

X807/76/12

Biology Paper 1 — Multiple choice

THURSDAY, 27 APRIL 9:00 AM – 9:40 AM

Total marks — 25

Attempt ALL questions.

You may use a calculator.

Instructions for the completion of Paper 1 are given on *page 02* of your answer booklet X807/76/02.

Record your answers on the answer grid on page 03 of your answer booklet.

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- 1. Which statement about rRNA is true?
 - A It contains deoxyribose
 - B It has two strands
 - C It is a component of ribosomes along with protein
 - D It is not transcribed from DNA
- 2. A single strand of DNA in a gene contains 24% adenine, 16% cytosine, 29% guanine and 31% thymine.

Which row in the table shows the percentage of each base in an mRNA transcript of this gene?

	Adenine	Cytosine	Guanine	Thymine	Uracil
Α	24	16	29	31	0
В	24	16	29	0	31
С	31	29	16	24	0
D	31	29	16	0	24

3. A section of DNA from a human cell was sequenced and compared to a database of sequences of human genes. The sequence did not match the sequence for any protein coding genes in the human genome.

This section of DNA may be involved in the production of

- A tRNA
- B proteins
- C exons
- D mRNA.
- **4.** One cause of the genetic disease phenylketonuria (PKU) is a mutation in a gene, which causes all the codons after the mutation to change.

This is an example of a

- A nonsense mutation
- B duplication mutation
- C translocation mutation
- D frame-shift mutation.

5. Natural selection involves a

- A random increase in frequency of DNA sequences that increase survival
- B random decrease in frequency of DNA sequences that decrease survival
- C non-random increase in frequency of DNA sequences that increase survival
- D non-random decrease in frequency of DNA sequences that increase survival.

6. Which statement about transfer of genes is true?

- A Bacteria use horizontal transfer only.
- B Bacteria use horizontal and vertical transfer.
- C Plants use horizontal transfer only.
- D Plants use horizontal and vertical transfer.

7. Warfarin is a drug that reduces the risk of blood clots.

Alleles for two genes, 1 and 2, affect how quickly Warfarin is metabolised.

Alleles for gene 1 can be G or A.

Alleles for gene 2 can be C_1 , C_2 or C_3 .

The table shows the recommended Warfarin dose for patients with each genotype.

	Warfarin dose (mg/day)					
		Gene 2 genotypes				
Gene 1 genotypes	C ₁ C ₁	C ₁ C ₂	C ₁ C ₃	C ₂ C ₂	C ₂ C ₃	C ₃ C ₃
GG	6.0	6.0	3.5	3.5	3.5	1.2
GA	6.0	3.5	3.5	3.5	1.2	0.8
AA	3.5	3.5	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.5

A patient is known to have the GA genotype for gene 1 and is homozygous for the C_3 allele. What is the recommended Warfarin dose for this patient?

- A 0.8 mg/day
- B 1.2 mg/day
- C 3.5 mg/day
- D 6.0 mg/day

- 8. In which of the following domains of life are microorganisms found?
 - A Bacteria only
 - B Archaea only
 - C Bacteria and archaea only
 - D Bacteria, archaea and eukaryotes
- 9. The enzyme catalase increases the rate of the reaction shown.

An experiment was carried out to investigate the effect of copper nitrate concentration on catalase activity. The catalase activity was determined by measuring the time taken to collect 10 cm³ of oxygen in the presence of different concentrations of copper nitrate.

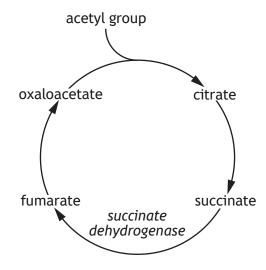
The results are shown in the table.

Copper nitrate concentration (mol l ⁻¹)	Time taken to collect 10 cm³ oxygen (seconds)
0.2	8
0.3	12
0.4	15
0.6	18
0.8	19
1.0	20

The conclusion for this experiment is, as copper nitrate concentration increased the

- A time taken to collect 10 cm³ oxygen increased
- B time taken to collect 10 cm³ oxygen decreased
- C catalase activity increased
- D catalase activity decreased.

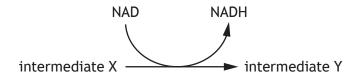
10. Succinate dehydrogenase is an enzyme that catalyses a reaction in the citric acid cycle as shown in the diagram.



Malonate is a competitive inhibitor of succinate dehydrogenase.

Which statement about succinate dehydrogenase is correct?

- A Succinate and malonate have a higher affinity than fumarate for the active site of succinate dehydrogenase.
- B Increasing the concentration of fumarate would reverse the inhibition of succinate dehydrogenase.
- C Increasing the concentration of succinate would have no effect on the inhibition of succinate dehydrogenase.
- D Malonate and succinate bind to different sites on succinate dehydrogenase.
- **11.** The diagram shows a reaction that occurs in respiration.

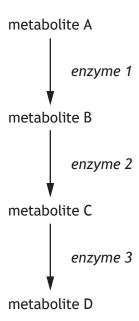


Which row in the table names the enzyme that catalyses this reaction and a location in the cell where it takes place?

	Enzyme	Cytoplasm	Inner mitochondrial membrane
Α	dehydrogenase	no	yes
B dehydrogenase		yes	no
С	ATP synthase	no	yes
D	ATP synthase	yes	no

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12. The stages of an enzyme-controlled metabolic pathway are shown.



In feedback inhibition

- A enzyme 3 binds with enzyme 1
- B enzyme 3 binds with metabolite A
- C metabolite D binds with enzyme 1
- D metabolite D binds with metabolite A.
- 13. Mammals use several mechanisms to regulate their body temperature.

Which statement describes responses to a decrease in body temperature of a mammal?

- A Vasodilation and an increase in metabolic rate
- B Vasodilation and a decrease in metabolic rate
- C Vasoconstriction and an increase in metabolic rate
- D Vasoconstriction and a decrease in metabolic rate
- **14.** The bar-tailed godwit is a species of bird that migrates from Alaska to New Zealand each autumn. A satellite tracker was used to study one bar-tailed godwit on this migration.

The bird completed the 11 000 km journey in 9 days.

The average speed of the bar-tailed godwit during migration was

- A 0.02 km/hr
- B 50.93 km/hr
- C 458.33 km/hr
- D 1222.22 km/hr

15. An experiment was carried out to investigate the effectiveness of a sunscreen on the survival of yeast cells.

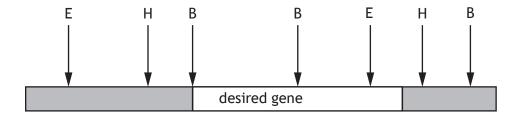
Yeast was added to a Petri dish containing agar. Sunscreen was spread across the lid before the dish was exposed to UV light.

A valid conclusion, relating to the aim, could be drawn by setting up a control experiment without

- A yeast
- B sunscreen
- C yeast and no exposure to UV light
- D sunscreen and no exposure to UV light.
- **16.** DNA recombinant technology can involve the insertion of a desired gene into a plasmid.

The diagram shows restriction sites on a chromosome containing the desired gene.

The restriction sites are H (HindIII), E (EcoR1) and B (BamH1).

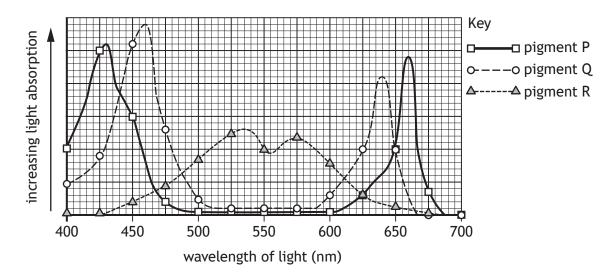


The desired gene should be removed with

- A HindIII
- B EcoR1
- C BamH1
- D BamH1 and HindIII.

17. Water lilies are found on the water surface and algae live below them. Water lilies absorb mostly blue light (400–475 nm) and red light (625–700 nm).

The graph shows the absorption spectra of the three photosynthetic pigments.



To survive below the water lilies, the algae would be expected to have a high concentration of

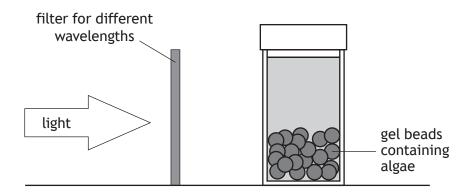
- A pigment P
- B pigment Q
- C pigment R
- D pigments P and Q.
- **18.** The following statements were made about an enzyme involved in photosynthesis:
 - 1. RuBP changes shape to better fit RuBisCO.
 - 2. RuBisCO converts G3P to glucose.
 - 3. RuBisCO catalyses fixation of carbon dioxide.

Which of these statements are correct?

- A 2 only
- B 3 only
- C 1 and 2 only
- D 1 and 3 only

19. An experiment into the effect of wavelength of light on the rate of photosynthesis was carried out using algae and an indicator. The indicator changes colour as the algae use up carbon dioxide in the solution and can be used to measure the rate of photosynthesis.

Gel beads containing algae were placed in bottles with indicator. Each was exposed to a different wavelength of light as shown.



The time taken for the colour of the indicator to change was recorded.

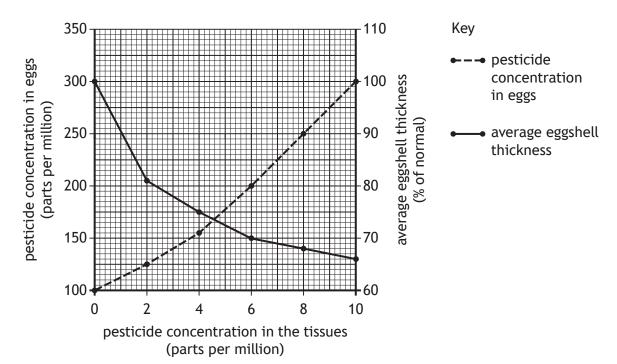
The validity of this experiment could be ensured by

- A repeating the experiment three times
- B placing a heat shield between the light source and the bottle
- C increasing the number of gel beads containing algae
- D using a colorimeter to determine the colour after 10 minutes.
- **20.** The following are features of weeds that compete with crop plants:
 - 1. Storage organs
 - 2. Vegetative reproduction
 - 3. Short life cycle

Which are features of perennial weeds?

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

21. The graph shows how the pesticide concentration in the tissues of birds of prey affects the pesticide concentration in their eggs and the average eggshell thickness.



Predict the pesticide concentration in eggs if the pesticide concentration in the tissues increased to 12 parts per million.

- A 64
- B 110
- C 120
- D 350

- 22. Examples of recombinant DNA technology used to increase yield in crop plants are listed:
 - 1. Insertion of Bt toxin gene into cotton plants.
 - 2. Insertion of glyphosate resistance gene into maize plants.
 - 3. Insertion of drought resistance gene into wheat plants.

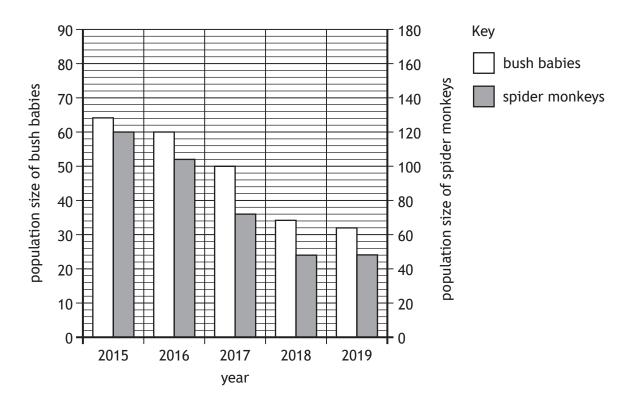
Which of these examples would **decrease** the use of chemicals?

- A 1 only
- B 2 only
- C 1 and 2 only
- D 1 and 3 only
- 23. Most food in Scotland is produced using intensive farming to increase yield and profit.

Which row in the table identifies the costs and benefits of converting an intensive farm into a free-range farm?

	Cost	Benefit
Α	requires more land	less labour intensive
В	requires more land	animals sold at higher price
С	more labour intensive	requires less land
D	animals sold at lower price	requires less land

24. The graph shows the population sizes of bush babies and spider monkeys in a tropical rain forest between 2015 and 2019.



Which statement is supported by the data?

- A The population sizes of both bush babies and spider monkeys decreased every year.
- B The population size of bush babies is always greater than that of spider monkeys.
- C The population size of spider monkeys in 2015 was 2.5 times greater than in 2018.
- D The lowest population size of bush babies was 32 and spider monkeys was 44.

25. Many animals live in social groups and have behaviours that are adapted to group living. Which row in the table matches a type of behaviour with an example of this behaviour?

	Type of behaviour	Example of behaviour	
A	cooperative hunting	vampire bats giving a blood meal to other bats	
В	reciprocal altruism	herring forming large groups to confuse predators	
С	cooperative hunting	killer whales (Orca) working together to kill seals	
D	social defence	killer whales (Orca) working together to kill seals	

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Biology Paper 2

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Questions 5 and 15 contain a choice.

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Write your answers clearly in the spaces provided in this booklet. Additional space for answers and rough work is provided at the end of this booklet. If you use this space you must clearly identify the question number you are attempting. Any rough work must be written in this booklet. Score through your rough work when you have written your final copy.

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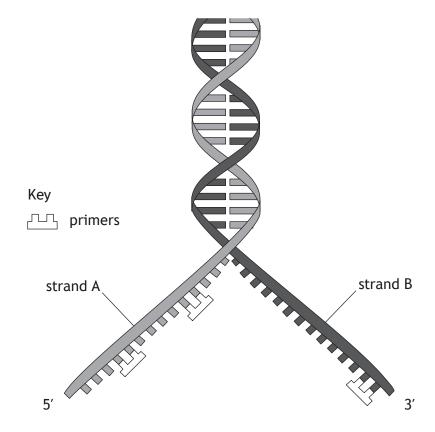
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Total marks — 95 **Attempt ALL questions** Questions 5 and 15 contain a choice

1. At the start of DNA replication, the double helix unwinds and the strands separate as shown in the diagram.



(a)	Name the enzyme that adds DNA nucleotides to newly synthesised strands.	1

(b)	Strand A is the lagging strand.	

Use information from the diagram to support this statement.



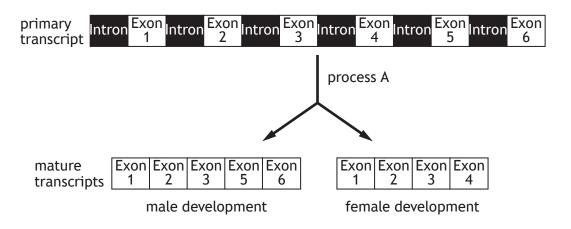
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(c)		polymerase chain reaction (PCR) is a technique carried out to amplify sequences of DNA. It involves repeated cycles of heating and cooling.				
	Two different primers are used in each PCR procedure.					
	(i)	Give a reason why two different primers are used.				
	(ii)	State a temperature at which primers bind to the target sequence of DNA.				
		°C				
(d)	One complete cycle of a PCR took 3 minutes.					
	Calculate how many copies of the DNA there would be after 9 minutes from an original sample of 30 DNA molecules.					
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The doublesex gene in fruit flies determines whether they develop into males or females. The primary transcript of this gene can produce different mature transcripts as shown in the diagram.



(i) Name process A. (a)

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(ii) State why the mature transcript shown below could not be produced.

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Exon	Exon	Exon	Exon
2	1	3	4

(b) Splice site mutations can affect the development of fruit flies.

Describe the effect of a splice site mutation on a mature transcript and the effect on the protein synthesised.

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Effect on mature transcript _

Effect on protein _

3.	Stem	cells	s are used in research to study how diseases develop.
	(a)	(i)	State one other research use of stem cells.
		(ii)	Describe a property of embryonic stem cells, which makes them useful for research.
		(iii)	Suggest an ethical reason why medical research may involve the use of embryonic stem cells.
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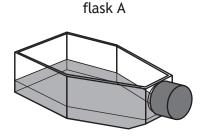
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(b) When culturing stem cells, substances called cytokines can be included in the culture medium.

An investigation was carried out to determine the effect of cytokines on the growth of stem cells.

Cultures of stem cells were set up as shown.



flask B

stem cells + medium

stem cells + medium + cytokines

The cells were cultured for 10 days and the cell count was recorded every 2 days.

The results are shown in the table.

	Cell count (thousand cells per cm³)			
Day	Medium only	Medium + cytokines		
2	22	36		
4	50	130		
6	330	760		
8	520	1800		
10	13	8200		

(i)	Describe	two	differences	in	the	cell	count	between	the	cultures
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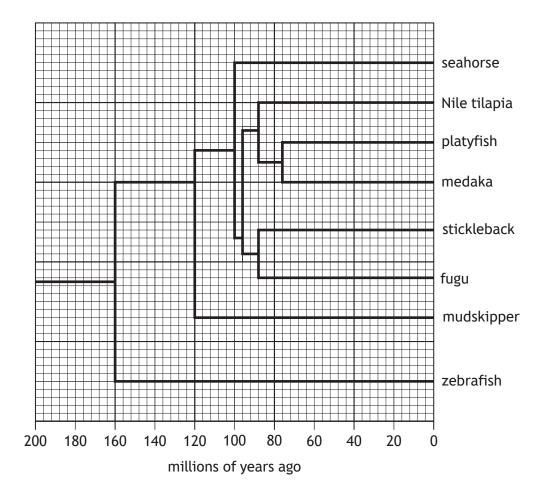
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(ii)	Calculate how many cells would be present in a 0.01 cm ³ sample taken from the culture containing cytokines after 10 days.		
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	thousand cells		
(iii)	The cell count was a viable cell count.		
	Use evidence from the table to support this statement.	1	
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The phylogenetic tree shows the evolutionary relatedness of several fish species.



- (a) (i) State how many millions of years ago the last common ancestor of Nile tilapia and medaka existed.
 - (ii) State how many species evolved from a common ancestor 100 million years ago.
 - (iii) Name the species that is most distantly related to the mudskipper. 1

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(b) Many fish species have fins on the underside of their bodies called pelvic fins.
 Nile tilapia, zebrafish and Atlantic cod have pelvic fins, but seahorses do not.
 A series of genes, A – F, is involved in fin development in fish. The genes present and their locations on a chromosome are shown in the diagram.

Nile tilapia В C D Ε F Α zebrafish Α В C D Ε F F seahorse Α В D Ε Atlantic cod Α Ε D C В F

(i) Use the information given to identify the gene responsible for the development of the pelvic fin.

(ii) Name the type of mutation that resulted in the gene sequence found in the Atlantic cod.

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5. Attempt either A or B. Write your answer in the space below.

A Write notes on the organisation and location of DNA in prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells.

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OR

B Write notes on the translation stage of protein synthesis.

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You may use labelled diagrams where appropriate.

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Wild strains of yeast were grown in a fermenter to produce ethanol.Stages of the process occurring in the fermenter are shown in the diagram.

stage 1 stage 2 stage 2 ethanol + gas X

- (a) Name stage 1.
- (b) There is a net gain of ATP in stage 1.Explain why the ATP produced is described as a net gain.1
- (c) Name gas X produced in stage 2.
- (d) High concentrations of ethanol kill wild strains of yeast.In an attempt to increase ethanol tolerance in yeast, a wild strain was exposed to UV light.Suggest why exposure to UV light may result in yeast cells that can survive in high concentrations of ethanol.
- (e) Fermentation can also occur in animal cells.

 Name the product that pyruvate is converted to in animal cells.

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7. The Komodo dragon is a species of lizard.

An investigation was carried out into the effect of environmental temperature on the metabolic rate of a Komodo dragon.

The results are shown in the table.

Environmental temperature (°C)	Oxygen consumption (cm ³ /kg/hr)
20	0.4
25	0.7
30	1.1
35	1.4
40	1.7

(a)	The Komodo dragon is a conformer.				
	Use evidence from the table to support this statement.				
(b)	Describe how the investigation could be improved to give more reliable results.				
(c)	Calculate the average increase in oxygen consumption per °C between 20 °C and 40 °C.				
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me the type of response that allows conformers to tolerate variation in the rironmental temperature.
mpare the range of ecological niches that can be occupied by conformers

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8. An investigation was carried out to find out how the breathing rate of a group of desert tortoises varied over a year.

The results are shown in the table.

Month	Average breathing rate (breaths/minute)
January	2.8
February	2.9
March	14.0
April	20.2
May	19.6
June	20.4
July	19.8
August	19.5
September	20.4
October	16.8
November	3.2
December	2.7

(i) Express, as a simple whole number ratio, the breathing rate in the (a) months of January, March and October.

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January	N	Narch		October

8.	(a)	(cont	tinued)	
		(ii)	Use evidence from the table to identify the months when desert tortoises were hibernating.	1
	(b)		ere is a drought, desert tortoises survive by decreasing their heart rate and thing rate.	
		Name	e this response and explain why it is consequential.	2
		Name	e	
		Expla	anation	
	(c)		r gliders are small mammals that live in Australia. Their high metabolic sare reduced each day.	
		(i)	Give the term used for this type of behaviour.	1
		(ii)	State the advantage to sugar gliders of reducing their metabolic rate each day.	1

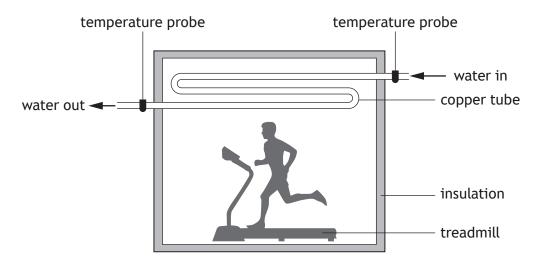


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9. An investigation was carried out to study the effect of intensity of exercise on metabolic rate.

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A calorimeter was used to determine metabolic rate as shown in the diagram.



An individual walked on a treadmill in the calorimeter for 30 minutes and the temperature increase of the water was calculated every 5 minutes.

The procedure was repeated in another calorimeter with a different individual who ran on the treadmill.

The results are shown in the table.

	Temperature increase of the water (°C)		
Time (minutes)	Walking	Running	
0	0	0	
5	0.2	0.4	
10	0.3	0.6	
15	0.5	0.9	
20	0.8	1.1	
25	1.1	1.3	
30	1.4	1.6	

(a)	Explain how the design of the calorimeter allowed metabolic rate to be
	determined.

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(b) Name the independent variable in this investigation.

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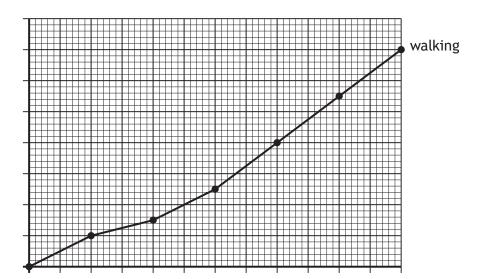
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(c) Identify two variables, not already mentioned, that should be controlled for a valid conclusion to be drawn.

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(d) (i) On the grid, complete the line graph to show the results for running. (Additional graph paper, if required, can be found on *page 31*.)

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(ii) Predict the temperature increase after 35 minutes of walking on the treadmill.

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(e) Draw a conclusion from the results of this investigation.

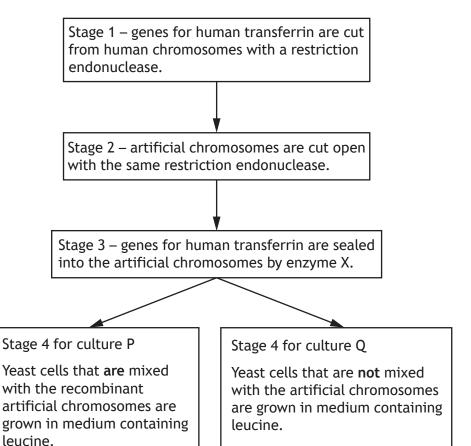
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10. Transferrin is a protein used to treat the blood disorder anaemia in humans.

Artificial chromosomes are used in recombinant DNA technology to genetically modify yeast cells to produce transferrin.

The strain of yeast cells used cannot synthesise the amino acid leucine, which is necessary for protein synthesis and growth of the yeast.

Some stages of this recombinant DNA technology process are shown in the diagram.



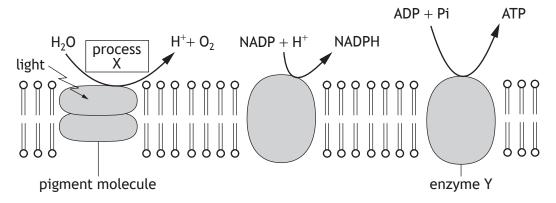
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(a)	(i)	State the term used to describe the artificial chromosome that carries the human gene into yeast cells.
	(ii)	State why an artificial chromosome rather than a plasmid may be used in recombinant DNA technology.
(b)	Expla	ain why the same restriction endonuclease is used in stages 1 and 2.
(c)	Name	e enzyme X used in stage 3.
	The a	e enzyme X used in stage 3. artificial chromosome used contains a selectable marker gene that only as transformed yeast cells to synthesise leucine.
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	The a allow	artificial chromosome used contains a selectable marker gene that only stransformed yeast cells to synthesise leucine. stage 4, cultures P and Q were transferred to separate plates containing

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11. Lettuce can be cultivated commercially in greenhouses.

The diagram represents some stages of the light reaction in photosynthesis in lettuce.



- (a) Describe what happens to electrons in pigment molecules when light energy is absorbed.
- (b) Name process X and enzyme Y. 2

Process X __

Enzyme Y_____

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(c) In an investigation, the light intensity within greenhouses was varied and the yield of lettuce was calculated at each light intensity.

The results are shown in the table.

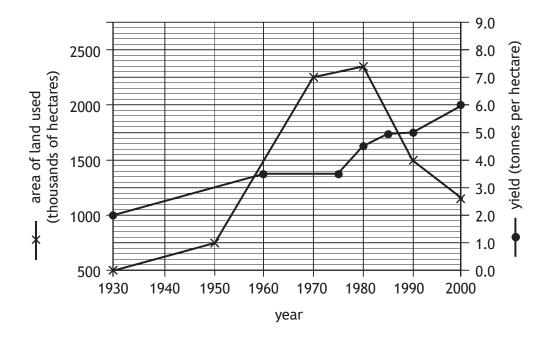
Light intensity (units)	Yield of lettuce (g of dry mass per m²)
50	25
100	500
150	1250
175	1500
200	1500

(i)	Describe the relationship between light intensity and the yield of lettuce.
ii)	Name an environmental factor, other than light intensity, which could increase the yield of lettuce produced.
	Explain how this factor would affect the carbon fixation stage of photosynthesis.
	Environmental factor
	Explanation

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•	State	the two components of species diversity.
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b)		s suggested that the decrease in genetic diversity was a result of the eneck effect.
	Expla speci	ain how the bottleneck effect may lead to the local extinction of certain es.
c)		attempt to increase biodiversity, habitat fragments were linked together tunnels under the motorway.
	(i)	State the term used to describe these tunnels.
		Explain how these tunnels may result in an increase in biodiversity.

The graph shows the area of land in the UK used to grow barley, and its yield between 1930 and 2000.



(a) Use values from the graph to describe the changes in the area of land used to grow barley from 1950 to 2000.

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(b) State the barley yield when the area of land used was 750 thousand hectares.

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_ tonnes per hectare

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(c) Barley is used to feed livestock.

The table shows the mass of different types of livestock produced in the UK between 2000 and 2020.

Year	Mass of livestock produced in the UK (×10 ⁶ kg)			
	Cattle	Pigs	Poultry	
2000	960	1293	1704	
2010	1076	1354	1770	
2020	1104	1380	2348	

Calculate the percentage increase in the mass of cattle produced between 2000 and 2020.

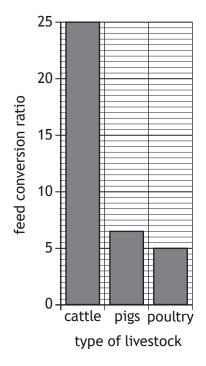
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(d) The feed conversion ratio for different types of livestock can be calculated using the following formula.

> mass of food eaten by livestock Feed conversion ratio = mass of livestock produced

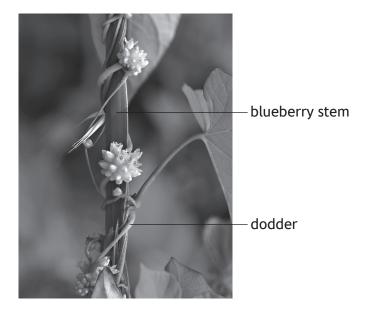
The bar chart shows the feed conversion ratio of different types of livestock.



13.	(d)	(continued)	
		Use information in the table and bar chart to calculate the total mass of feed required for poultry production in the UK in 2020.	1
		Space for calculation	
		×10 ⁶ kg	
		×10° kg	
	(e)	Using information in the bar chart explain why eating poultry or pigs reduces the impact on food security compared with eating cattle.	2



14. Dodder is a plant that grows up blueberry bushes using root-like structures to remove sugar and other nutrients from the stems of the blueberry bushes.



(a) The relationship between the dodder plant and the blueberry bush is symbiotic.

(i) Identify this type of symbiosis.

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(ii) Justify your answer.

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14. (continued)

(b) An investigation was carried out into the effect of dodder on blueberry yield. Blueberries from two fields, one of which was infected with dodder, were harvested and yields recorded.

The results are shown in the table.

Treatment	Average blueberry yield (kg per hectare)
Infected	18 000
Uninfected	22 500

Each field had an area of 6.7 hectares.

(i)	Calculate the reduction in blueberry yield due to the dodder infection.	
	Space for calculation	

		kg
(ii)	Explain why the uninfected field is included as a control in this investigation.	1
(iii)	It was suggested that each large field could have been separated into many small plots and the treatments randomised.	
	State why this would be considered as good experimental design.	1

- 15. Attempt either A or B. Write your answer in the space below and on pages 29 and 30.
 - Write notes on plant and animal breeding under the following headings: Α

(i) inbreeding

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(ii) crossbreeding.

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OR

В Write notes on social behaviour under the following headings:

(i) altruism

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(ii) primate behaviour.

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You may use labelled diagrams where appropriate.