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Some questions must be answered with a cross in a box ☒.  
If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ☒ and then mark your new answer with a cross ☒.

1 Insulin is produced by an endocrine gland and is transported in the blood.

(a) (i) Which row shows the endocrine gland and the target organs for insulin?

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	endocrine gland	target organs
<input type="checkbox"/> A	adrenal	liver and muscles
<input type="checkbox"/> B	adrenal	small and large intestines
<input type="checkbox"/> C	pancreas	liver and muscles
<input type="checkbox"/> D	pancreas	small and large intestines

(ii) Which part of the blood transports insulin to its target organs?

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- A plasma
- B red blood cells
- C white blood cells
- D platelets

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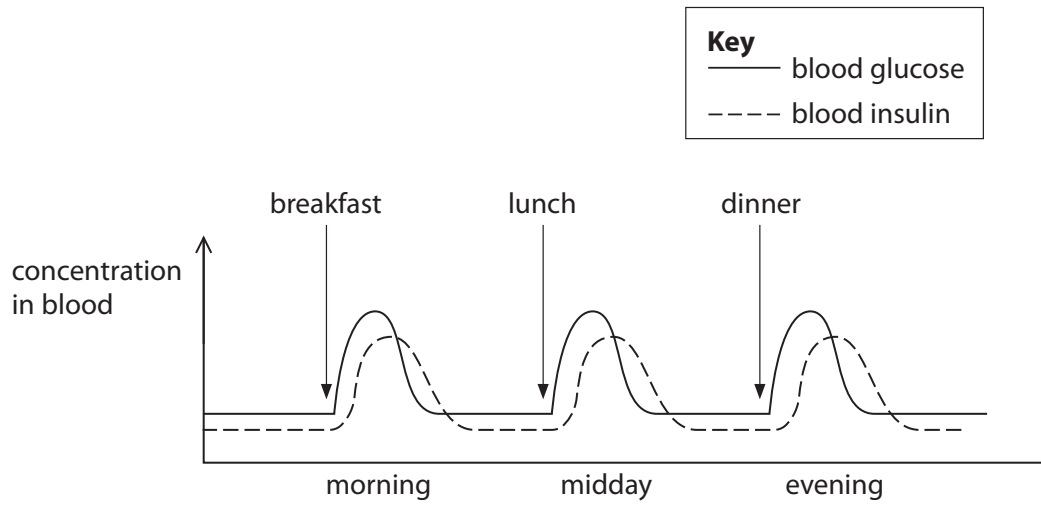
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(b) Figure 1 shows the blood glucose and blood insulin concentration for a healthy person during one day.



**Figure 1**

The blood glucose concentration increases after a meal.

Explain why the blood glucose concentration then decreases.

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(c) State **one** cause of type 1 diabetes.

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(d) Explain how controlling the diet can be used to treat type 2 diabetes.

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(e) A scientist is planning to test a new treatment for type 2 diabetes.

She selects 300 volunteers who have type 2 diabetes.

State **two** other factors that the scientist should consider when selecting the 300 volunteers.

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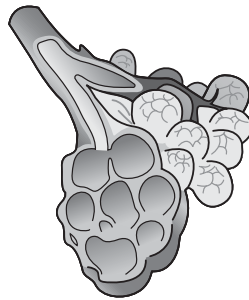
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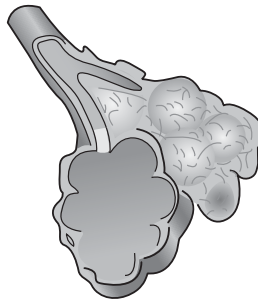
2 (a) Figure 2 shows alveoli from a healthy lung.



**Figure 2**

Smoking can cause a condition called emphysema.

Figure 3 shows alveoli from a person with emphysema.



**Figure 3**

Use words from the box to complete the following sentences.

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breathing	diffusion	larger
osmosis	smaller	thicker

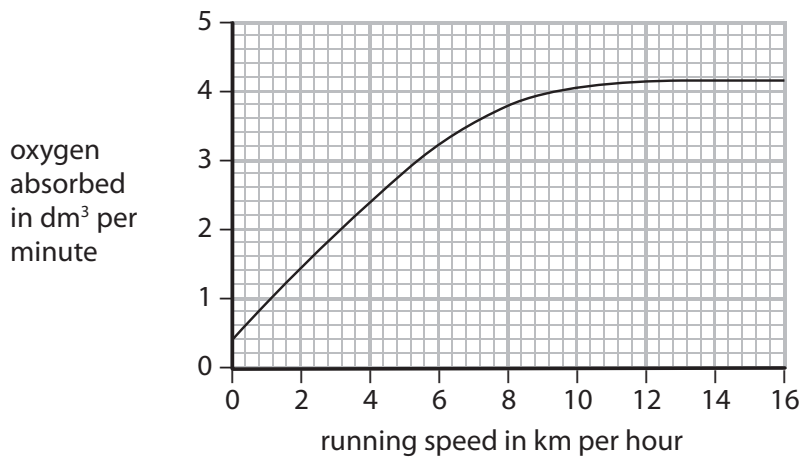
The alveoli from the person with emphysema have a ..... surface area than the alveoli from a healthy lung.

The surface area of the alveoli will affect how much oxygen moves into the blood by the process of .....



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(b) The graph in Figure 4 shows the volume of oxygen an athlete absorbs at different running speeds.



**Figure 4**

(i) Describe the trend shown in Figure 4.

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(ii) Which uses more oxygen when the running speed of the athlete changes from 4 to 6 km per hour?

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- A increasing aerobic respiration
- B increasing anaerobic respiration
- C decreasing aerobic respiration
- D decreasing anaerobic respiration

(iii) Explain why the athlete produces lactic acid when running at 14 km per hour.

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3 The effect of temperature on decomposition was investigated.

30 leaves were collected.

The mass of five leaves was recorded and the leaves were placed into a net bag. This was repeated five more times.

Figure 5 shows one of these bags.

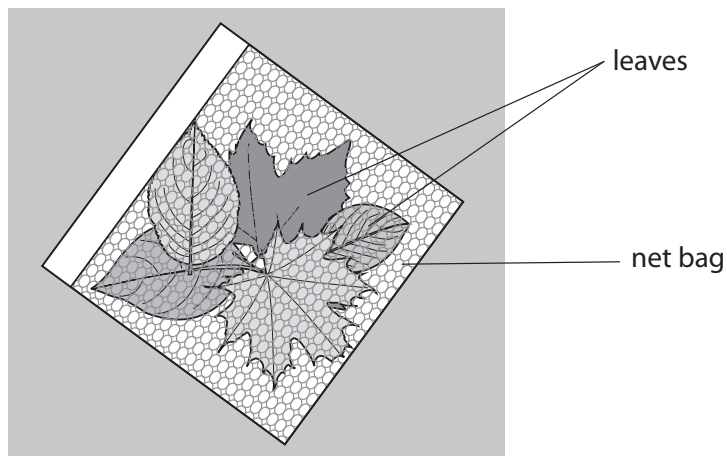


Figure 5

The net bags were then put in trays and covered in soil as shown in Figure 6.

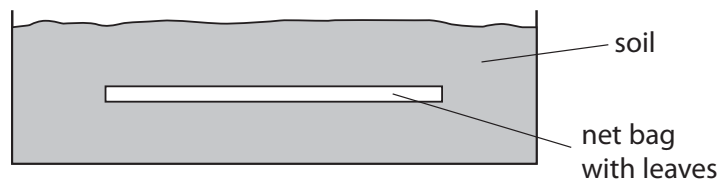


Figure 6

(a) Which type of tray should be used so that the leaves are in the best conditions for decomposition?

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- A tray with air holes and dry soil
- B airtight tray with dry soil
- C tray with air holes and moist soil
- D airtight tray with moist soil



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(b) Each tray was kept at a different temperature.

The mass of the leaves was recorded again after 25 days.

Figure 7 shows the results of this investigation.

temperature in °C	mass of leaves in g		decrease in mass in g	percentage decrease in mass (%)
	at start	after 25 days		
10	5.3	4.9	0.4	7.5
25	4.9	4.2	0.7	14
40	5.2	4.0	1.2	23
55	4.8	3.2	1.6	33
70	5.0	3.7	1.3	26
85	5.4	5.2	0.2	?

**Figure 7**

(i) Calculate the percentage decrease in mass for the leaves at 85 °C.

Give your answer to two significant figures.

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(ii) Explain which temperature was the best for the decomposition of the leaves.

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(iii) State **two** improvements to the method for this investigation.

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4 (a) Plants use nitrate ions to make proteins and chlorophyll.

(i) What effects will a low nitrate ion concentration in soils have on plants?

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- A reduced growth and darker green leaves
- B reduced growth and lighter green leaves
- C increased growth and darker green leaves
- D increased growth and lighter green leaves

(ii) Which organisms convert nitrogen to nitrate ions during the nitrogen cycle?

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- A bacteria
- B mammals
- C fungi
- D worms

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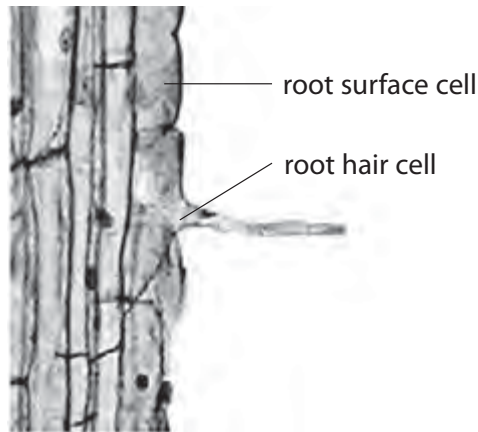
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(b) Figure 8 shows part of a root as seen using a light microscope.



**Figure 8**

Figure 9 shows information about the two types of cell labelled in Figure 8.

type of cell	surface area in $\mu\text{m}^2$	volume in $\mu\text{m}^3$	surface area to volume ratio
root surface cell	5 000	250 000	1 : 50
root hair cell	36 000	288 000	?

**Figure 9**

(i) Calculate the surface area to volume ratio of the root hair cell.

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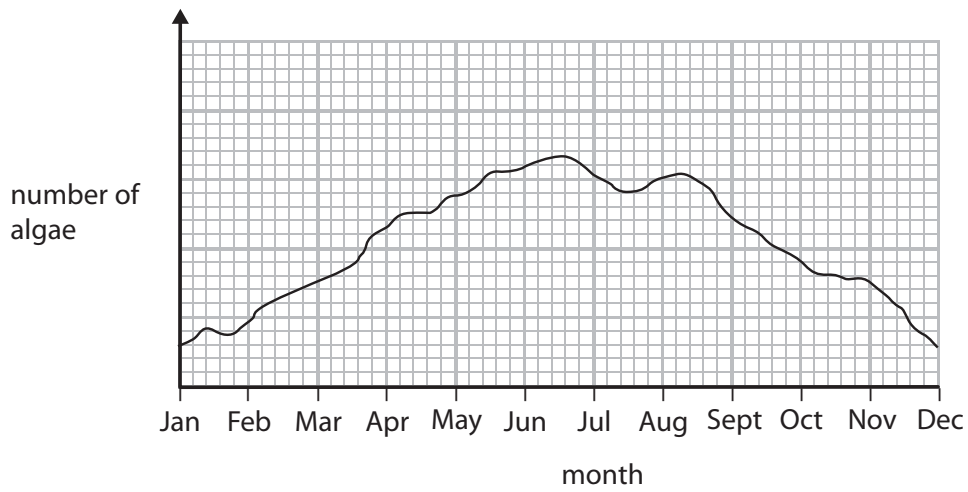
(ii) Explain the benefit to the plant of having root hair cells.

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(c) Algae are green plants.

Figure 10 shows the number of algae in a lake in the United Kingdom during one year.



**Figure 10**

Explain the changes in the number of algae in the lake from February to June.

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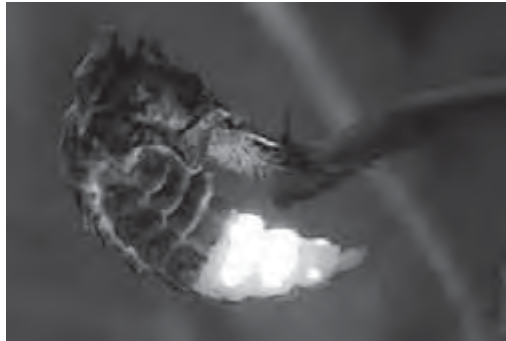
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5 Figure 11 shows a British glow-worm.



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**Figure 11**

**Read the following extract before answering the questions.**

Female glow-worms produce bright lights in the summer to attract males.  
Glow-worm larvae are predators of slugs and snails, but adult glow-worms do not feed.  
Females only have a few weeks to attract a mate and lay eggs, before the females die.

(a) What will happen if the population of snails decreases?

(1)

- A** the population of glow-worms will increase
- B** adult glow-worms will eat more snails
- C** glow-worm larvae will eat more slugs
- D** adult female glow-worms will glow more brightly



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(b) Female glow-worms have an enzyme called luciferase.  
The glow is produced when this enzyme catalyses a reaction between oxygen and a protein.

A scientist devised a plan to investigate the effect of oxygen concentration on this reaction.

The scientist had:

- five flasks of water each with a different concentration of dissolved oxygen
- a solution of the protein
- a solution of the enzyme.

The first step of this plan is:

Step 1. Add some of the protein solution to each of the five flasks.

(i) Describe the next **two** steps that should be in this plan to obtain results for this investigation.

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Step 2.....

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(ii) Which procedure would improve the investigation?

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- A** change the concentration of the protein solution in each flask
- B** change the volume of the protein solution added to each flask
- C** keep the concentration of dissolved oxygen the same in each flask
- D** keep the volume of each solution the same in each flask

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(iii) The enzyme luciferase works best at pH8.

Explain why the activity of the enzyme decreases at pH5.

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(c) Female glow-worms are found attached to grass plants in a large field.

(i) Describe a sampling technique to find the **mean** number of female glow-worms in 1 m<sup>2</sup> of the field.

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(ii) The mean number of female glow-worms in 1 m<sup>2</sup> of the field is 5.

The field has a total area of 800 m<sup>2</sup>.

Estimate the number of female glow-worms in the whole field.

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6 (a) Figure 12 shows a cross section through a leaf.

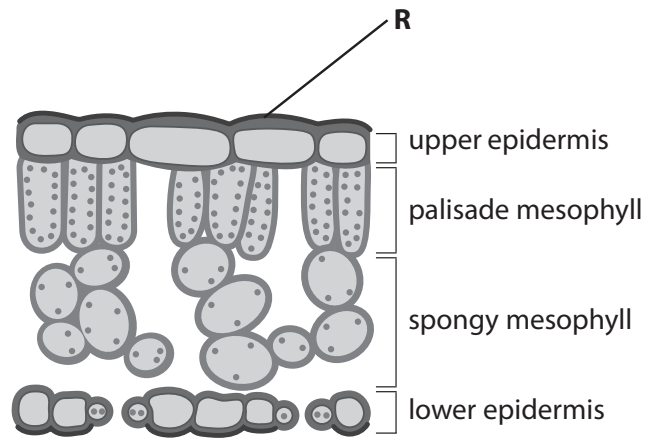


Figure 12

(i) What is the name of the part labelled **R** in Figure 12?

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- A cell wall
- B cytoplasm
- C stomata
- D waxy cuticle

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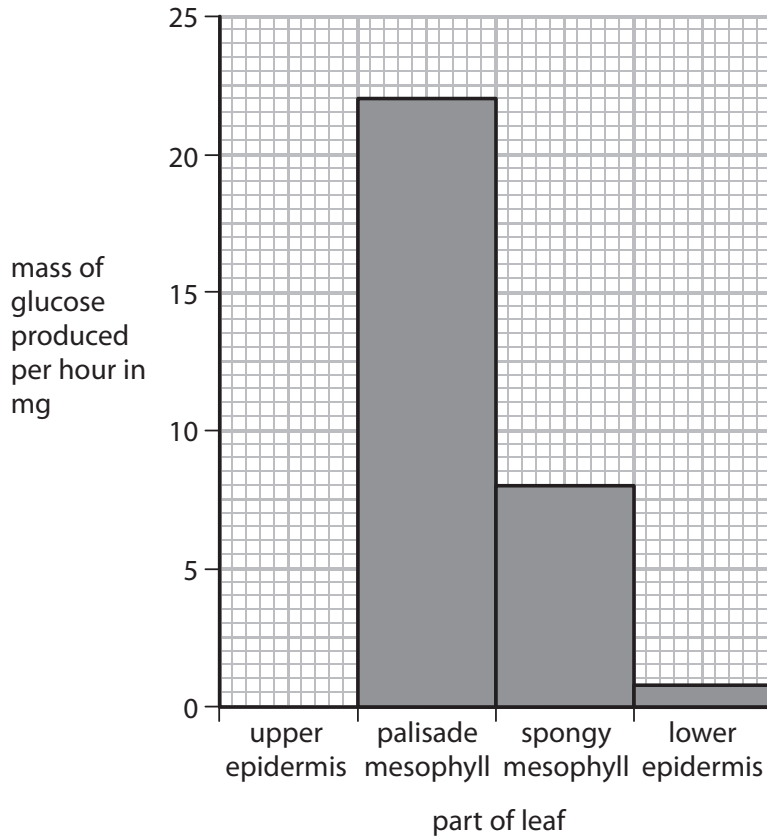
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(ii) Figure 13 shows the mass of glucose produced in each layer of a leaf per hour.



**Figure 13**

Describe the difference in the mass of glucose produced per hour in the palisade mesophyll and the mass of glucose produced in the spongy mesophyll shown in Figure 13.

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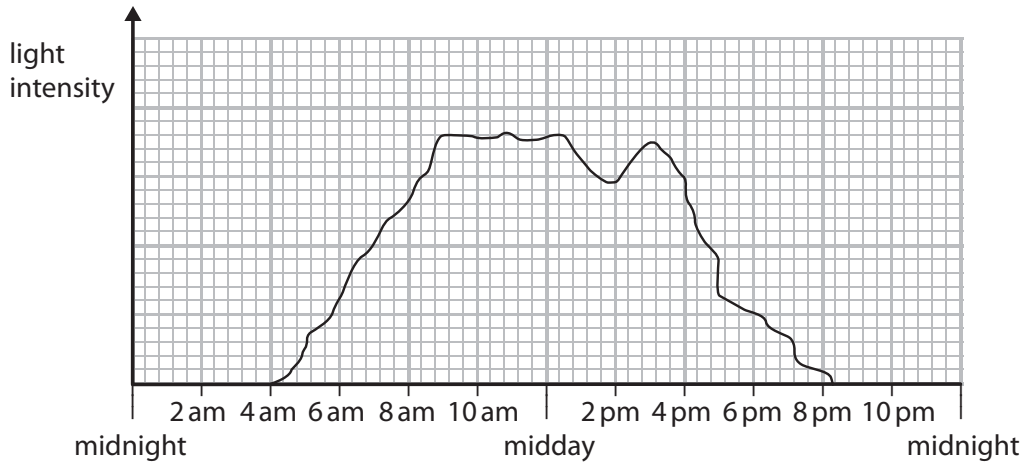
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(b) Figure 14 shows how light intensity changed during one day.



**Figure 14**

Use information in Figure 14 to explain why oxygen moved out of the leaf between 9 am and midday.

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(c) (i) Glucose is produced in a leaf.

Glucose is a

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- A vitamin
- B protein
- C lipid
- D carbohydrate

(ii) Describe a test for glucose.

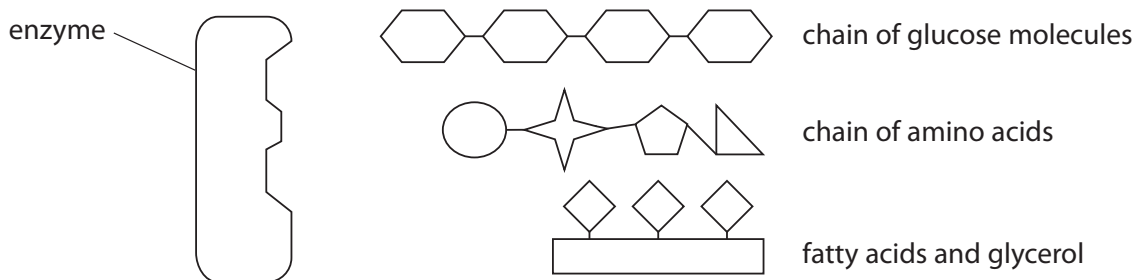
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(d) Figure 15 shows an enzyme and three substrates found in plant cells.



**Figure 15**

The enzyme will only break down one of these substrates.

State the name of this enzyme.

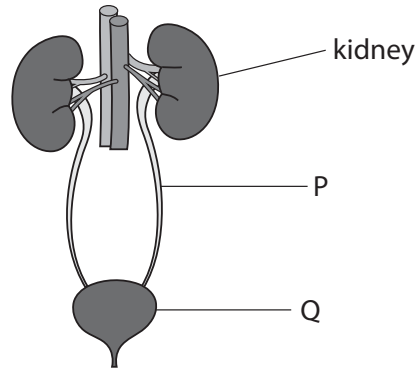
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7 Figure 16 shows the urinary system of a human.



**Figure 16**

(a) Name the structures labelled P and Q.

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(b) The kidney contains nephrons.

Figure 17 shows the concentration of glucose and protein found in the blood plasma and in the filtrate inside a nephron.

	concentration in the blood plasma	concentration in the filtrate in the nephron
glucose	1 mg per cm <sup>3</sup>	1 mg per cm <sup>3</sup>
protein	47 g per dm <sup>3</sup>	0 g per dm <sup>3</sup>

**Figure 17**

(i) Explain the difference in the concentration of protein in the blood plasma and in the filtrate in the nephron.

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(ii) Explain how glucose moves from the blood plasma into the nephron.

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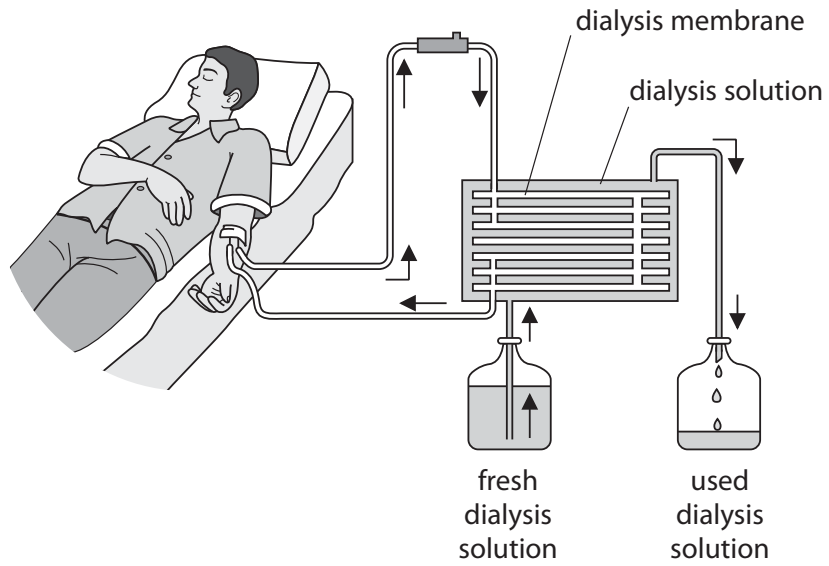
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\*(c) Figure 18 shows a patient undergoing kidney dialysis.



**Figure 18**

Describe how dialysis removes unwanted substances from the blood.

Include examples of unwanted substances in your answer.

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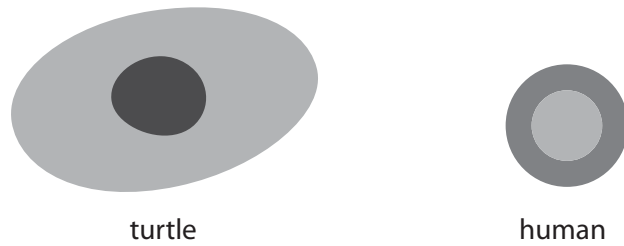
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- 8 (a) Figure 19 shows a diagram of a red blood cell from a turtle and a diagram of a red blood cell from a human.



**Figure 19**

- (i) These cells are animal cells.

Animal cells do not have

- A cytoplasm
- B a cell membrane
- C a cell wall
- D mitochondria

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- (ii) The actual length of the red blood cell from a turtle is  $20.5 \mu\text{m}$ .

Calculate the length of the magnified image of the red blood cell of the turtle when magnified  $400\times$ .

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- (iii) The width of the human red blood cell, when magnified  $400\times$ , is  $3.08 \text{ mm}$ .

Calculate the actual width of the cell and show your answer in standard form.

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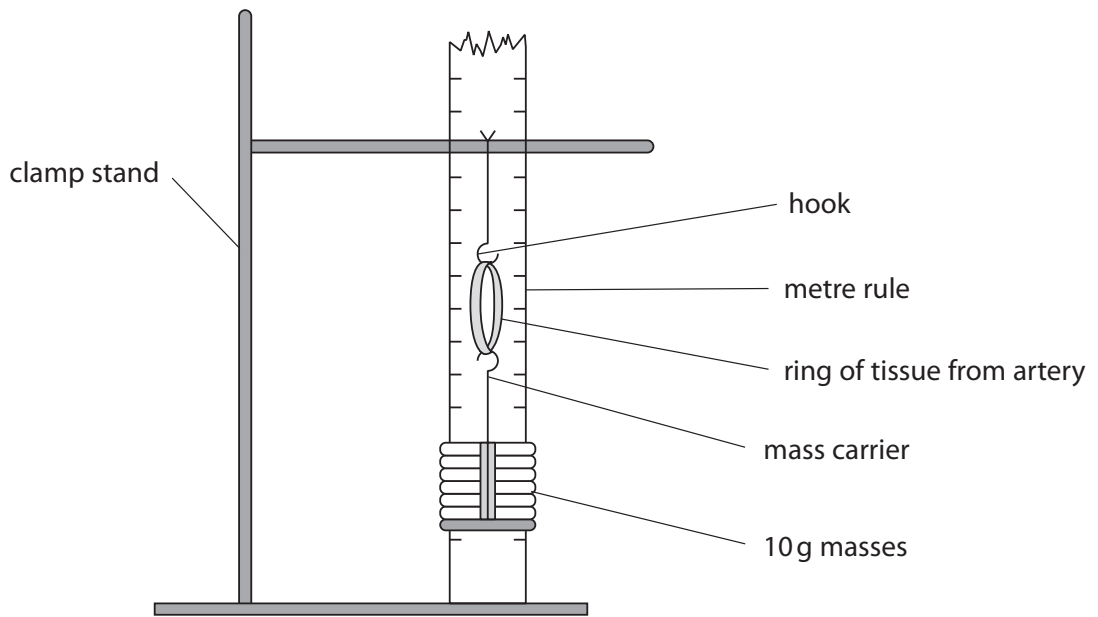
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(b) Red blood cells are carried in veins and arteries.

Figure 20 shows the equipment used to measure the elasticity of an artery.



**Figure 20**

(i) Describe a method you could use to see how much the ring of tissue from an artery could stretch before it no longer returned to its original size.

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(ii) Give **one** safety precaution you need to take when handling animal tissue such as blood vessels.

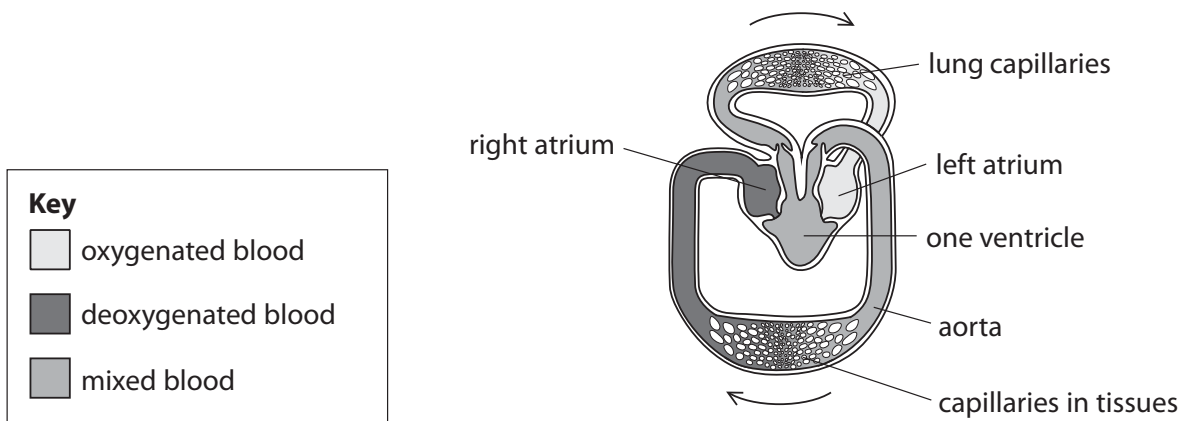
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(c) Figure 21 shows the circulatory system of a frog.



**Figure 21**

Explain why the circulatory system of a frog is less efficient at carrying oxygen to the tissues than the circulatory system of a human.

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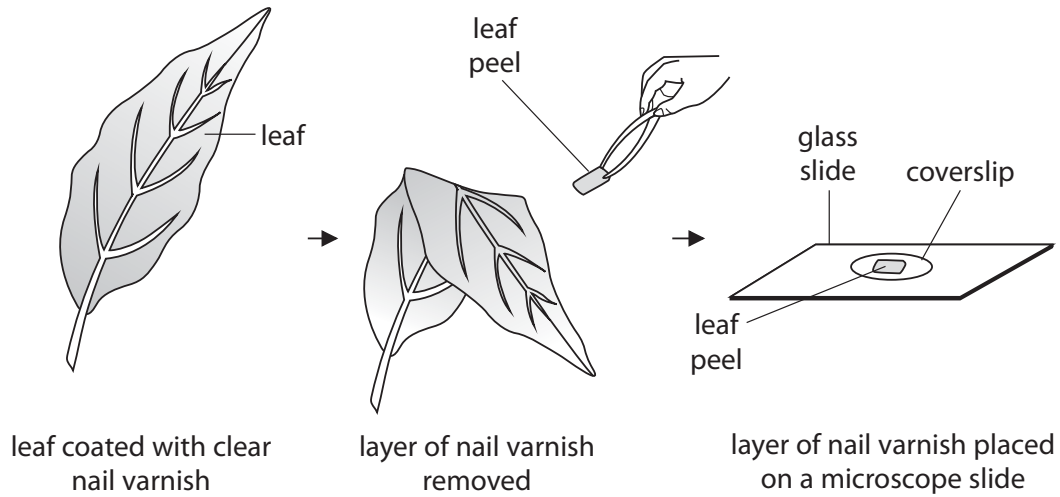
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- 9 A student compared the number of stomata on the upper and lower surfaces of a leaf. She completed a leaf peel as shown in Figure 22.



**Figure 22**

The layer of nail varnish shows an impression of the cells on the surface of the leaf.

- (a) (i) State why a coverslip is placed on top of the leaf peel.

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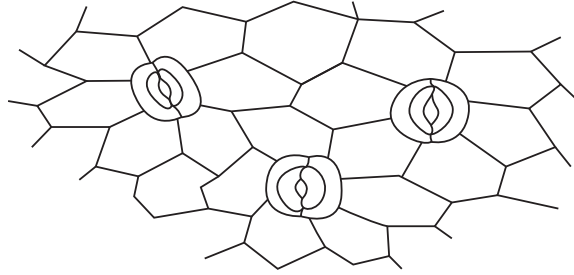
- (ii) Explain why the leaf peel rather than the whole leaf was viewed with a microscope.

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(b) The student drew a biological diagram of the leaf peel taken from the underside of the leaf.

Figure 23 shows this diagram.



**Figure 23**

(i) State the number of stomata visible on Figure 23.

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(ii) The student observed that the stomata were open.

Describe how stomata open.

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\* (c) Figure 24 shows xylem and phloem.  
Xylem and phloem are involved in the transport of substances through a plant.

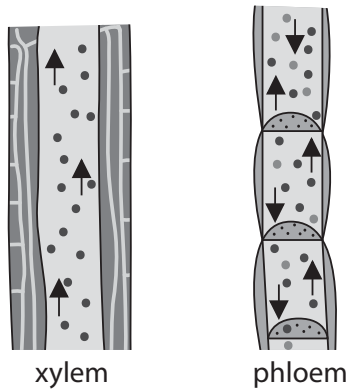


Figure 24

Use Figure 24 to help you describe how water and sucrose move through a plant.

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A series of horizontal dotted lines provided for the student to write their answer.

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10 Since 2003, in France, people have been buying Siberian chipmunks as pets but then releasing them into the wild when they are no longer wanted.

They are now classified as an invasive species.

Figure 25 shows a Siberian chipmunk (*Tamias sibiricus*).



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**Figure 25**

(a) Siberian chipmunks eat acorns, which are the seeds of oak trees.

In Siberia, the natural predators of Siberian chipmunks are wild dogs.

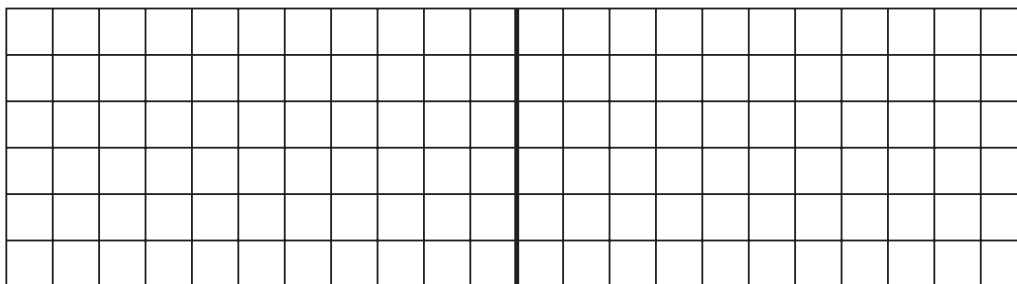
(i) Figure 26 shows the biomass of three organisms in a food chain from one area of Siberia.

organisms	biomass in kg
acorns	20 650
chipmunks	2 200
wild dogs	230

**Figure 26**

Draw a pyramid of biomass for this food chain.

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(ii) In France, Siberian chipmunks have very few natural predators.

Describe how this affected the Siberian chipmunk population in France.

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(iii) The percentage of energy transferred from the acorns to the chipmunks is 9.5%.

The energy contained in the acorns is 97 500 kJ.

Calculate the amount of energy transferred to the chipmunks.

Give your answer to the nearest whole number.

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- (b) The black-legged tick (*Ixodes scapularis*) is a parasite that feeds on the blood of animals including Siberian chipmunks and humans.

The tick transmits the Lyme disease pathogen.

Figure 27 shows the number of cases of Lyme disease in humans in France in 2003 and 2015.

Number of cases of Lyme disease in humans in France	
2003	2015
9 500	27 000

Figure 27

- (i) Calculate the percentage increase in the number of cases of Lyme disease in humans in France from 2003 to 2015.

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- (ii) Explain why there has been an increase in the number of cases of Lyme disease in humans in France.

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