

**AQA • GCSE BIOLOGY 8461**

# Higher Tier — Paper 1

June 2024 exam series

**QUESTION PAPER**

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Higher Tier Paper 1H

Friday 10 May 2024

Morning

Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

## Materials

For this paper you must have:

- a ruler
- a scientific calculator.

## Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Pencil should only be used for drawing.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.
- If you need extra space for your answer(s), use the lined pages at the end of this book. Write the question number against your answer(s).
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.
- In all calculations, show clearly how you work out your answer.

## Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 100.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- You are expected to use a calculator where appropriate.
- You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

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Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

**0 1**

A person has coronary heart disease.

**0 1 . 1**

Which blood vessels are affected by coronary heart disease?

**[1 mark]**

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Arteries

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Capillaries

☐

Veins

☐

A person's heart stops beating.

The person stops breathing.

A first-aider pushes down on the person's chest.

Pushing down on the person's chest puts pressure on the heart.

**0 1 . 2**

Explain why putting pressure on the heart helps the person.

**[2 marks]**

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0 1 . 3

The first-aider also forces air into the person's lungs by blowing into their mouth.

Describe how forcing air into the person's lungs helps the person.

[1 mark]

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0 1 . 4

The person's heart starts to beat again and the person starts breathing.

The person has a high level of cholesterol in their blood.

Name **one** type of drug that would decrease the level of cholesterol in the person's blood.

[1 mark]

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0 1 . 5

A doctor decides that the person needs to have a stent fitted.

Explain how a stent works to treat coronary heart disease.

[2 marks]

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**Table 1** shows the effect of smoking on the risk of developing different cardiovascular diseases.

**Table 1**

| Cardiovascular disease | Percentage (%) increase in risk compared to people who have never smoked |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>E</b>               | 14                                                                       |
| <b>F</b>               | 20                                                                       |
| <b>G</b>               | 29                                                                       |
| <b>H</b>               | 70                                                                       |

**0 1 . 6**

Give **two** conclusions that can be made from the data in **Table 1**.

**[2 marks]**

1 \_\_\_\_\_

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**0 1 . 7**

Complete **Figure 1**.

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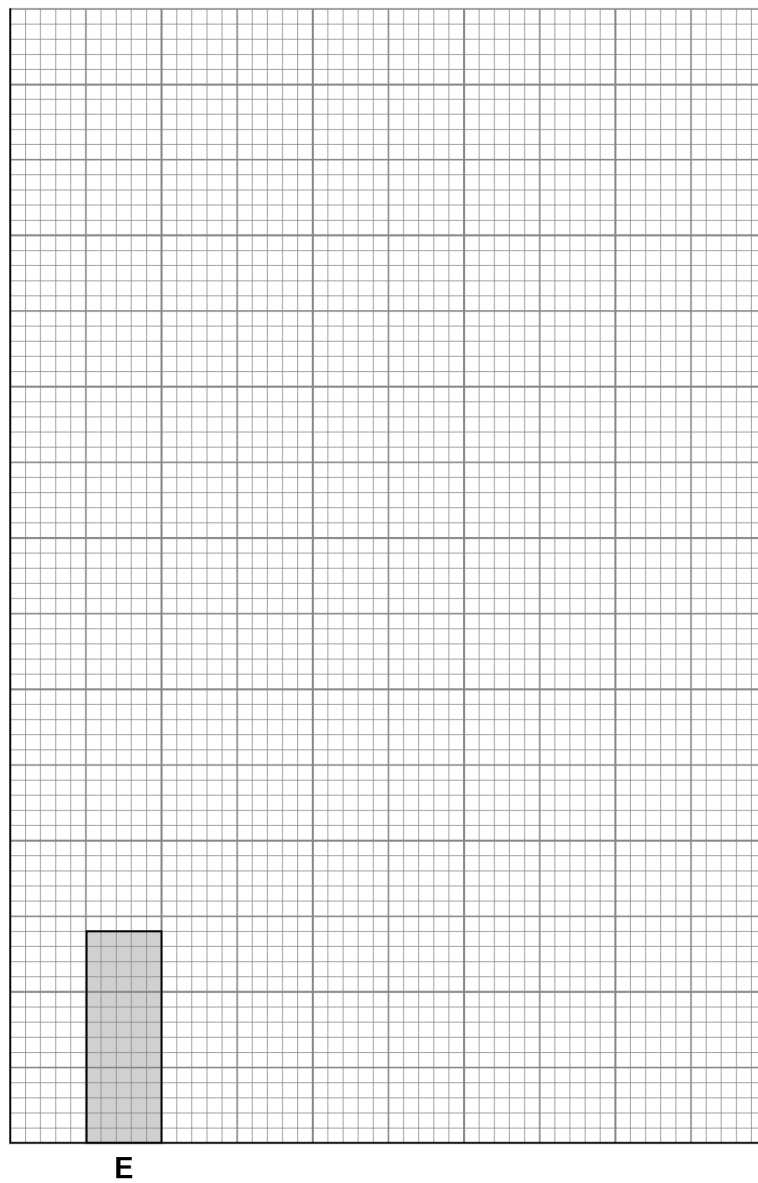
- label the y-axis
- add the correct scale to the y-axis
- plot the data from **Table 1**
- label each bar.

The bar for cardiovascular disease **E** has been plotted for you.

**[4 marks]**



Figure 1



Cardiovascular disease

0 1 . 8

Describe **one** lifestyle factor that can increase the risk of cardiovascular disease.Do **not** refer to smoking in your answer.

[1 mark]

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Cystic fibrosis (CF) is an inherited disorder caused by a faulty gene.

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Where in a cell would the CF gene be found?

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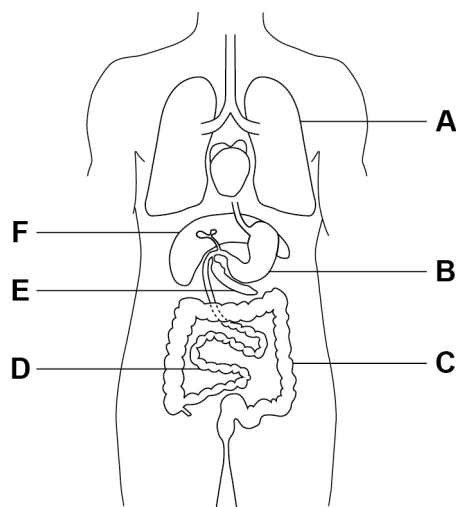
CF affects many organs in the body.

The main organs affected are:

- the lungs
- the pancreas
- the small intestine.

**0 2 . 2** Figure 2 shows organs of the human body.

**Figure 2**



Which letters in **Figure 2** show the lungs, the pancreas and the small intestine?

**[1 mark]**

Tick (✓) **one** box.

**A, D and E**

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**A, E and F**

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**B, C and D**

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**B, C and F**

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Gas exchange happens in the alveoli in the lungs.

Describe **three** features of the alveoli that help maximise gas exchange.

**[3 marks]**

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2 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_

0 2 . 5

CF reduces the amount of oxygen that can enter the blood from the alveoli.

Explain how a reduced amount of oxygen entering the blood will affect the human body.

**[3 marks]**

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**[6 marks]**

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A student investigated three types of bread.

For each type of bread, the student:

- put a square piece of bread into their mouth
- did **not** chew the bread
- recorded the time taken for the bread to taste sweet.

**Table 2** shows the results.

**Table 2**

| Type of bread | Time taken for bread to taste sweet in seconds |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Brown         | 43                                             |
| White         | 35                                             |
| Wholemeal     | 57                                             |

**0 3 . 2** What was the dependent variable in the investigation?

**[1 mark]**

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**0 3 . 3** Give **one** control variable the student should have used in the investigation.

**[1 mark]**

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0 3 . 4

During the investigation, the bread began to taste sweet in the student's mouth.

Explain why the bread tasted sweet.

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Suggest **one** reason why the results of the investigation were **not** valid.

Do **not** refer to control variables in your answer.

[1 mark]

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Plants contain many different tissues.

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Complete the sentences.

[3 marks]

The leaf tissue that contains the most chloroplasts is

the \_\_\_\_\_.

The leaf tissue that contains many air spaces is

the \_\_\_\_\_.

The plant tissue that can differentiate throughout the life of the plant is

the \_\_\_\_\_.

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Xylem tissue transports water through a plant.

The walls of xylem cells contain cellulose.

Name **one other** substance that strengthens xylem tissue.

[1 mark]

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Phloem tissue transports dissolved sugars around a plant.

Name the process that transports dissolved sugars around a plant.

[1 mark]

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**Figure 3** shows two plant cells.

**Figure 3**

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**It is a photograph showing two cells from phloem tissue from page numbers 111-120 of the following publication:**

**Cytochemical Localization of Adenosine Triphosphatase in the Phloem of *Pisum sativum* and its Relation to the Function of Transfer Cells, *Planta* Vol. 2 by B J Bentwood and J Cronshaw**

0 4 . 4

Name part **Y** in **Figure 3**.

**[1 mark]**

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0 4 . 5

The phloem tissue transports sugars to other parts of the plant.

The concentration of dissolved sugars in the phloem cell in **Figure 3** is higher than in cell **X**.

Explain how sub-cellular structures help to move dissolved sugars from cell **X** into the phloem cell.

[5 marks]

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0 4 . 6

New phloem cells form when unspecialised plant cells differentiate and become specialised.

Describe **one** change in structure that occurs when an unspecialised cell differentiates to form a phloem cell.

Use **Figure 3**.

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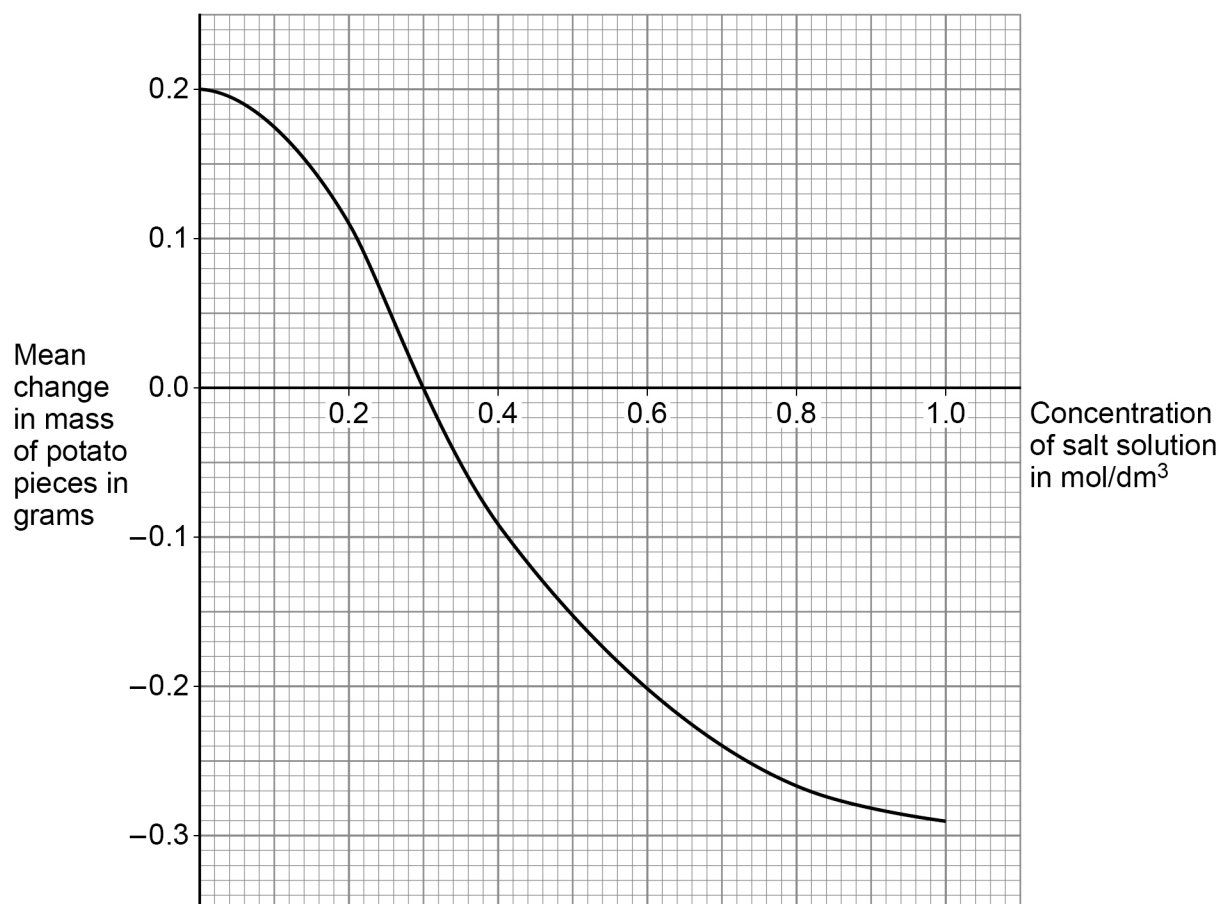


0 5

A student investigated the effect of concentration of salt solution on the mass of uncooked potato pieces.

**Figure 4** shows the results.

**Figure 4**



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Plan a method that could be used to obtain the results in **Figure 4**.

**[6 marks]**

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Explain the result for the potato pieces in the  $0.6 \text{ mol/dm}^3$  salt concentration.**[3 marks]**


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0 5 . 3

Explain why the result for the potato pieces at  $1.0 \text{ mol/dm}^3$  was different from the result at  $0.6 \text{ mol/dm}^3$ .**[2 marks]**


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**0 6**

This question is about pathogens.

A scientist investigated antibiotic resistance in bacteria.

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Name **one** antibiotic.

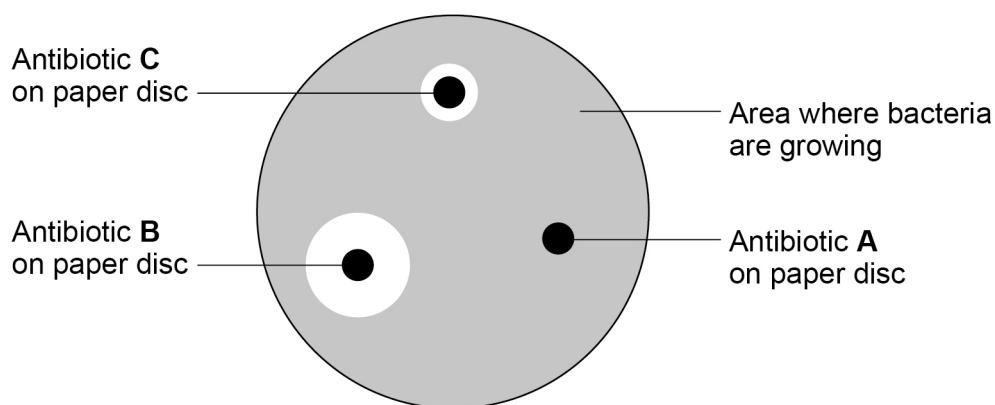
**[1 mark]**

The scientist grew one type of bacterium on agar in a Petri dish.

The scientist placed paper discs each containing a different antibiotic on the agar.

**Figure 5** shows the appearance of the Petri dish after 2 days.

**Figure 5**



**0 6 . 2** A student said:

‘The bacterium is resistant to antibiotic **C**.’

Explain how the results in **Figure 5** show that the student is **not** correct.

**[2 marks]**

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**0 6 . 3** Suggest why doctors are concerned about antibiotic resistance.

**[2 marks]**

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Diseases caused by viruses **cannot** be treated using antibiotics.

0 6 . 4

Suggest why viruses **cannot** be grown on agar.

[1 mark]

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0 6 . 5

Why is it difficult for scientists to develop drugs to destroy viruses?

[1 mark]

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0 6 . 6

Which disease is caused by a virus that damages white blood cells?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

AIDS

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Gonorrhoea

☐

Measles

☐

Salmonella

☐

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**0 7**

A student investigated the effect of different factors on photosynthesis.

The student used three leaves growing on the same plant.

Each leaf was treated in a different way.

After 48 hours the student tested each leaf for starch.

**Table 3** shows the results.

**Table 3**

| Leaf tested | Treatment                                                            | Result after 48 hours |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1           | Upper and lower surfaces covered with black paper                    | No starch present     |
| 2           | Upper and lower surfaces covered and sealed with transparent plastic | No starch present     |
| 3           | <b>Not</b> covered                                                   | Starch present        |

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Explain the results for the three leaves.

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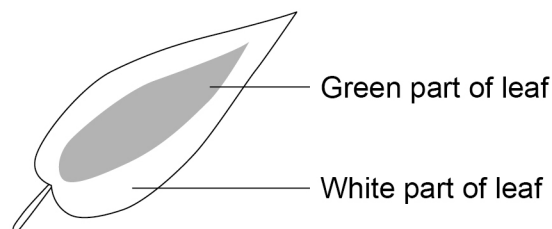
In another investigation the student used a different type of plant.

The plant was left uncovered in the light for 48 hours.

After 48 hours the student tested a leaf from the plant for starch.

**Figure 6** shows the leaf before it was tested for starch.

**Figure 6**



**0 7 . 2**

Complete **Table 4** to show the results you would expect for the starch test on the leaf in **Figure 6**.

**[1 mark]**

**Table 4**

| Part of leaf tested | Result after 48 hours |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Green               |                       |
| White               |                       |

**0 7 . 3**

Explain the results you gave in Question **07.2**.

**[2 marks]**

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In some leaves, the green parts become yellow because of an ion deficiency.

0 7 . 4

Which ion is deficient in a plant with yellow leaves?

[1 mark]

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0 7 . 5

Give the scientific term that describes the yellow colour of the leaves.

[1 mark]

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0 7 . 6

The rate of photosynthesis is affected by different factors.

How could the oxygen produced during photosynthesis be used to measure the **rate** of photosynthesis?

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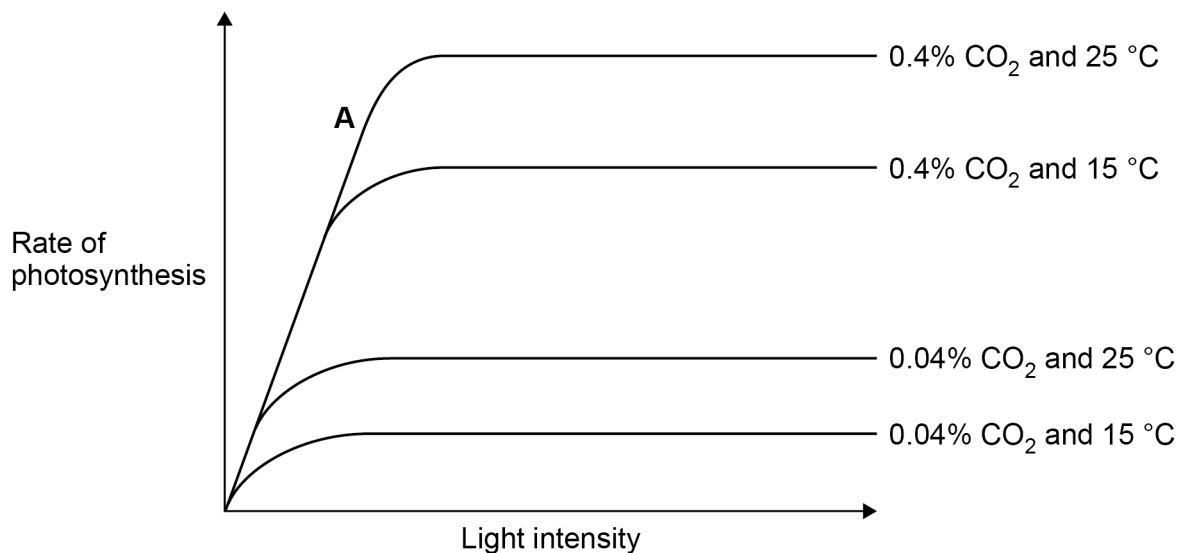
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Light, carbon dioxide and temperature are limiting factors of photosynthesis.

**Figure 7** shows how the rate of photosynthesis is affected by light, carbon dioxide and temperature.

**Figure 7**



**0 7 . 7** At point **A** on **Figure 7**, light is a limiting factor.

What is meant by a 'limiting factor'?

**[1 mark]**

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0 7 . 8

Explain the effect of increasing temperature and increasing carbon dioxide concentration on the rate of photosynthesis shown in **Figure 7**.

**[4 marks]**


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0 7 . 9

Photosynthesis investigations often use a light source.

The spreading out of light from a source obeys the inverse square law.

The inverse square law links light intensity to distance from the light source.

Which of the following shows the inverse square law?

**[1 mark]**

Tick (✓) **one** box.

$$\text{light intensity} \propto \frac{1}{\text{distance}^2}$$

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$$\text{light intensity} \propto \text{distance}^2$$

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$$\frac{1}{(\text{light intensity})^2} \propto \text{distance}^2$$

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$$\frac{1}{(\text{light intensity})^2} \propto \frac{1}{\text{distance}^2}$$

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0 8

Cancer is caused by changes in cells that result in uncontrolled cell division.

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Before a cell begins to divide, its DNA replicates to form two copies of each chromosome.

Describe **one other** change that occurs in a cell **before** the cell begins to divide.

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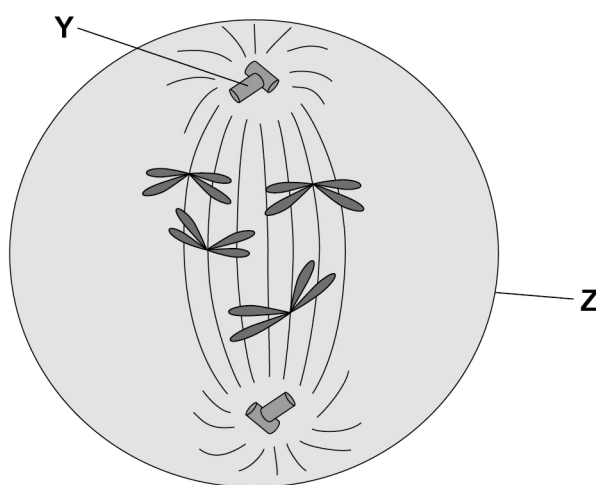
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**Figure 8** shows a cell during one of the stages of cell division.

**Figure 8**



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Name structure **Z** in **Figure 8**.

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Structure **Y** in **Figure 8** is a cylinder.

For structure **Y**:

- real volume = 24 500 000 nm<sup>3</sup>
- real radius = 125 nm.

The length of a cylinder is calculated using the equation:

$$\text{length} = \frac{\text{volume}}{\pi \times \text{radius}^2}$$

The length of the image of structure **Y** in **Figure 8** is 4 mm.

Calculate the magnification of structure **Y** in **Figure 8**.

Use  $\pi = 3.14$

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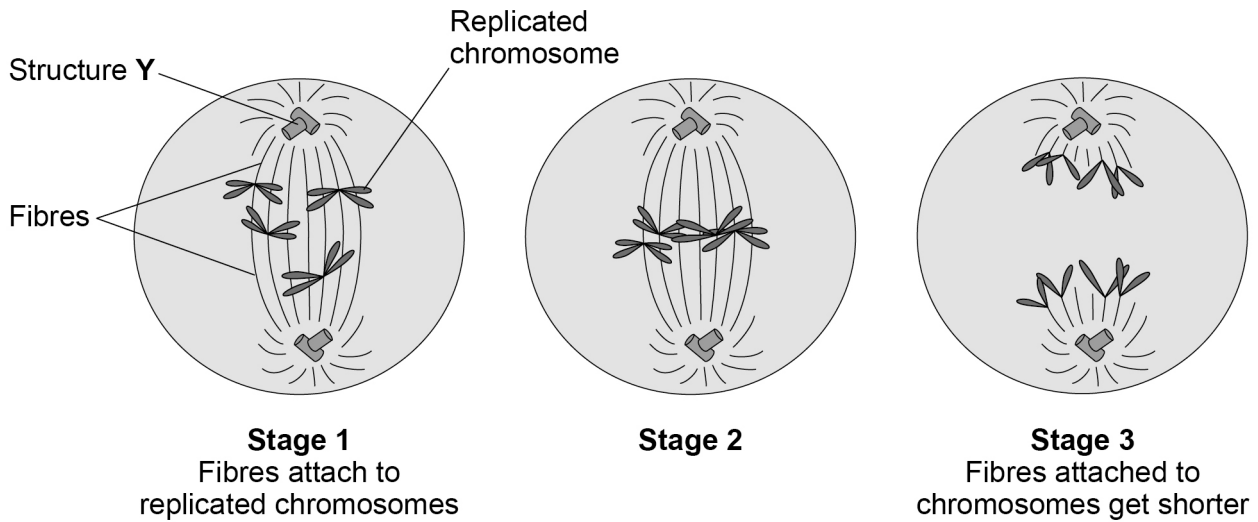
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Figure 9 shows some of the stages of cell division.

Figure 9



Some cancer drugs prevent cell division.

Drug X prevents the fibres from attaching to the replicated chromosomes in **stage 1**.

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Explain why a cell **cannot** complete division when affected by drug X.

[2 marks]

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0 8 . 5

Give the reason why a drug that stops cell division helps to treat cancer.

[1 mark]

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0 8 . 6

New cancer drugs are tested in clinical trials.

Preclinical testing happens before clinical trials.

What is involved in preclinical testing of drugs?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Testing the drugs for side effects

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Testing the drugs on live tissues in a laboratory

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Testing the drugs to find the optimum dose

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Testing the drugs with chemicals in a laboratory

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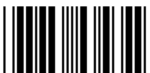
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