

ICSE 2024 EXAMINATION

BIOLOGY

SAMPLE PAPER - 5

Maximum Marks: 80

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(Attempt all questions from this section.)

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 - (a) myopia
 - (b) hypermetropia
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 - (a) BS V
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- (iv) The space between the cell wall and plasma membrane in a plasmolysed cell is filled with
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- (v) The rate of transpiration increases with :
 - (a) increase in humidity of air
 - (b) increase in wind velocity
 - (c) reduced light intensity
 - (d) decreased wind velocity
- (vi) Implantation is :
 - (a) attachment of the blastocyst to the uterine wall
 - (b) release of ovum from the follicle
 - (c) development of an embryo without fertilisation
 - (d) formation of ova from germ cells
- (vii) The first stable intermediate product of photosynthesis is :
 - (a) glucose
 - (b) starch
 - (c) phosphoglyceric acid
 - (d) ribulose diphosphate
- (viii) Pituitary gland regulates urine formation through :
 - (a) oxytocin
 - (b) TSH
 - (c) ACTH
 - (d) ADH
- (ix) During urine formation some absorption of water and sodium ions occur in
 - (a) Bowman's Capsule
 - (b) Loop of Henle
 - (c) Glomerulus
 - (d) Distal convoluted tubules
- (x) All the listed features were found in *Australopithecus*, except :
 - (a) Long canines
 - (b) Hairy body
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- (xi) Each chromosome consists of two symmetrical structures called.
 - (a) Centromere
 - (b) Nucleosomes
 - (c) Chromatids
 - (d) DNA helix
- (xii) A plant with green pods and smooth seeds with genotype Ggss will give rise to the following gametes :
 - (a) Gg and Ss
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Question 2.

(i) Name the following:

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- (a) A process of removing waste products from blood, when kidneys get damaged
 (b) The cells which possess the property of amoeboid movement
 (c) The exudation of sap from the injured parts of the plants
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 (e) The term used for mature follicle in females

(ii) Arrange and rewrite the terms in each group in the correct order so as to be in a logical sequence, beginning with the term that is underlined.

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- (a) Fibrin, Platelets, Thromboplastin, Fibrinogen, Thrombin
 (b) Cochlea, Malleus, Pinna, Stapes, Incus
 (c) Cro-Magnon, *Homo erectus*, *Homo habilis*, Neanderthals, *Homo sapiens*
 (d) Uterus, Parturition, Fertilisation, Gestation, Implantation
 (e) Caterpillar, Snake, Owl, Frog, Green leaves

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(iv) Choose the odd one out from the following terms and name the category to which the others belong:

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- (a) Sewage, Newspaper, Styrofoam, Hay
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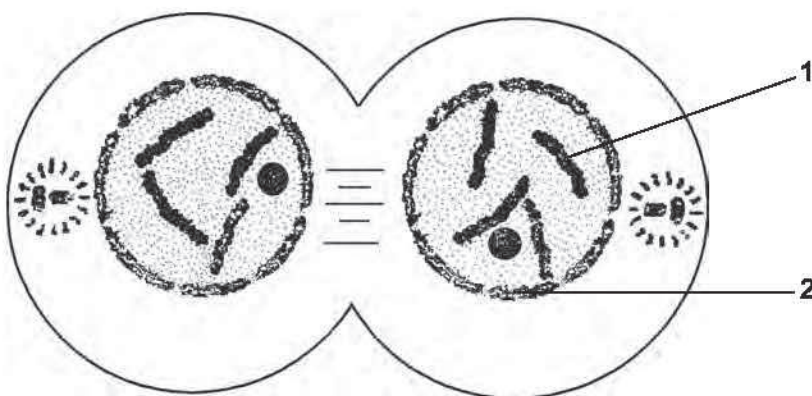
- (a) Centromere
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SECTION - B

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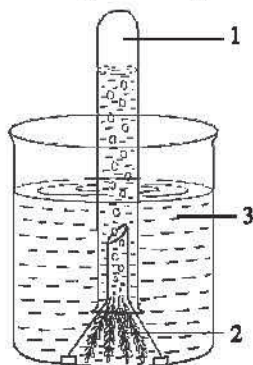
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- (v) Study the diagram given below which represents a stage during the mitotic cell division and answer the questions that follow : [3]



- (a) Identify the stage giving suitable reason.
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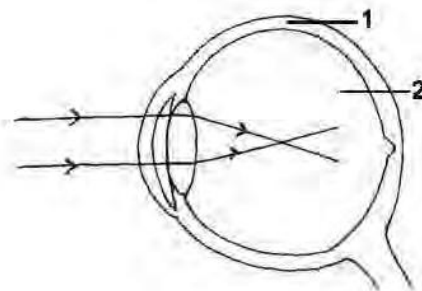
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- (a) What aspect of the physiological process is being examined?
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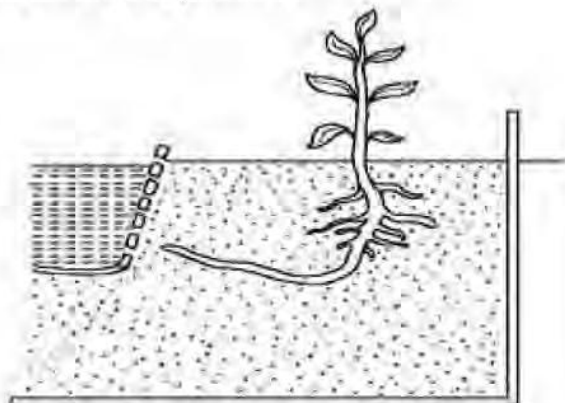
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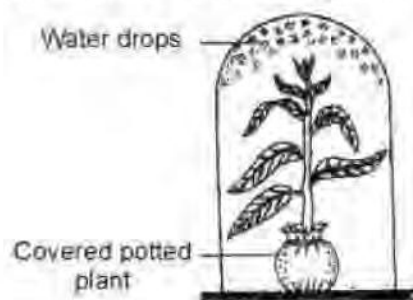
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- (a) glucose (b) starch (c) phosphoglyceric acid (d) ribulose diphosphate

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(viii) The posterior pituitary is the back portion of the pituitary gland that stores and releases hormones produced by the hypothalamus. If this part of brain gets damaged due to injury or a disease, which physiological function would be affected in human body?

- (a) Maturation of reproductive organs (b) Retention of water in body
(c) Synthesis of TSH (d) Maintenance of normal body temperature

Ans. (b) Retention of water in body

(ix) Assertion (A): Nephrons are the functional unit of kidneys.

Reason (R): Each kidney consists of a single nephron to carry out the function of filtration.

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(xi) A cell cycle encompasses a series of distinct events that take place within a cell. During this cycle, the synthesis of RNA and proteins occurs in

P- Gap 1 phase

Q- Synthetic phase

R- Gap 2 phase

- (a) Only P (b) P and Q (c) Only Q (d) P and R

Ans. (d) P and R

(xii) A plant with green pods and smooth seeds with genotype Ggss will give rise to the following gametes :

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Ans. (a) Odd term : Styrofoam

Category : Biodegradable waste

(b) Odd term : Pepsin

Category : Nitrogenous bases

(c) Odd term : Iris

Category : Bones of middle ear

(d) Odd term : Cortisone

Category : Hormones secreted by Pituitary gland

(e) Odd term : Prolactin

Category : Plant hormones

(v) State the exact location of the following structures: **[5]**

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(d) Ciliary body (e) Proximal convoluted tubule

Ans. (a) A centromere is found at the junction of two chromatids in a chromosome.

(b) Islets of Langerhans are found in pancreas.

(c) Thyroid gland is situated in front of neck, just before the larynx.

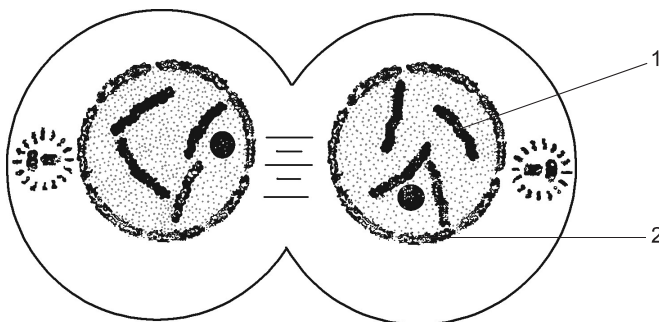
- (d) Ciliary body is found at the junction of choroid and iris in human eye.
- (e) Proximal convoluted tubule is found between Bowman's capsule and loop of Henle, in the cortex region of kidneys.

SECTION - B

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Question 3.

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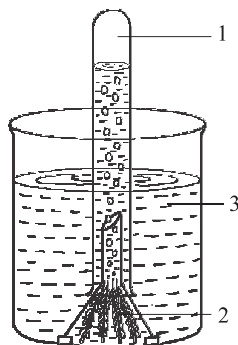
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Ans.

- (i) Leukaemia is a type of blood cancer that usually begins in the bone marrow and hinders the body's ability to fight infection.
- (ii) Blind spot is the point of no vision whereas yellow spot is the point of sharpest vision in human eyes.
- (iii) The phenomenon of growth of the plant parts in response to chemicals is called chemotropism. The movement of pollen tube of angiosperms towards sugar in female gametophyte is a suitable example.
- (iv) The process like photosynthesis, depends on more than one variable or external factors. The rate of the process depends on the factor which is in shortest supply. Therefore, when there is enough carbon dioxide in the air and the temperature is just below the optimum temperature but the light intensity is very low, in such a situation, the photosynthesis rate will be low.
- (v) (a) The given stage is telophase.
- Two sets of daughter chromosomes reach opposite poles.
 - Nuclear membrane begin to reappear around the daughter cells.
- (b) 1 – Chromatid
2 – Nuclear membrane
- (c) The division of nucleus is called karyokinesis.

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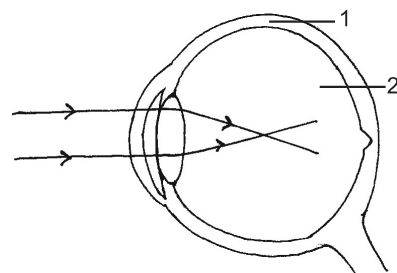
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- 1500 – 1600 cc
- The adrenal gland produces hormones called emergency hormones which help us to cope with emergency situation and stress. For example, cortisol is produced in stressful situations such as shock, pain, extreme cold or infection. Adrenaline and noradrenaline prepare our body for quick action during an emergency.
- The ventricles have thicker walls because they have to pump blood to long distances in body with intense pressure. So, to withstand such pressure by the heart, the walls are thicker.
- Gradual increase in the temperature of the earth's surface results in melting of glaciers and rising level of oceans.
 - Changes in the pattern of rainfall leads to drought.
- Oxygen is given out during photosynthesis.
 - 1 – Oxygen
2 – *Hydrilla* plant twigs
3 – water
- $$6\text{CO}_2 + 12\text{H}_2\text{O} \xrightarrow[\text{Chlorophyll}]{\text{Light energy}} \text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6 + 6\text{H}_2\text{O} + 6\text{O}_2\uparrow$$

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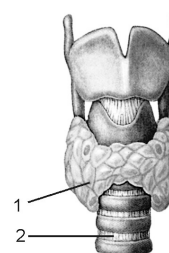
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- Synapse is a point of contact between the terminal branches of the axon of a neuron and the dendrites of another neuron separated by a fine gap.
- The placenta allows diffusion of oxygen and food nutrients from mother to foetus.
 - It allows elimination of CO_2 and urea from foetus to the mother.
- Law of Dominance :** When a pair of contrasting characters are present together, only one is able to express itself in F_1 generation while the other remains suppressed. The character which is expressed, is called **dominant character** while the suppressed character is called **recessive character**.

- (iv) The upward conduction of water from the roots to the shoot apex is called ascent of sap.
The main factors responsible for ascent of sap are –
(a) Root pressure
(b) Transpiration pull
- (v) (a) The defect is short-sightedness (myopia).
(b) 1 – Sclera
2 – Vitreous chamber
(c) The two possible reasons for this eye defect are –
A. The lens has become too convex or curved.
B. The elongation of the eyeball from front to back.

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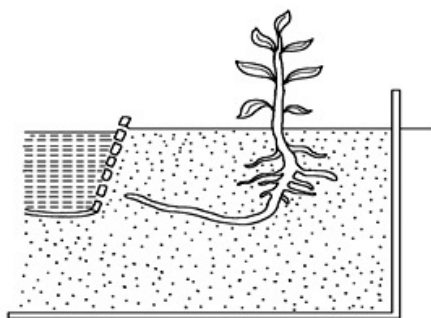


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- (i) Deficiency of ADH (Antidiuretic hormone) causes diabetes insipidus.
(ii) Mutation can be defined as the sudden change in certain characters or traits of an organism. Mutation causes changes in DNA structure thus, it results into changes in certain characters or traits of an organism.
(iii) In Calvin cycle, the first stable product is 3-carbon compound, known as 3-phosphoglyceric acid. Hence, it is also called C_3 cycle.
(iv) The conjunctiva is a thin membrane covering the entire front part of the eye. It is continuous with the inner lining of the eyelids. Over the cornea, it is reduced to a single layer of transparent epithelium.
(v) (a) Thyroid gland.
(b) 1 – Thyroid gland
2 – Trachea
(c) It secretes two hormones – thyroxine and calcitonin.

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(ii) Name the two surgical techniques (one each for human male and female) which can be used to prevent pregnancy.
(iii) Suggest two ways of reducing global warming.
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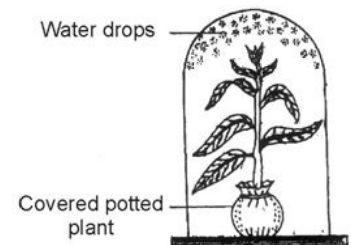
- Name the tropic movement shown by the of root seedling and stem of the plant.
- Name the stimulus responsible for the movement of root.
- Which part of this seedling is showing the negative response to the stimulus (water)?

Ans.

- Acid rain is a form of precipitation that is characterised by pH lower than 5, due to the presence of pollutants like sulphur dioxide and nitrogen oxide in it.
- Vasectomy:** It is the surgical technique of sterilisation, used in males.
Tubectomy: It is the surgical technique of sterilisation, used in females to prevent pregnancy.
- There are many categories of actions that can be taken to mitigate global warming. such as :-
 - Shifting from carbon-based fossil fuels to alternative energy sources.
 - Carbon capture and storage.
- Malpighian capsule:** Bowman's capsule and glomerulus together constitute as Malpighian capsule. It receives blood for filtration.
Bowman's capsule: It is round, double walled cup like structure of a nephron. It receives the filtrate of the glomerulus.
- Hydrotropism is shown by the seedling in the given picture. Phototropism is seen by the stem of the plant.
 - Water acts as stimulus responsible for the movement of root.
 - Shoot of a plant shows the negative response to the given stimulus i.e., water.

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- Give two points of differences between testosterone and progesterone.
- Given below is an experimental set up to study a particular process :
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Ans.

- Ultrafiltration** – It is the process of filtration of blood that enters in the glomerulus under high pressure. It is also known as mechanical filtration. This process helps to filter small molecules out of the blood.
- Harmful effects of Noise pollution.
 - Auditory fatigue- related to whistling and buzzing in the ears.
 - Deafness - most serious pathological effect of noise pollution.
- Family welfare centres are the departments responsible for all the plans or programmes run by government related to family planning in India. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is an Indian government ministry charged with health policies in India. It provides help, spread awareness among young couples or families and even provide counselling on various situations to overcome the queries or questions for healthy family living.
- Testosterone:** It is a male sex hormone produced by testes. It helps in sperm production and in the development of secondary sexual characteristics in males.
Progesterone: It is a female sex hormone, produced by corpus luteum of the ovary. It prepares inner lining of the uterus for implantation of zygote and supports a healthy pregnancy.
- Transpiration is being studied in the given experimental set up.
 - The pot is covered with the plastic sheet in order to capture the water vapour, released by the plant in the process of transpiration.
 - Transpiration helps in the transport of water and minerals through xylem by creating a pressure called as transpirational pull.