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Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

No Additional Materials are required.

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Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

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Answer **all** questions.

A copy of the Periodic Table is printed on page 20.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

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1 Flowers are organs in which sexual reproduction takes place.

(a) (i) Complete the definition of sexual reproduction. Use words from the list.

dissimilar female haploid identical
ovary sperm zygote

Sexual reproduction is the process involving the fusion of

..... nuclei to form a diploid

and the production of genetically offspring. [3]

(ii) State the scientific term for the fusion of two nuclei.

..... [1]

(b) Fig. 1.1 shows a section through a flower.

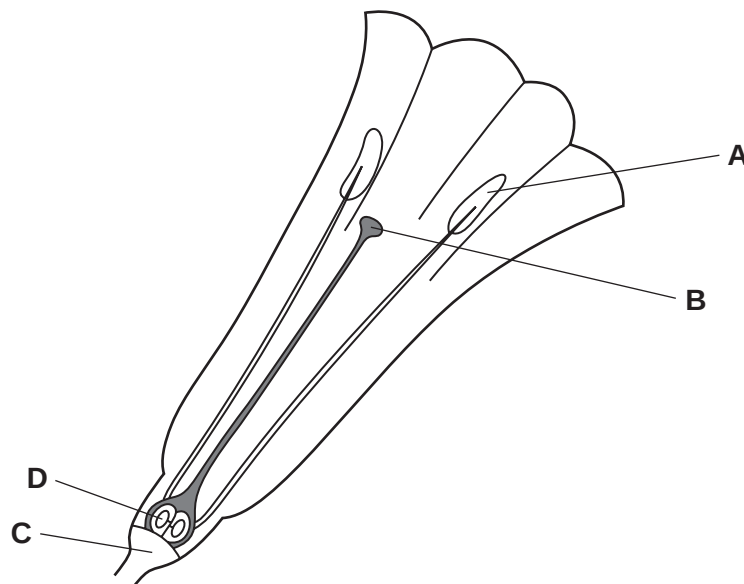


Fig. 1.1

(i) Name the parts labelled **A** and **B**.

A

B [2]

(ii) State the **letter** of the part in which

the male gametes are produced,

a zygote is produced. [2]

- (c) After pollination, seeds are produced. A student set up an experiment to investigate the conditions needed for the germination of lettuce seeds.

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He placed five lettuce seeds on cotton wool in each of five test-tubes. Fig. 1.2 shows the conditions present in each tube.

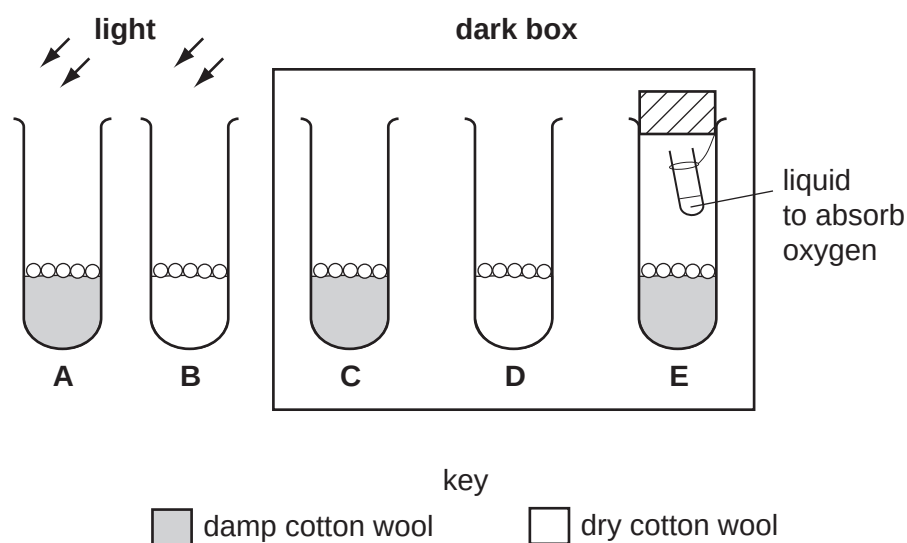


Fig. 1.2

Table 1.1 shows his results.

Table 1.1

tube	conditions			number of seeds that germinated
A	water	oxygen	light	5
B	no water	oxygen	light	0
C				5
D				0
E				0

- (i) Complete Table 1.1 to show the conditions present in each tube. Tubes A and B have been done for you. [2]
- (ii) What conclusions can the student make from these results?

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..... [3]

- 2 (a) (i) State the percentages of nitrogen and oxygen in the air.

nitrogen

oxygen

[2]

- (ii) During a thunderstorm, energy from lightning causes nitrogen and oxygen to combine to form nitric oxide.

Explain why nitrogen is an example of an *element* and nitric oxide is an example of a *compound*.

.....

[2]

- (iii) Nitric oxide has the chemical formula, NO.

Explain what is meant by this formula.

.....

[2]

- (iv) What name is given to the type of chemical reaction that occurs when oxygen bonds to another element?

..... [1]

- (b) When magnesium burns in air, a white solid is formed. This white solid contains magnesium oxide, MgO.

- (i) Name the type of chemical bonding in magnesium oxide.

Explain your answer.

type of chemical bonding

explanation

[2]

- (ii) A student burned some magnesium in air and then added the white solid formed to water.

She tested the solution with Universal (full range) Indicator and found that the pH was 9.

State a conclusion that the student can draw from this observation.

.....

..... [1]

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- 3 (a) Draw lines to connect each quantity measured to its correct unit and symbol.

One has been done for you.

quantity measured	unit	symbol
mass	kilogram	W
force	joule	N
power	newton	J
work	watt	kg

[2]

- (b) Fig. 3.1 shows two speed/time graphs for a car.

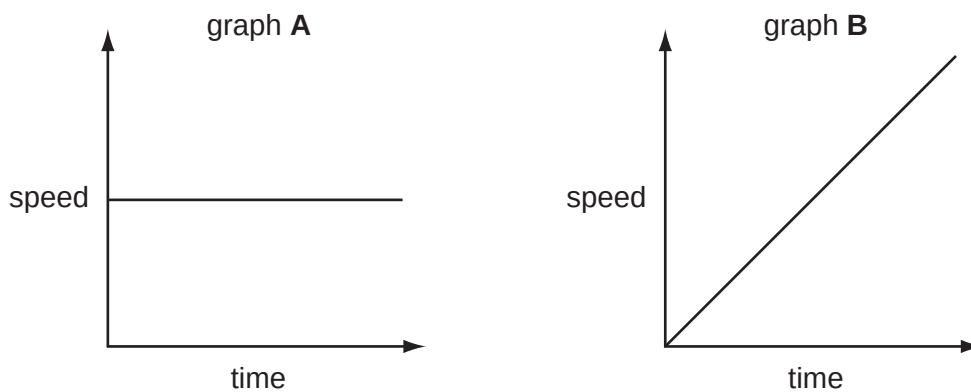


Fig. 3.1

Describe the motion of the car in

graph A,

graph B. [2]

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- (c) The car travels at 20 m/s for 90 seconds.

Calculate the distance covered.

State the formula that you use and show your working.

formula used

working

..... m [2]

- (d) One of the car's headlamps has a current of 2 A, when the voltage across it is 12 V.

- (i) Show that the resistance of the headlamp is $6\ \Omega$.

State the formula that you use and show your working.

formula used

working

[2]

- (ii) The car has two of these identical headlamps connected in series.

Calculate the total resistance of these two headlamps.

State the formula that you use and show your working.

formula used

working

..... Ω [2]

4 Many bats are predators that fly at night. They eat moths and other insects.

(a) Underline the **two** words that describe the position of a bat in a food chain.

carnivore **consumer** **herbivore** **producer** [1]

(b) Bats emit ultrasound.

(i) Ultrasound is sound that has a frequency too high for a human to hear.

Suggest a frequency for the ultrasound emitted by bats. Hz [1]

(ii) Underline the **one** word that correctly describes an ultrasound wave.

electromagnetic **longitudinal** **transverse** [1]

(c) Bats use echo location to detect objects around them.

The reflected ultrasound waves are detected by special cells in the bat's head.

Fig. 4.1 shows how ultrasound waves are reflected from a rough surface and from a smooth surface. The arrows show the direction in which the sound waves travel.

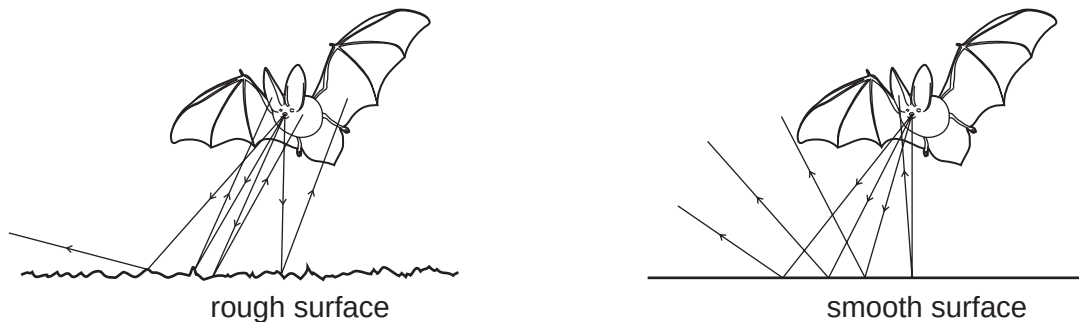


Fig. 4.1

(i) Use the information in Fig. 4.1 to describe what happens to the ultrasound waves when they hit

a rough surface,

.....

a smooth surface.

..... [1]

- (ii) Suggest how the bat can tell if it is flying over a rough surface or a smooth surface, even when it is completely dark.

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..... [1]

- (d) Many kinds of bat live in trees in forests.

List **three** ways in which deforestation can damage the environment.

- 1
2
3 [3]

- 5 (a) In many countries, river water is collected and treated to make it safe for humans to drink.

State and explain which **two** of the processes shown below are used to treat river water so that it becomes safe to drink.

chlorination

crystallisation

filtration

evaporation

first process

reason why this process is carried out

.....

second process

reason why this process is carried out

..... [4]

- (b) Fig. 5.1 shows chromatography being used by a student to investigate mixtures of dyes (coloured compounds) used to colour sweets.

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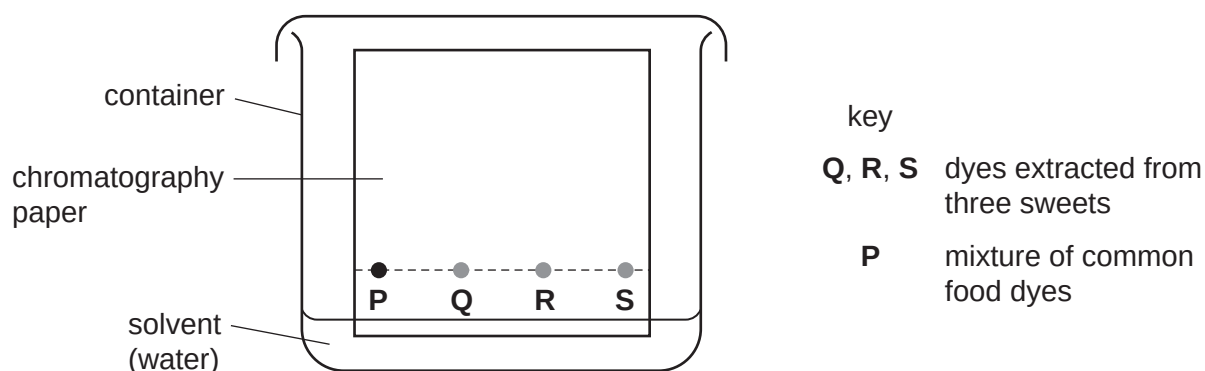


Fig. 5.1

Fig. 5.2 shows the appearance of the chromatography paper after several minutes.

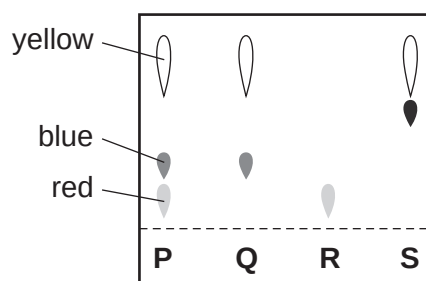


Fig. 5.2

- (i) Deduce and explain the colour of the sweet which contains only one dye.

colour

explanation

[2]

- (ii) State which sweet contained a dye which was **not** one of the common food dyes in the mixture P.

..... [1]

- 6 (a) Fig. 6.1 shows a washing machine.



Fig. 6.1

Complete the sentence below using **two** of the words in the list.

heat kinetic light potential sound

A washing machine is designed to transform electrical energy into

..... energy and energy. [2]

- (b) (i) Some of the water inside the washing machine evaporates.

Explain the process of evaporation in terms of particles.

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 [2]

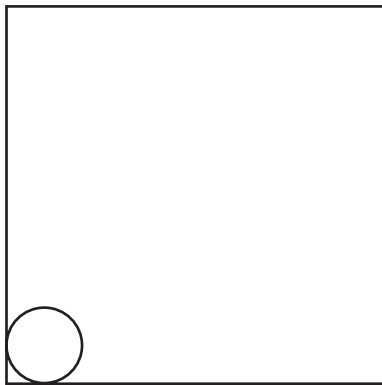
- (ii) Explain why evaporation has a cooling effect.

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 [1]

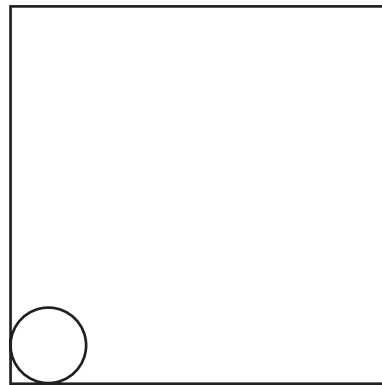
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- (c) The casing of the washing machine is a solid. The water used in it is a liquid.

Complete the diagrams below to show the arrangement of particles in a solid and in a liquid.



solid



liquid

[2]

- (d) Before buying a washing machine, a person may research several types to find out which washing machine has the greatest energy efficiency.

Explain the meaning of the term *efficiency*.

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 [1]

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- 7 (a) Fig. 7.1 shows two human teeth.

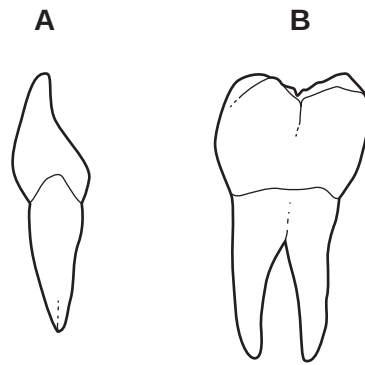


Fig. 7.1

- (i) Name the **two** types of teeth shown in Fig. 7.1.

tooth **A**

tooth **B** [2]

- (ii) Explain how tooth **B** helps to digest a food such as bread.

.....

 [2]

- (b) For each part of the digestive system in the list below, tick (✓) the correct function or functions.

part	ingestion	digestion	absorption
mouth	☐	☐	☐
stomach	☐	☐	☐
small intestine	☐	☐	☐

[3]

Please turn over for Question 8.

- 8 Metallic copper is a very important material that has been extracted from copper compounds for thousands of years.

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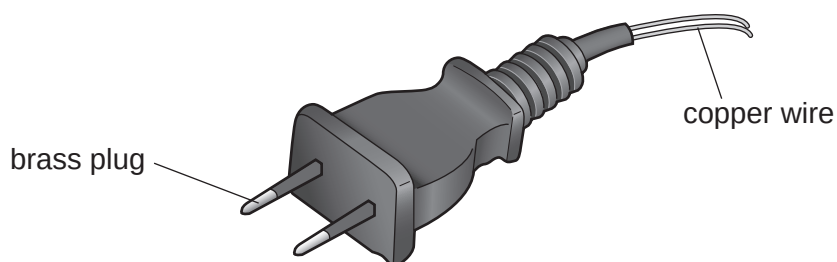
- (a) (i) The wires used in many electrical devices are made from copper.

State the **two** properties of metals such as copper, that make them suitable for making electrical wires.

1

2 [2]

- (ii) Copper wires are connected to the mains electrical supply using brass plugs. Brass is an alloy.



Explain the meaning of the term *alloy* and state **one** difference in the physical properties of brass compared to copper.

meaning of *alloy*

.....

difference in physical property

..... [2]

- (iii) One of the processes used in the extraction of copper involves heating copper(I) sulfide in air.

One of the reactions that occurs is between copper(I) sulfide and oxygen. This reaction also produces sulfur dioxide.

Construct the **word** chemical equation for this reaction.

..... [1]

- (b) Copper may also be formed by the electrolysis of an aqueous solution of copper chloride using electrodes made of graphite (carbon).

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Fig. 8.1 shows a laboratory apparatus a student used to carry out this electrolysis reaction.

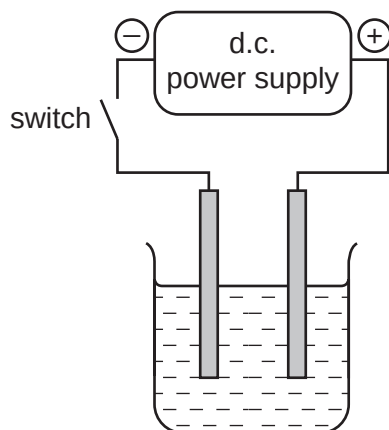


Fig. 8.1

- (i) What is the electrolyte in this electrolysis reaction?

..... [1]

- (ii) Name the product formed and describe what is observed at the surface of each electrode when an electric current is passing through the circuit.

positive electrode

product

observation

negative electrode

product

observation [4]

- 9 (a) Complete Table 9.1 to show the circuit symbol for each of the named components.

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Table 9.1

component	symbol
ammeter	
fuse	
variable resistor	

[3]

- (b) Fig. 9.1 shows an electrical circuit for a torch (flashlight).

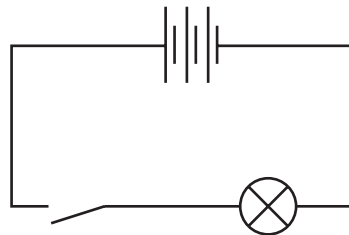


Fig. 9.1

- (i) How many cells are fitted in the torch? [1]

- (ii) A voltmeter is used to check the voltage across the light bulb.

Draw the symbol for the voltmeter in the correct position on the circuit. [1]

- (c) A single ray of light from a torch is shone onto a mirror as shown in Fig. 9.2.

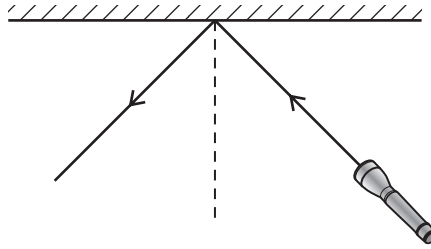


Fig. 9.2

- (i) On Fig. 9.2, label the angle of incidence and angle of reflection. [1]
- (ii) The angle of incidence = 45° .

Write down the value of the angle of reflection. [1]

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DATA SHEET
The Periodic Table of the Elements

Group																										
I	II											III	IV	V	VI	VII	0									
												1 H Hydrogen 1							4 He Helium 2							
7 Li Lithium 3	9 Be Beryllium 4											11 B Boron 5		12 C Carbon 6	14 N Nitrogen 7	16 O Oxygen 8	19 F Fluorine 9	20 Ne Neon 10								
23 Na Sodium 11	24 Mg Magnesium 12											27 Al Aluminium 13		28 Si Silicon 14	31 P Phosphorus 15	32 S Sulfur 16	35.5 Cl Chlorine 17	40 Ar Argon 18								
39 K Potassium 19	40 Ca Calcium 20	45 Sc Scandium 21	48 Ti Titanium 22	51 V Vanadium 23	52 Cr Chromium 24	55 Mn Manganese 25	56 Fe Iron 26	59 Co Cobalt 27	59 Ni Nickel 28	64 Cu Copper 29	65 Zn Zinc 30	70 Ga Gallium 31	73 Ge Germanium 32	75 As Arsenic 33	79 Se Selenium 34	80 Br Bromine 35	84 Kr Krypton 36									
85 Rb Rubidium 37	88 Sr Strontium 38	89 Y Yttrium 39	91 Zr Zirconium 40	93 Nb Niobium 41	96 Mo Molybdenum 42	101 Ru Ruthenium 44	101 Rh Rhodium 45	103 Pd Palladium 46	106 Ag Silver 47	108 Cd Cadmium 48	112 In Indium 49	115 Sn Tin 50	119 Sb Antimony 51	122 Te Tellurium 52	127 I Iodine 53	131 Xe Xenon 54										
133 Cs Cesium 55	137 Ba Barium 56	139 La Lanthanum 57	178 Hf Hafnium 72	181 Ta Tantalum 73	184 W Tungsten 74	186 Re Rhenium 75	190 Os Osmium 76	192 Ir Iridium 77	195 Pt Platinum 78	197 Au Gold 79	201 Hg Mercury 80	204 Tl Thallium 81	207 Pb Lead 82	209 Bi Bismuth 83		Po Polonium 84	At Astatine 85	Rn Radon 86								
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a

X

b

a = relative atomic mass
X = atomic symbol
b = proton (atomic) number

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X = atomic symbol

b = proton (atomic) number

Key

a	X	b
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The volume of one mole of any gas is 24 dm³ at room temperature and pressure (r.t.p.).

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