges.
- 38** A student sets up a circuit to find the resistance of a length of wire.



When the switch is closed, the ammeter reads 2.0 A and the voltmeter reads 10 V .

What is the resistance of the length of wire?

- A** $0.20\ \Omega$
 - B** $5.0\ \Omega$
 - C** $8.0\ \Omega$
 - D** $20\ \Omega$
- 39** What is the circuit symbol for a fuse?



40 A person uses an electric lawnmower to cut the grass in a garden.



Which situations are electrical hazards?

- 1 using the lawnmower when the insulation on the cable is damaged
- 2 plugging the lawnmower into an electric socket in a garage
- 3 using the lawnmower when it is raining

A 1, 2 and 3 **B** 1 and 2 only **C** 1 and 3 only **D** 2 and 3 only

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