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BIOLOGY **0610/11**

Paper 1 Multiple Choice (Core) **October/November 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 Hedgehogs are mammals. Touching a hedgehog causes it to roll into a ball to protect itself.

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Which characteristics is it displaying?

A excretion and movement

B growth and sensitivity

C movement and growth

D movement and sensitivity

2 According to the binomial system, how should a human be named?

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A *Homo Sapiens*

B *Homo sapiens*

C *homo Sapiens*

D *homo sapiens*

3 The diagram shows an arthropod.

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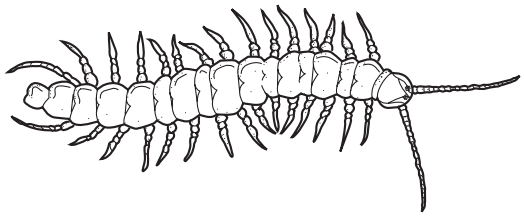

Which group does this arthropod belong to?

A arachnid

B crustacean

C insect

D myriapod

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4 The photomicrograph shows a cell from a type of aquatic plant.

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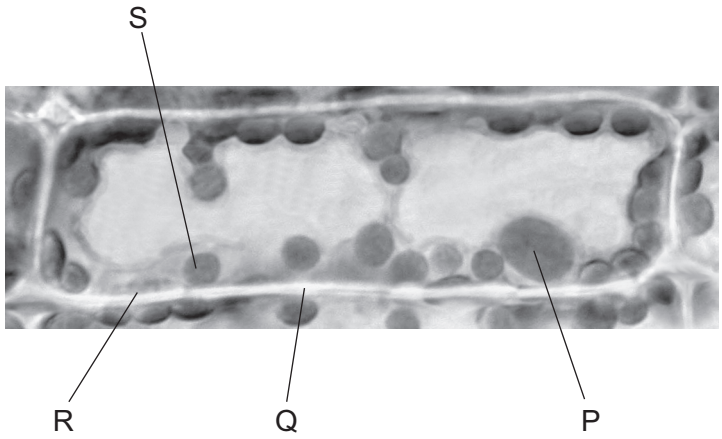

Which parts labelled on the photomicrograph indicate that this is a plant cell?

A P and R **B** P and S **C** Q and R **D** Q and S

5 The diagram shows the female reproductive system.

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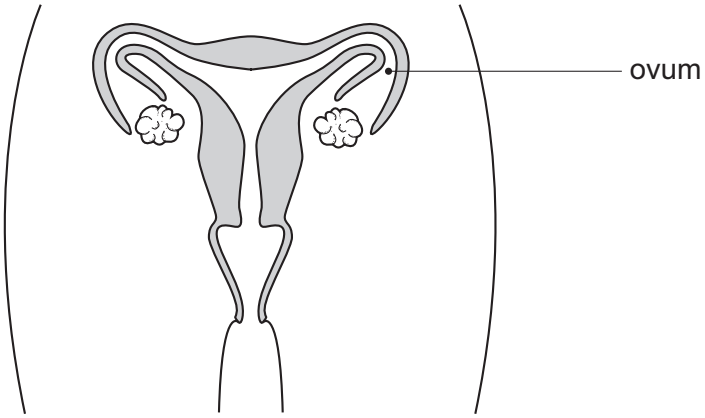

At which level of organisation are the ovum and the ovary?

	ovum	ovary
A	cell	organ
B	cell	tissue
C	organ	tissue
D	tissue	organ

6 The cell shown in the diagram has been magnified 3000 times. The diagram is 21 mm wide.

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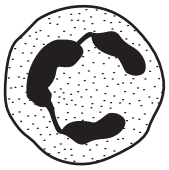

What is the actual diameter of the cell?

A 21 mm

B $\frac{21\text{mm}}{3000}$

C 21 mm × 3000

D $\frac{3000}{21\text{mm}}$

7 What are features of osmosis?

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	diffusion is involved	requires cell walls	requires a partially permeable membrane
A	✓	✗	✓
B	✓	✗	✗
C	✗	✓	✓
D	✗	✓	✗

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✓ = yes

✗ = no

8 The diagram shows apparatus which can be used to demonstrate osmosis.

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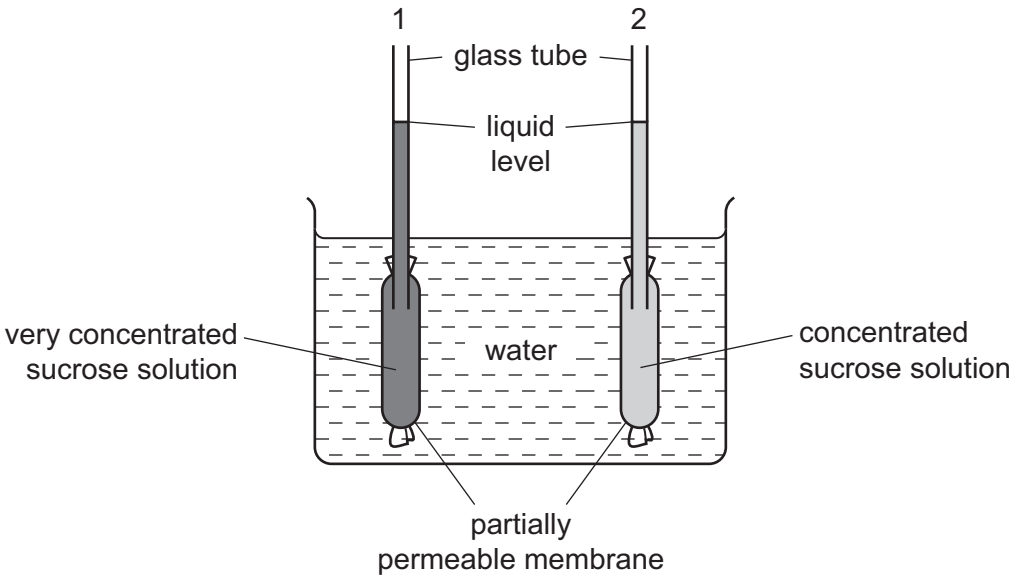

After one hour, what would happen to the liquid levels in the glass tubes?

	liquid level in tube 1	liquid level in tube 2
A	falls	falls
B	falls	rises
C	rises	falls
D	rises	rises

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9 Which substances are made by linking together glucose molecules only?

A cellulose, glycogen and starch

B fats, cellulose and proteins

C proteins, oils and glycogen

D starch, fats and oils

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10 The graph shows the effect of pH on the rate of reaction of an enzyme.

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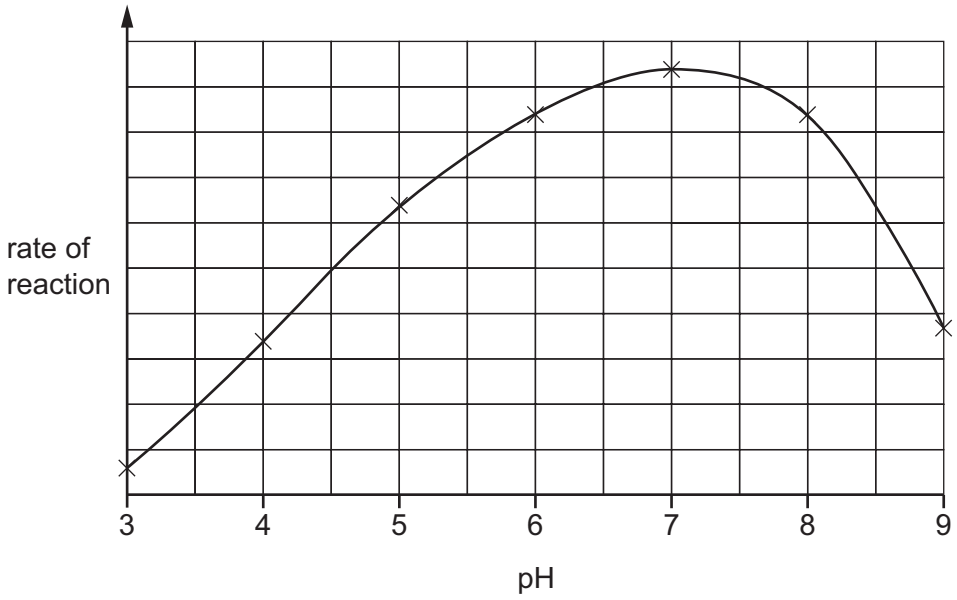

What does the graph show?

A The enzyme is destroyed at pH 9.

B The enzyme works best at pH 6.

C The rate of reaction halves as the pH changes from pH 5 to pH 7.

D The rate of reaction is the same at pH 5 and pH 8.5.

11 What kind of molecule is an enzyme?

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A fat

B glucose

C protein

D starch

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12 The diagram shows a cell with groups of bacteria around its edge.

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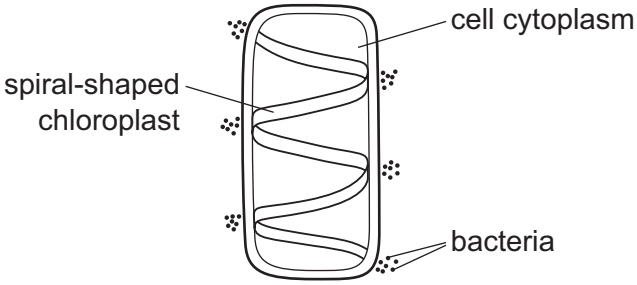

The bacteria move to areas of high oxygen concentration.

Which process in the cell causes the bacteria to form these groups?

A digestion

B photosynthesis

C reproduction

D respiration

13 The diagram shows a section through a leaf.

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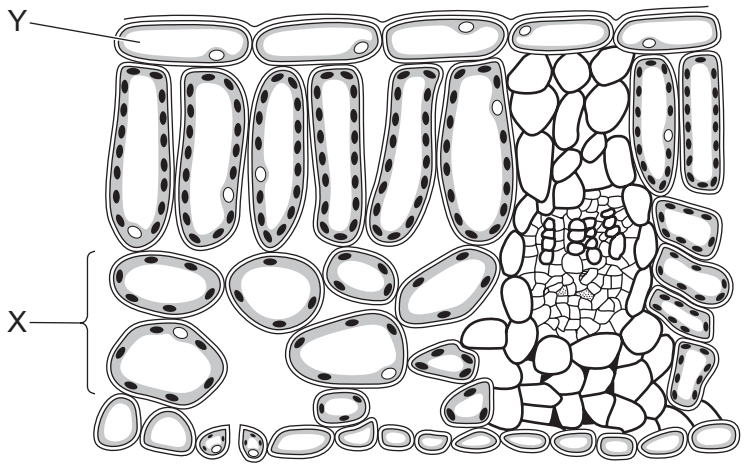

Which row correctly identifies tissues X and Y?

	X	Y
A	palisade mesophyll	cuticle
B	palisade mesophyll	upper epidermis
C	spongy mesophyll	cuticle
D	spongy mesophyll	upper epidermis

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14 Which stage of nutrition takes place when food molecules become part of a body cell?

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A absorption

B assimilation

C digestion

D ingestion

15 What is the definition of chemical digestion?

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A Large insoluble molecules are changed into smaller soluble molecules.

B Large soluble molecules are changed into smaller soluble molecules.

C Small insoluble molecules and ions are passed through the wall of the small intestine.

D Small soluble molecules and ions are passed through the wall of the small intestine.

16 The diagram shows the human alimentary canal.

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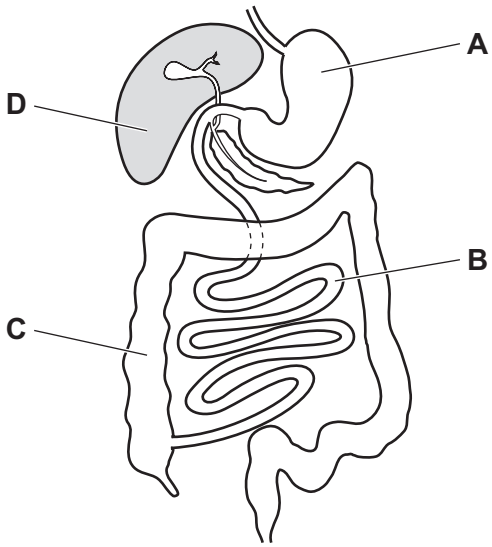
Where is most digested food absorbed into the blood?



17 In which order does water pass through these structures in a plant?

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A mesophyll → root hair → xylem

B mesophyll → xylem → root hair

C root hair → mesophyll → xylem

D root hair → xylem → mesophyll

18 The photomicrograph shows a cross-section through a plant stem.

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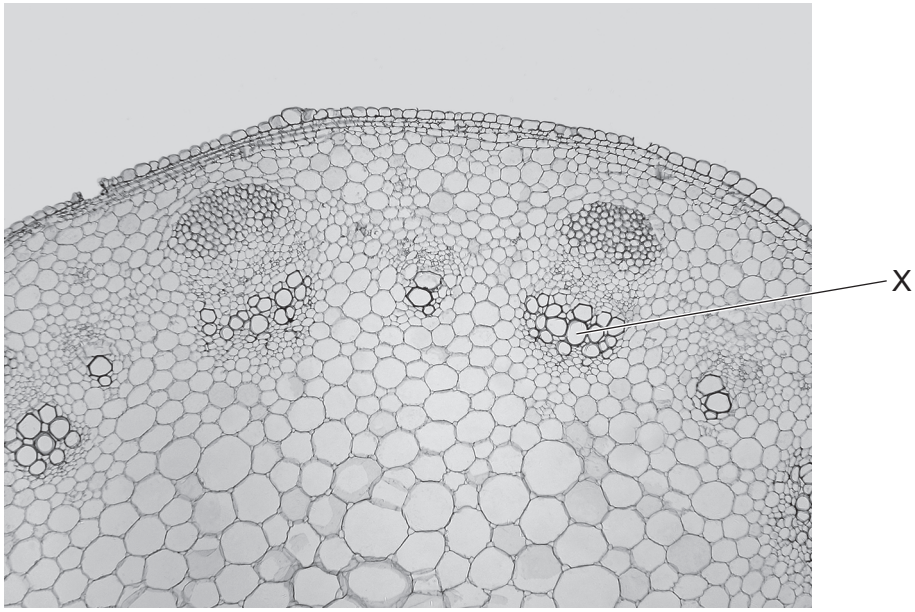

What is the name and function of the tissue labelled X?

	tissue	function
A	phloem	transports sugars
B	phloem	transports water and minerals
C	xylem	transports sugars
D	xylem	transports water and minerals

19 The table shows some features of blood vessels.

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Which row shows the features of a vein?

	direction of blood flow	size of the central hole (lumen)	thickness of wall
A	away from the heart	large	thick
B	away from the heart	small	thick
C	towards heart	small	thin
D	towards heart	large	thin

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20 Which component of the blood releases antibodies in response to an infection by bacteria?

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A blood plasma

B platelets

C red blood cells

D white blood cells

21 Which is an example of a transmissible disease?

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A coronary heart disease caused by eating a high fat diet

B AIDS

C liver disease caused by excessive alcohol consumption

D scurvy

22 The diagram shows some of the structures in a human lung.

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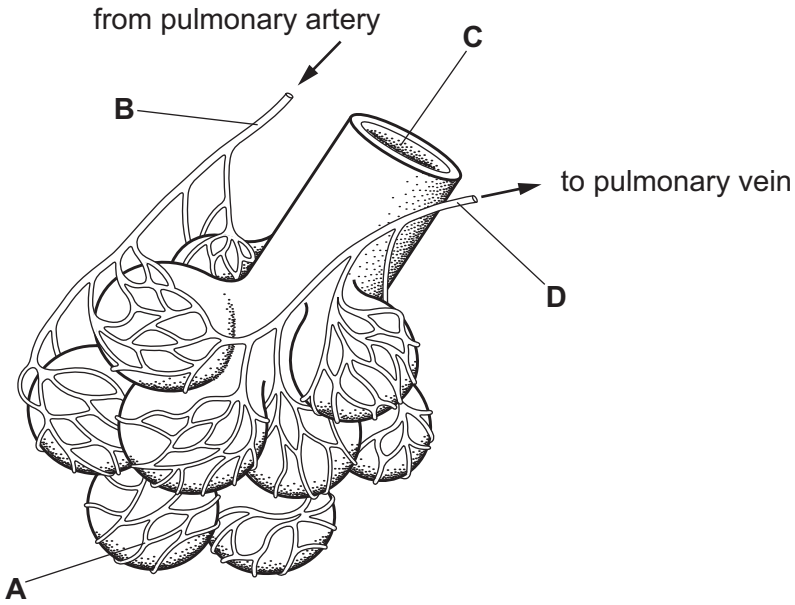
Where is the carbon dioxide concentration highest?



23 The list shows some processes that happen in the human body.

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1 water enters cells by osmosis

2 muscles contract

3 impulses travel along neurones

4 oxygen diffuses into cells

Which of these require energy released by respiration?

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

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24 The amount of urea in the blood increases as it passes through organ X.

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What is organ X?

A heart

B kidney

C liver

D pancreas

25 Which is the correct sequence of structures through which a nerve impulse passes in a reflex arc?

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A effector → motor neurone → relay neurone → sensory neurone → receptor

B effector → sensory neurone → relay neurone → motor neurone → receptor

C receptor → motor neurone → relay neurone → sensory neurone → effector

D receptor → sensory neurone → relay neurone → motor neurone → effector

26 The diagram shows an eye.

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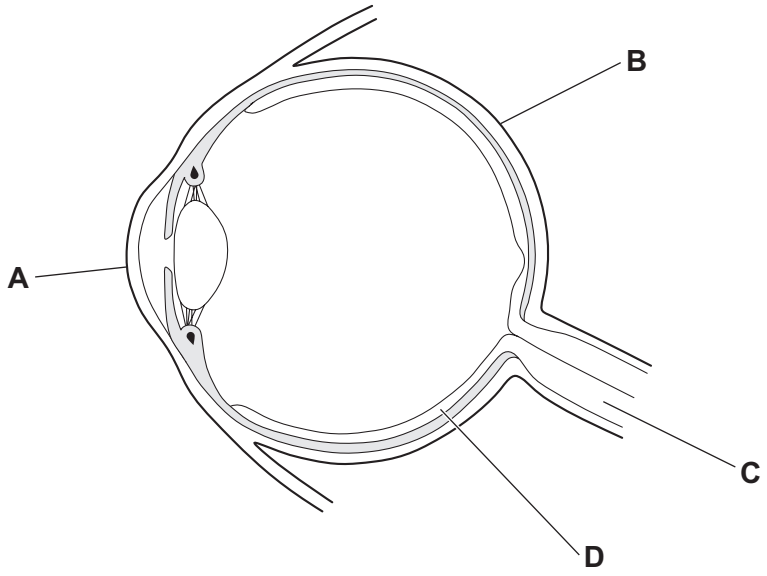
Which labelled part contains cells that are sensitive to light?



27 Which hormone stimulates the development of male gametes?

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A adrenaline

B insulin

C oestrogen

D testosterone

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28 A drug is defined as a substance taken into the body that

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A causes addiction.

B cures disease.

C kills bacteria.

D modifies or affects chemical reactions.

29 What is an example of asexual reproduction?

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A a single bacterium dividing to produce two genetically identical bacteria

B a mammal giving birth to four offspring

C a female bird laying six eggs which will hatch into the same species

D a tomato plant producing fruits which contain many seeds

30 What is the sequence of events when a woman gives birth?

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	1st	2nd	3rd
A	delivery of afterbirth	cervix dilates	passage of fetus through vagina
B	cervix dilates	passage of fetus through vagina	umbilical cord cut
C	passage of fetus through vagina	amniotic sac breaks	cervix dilates
D	umbilical cord cut	passage of fetus through vagina	delivery of afterbirth

31 Some types of birth control are listed.

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1 condom

2 diaphragm

3 IUD

4 vasectomy

Which types are barrier methods?

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

32 In humans, sex determination is controlled by the X and Y chromosomes.

A man and a woman have three children, two boys and a girl.

What is the probability that their next child will be a girl?

A 25% **B** 50% **C** 75% **D** 100%

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33 Mitosis is a type of cell division.

Which row about mitosis is correct?

	cells produced	functions
A	genetically different	growth and repair of tissues
B	genetically different	production of gametes
C	genetically identical	growth and repair of tissues
D	genetically identical	production of gametes

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34 Which statement is best used to describe differences in height in humans?

A continuous variation resulting in a limited number of phenotypes

B continuous variation resulting in a range of phenotypes

C discontinuous variation resulting in a limited number of phenotypes

D discontinuous variation resulting in a range of phenotypes

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35 A student wrote some statements describing the stages involved during selective breeding of plants.

1 Farmers select individual plants with desirable features.

2 Farmers cross these individuals to produce the next generation.

3 The farmers then select the offspring with the desirable features.

Which statements are correct?

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

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36 The diagram shows a food chain.

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clover plant → rabbit → fox

Which terms can be used to describe the fox in this food chain?

A carnivore and primary consumer

B carnivore and secondary consumer

C carnivore and tertiary consumer

D carnivore only

37 The diagram represents the carbon cycle.

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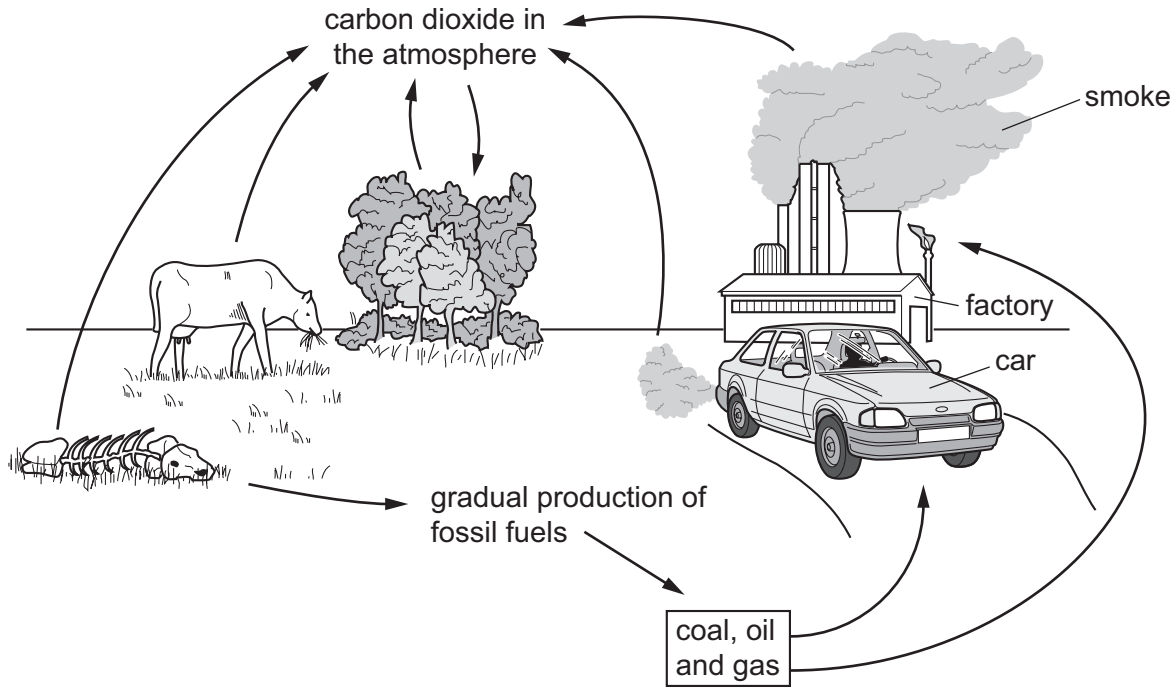

Which process produces the carbon dioxide from the factory and the car?

A combustion

B condensation

C decomposition

D precipitation

38 In the water cycle, which stage is **only** carried out by plants?

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A condensation

B evaporation

C precipitation

D transpiration

39 Yeast carries out anaerobic respiration, making carbon dioxide and ethanol as end products.

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Which end products can be used to make biofuel and bread?

	biofuel	bread
A	carbon dioxide	carbon dioxide
B	carbon dioxide	ethanol
C	ethanol	carbon dioxide
D	ethanol	ethanol

40 What is the effect of replacing tropical rainforest with plantations of oil palm trees, which are grown as crop plants?

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A increased carbon dioxide in the atmosphere

B increased flooding

C reduced number of species

D reduced pollution

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