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BIOLOGY **0610/21**

Paper 2 Multiple Choice (Extended) **May/June 2020**

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. A mark will not be deducted for a wrong answer.
- Any rough working should be done on this question paper.

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1 The diagram shows what happened in an experiment with plant seedlings.

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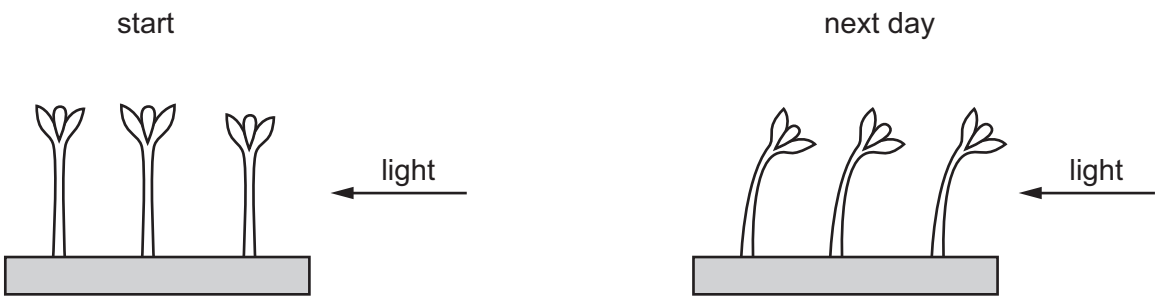

Which characteristic of living things made the seedlings grow towards the light?

A excretion

B nutrition

C respiration

D sensitivity

2 A rat has the scientific name *Rattus rattus*.

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What do the two parts of this name refer to?

A genus and species

B kingdom and genus

C kingdom and species

D variety and genus

3 The diagram shows two guard cells.

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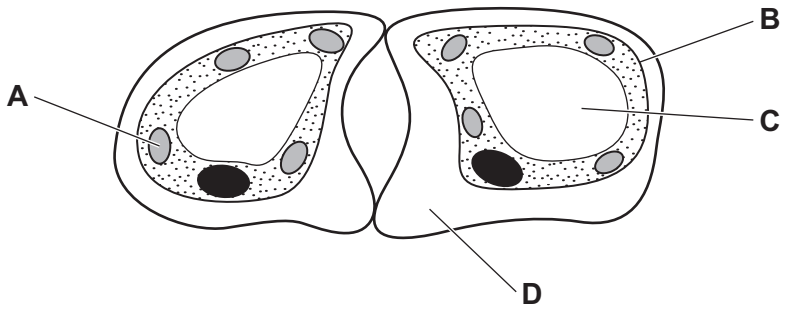
Which label shows the cell wall?



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4 The diagrams show different levels of organisation in a plant. (Not drawn to scale.)

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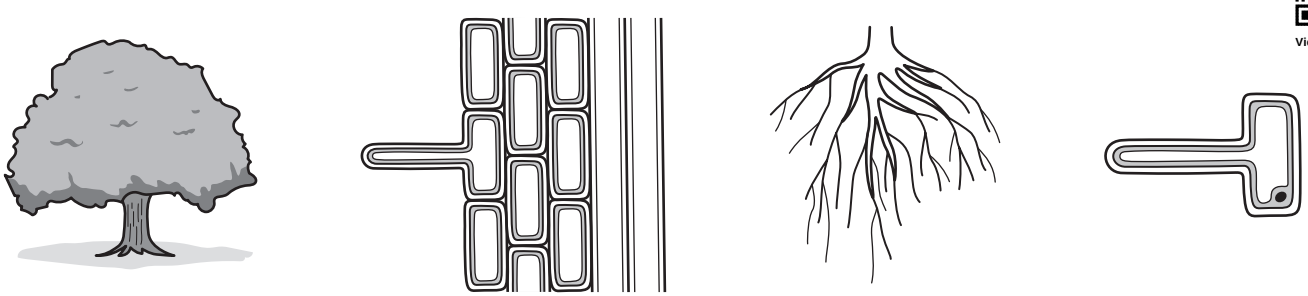

1 2 3 4

Which sequence shows the levels of organisation in order from smallest to largest?

A 4 → 2 → 3 → 1

B 4 → 3 → 1 → 2

C 3 → 4 → 2 → 1

D 3 → 2 → 1 → 4

5 Which diagram shows the appearance of a plant cell several minutes after it has been placed in a concentrated solution of sugar?

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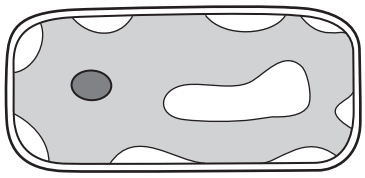
A



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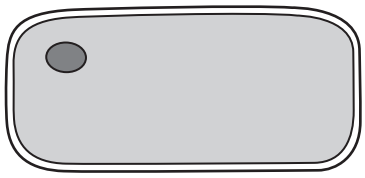

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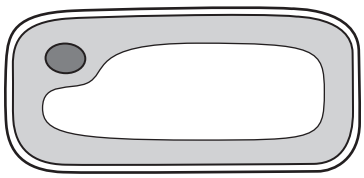

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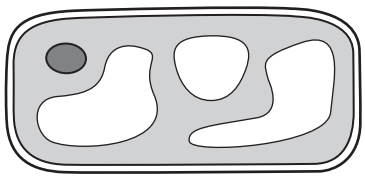

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6 Plant cells are placed in a solution with a higher water potential than the plant cell contents.

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What will happen?

	direction of water movement	volume of vacuole
A	enters cells	decreases
B	enters cells	increases
C	leaves cells	decreases
D	leaves cells	increases

7 The diagram shows a section of DNA, with four bases identified on one strand.

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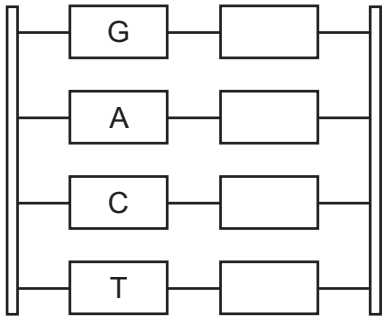

Which sequence of bases would be on the other strand, starting from the top?

A AGTC **B** CTGA **C** GACT **D** TCAG

8 Which food-testing solution shows a positive result when it turns from blue to purple?

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A Benedict's solution

B biuret solution

C ethanol

D iodine solution

9 What is the definition of an enzyme?

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A a carbohydrate that acts as a catalyst

B a DNA molecule that acts as a catalyst

C a fat that acts as a catalyst

D a protein that acts as a catalyst

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10 An experiment is set up to investigate gas exchange in aquatic plants.

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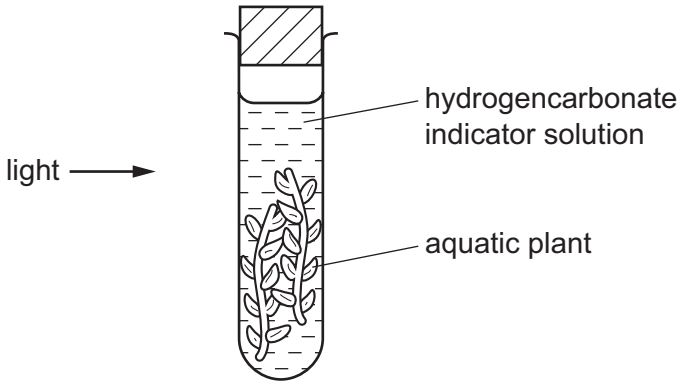

The hydrogencarbonate indicator solution is orange at the start.

Which colour is it after three hours?

A blue-black

B orange

C purple

D yellow

11 The diagram shows how the rate of photosynthesis varies with light intensity.

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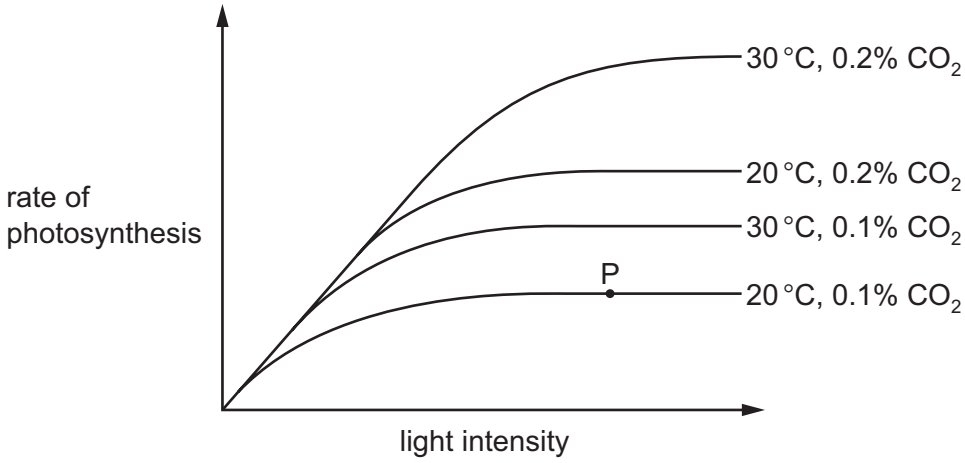
The four curves show different conditions of temperature and carbon dioxide concentration.



What limits the rate of photosynthesis at point P?

	light intensity	carbon dioxide concentration	temperature
A	✓	✓	✗
B	✓	✗	✗
C	✗	✓	✓
D	✗	✗	✓

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✓ = yes
✗ = no

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12 Four test-tubes are set up as shown.

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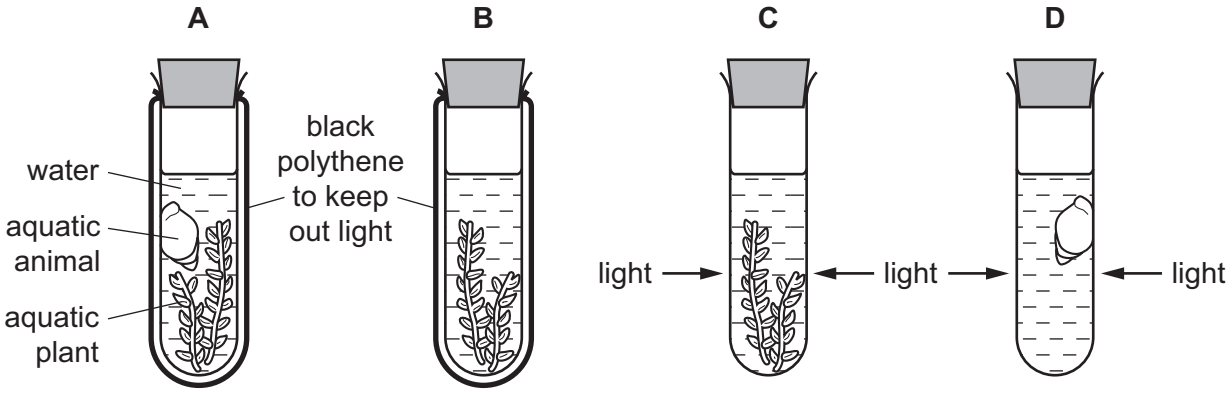
Which test-tube contains the least carbon dioxide after one hour?



13 The activity of amylase is measured in four parts of the alimentary canal.

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Which two parts have the most amylase activity?

A colon and duodenum

B colon and stomach

C mouth and duodenum

D stomach and mouth

14 Biological washing powder can be used to remove stains on clothing.

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Which enzymes will remove stains caused by starch, fat and protein?

	amylase	lipase	trypsin
A	✓	✗	✗
B	✓	✓	✓
C	✗	✗	✓
D	✗	✓	✓

key

✓ = removes stain

✗ = does not remove stain

15 The graph shows the rate of uptake of magnesium ions by two similar plants, X and Y.

The roots of each plant were placed in a range of solutions. Each solution contained a different concentration of magnesium ions. All other conditions were kept constant.

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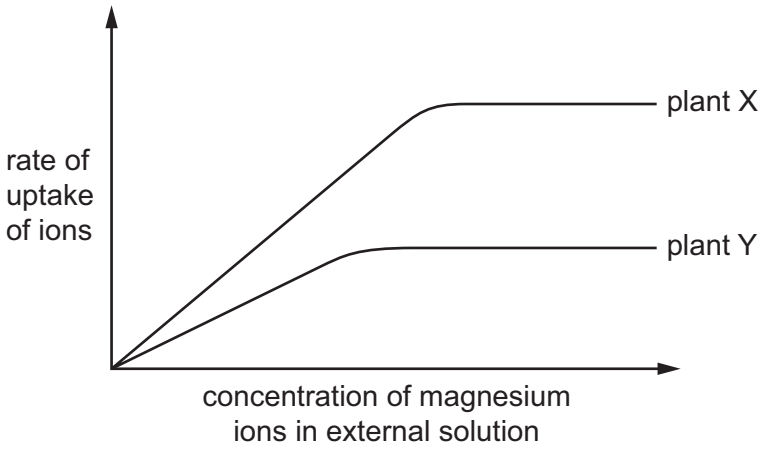

What is a possible explanation for the difference in the results for the two plants?

A Plant Y has fewer protein molecules for magnesium ion transport in its cell membranes.

B Plant Y has a higher rate of respiration.

C Plant Y has more root hair cells.

D The root hair cells in plant Y have a lower water potential.

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16 What will increase the rate of transpiration in a plant?

A an increase in the humidity of the atmosphere surrounding the leaf

B an increase in the surface area of the cell surfaces inside the leaf

C a decrease in the number of stomata present on the surface of the leaf

D a decrease in the temperature of the atmosphere surrounding the leaf

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17 Which pathway is taken by blood in a fish?

A gills → heart → body → gills

B body → gills → heart → body

C heart → gills → body → heart

D heart → body → gills → body

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18 The diagram shows a section through the heart and its blood vessels.

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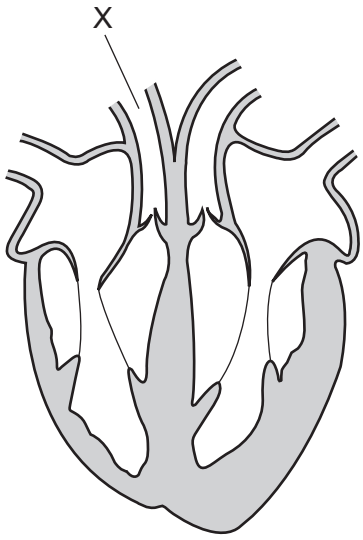

Which row gives the vessel name and the direction of blood flow in vessel X?

	vessel name	direction of blood flow
A	aorta	towards the lungs
B	pulmonary artery	towards the lungs
C	pulmonary artery	away from the lungs
D	vena cava	away from the lungs

19 When a pathogen enters the blood, the immune system uses different mechanisms to destroy the pathogen.

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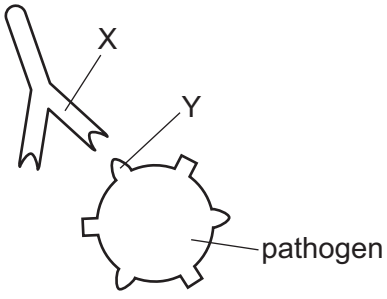
The diagram shows one of these mechanisms.



Which row describes the structures involved?

	structure X	X is made by	structure Y
A	antigen	lymphocytes	antibody
B	antigen	phagocytes	antibody
C	antibody	lymphocytes	antigen
D	antibody	phagocytes	antigen

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20 What is the approximate percentage of oxygen contained in the air breathed out of the lungs?

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A 0% **B** 4% **C** 16% **D** 20%

21 The diagram shows an experiment to investigate the respiration of yeast. Oil prevents oxygen entering the glucose and yeast suspension.

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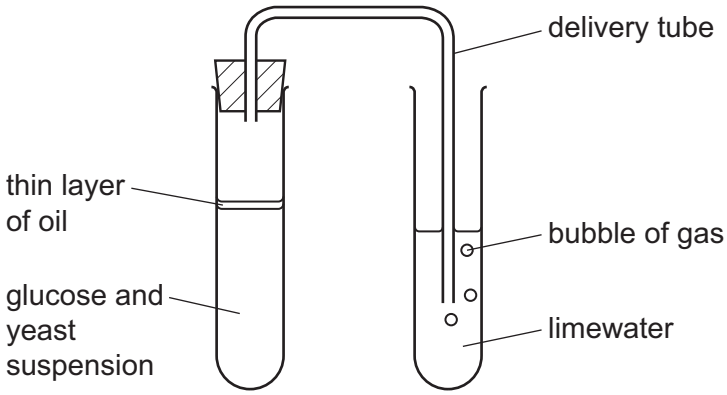

If **no** oxygen is present in the glucose and yeast suspension, what will occur?

A Ethanol will be produced and the limewater will stay clear.

B Ethanol will be produced and the limewater will go cloudy.

C Lactic acid will be produced and the limewater will stay clear.

D Lactic acid will be produced and the limewater will go cloudy.

22 Which row correctly completes the balanced equation for aerobic respiration?

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$$X + 6O_2 \rightarrow 6CO_2 + Y$$

	X	Y
A	$6C_6H_{12}O_6$	H_2O
B	$C_6H_{12}O_6$	$6H_2O$
C	$6H_2O$	$C_6H_{12}O_6$
D	$C_6H_{10}O_6$	$6H_2O$

23 In healthy people, which substance is completely reabsorbed into the blood from the kidney tubules?

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A glucose

B salts

C urea

D water

24 The diagram shows a synapse.

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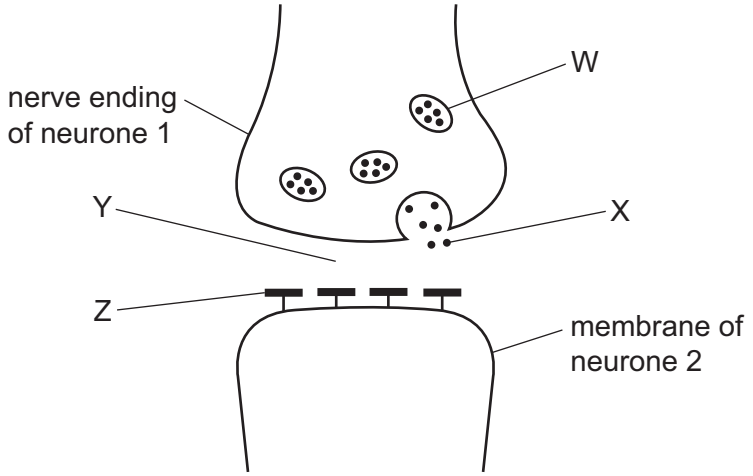

What are the labelled parts?

	W	X	Y	Z
A	synaptic cleft	neurotransmitter	vesicle	receptor
B	synaptic cleft	receptor	vesicle	neurotransmitter
C	vesicle	neurotransmitter	synaptic cleft	receptor
D	vesicle	receptor	synaptic cleft	neurotransmitter

25 Which row shows the actions needed for the eye to focus on a distant object?

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	ciliary muscles	suspensory ligaments	lens becomes
A	contract	slacken	thicker
B	relax	slacken	thicker
C	contract	tighten	thinner
D	relax	tighten	thinner

26 The liver and the pancreas work together to control the concentration of glucose in the blood.

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Which statement is correct?

A The liver converts the small molecule glucose to the large molecule glucagon.

B The liver releases the hormone insulin when blood glucose levels are too high.

C The pancreas does not respond to an increase in blood glucose levels.

D The pancreas responds to a fall in blood glucose by increasing the release of the hormone glucagon.

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27 The statements are about the use of antibiotics.

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1 using an antibiotic to prevent infection

2 using an antibiotic known to kill the bacteria causing an infection

3 using an antibiotic only when essential

4 using an antibiotic to treat a viral infection

Which practices will increase the chance of the development of antibiotic resistance in bacteria?

A 1, 2, 3 and 4 **B** 1 and 4 only **C** 2 and 3 only **D** 2 and 4 only

28 Which description of cross-pollination is correct?

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A the transfer of pollen grains from the anther of one plant to the stigma on a different plant

B the transfer of pollen grains from the anther to the stigma on the same plant

C the transfer of pollen grains from the stigma of one plant to the anther on a different plant

D the transfer of pollen grains from the stigma to the anther on the same plant

29 The diagram shows a sperm cell.

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Which part contains enzymes that digest the jelly coat of an egg cell?



30 Which cell contains a haploid nucleus?

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A neurone

B sperm cell

C skin cell

D red blood cell

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31 The diagram shows the chromosomes of four daughter cells produced by meiosis.

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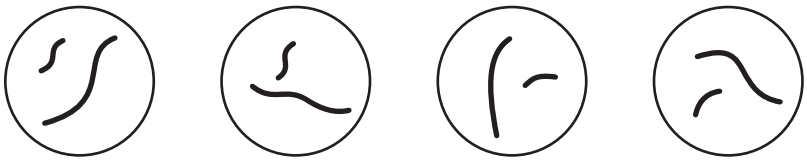

Which parent cell produced these cells?

A



B



C



D



32 When damaged tissues are repaired cells undergo division by

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A meiosis to produce genetically identical cells.

B meiosis to produce genetically different cells.

C mitosis to produce genetically identical cells.

D mitosis to produce genetically different cells.

33 The graph shows the masses of two different types of tomato.

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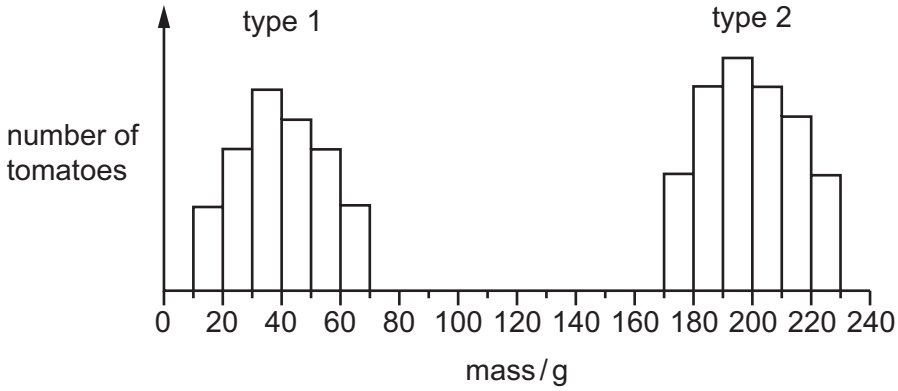

What can be concluded from the graph?

A Genes do not affect the mass of tomatoes.

B Type 1 tomatoes show continuous variation.

C Type 2 tomatoes are sometimes smaller than type 1 tomatoes.

D Type 2 tomatoes show discontinuous variation.

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34 Which adaptation may be present in a xerophyte?

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A leaves with small surface area and large numbers of stomata

B little or no xylem tissue and leaves with large surface area

C stomatal hairs and rolled leaves

D thin or no cuticle and deep roots

35 The diagram shows a food chain in a rock pool.

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seaweed → whelks → crabs → seagulls

What will happen if the number of secondary consumers increases?

There will be

A fewer crabs.

B fewer seagulls.

C fewer whelks.

D less seaweed.

36 What is defined as 'all of the populations of different species in an ecosystem'?

View solution

A community

B environment

C habitat

D trophic level

37 What is the role of anaerobic respiration in bread-making?

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A to produce alcohol to flavour the bread

B to produce gas to make the bread rise

C to release enough energy to bake the bread

D to release enough lactic acid to kill the yeast

38 A crop plant has been genetically modified to make it resistant to herbicides.

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Which is a possible disadvantage of introducing this new crop plant?

A Loss of weeds reduces competition.

B Some weeds might become resistant to the herbicide.

C The crop plant is unharmed and produces a higher yield.

D The new gene will appear in new generations of the crop.

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39 Which process in the nitrogen cycle is involved in the breakdown of amino acids in living organisms?

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A deamination

B decomposition

C denitrification

D digestion

40 When a river is polluted by fertiliser, the following processes may occur.

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1 increased aerobic respiration of decomposers

2 increased growth of producers

3 decreased oxygen concentration in the water

What is the correct sequence for these processes?

A $1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3$ **B** $1 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 2$ **C** $2 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 3$ **D** $2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 1$

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