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Paper 1 Multiple Choice

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1 hour

Additional Materials: Multiple Choice Answer Sheet
 Soft clean eraser
 Soft pencil (type B or HB is recommended)



READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write in soft pencil.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Write your name, Centre number and candidate number on the Answer Sheet in the spaces provided unless this has been done for you.

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 separate Answer Sheet.

Read the instructions on the Answer Sheet very carefully.

Each correct answer will score one mark. A mark will not be deducted for a wrong answer.

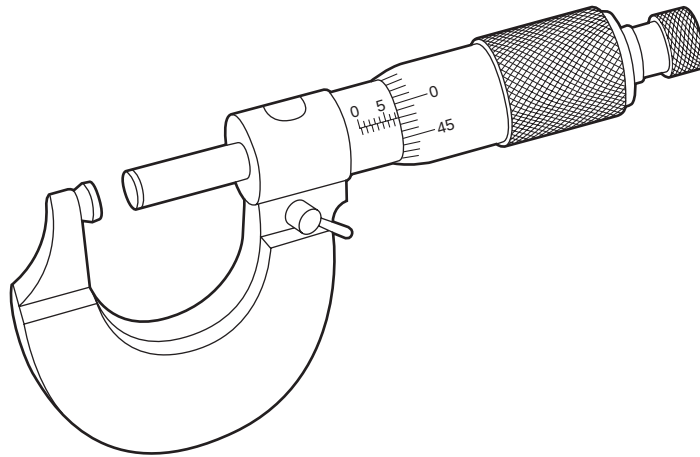
Any rough working should be done in this booklet.

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

This document consists of **16** printed pages.



- 1 The diagram shows an instrument used in Physics.



What is the name of this instrument and what is it used to measure?

	name	used to measure
A	calipers	length
B	calipers	pressure
C	micrometer	length
D	micrometer	pressure

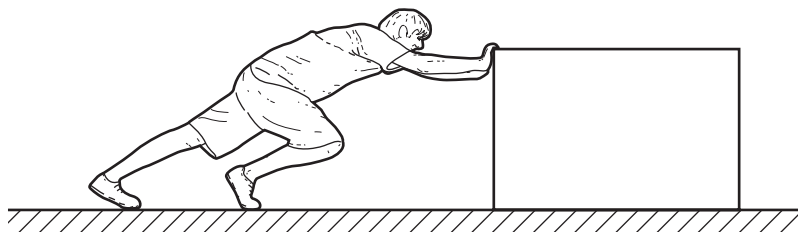
- 2 In an energy transformation sequence, what produces kinetic energy from gravitational potential energy as part of the sequence?
- A** burning fuel in a power station
 - B** generating hydroelectric energy
 - C** generating energy in a nuclear power station
 - D** generating energy in a geothermal power station
- 3 Which car, moving from rest, has an average acceleration of 2.0 m/s^2 ?
- A** a car reaching a speed of 10 m/s in 2 s
 - B** a car reaching a speed of 20 m/s in 5 s
 - C** a car reaching a speed of 30 m/s in 10 s
 - D** a car reaching a speed of 40 m/s in 20 s

- 4 A force is applied to an object on a frictionless surface. It produces an acceleration of 3 m/s^2 .

What are possible values for the applied force and for the mass of the object?

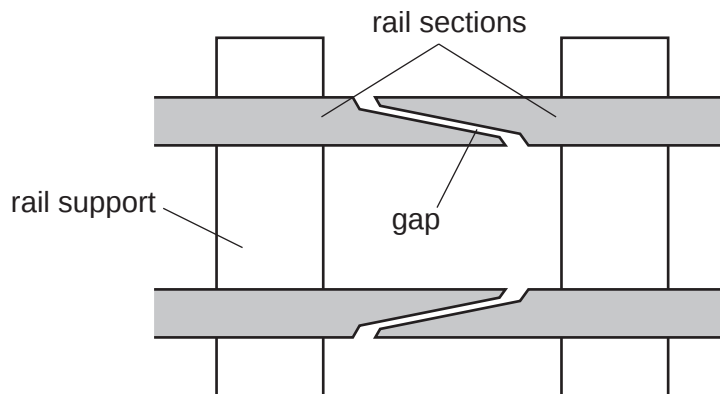
	force / N	mass / kg
A	2	5
B	2	6
C	5	2
D	6	2

- 5 A man pushes a heavy box across a floor. He exerts a force of 80 N and the box moves 4.0 m in 5.0 seconds.



What useful power does the man develop?

- A** 4.0 W **B** 64 W **C** 100 W **D** 1600 W
- 6 At regular intervals along a railway line there is a gap between the rail sections.



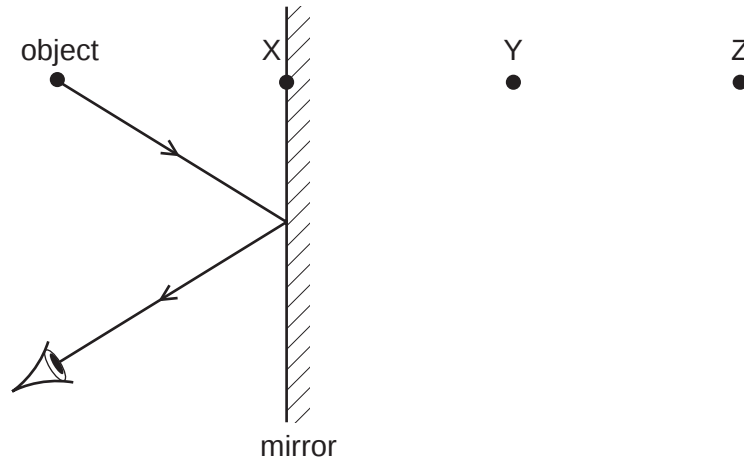
What is the reason for the gap between the rail sections?

- A** to allow for expansion of the rail sections during hot weather
B to allow for vibrations of the rail sections as the train passes over them
C to allow rain water to drain from the rail sections
D to keep the wheels of the train and carriages on the rail sections

7 Which property is essential to a clinical thermometer?

- A It contains mercury.
- B It has a constriction in its bore.
- C It has a range of 40°C .
- D It is accurate to 0.001°C .

8 The diagram shows the reflection of a ray of light from an object in a plane mirror.



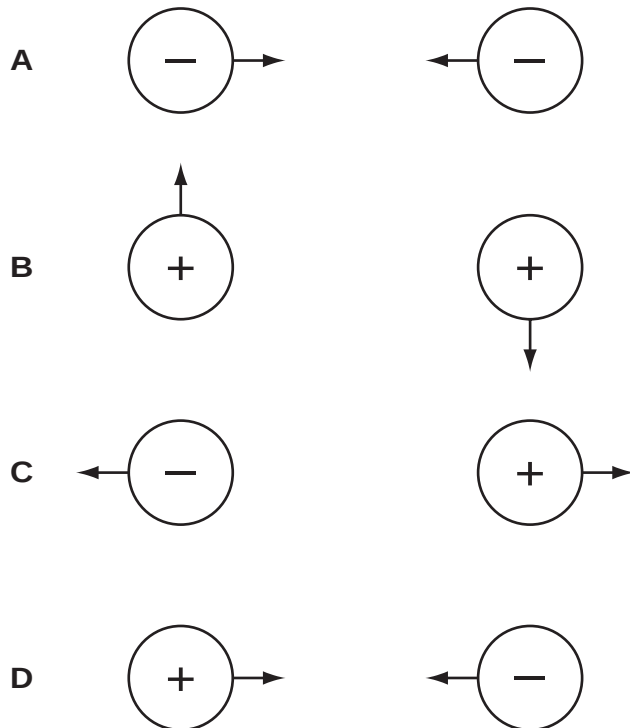
Which statement is correct?

- A The image is at X.
 - B The image is between X and Y.
 - C The image is at Y.
 - D The image is between Y and Z.
- 9 A VHF radio station broadcasts at a frequency of 60 MHz ($6.0 \times 10^7\text{ Hz}$). The speed of radio waves is $3.0 \times 10^8\text{ m/s}$.

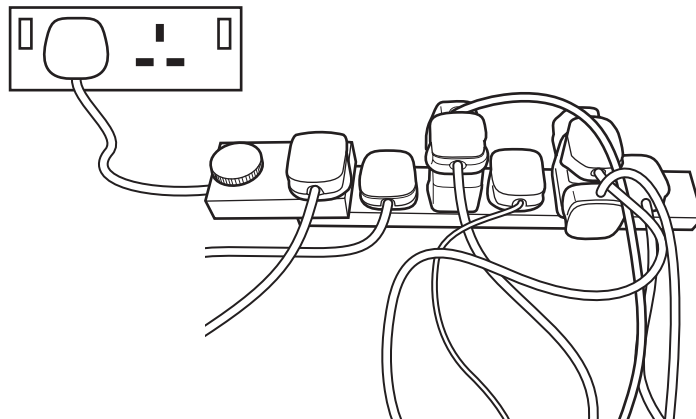
What is the wavelength of the waves broadcast by the station?

- A 5.0 m
- B 2.0 m
- C 0.5 m
- D 0.2 m

10 Which diagram correctly shows the directions of the electrostatic forces on a pair of charged spheres?



11 The diagram shows an unsafe use of an extension cable.



What is the electrical hazard?

- A the danger of burning out the appliances
- B the danger of melting the fuse
- C the danger of overheating the cable
- D the danger of the appliances not being earthed

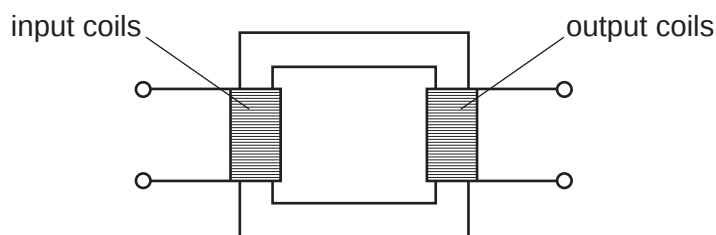
- 12 A constant-voltage source is connected to a resistor which has a current I through it.

Two more identical resistors are then added in series with the first.

What is the current now?

- A $\frac{I}{4}$ B $\frac{I}{3}$ C I D $3I$

- 13 The transformer in the diagram has an input coil with N_i turns and an output coil with N_o turns.

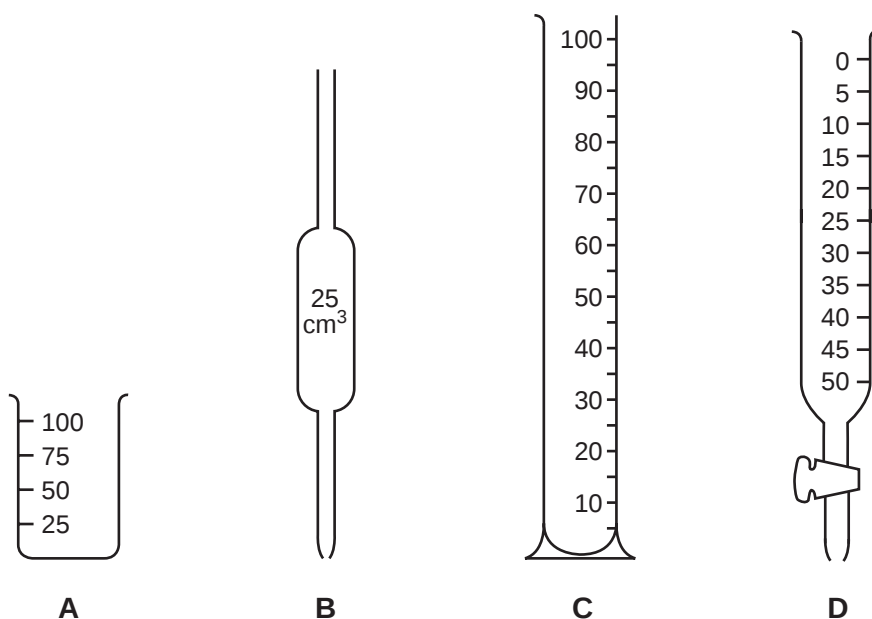


The output voltage needs to be lower than the input voltage.

What is needed for the transformer to work correctly?

	input supply	relative values of N_i and N_o
A	a.c.	$N_i > N_o$
B	a.c.	$N_i < N_o$
C	d.c.	$N_i > N_o$
D	d.c.	$N_i < N_o$

- 14 Which piece of apparatus would be most suitable to measure accurately the volume of acid needed to neutralise 25.0 cm^3 of an alkali?



- 15 An atom of element X is represented by ${}^7_3\text{X}$.

Which statement about this atom of X is correct?

- A It is in Group III of the Periodic Table.
- B It is in Group VII of the Periodic Table.
- C The total number of protons and electrons is 6.
- D The total number of protons and neutrons is 10.

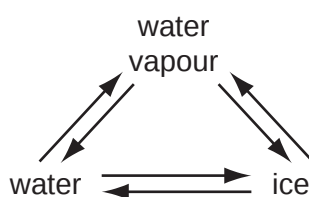
- 16 The table shows the electronic structures of four elements.

element	electronic structure
W	2, 6
X	2, 8
Y	2, 8, 1
Z	2, 8, 7

Which pair of atoms form a covalent molecule?

- A two atoms of W
- B two atoms of X
- C an atom of W and an atom of X
- D an atom of Y and an atom of Z

- 17 In which conversion do water molecules lose speed?

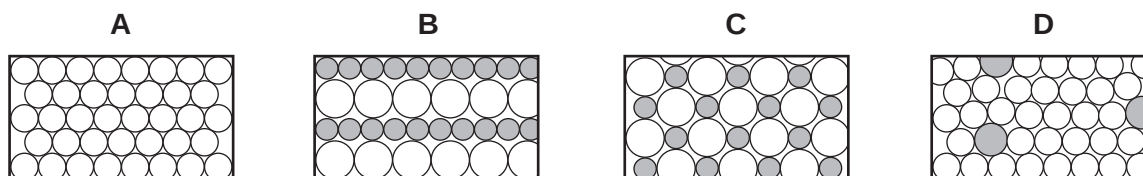


- A ice → water
- B ice → water vapour
- C water vapour → ice
- D water → water vapour

18 Which process is endothermic?

- A the formation of a hydrogen-chlorine bond
- B the formation of silver from silver salts in photography
- C the formation of water from oxygen and hydrogen
- D the formation of water from steam

19 Which diagram represents the structure of an alloy?



20 What are the properties of bromine?

	state at room temperature	result of adding bromine to aqueous potassium iodide
A	gas	no reaction
B	gas	reaction
C	liquid	no reaction
D	liquid	reaction

21 Which statement about all acids is correct?

- A They contain both hydrogen and oxygen.
- B They give ammonia with an ammonium salt.
- C They have a pH value below 7.
- D They react with all metals to form hydrogen.

22 Ammonia may be obtained from ammonium chloride by heating with

- A aqueous calcium chloride.
- B aqueous sodium hydroxide.
- C dilute hydrochloric acid.
- D water.

23 Water is formed when hydrogen is passed over the heated oxide of metal X.

No water is formed when hydrogen is passed over the heated oxide of metal Y.

What is the order of reactivity of hydrogen, metal X and metal Y?

	most reactive	—————→	least reactive
A	hydrogen	X	Y
B	X	hydrogen	Y
C	X	Y	hydrogen
D	Y	hydrogen	X

24 Aluminium is used to make saucepans because of its apparent lack of reactivity.

Which property of aluminium explains its unreactivity?

- A** It has a high electrical conductivity.
- B** It has a layer of oxide on its surface.
- C** It has a low density.
- D** It is in Group III of the Periodic Table.

25 Which substance can be oxidised to form ethanoic acid?

- A** CH_3OH **B** $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$ **C** $\text{C}_3\text{H}_7\text{OH}$ **D** $\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{OH}$

26 The table shows the boiling point ranges of fractions collected from distillation of a sample of petroleum (crude oil).

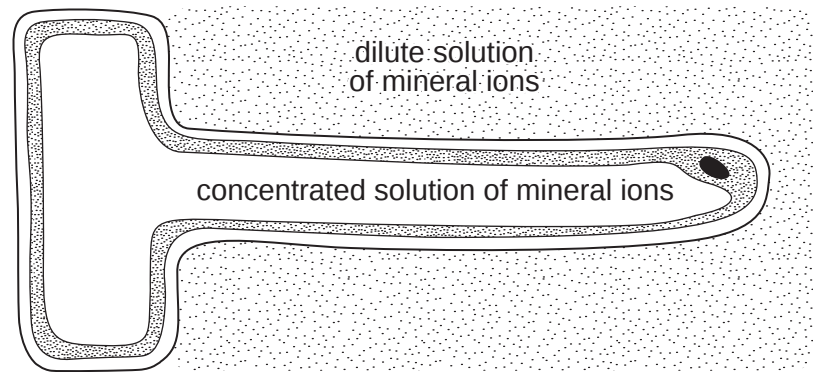
Which fraction contains the smallest molecules?

fraction	boiling point range
A	20 – 50°C
B	50 – 100°C
C	100 – 150°C
D	150 – 250°C

27 Which is the molecular formula of an alkane?

- A** C_3H_6 **B** C_4H_{10} **C** C_6H_{12} **D** C_7H_{18}

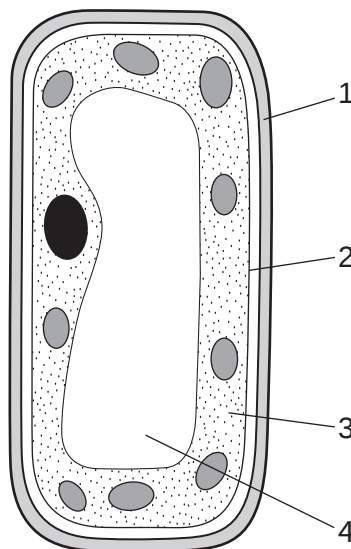
28 The diagram shows a root hair, surrounded by a dilute solution of mineral ions.



Which statement describes what happens?

- A Water molecules move into the root hair because their concentration is lower inside.
- B Water molecules move into the root hair because their concentration is lower outside.
- C Water molecules move out of the root hair because their concentration is lower inside.
- D Water molecules move out of the root hair because their concentration is lower outside.

29 The diagram shows a plant cell.



Which structures are the cell membrane, cell wall and cytoplasm?

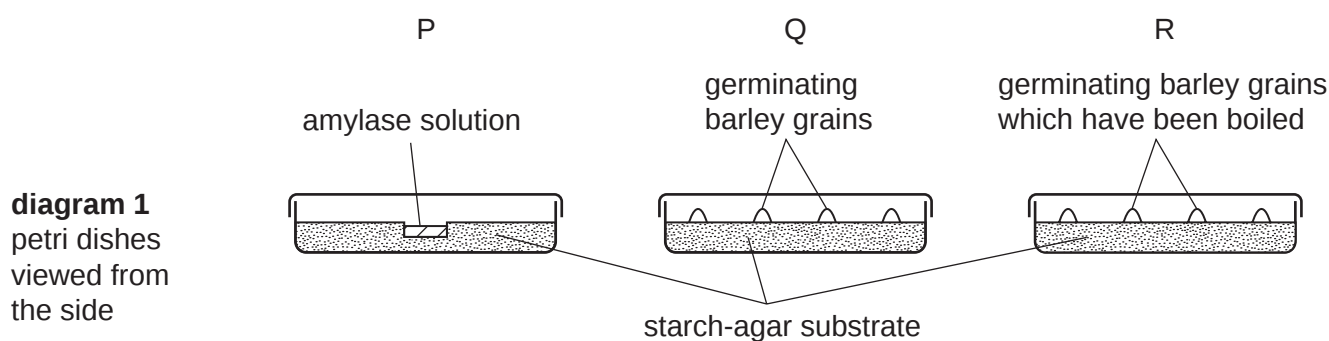
	cell membrane	cell wall	cytoplasm
A	1	2	3
B	1	2	4
C	2	1	3
D	2	1	4

30 Where and how does carbon dioxide enter a plant?

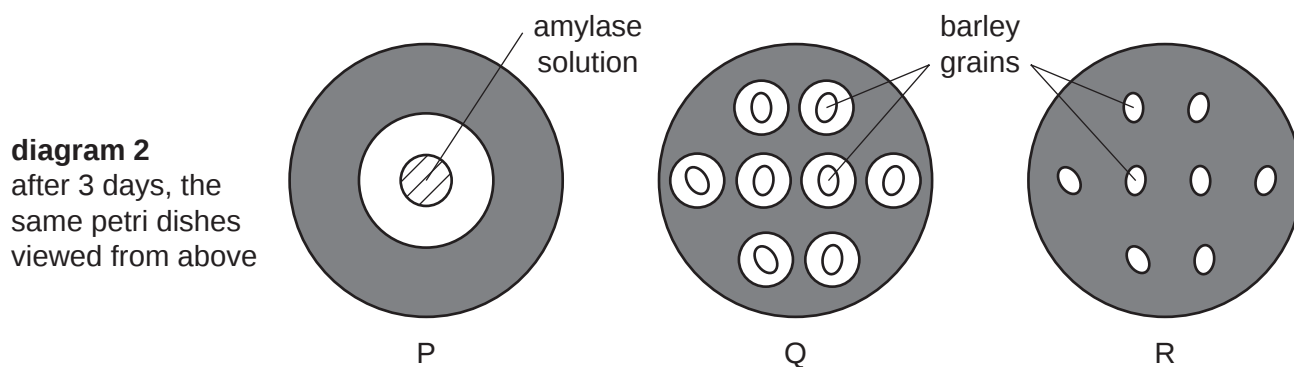
	where	how
A	root hair cells	osmosis
B	root hair cells	diffusion
C	stomata	osmosis
D	stomata	diffusion

31 An experiment is performed to investigate the germination of barley grains, as follows.

- Three petri dishes are set up as shown in diagram 1.
- The dishes are left for 3 days.
- Iodine solution is added to the starch-agar substrate.



The results are shown in diagram 2. The shaded areas went blue-black.



Which is the **best** explanation of the results?

- A** Amylase is produced by barley grains that have been boiled.
- B** Amylase from barley grains is destroyed when they are boiled.
- C** Germinating grains prevent iodine from staining starch blue/black.
- D** Starch from the substrate is used by the grains as an energy source.

32 To investigate whether bacteria in the mouth produce acids, a student

- rubbed two pieces of sterile cotton wool on his teeth,
- dipped only one of these pieces into finely powdered sugar,
- left both pieces in separate petri dishes for thirty minutes,
- covered both pieces with Universal Indicator solution.

[Universal Indicator solution colours: above pH 7, dark green to blue; pH 6-7, green; below pH 6, yellow to red]

Which colours will be observed at the end of the experiment?

	sample dipped into sugar	sample not dipped into sugar
A	green	green
B	green	red
C	red	green
D	red	red

33 Which equation represents anaerobic respiration in yeast?

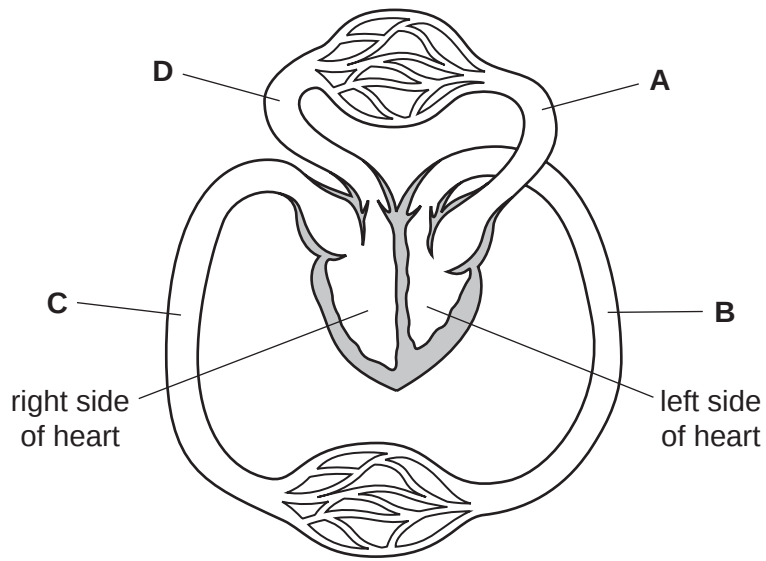
- A** glucose $\rightarrow$ alcohol + carbon dioxide
- B** glucose $\rightarrow$ alcohol + water
- C** glucose $\rightarrow$ lactic acid + carbon dioxide
- D** glucose $\rightarrow$ lactic acid + water

34 What is the excretory product in blood that is removed by the lungs?

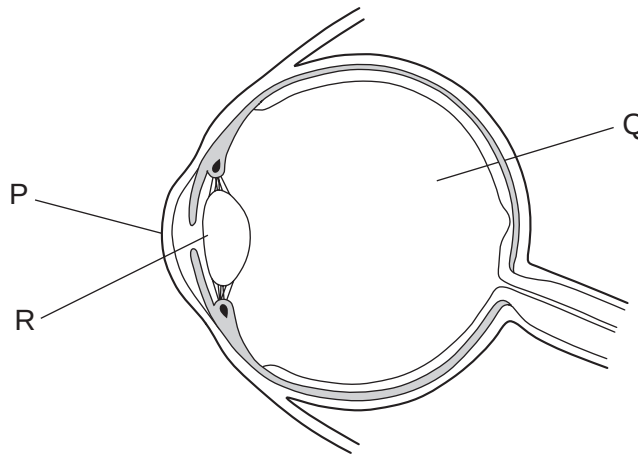
- A** carbon dioxide
- B** lactic acid
- C** urea
- D** water

35 The diagram represents part of the human circulatory system.

Where is the blood pressure highest?



36 The diagram shows a section through a human eye.



The eye produces an image by refracting (bending) light onto the retina.

How much of this refraction is created by the parts P, Q and R?

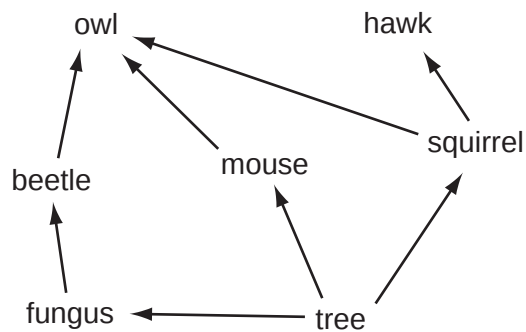
	most refraction	some refraction	no refraction
A	P	Q	R
B	P	R	Q
C	R	P	Q
D	R	Q	P

37 Cutting down large areas of tropical forest can lead to a reduction in rainfall.

What is the reason for the reduction in rainfall?

- A** a reduction in photosynthesis
- B** a reduction in transpiration
- C** an increase in flooding
- D** an increase in respiration

38 The diagram shows a food web.

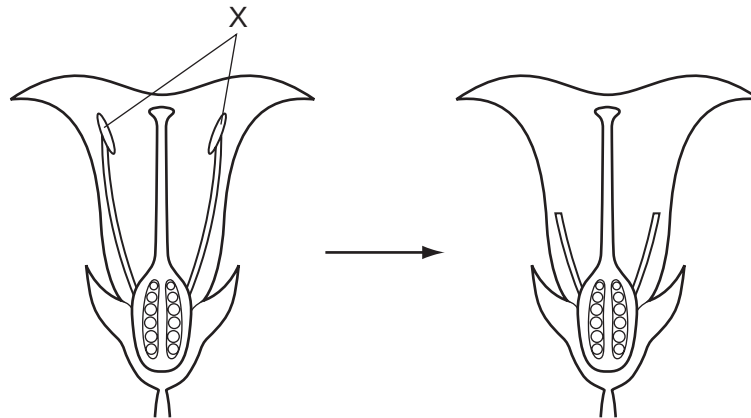


Which of the organisms, shown in the food web, can survive by taking in only simple inorganic materials?

- A** beetle
- B** fungus
- C** owl
- D** tree

39 The diagram shows a flower in longitudinal section.

Before they had developed fully, a plant breeder removed the structures labelled X, as shown.



What is the effect of removing these structures?

- A It prevents asexual reproduction.
 - B It prevents the flower from being pollinated.
 - C It prevents the flower from producing seeds.
 - D It prevents the flower from pollinating itself.
- 40 What is a method of preventing the spread of HIV?
- A avoiding sharing cups for drinking
 - B checking blood before transfusions
 - C taking the contraceptive pill
 - D using spermicides

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																	19 F Fluorine 9	20 Ne Neon 10	
23 Na Sodium 11	24 Mg Magnesium 12																	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	106 Pd Palladium 46	108 Ag Silver 47	112 Cd Cadmium 48	115 In Indium 49	119 Sn Tin 50	122 Sb Antimony 51	128 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	210 Po Polonium 84	210 At Astatine 85	210 Rn Radon 86			
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