Sample Question Paper 2020-21

Class X Science (086) Theory

Time: 3 Hours Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

- (i) The question paper comprises four sections A, B, C and D. There are 36 questions in the question paper. All questions are compulsory.
- (ii) Section—A question no. 1 to 20 all questions and parts thereof are of one mark each. These questions contain multiple choice questions (MCQs), very short answer questions and assertion reason type questions. Answers to these should be given in one word or one sentence.
- (iii) Section—B question no. 21 to 26 are short answer type questions, carrying 2 marks each. Answers to these questions should in the range of 30 to 50 words.
- (iv) Section—C question no. 27 to 33 are short answer type questions, carrying 3 marks each. Answers to these questions should in the range of 50 to 80 words.
- (v) Section—D question no. 34 to 36 are long answer type questions carrying 5 marks each. Answer to these questions should be in the range of 80 to 120 words.
- (vi) There is no overall choice. However, internal choices have been provided in some questions. A student has to attempt only one of the alternatives in such questions.
- (vii) Wherever necessary, neat and properly labeled diagrams should be drawn.

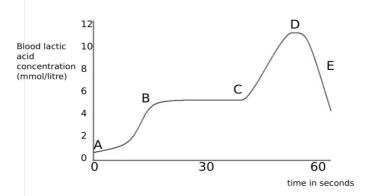
	SECTION A	
No.	Questions	Marks
1	List any two observations when Ferrous Sulphate is heated in a dry test tube? OR Identify the products formed when 1 mL of dil. Hydrochloric acid is added to 1g of Sodium metal?	1
2	Write the chemical name and chemical formula of the salt used to remove permanent hardness of water.	1
3	Which of the following is not observed in a homologous series? Give reason for your choice. a) Change in chemical properties b) Difference in -CH ₂ and 14u molecular mass c) Gradation in physical properties d) Same functional group	1
4	Why does the Sun appear white at noon?	1

5	Both a spherical mirror and a thin spherical lens have a focal length of (-)15 cm. What type of mirror and lens are these?	1
6	The image formed by a concave mirror is observed to be real, inverted and larger than the object. Where is the object placed? OR Name the part of a lens through which a ray of light passes without suffering any deviation.	1
7	In the arrangement shown in figure there are two coils wound on a non-conducting cylindrical rod. Initially the key is not inserted in the circuit. Later the key is inserted and then removed shortly after. Coil I Coil II What are the two observations that can be noted from the galvanometer reading?	1
8	Draw the magnetic field lines around a straight current carrying conductor.	1
9	Two unequal resistances are connected in parallel. If you are not provided with any other parameters (eg. numerical values of I and R), what can be said about the voltage drop across the two resistors? OR Some work is done to move a charge Q from infinity to a point A in space. The potential of the point A is given as V. What is the work done to move this charge from infinity in terms of Q and V?	1
10	Veins are thin walled and have valves. Justify.	1
11	How is the wall of small intestine adapted for performing the function of absorption of food? OR Out of a goat and a tiger, which one will have a longer small intestine? Justify your answer.	1
12	Explain how ozone being a deadly poison can still perform an essential function for our environment. OR Give reason why a food chain cannot have more than four trophic levels.	1

13	State the role of pancreas in digestion of food.	1
other land (d) a) Both b) Both c) A is	estion numbers 14, 15 and 16, two statements are given- one labeled Assertion (A) abeled Reason (R). Select the correct answer to these questions from the codes (a) as given below: A and R are true, and R is correct explanation of the assertion. A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of the assertion. true, but R is false. false, but R is true.	•
14	Assertion: After white washing the walls, a shiny white finish on walls is obtained after two to three days. Reason: Calcium Oxide reacts with Carbon dioxide to form Calcium Hydrogen Carbonate which gives shiny white finish.	1
15	Assertion: Food chain is responsible for the entry of harmful chemicals in our bodies. Reason: The length and complexity of food chains vary greatly. OR Assertion: Greater number of individuals are present in lower trophic levels. Reason: The flow of energy is unidirectional.	1
16	Assertion: A geneticist crossed a pea plant having violet flowers with a pea plant with white flowers, he got all violet flowers in first generation. Reason: White colour gene is not passed on to next generation.	1
	Read the following and answer any four questions from 17 (i) to 17 (v) All living cells require energy for various activities. This energy is available by the breakdown of simple carbohydrates either using oxygen or without using oxygen.	our sub-
	 (i) Energy in the case of higher plants and animals is obtained by a) Breathing b) Tissue respiration c) Organ respiration d) Digestion of food 	
	(ii) The graph below represents the blood lactic acid concentration of an athlete during a race of 400 m and shows a peak at point D.	

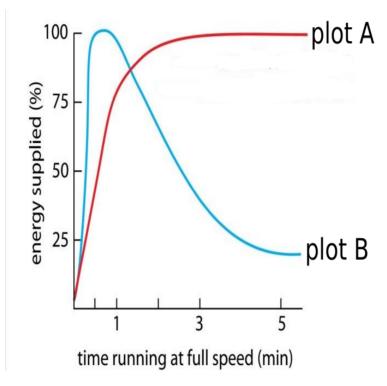


The blood of an athlete was tested before, during and after a 400m race:



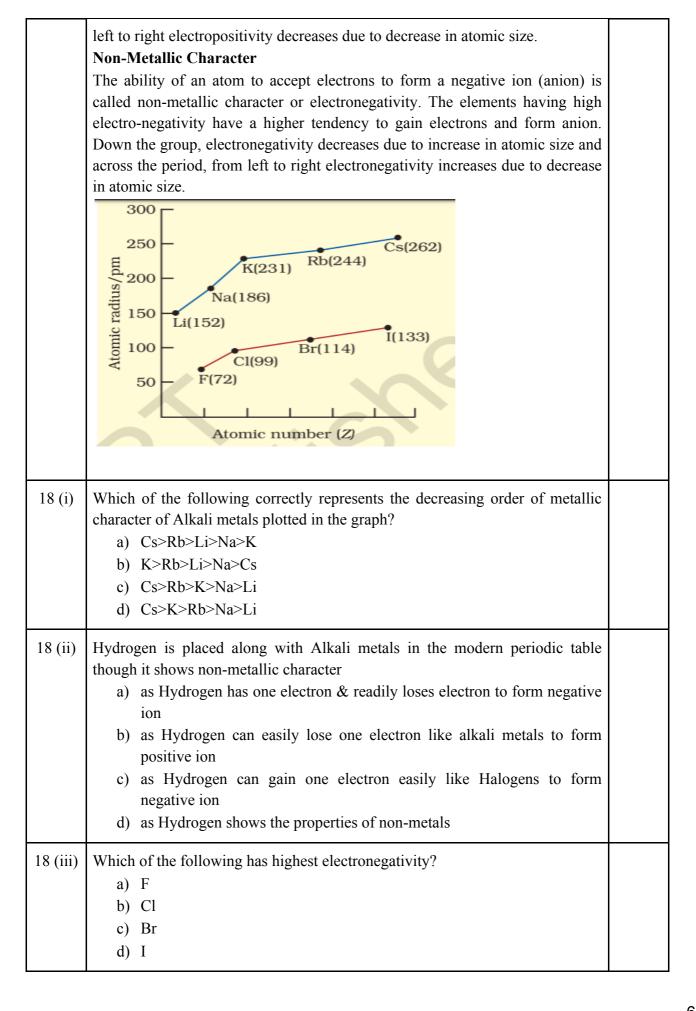
Lactic acid production has occurred in the athlete while running in the 400 m race. Which of the following processes explains this event?

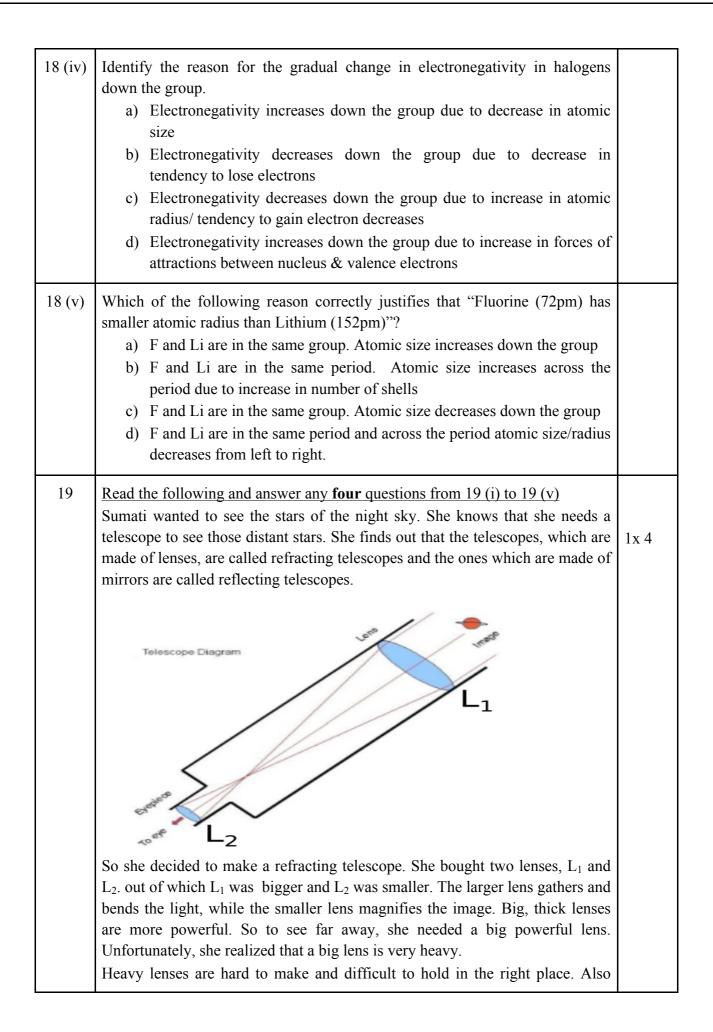
- a) Aerobic respiration
- b) Anaerobic respiration
- c) Fermentation
- d) Breathing
- (iii) Study the graph below that represents the amount of energy supplied with respect to the time while an athlete is running at full speed.



Choose the correct combination of plots and justification provided in the following table.

	Plot A Plot B					Justi	fication					
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		d)	Anae	erobic	Aerobic			nergy is high and low in ae		stent		
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	since the light is passing through the lens, the surface of the lens has to be extremely smooth. Any flaws in the lens will change the image. It would be like looking through a dirty window.
19 (i)	Based on the diagram shown, what kind of lenses would Sumati need to make the telescope? a) Concave lenses b) Convex lenses c) Bifocal lenses d) Flat lenses
19 (ii)	If the powers of the lenses L_1 and L_2 are in the ratio of 4:1, what would be the ratio of the focal length of L_1 and L_2 ? a) 4:1 b) 1:4 c) 2:1 d) 1:1
19 (iii)	What is the formula for magnification obtained with a lens? a) Ratio of height of image to height of object b) Double the focal length. c) Inverse of the radius of curvature. d) Inverse of the object distance.
19 (iv)	Sumati did some preliminary experiment with the lenses and found out that the magnification of the eyepiece (L ₂) is 3. If in her experiment with L ₂ she found an image at 24 cm from the lens, at what distance did she put the object? a) 72 cm b) 12 cm c) 8 cm d) 6 cm
19 (v)	Sumati bought not-so-thick lenses for the telescope and polished them. What advantages, if any, would she have with her choice of lenses? a) She will not have any advantage as even thicker lenses would give clearer images. b) Thicker lenses would have made the telescope easier to handle. c) Not-so-thick lenses would not make the telescope very heavy and also allow considerable amount of light to pass. d) Not-so-thick lenses will give her more magnification.

20	Read the following and answer any 4 questions from 20 (i) to 20 (v). A solenoid is a long helical coil of wire through which a current is run in order to create a magnetic field. The magnetic field of the solenoid is the superposition of the fields due to the current through each coil. It is nearly uniform inside the solenoid and close to zero outside and is similar to the field of a bar magnet having a north pole at one end and a south pole at the other depending upon the direction of current flow. The magnetic field produced in the solenoid is dependent on a few factors such as, the current in the coil, number of turns per unit length etc. The following graph is obtained by a researcher while doing an experiment to see the variation of the magnetic field with respect to the current in the solenoid. The unit of magnetic field as given in the graph attached is in milli-Tesla (mT) and the current is given in Ampere.	4
20 (i)	What type of energy conversion is observed in a linear solenoid? a. Mechanical to Magnetic b. Electrical to Magnetic c. Electrical to Mechanical d. Magnetic to Mechanical	
20 (ii)	What will happen if a soft iron bar is placed inside the solenoid? a. The bar will be electrocuted resulting in short-circuit. b. The bar will be magnetised as long as there is current in the circuit. c. The bar will be magnetised permanently. d. The bar will not be affected by any means.	
20 (iii)	The magnetic field lines produced inside the solenoid are similar to that of a. a bar magnet	

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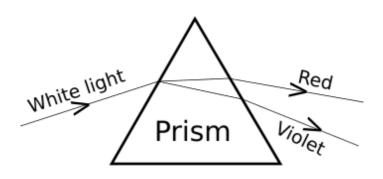
24	The following observations were made by a student on treating four metals P,
	Q, R and S with the given salt solutions:

Sample	MgSO ₄ (aq)	Zn(NO ₃) ₂ (aq)	CaSO ₄ (aq)	Na ₂ SO ₄ (aq)
P	No reaction	Reaction occurs	Reaction occurs	No reaction
Q	Reaction occurs	Reaction occurs	Reaction occurs	Reaction occurs
R	No Reaction	Reaction Occurs	No Reaction	No Reaction
S	No Reaction	No Reaction	No Reaction	No Reaction

Based on the above observations:

- (a) Arrange the given samples in the increasing order of reactivity
- (b) Write the chemical formulae of products formed when Q reacts with CuSO_4 solution.

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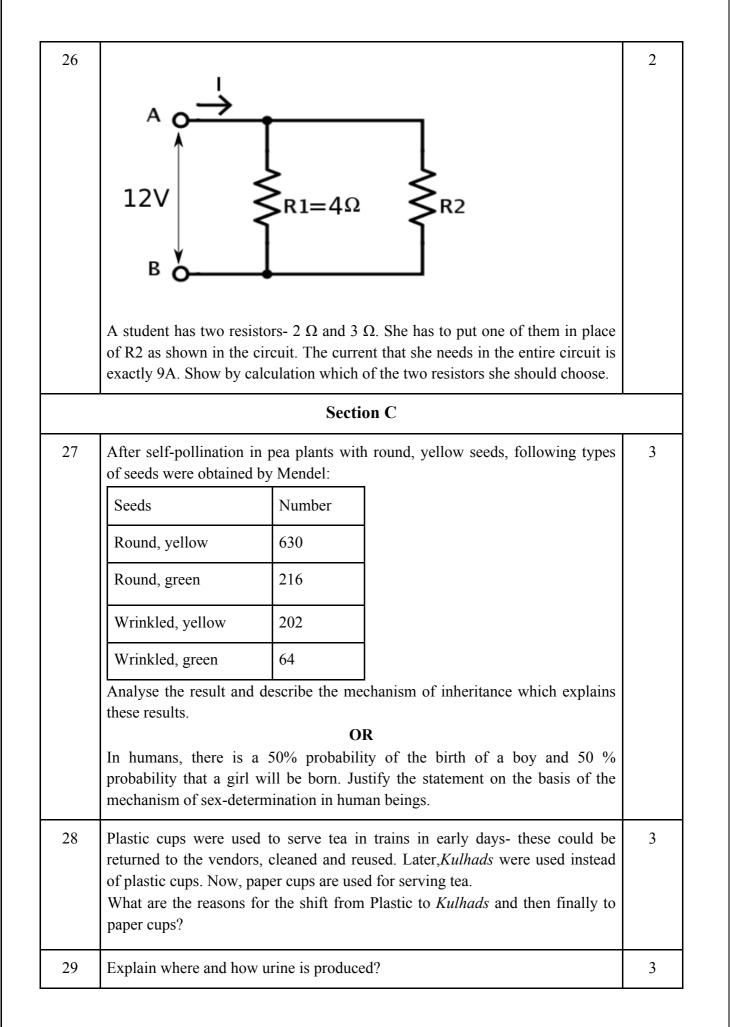


A student observes the above phenomenon in the lab as a white light passes through a prism. Among many other colours, he observed the position of the two colours Red and Violet.

What is the phenomenon called? What is the reason for the violet light to bend more than the red light?

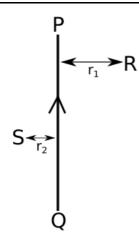
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30	 a. Which of the following reactions is/ are an <i>endothermic</i> reaction(s) where <i>decomposition</i> also happens? Respiration Heating of lead nitrate Decomposition of organic matter Electrolysis of acidified water b. Silver chloride when kept in the open turns grey. Illustrate this with a balanced chemical equation. 										3	
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	Group→ Period↓	1	2	3 to 12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
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32	b. Why do	. (At ionic	num	bers: Ca =	= 20; ot co	Cl = nduct	17) t elect			_	electron dot	3
33	Refractive index of water with respect to air is 1.33 and that of diamond is 2.42. (i) In which medium does the light move faster, water or diamond? (ii) What is the refractive index of diamond with respect to water?								3			
	Section D											
34	Match the following pH values 1, 7, 10, 13 to the solutions given below: • Milk of magnesia • Gastric juices • Brine • Aqueous Sodium hydroxide. Amit and Rita decided to bake a cake and added baking soda to the cake batter.								5			

	Explain with a balanced reaction, the role of the baking soda. Mention any other use of baking soda.								
	OR								
	(i) Four samples A, B, C and D change the colour of pH paper or solution to Green, Reddish-pink, Blue and Orange. Their pH was recorded as 7, 2, 10.5 & 6 respectively. Which of the samples has the highest amount of Hydrogen ion concentration? Arrange the four samples in the decreasing order of their pH.								
	(ii) Rahul found that the Plaster of Paris, which he stored in a container, has become very hard and lost its binding nature. What is the reason for this? Also, write a chemical equation to represent the reaction taking place.								
	(iii) Give any one use of Plaster of Paris other than for plastering or smoothening of walls.								
35	Trace the changes that take place in a flower from gamete formation to fruit formation.	5							
36	Analyse the circuit to answer the following questions. (i) What kind of combination are the lamps arranged in (series or parallel)? (ii) Explain with reference to your above answer, what are the advantages (any two) of this combination of lamps? (iii) Explain with proper calculations which lamp glows the brightest? (iv) Find out the total resistance of the circuit. OR PQ is a current carrying conductor in the plane of the paper as shown in the figure below.	5							



- (i) Find the directions of the magnetic fields produced by it at points R and S?
- (ii) Given $r_1 > r_2$, where will the strength of the magnetic field be larger? Give reasons.
- (iii) If the polarity of the battery connected to the wire is reversed, how would the direction of the magnetic field be changed?
- (iv) Explain the rule that is used to find the direction of the magnetic field for a straight current carrying conductor.

MARKING SCHEME

SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER 2020-21 CLASS X (SCIENCE)

No.	Value Points	Marks
1	 Initial light green colour changes to reddish brown colour Colourless gas is evolved Gas with choking smell is evolved (Any two) OR Sodium Chloride and Hydrogen gas 	1
2.	Sodium Carbonate decahydrate, Na ₂ CO ₃ .10H ₂ O	1
3.	a. Change in chemical properties It does not occur due to the presence of the same functional group.	1
4.	The light is least scattered at noon.	1
5.	Both are concave. Alternative answer that should be given credit: Plano-concave lens	1
6	Between the principal focus and the centre of curvature. OR Optical centre.	1
7	There are momentary galvanometer deflections that die out shortly; the deflections are in opposite directions.	1
8	The field consists of concentric circles centred on the wire	1
9	Voltage-drop is same across both OR W=QV	1
10	Veins have thin walls because the blood there is no longer under pressure and they have valves to ensure blood flow in one direction.	1

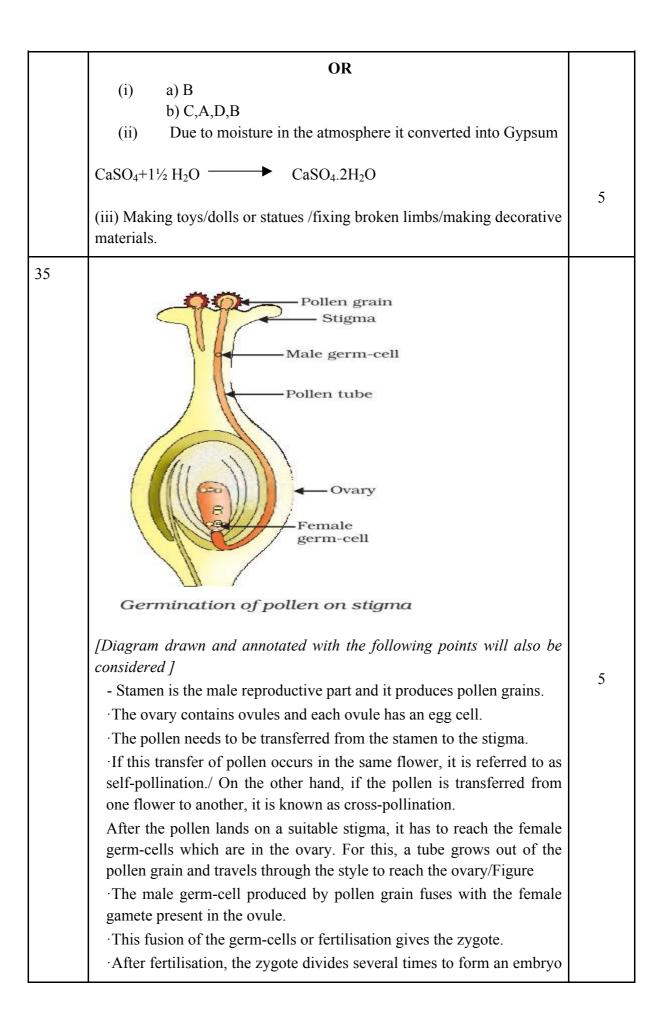
11	The inner lining of the small intestine has numerous finger-like projections called villi which increase the surface area for absorption.	1
	OR	
	Goat because herbivores eating grass need a longer small intestine to allow the cellulose to be digested.	
12	Ozone layer protects us from harmful effects of UV radiation. OR	1
	The loss of energy at each step is so great that very little usable energy remains after four trophic levels.	
13	The pancreas secretes digestive juice which contains enzymes like trypsin for digesting proteins and lipase for breakdown of emulsified fats.	1
14	c) Assertion is True & Reason is False	1
15	b) Both Assertion & Reasoning are correct, Reason is not correct explanation of Assertion OR	1
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16	a) Both Assertion & Reasoning are correct & Reason is the correct explanation of Assertion	1
17 (i)	b) Tissue respiration	1
(ii)	b) Anaerobic respiration	1
(iii)	b) Aerobic Anaerobic Amount of energy is high and consistent in aerobic and low in anaerobic	1
(iv)	c) ii), iii), iv) only	1
(v)	a) Location Aerobic-Cytoplasm and Anaerobic-Mitochondria	1
18 (i)	c) Cs>Rb>K>Na>Li	1
(ii)	b) As Hydrogen can easily lose one electron like alkali metals to form positive ion	1
(iii)	a) F	1
(iv)	c) Electronegativity decreases down the group due to increase in atomic radius/ tendency to gain electron decreases.	1
(v)	d) F and Li are in the same period and across the period atomic	1

	size/radius decreases from left to right.	
19 (i)	b) Convex	1
(ii)	$\begin{array}{c} P=1/f \\ P_1=1/f_1 \text{ and } P_2=1/f_2 \\ P_1/P_2=4/1, \text{ hence } (1/f_1)/(1/f_2)=4/1 \\ \text{Hence } f_1/f_2=1/4 \\ \text{b) } {}^{1}\!\!/_{\!\!4} \end{array}$	1
(iii)	a) Ratio of height of image to height of object	1
(iv)	m=v/u 3=24/u Hence u = 8cm c) 8 cm	1
(v)	c) Not-so-thick lenses would not make the telescope very heavy and they will also allow considerable amount of light to pass through them.	1
20 (i)	c. Electrical to Mechanical	1
(ii)	b. The bar will be magnetised as long as there is current in the circuit.	1
(iii)	a. A bar magnet	1
(iv)	d. Only II	1
(v)	a. For a current of 0.8A the magnetic field is 13 mT	1
	Section B	
21	Bile juice makes the acidic food coming from the stomach alkaline for the action of pancreatic enzymes. Bile salts break the large globules of fat in the intestine to smaller globules increasing the efficiency of enzyme action. This is similar to the emulsifying action of soaps on dirt. OR	2
	The separation keeps oxygenated and deoxygenated blood from mixing allowing a highly efficient supply of oxygen to the body. This is useful in animals that have high energy needs (birds and mammals) which constantly use energy to maintain their body temperature.	
22	Sunlight 6CO ₂ + 6H ₂ O	2

	These steps need not take place one after the other immediately. For example, desert plants take up carbon dioxide at night and prepare an intermediate which is acted upon by the energy absorbed by the chlorophyll during the day	
23	- Burn compound in air/ oxygen; Gas evolved turns lime water milky	1
	- By sharing its four valence electrons with other elements. OR	1
	 Due to self linking ability of carbon/catenation Since carbon has a valency of four it can form bonds with four other atoms of carbon or atoms of some other mono-valent element. Due to small size of carbon it forms very strong and (or) stable bonds with other elements 	1+1
24	i. S>R>P>Q ii. Cu and QSO ₄	1
25	The phenomenon is called dispersion. Speed of Violet Light inside the prism is slowest and that of Red is highest. Hence, deviation of Violet Light is maximum and that of Red is minimum.	1
26	The overall current needed = 9A. The voltage is 12V Hence by Ohm's Law V=IR, The resistance for the entire circuit = $12/9 = 4/3 \Omega$. = R R_1 and R_2 are in parallel. Hence, $R=(R_1 R_2)/(R_1 + R_2) = 4R_2/(4+R_2) = 4/3$ $R_2 = 2\Omega$	2
	Section- C	
27	The ratio obtained is 9:3:3:1 in which parental as well as new combinations are observed. This indicates that progeny plants have not inherited a single whole gene set from each parent. Every germ cell takes one chromosome from the pair of maternal and paternal chromosomes. When two germ cells combine, segregation of one pair of characters is independent of other pair of characters.	3
	OR	
	In human beings, the genes inherited from our parents decide whether we will be boys or girls. Women have a perfect pair of sex chromosomes (XX). But, men have a mismatched pair (XY).	

		
	All children will inherit an X chromosome from their mother regardless of whether they are boys or girls. Thus, the sex of the children will be determined by what they inherit from their father. A child who inherits an X chromosome from her father will be a girl, and one who inherits a Y chromosome from him will be a boy.	
28	Use of Plastic cups raised the concern towards hygiene thus they were replaced by <i>disposable plastic cups</i> . Plastic cups are non-biodegradable and harm the environment friendly. They were thus replaced by <i>Kulhads</i> . Making <i>Kulhad</i> made of clay on a large scale resulted in the loss of top fertile soil. Now, disposable paper cups are used because - the paper can be recycled, it is biodegradable and is eco-friendly material which does not cause environmental pollution.	3
29	 Blood passes through filtration units in the kidney called nephron Passes through glomerulus in the Bowman's capsule - Ultra filtration Filtrate initially has glucose, amino acids, water, salts and nitrogenous waste Reabsorption - Water (as per the need of the body), Glucose and amino acids are all reabsorbed - Secretion of excess water, salts and urea (nitrogenous waste) which makes up the urine 	3
30	 a. Heating of lead nitrate; and electrolysis of acidified water b. 2AgCl_(s) Sunlight 2Ag_(s) + Cl_{2 (g)} (No deduction for not mentioning state of reactants and products.) 	1
31	(i) D, As it is on the left side of the table in group 2	1
	(ii) C, as it is in the group 18/ Noble gas	1
	(iii) E, as we move from left to right across a period, atomic radius decreases	1

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	$Ca: + \times \times \longrightarrow Ca^{+2} 2 \mathcal{C}(1) $	
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	xxx Ca. 2Cl	
	CaCl ₂	
	b. Ionic compounds do not conduct electricity in solid state due to absence of free ions but they conduct electricity in molten and aqueous state due to presence of free ions	1
33	Refractive index = speed of light in vacuum / speed of light in medium.	1
	Since the refractive index of diamond is more, hence the speed of	
	light is lesser in diamond. Let speed of light in water vev _w and in diamond bev _d .	
	Refractive index of diamond w.r.t water is say $n =$	0.5
	Speed of light in water / speed of light in diamond.	0.5
	$\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{w}}/\mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{d}}$	
	Dividing both numerator and denominator by speed of light [c] we	
	get	1
	$n = (v_w/c) \div (v_d/c) =$ Inverse Ratio of refractive index of water and	
	diamond.	0.5
	n=2.42/1.33=1.82 (approx.)	
34	Milk of magnesia 10	
	• Gastric juices 1	2
	• Brine 7	
	 Aqueous Sodium hydroxide 13 	
	Baking soda undergoes thermal decomposition to form Na ₂ CO ₃ , CO ₂ and H ₂ O; CO ₂ makes the cake fluffy & soft Heat	2
	$NaHCO_3 \rightarrow Na_2CO_3 + CO_2 + H_2O$	
	Uses	
	Used in fire extinguishers/ antacid to neutralize excess acid in stomach / to neutralize the effect of acid in insect sting.	1



	within the ovule. The ovule develops a tough coat and is gradually converted into a seed. The ovary grows rapidly and ripens to form a fruit. Meanwhile, the petals, sepals, stamens, style and stigma may shrivel and fall off.	
36	The lamps are in parallel. Advantages:	1
	If one lamp is faulty, it will not affect the working of the other lamps. They will also be using the full potential of the battery as they are connected in parallel.	1
	The lamp with the highest power will glow the brightest. P=VI	1
	In this case, all the bulbs have the same voltage. But lamp C has the highest current. Hence, for Lamp C P=5 x 60 Watt = 300 W. (the maximum).	1
	The total current in the circuit = 3+4+5+3 A = 15A The Voltage = 60V V=IR and hence R = V/I = 60/15 A = 4A	1
	- 60/13 A - 4A OR	
	(i) The magnetic field lines produced is into the plane of the paper at R and out of it at S.	1
	(ii) Field at S > Field at P Magnetic field strength for a straight current carrying conductor is inversely proportional to the distance from the wire.	2
	(iii) The current will be going from top to bottom in the wire shown and the magnetic field lines are now in the clockwise direction on the plane which is perpendicular to the wire carrying	1
	current. (iv) Right hand thumb rule. The thumb is aligned to the direction of the current and the direction in which the fingers are wrapped around the wire will give the direction of the magnetic field.	1