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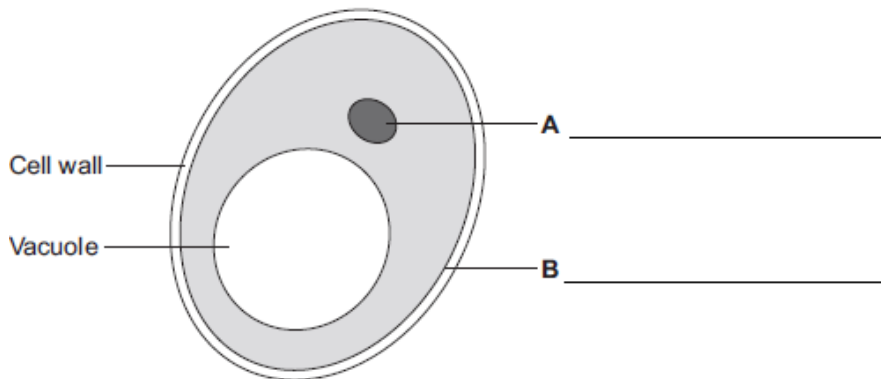
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**Q1.**

Human cells and yeast cells have some parts that are the same.

(a) The diagram shows a yeast cell.



Parts **A** and **B** are found in human cells and in yeast cells. On the diagram, label parts **A** and **B**.

(2)

(b) Many types of cell can divide to form new cells.

Some cells in human skin can divide to make new skin cells.

Why do human skin cells need to divide?

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(1)

(c) Human stem cells can develop into many different types of human cell.

(i) Use the correct answer from the box to complete the sentence.

<b>embryos</b>	<b>hair</b>	<b>nerve cells</b>
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Human stem cells may come from

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(1)

(ii) Use the correct answer from the box to complete the sentence.

<b>cystic fibrosis</b>	<b>paralysis</b>	<b>polydactyly</b>
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Human stem cells can be used to treat

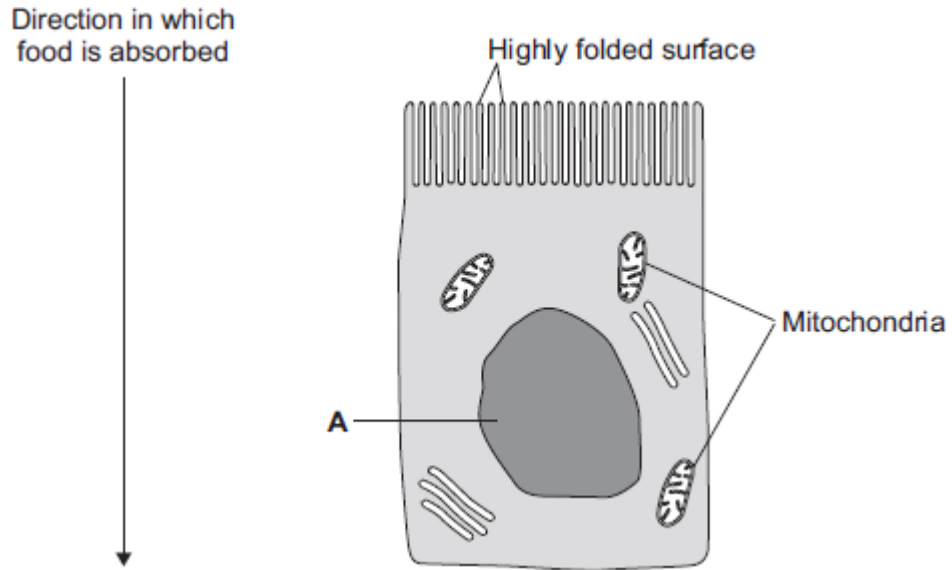
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(1)

(Total 5 marks)

**Q2.**

The image below shows an epithelial cell from the lining of the small intestine.



- (a) (i) In the image above, the part of the cell labelled **A** contains chromosomes.

What is the name of part **A**?

\_\_\_\_\_

(1)

- (ii) How are most soluble food molecules absorbed into the epithelial cells of the small intestine?

Draw a ring around the correct answer.

**diffusion      osmosis      respiration**

(1)

- (b) Suggest how the highly folded cell surface helps the epithelial cell to absorb soluble food.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(1)

- (c) Epithelial cells also carry out active transport.

- (i) Name **one** food molecule absorbed into epithelial cells by active transport.

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(1)

(ii) Why is it necessary to absorb some food molecules by active transport?

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(1)

(ii) Suggest why epithelial cells have many mitochondria.

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(2)

(d) Some plants also carry out active transport.

Give **one** substance that plants absorb by active transport.

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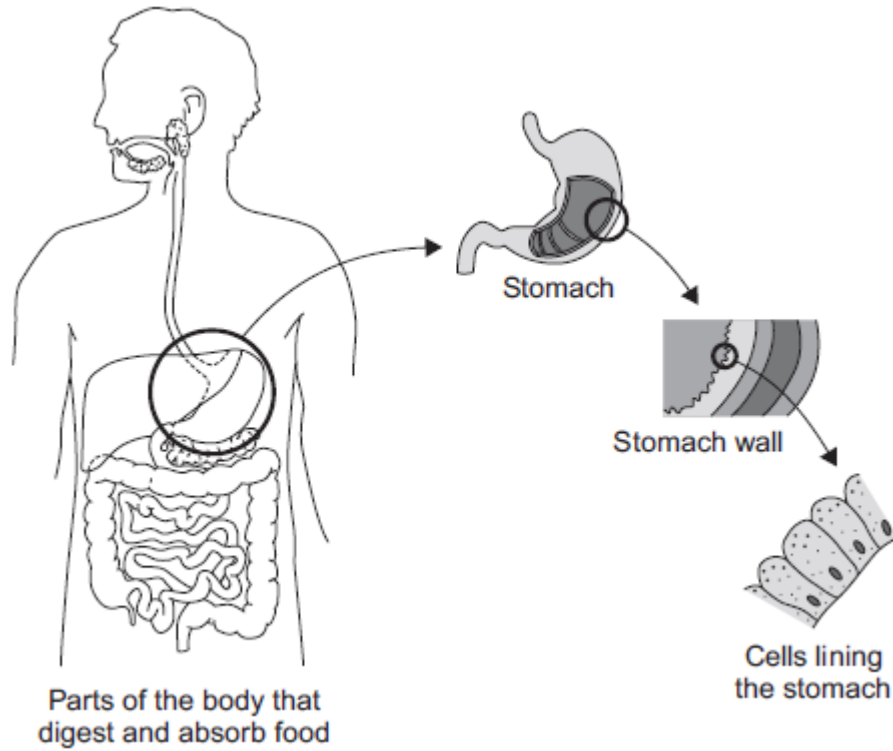
(1)

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**Q3.**

The diagram below shows the parts of the body that digest and absorb food.

It also shows some details about the structure of the stomach.



- (a) Complete the table to show whether each structure is an organ, an organ system or a tissue.

For each structure, tick (✓) **one** box.

Structure	Organ	Organ system	Tissue
Stomach			
Cells lining the stomach			
Mouth, oesophagus, stomach, liver, pancreas, small and large intestine			

(2)

- (b) (i) The blood going to the stomach has a high concentration of oxygen. The cells lining the stomach have a low concentration of oxygen.

Complete the following sentence.

Oxygen moves from the blood to the cells lining the stomach by the process of \_\_\_\_\_.

(1)

- (ii) What other substance must move from the blood to the cells lining the stomach so that respiration can take place?

Draw a ring around the correct answer.

**glucose      protein      starch**

(1)

- (iii) In which part of a cell does aerobic respiration take place?

Draw a ring around the correct answer.

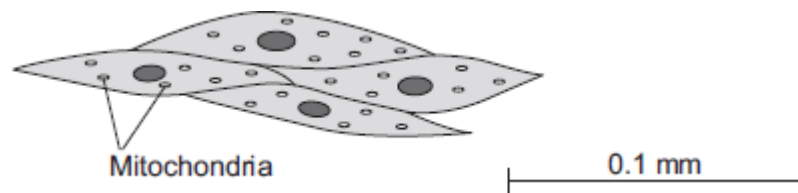
**cell membrane      mitochondria      nucleus**

(1)

(Total 5 marks)

**Q4.**

The image below shows some muscle cells from the wall of the stomach, as seen through a light microscope.



- (a) Describe the function of muscle cells in the wall of the stomach.

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(2)

- (b) The figure above is highly magnified.

The scale bar in the figure above represents 0.1 mm.

Use a ruler to measure the length of the scale bar and then calculate the magnification of the figure above.

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Magnification = \_\_\_\_\_ times

(2)

(c) The muscle cells in **Figure above** contain many mitochondria.

What is the function of mitochondria?

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(2)

(d) The muscle cells also contain many ribosomes. The ribosomes cannot be seen in the figure above.

(i) What is the function of a ribosome?

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(1)

(ii) Suggest why the ribosomes **cannot** be seen through a light microscope.

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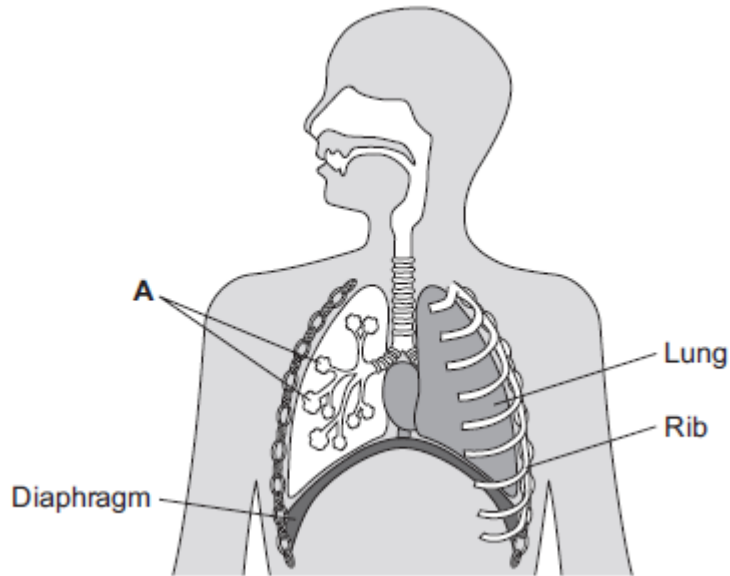
(1)

**(Total 8 marks)**

**Q5.**

Our lungs help us to breathe.

The image below shows the human breathing system.



- (a) (i) Name part **A**.

\_\_\_\_\_ (1)

- (ii) Give **one** function of the ribs.

\_\_\_\_\_ (1)

- (b) (i) Use the correct answer from the box to complete the sentence.

<b>active transport</b>	<b>diffusion</b>	<b>osmosis</b>
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Oxygen moves from the air inside the lungs into the blood by the process of \_\_\_\_\_.

(1)

- (ii) Use the correct answer from the box to complete the sentence.

<b>arteries</b>	<b>capillaries</b>	<b>veins</b>
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Oxygen moves from the lungs into the blood through the walls of the \_\_\_\_\_.

(1)

(iii) Inside the lungs, oxygen is absorbed from the air into the blood.

Give **two** adaptations of the lungs that help the rapid absorption of oxygen into the blood.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(2)

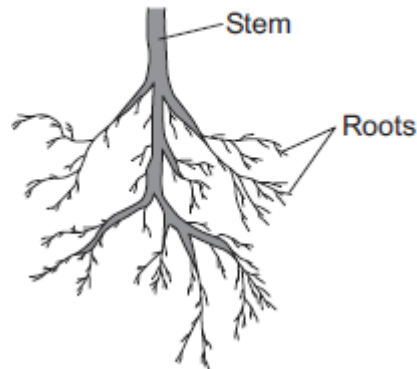
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**Q6.**

Plants need different substances to survive.

**Figure 1** shows the roots of a plant.

**Figure 1**



- (a) (i) Mineral ions are absorbed through the roots.

Name **one** other substance absorbed through the roots.

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(1)

- (ii) The plant in **Figure 1** has a higher concentration of mineral ions in the cells of its roots than the concentration of mineral ions in the soil.

Which **two** statements correctly describe the absorption of mineral ions into the plant's roots?

Tick (✓) **two** boxes.

The mineral ions are absorbed by active transport.

The mineral ions are absorbed by diffusion.

The mineral ions are absorbed down the concentration gradient.

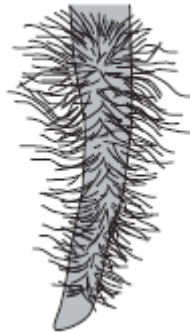
The absorption of mineral ions needs energy.

(2)

(iii) The plant in **Figure 1** has roots adapted for absorption.

**Figure 2** shows a magnified part of a root from **Figure 1**.

**Figure 2**



Describe how the root in **Figure 2** is adapted for absorption.

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(2)

(b) The leaves of plants have stomata.

What is the function of the stomata?

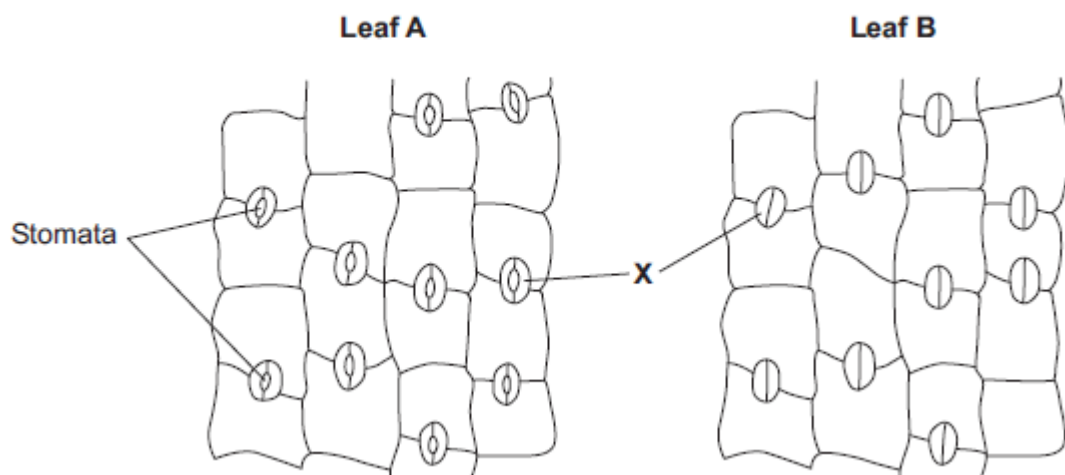
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(1)

(c) **Figure 3** shows the underside of two leaves, **A** and **B**, taken from a plant in a man's house.

**Figure 3**



(i) In **Figure 3**, the cells labelled **X** control the size of the stomata.

What is the name of the cells labelled **X**?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Guard cells

Phloem cells

Xylem cells

(1)

(ii) Describe how the appearance of the stomata in leaf **B** is different from the appearance of the stomata in leaf **A**.

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(1)

(iii) The man forgets to water the plant.

What might happen to the plant in the next few days if the stomata stay the same as shown in leaf **A** in **Figure 3**?

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(1)

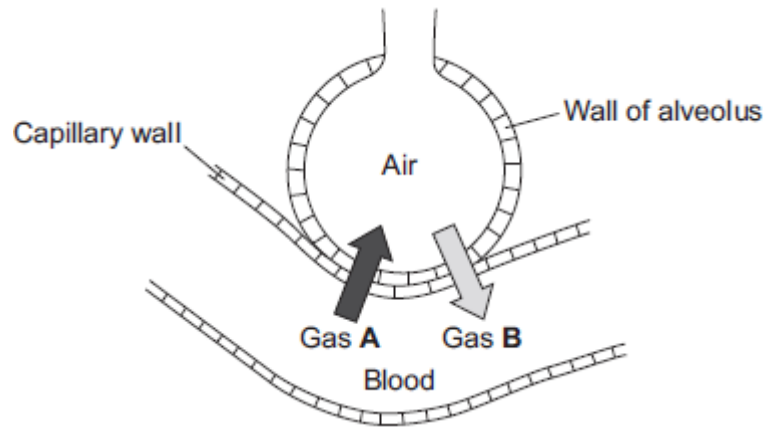
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**Q7.**

Gas exchange takes place in the lungs.

The diagram shows an alveolus next to a blood capillary in a lung.

The arrows show the movement of two gases, **A** and **B**.



- (a) (i) Draw a ring around the correct answer to complete the sentence.

Gases **A** and **B** move by

diffusion.
osmosis.
respiration.

(1)

- (ii) Gas **A** moves from the blood to the air in the lungs.

Gas **A** is then breathed out.

Name Gas **A**.

\_\_\_\_\_

(1)

- (iii) Which cells in the blood carry Gas **B**?

Draw a ring around the correct answer.

**platelets**

**red blood cells**

**white blood cells**

(1)

- (b) The average number of alveoli in each human lung is 280 million.

The average surface area of 1 million alveoli is 0.25 m<sup>2</sup>.

Calculate the total surface area of a human lung.

\_\_\_\_\_

Answer \_\_\_\_\_ m<sup>2</sup>

(2)

- (c) An athlete trains to run a marathon. The surface area of each of the athlete's lungs has increased to 80 m<sup>2</sup>.

Give **one** way in which this increase will help the athlete.

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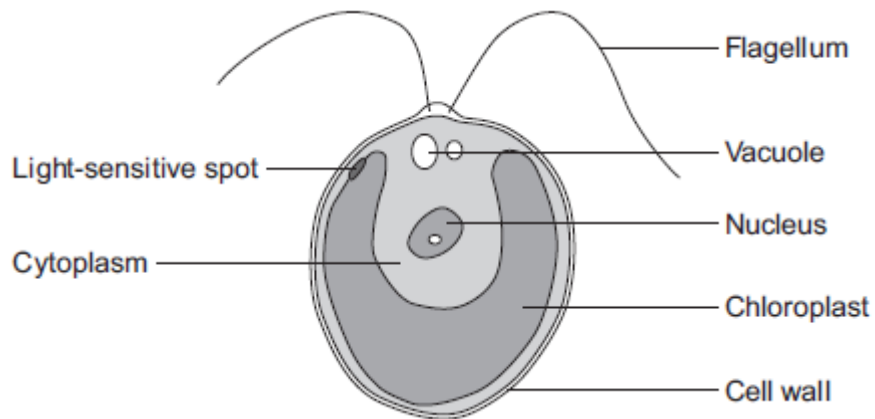
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(1)

(Total 6 marks)

**Q8.**

The diagram below shows a single-celled alga which lives in fresh water.



- (a) Which part of the cell labelled above:

- (i) traps light for photosynthesis

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(1)

- (ii) is made of cellulose?

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(1)

- (b) In the freshwater environment water enters the algal cell.

- (i) What is the name of the process by which water moves into cells?

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(1)

- (ii) Give the reason why the algal cell does not burst.

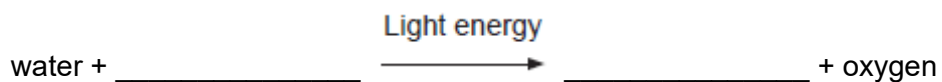
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(1)

- (c) (i) The alga can photosynthesise.

Complete the **word** equation for photosynthesis.



(2)

- (ii) The flagellum helps the cell to move through water. Scientists think that the flagellum and the light-sensitive spot work together to increase photosynthesis.

Suggest how this might happen.

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(2)

- (d) Multicellular organisms often have complex structures, such as lungs, for gas exchange.

Explain why single-celled organisms, like algae, do **not** need complex structures for gas exchange.

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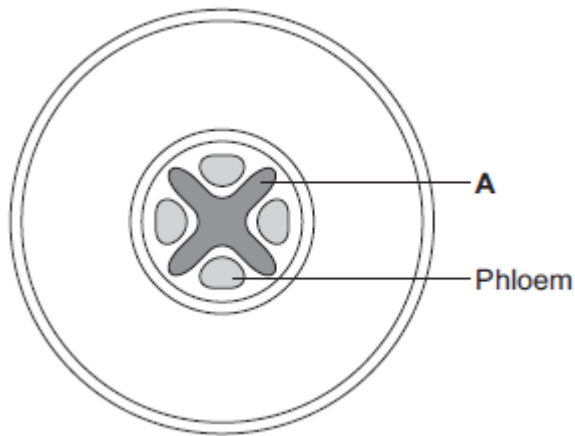
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**Q9.**

The diagram below shows a cross-section of a plant root. The transport tissues are labelled.



(a) (i) What is tissue **A**?

Draw a ring around the correct answer.

**cuticle**

**epidermis**

**xylem**

(1)

(ii) Name **two** substances transported by tissue **A**.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

(2)

(b) Phloem is involved in a process called translocation.

(i) What is translocation?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(1)

(ii) Explain why translocation is important to plants.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(2)

(c) Plants must use active transport to move some substances from the soil into root hair cells.

(i) Active transport needs energy.

Which part of the cell releases most of this energy?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

mitochondria

nucleus

ribosome

(1)

(ii) Explain why active transport is necessary in root hair cells.

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(2)

(Total 9 marks)

## Mark schemes

### Q1.

- (a) **A** = nucleus  
*allow phonetic spelling* 1
- B** = (cell) membrane 1
- (b) for repair / growth **or** to replace cells  
*ignore new cells / skin* 1
- (c) (i) embryos 1
- (ii) paralysis 1

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### Q2.

- (a) (i) nucleus 1
- (ii) diffusion 1
- (b) increases / larger surface area (for diffusion)  
*ignore large surface area to volume ratio* 1
- (c) (i) sugar / glucose  
*accept amino acids / other named monosaccharides* 1
- (ii) against a concentration gradient  
**or**  
from low to high concentration 1
- (iii) (active transport requires) energy 1
- (from) respiration 1
- (d) minerals / ions  
*accept named ion ignore nutrients*  
**do not accept water** 1

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### Q3.

(a)

Structure	Organ	Organ system	Tissue
Stomach	✓		
Cells lining the stomach			✓
Mouth, oesophagus, stomach, liver, pancreas, small and large intestine		✓	

all 3 correct = 2 marks  
2 correct = 1 mark  
1 or 0 correct = 0 marks

2

(b) (i) diffusion  
*allow phonetic spelling*

1

(ii) glucose

1

(iii) mitochondria

1

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#### Q4.

(a) contract / shorten  
*ignore relax*  
*do not allow expand*

1

to churn / move / mix food  
*accept peristalsis / mechanical digestion*  
*ignore movement unqualified*

1

(b) 400  
*acceptable range 390-410*  
*allow 1 mark for answer in range of 39 to 41*  
*allow 1 mark for answer in range of 3900 to 4100*

2

(c) to transfer energy for use  
*allow to release / give / supply / provide energy*  
*do not allow to 'make' / 'produce' / 'create' energy*  
*allow to make ATP*  
*ignore to store energy*

1

by (aerobic) respiration **or** from glucose  
*do not allow anaerobic*  
*energy released for respiration = max 1 mark*

1

(d) (i) to make protein / enzyme  
*ignore 'antibody' or other named protein*

1

(ii) too small / very small  
*allow light microscope does not have sufficient magnification / resolution*  
*allow ribosomes are smaller than mitochondria*  
*ignore not sensitive enough*  
*ignore ribosomes are transparent*

1

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### Q5.

(a) (i) alveoli / alveolus  
*allow air sacs*  
*allow phonetic spelling*

1

(ii) any **one** from:  
• protection (of lungs / heart)  
• help you breathe / inflate lungs.

1

(b) (i) diffusion

1

(ii) capillaries

1

(iii) any **two** from:  
• (have many) alveoli  
*allow air sacs*  
• large surface / area  
• thin (exchange) surface **or** short diffusion pathway  
*accept only one / two cell(s) thick*  
• good blood supply / many capillaries  
*allow (kept) ventilated or maintained concentration gradient.*

2

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### Q6.

(a) (i) water / H<sub>2</sub>O  
*accept oxygen*  
*allow H<sub>2</sub>O*  
*do not allow H<sup>2</sup>O or H<sub>2</sub>O*

1

- (ii) the mineral ions are absorbed by active transport 1
- the absorption of mineral ions needs energy 1
- (iii) have (many root) hairs 1
- (which) give a large surface area (for absorption) 1
- (b) carbon dioxide in  
**or**  
oxygen out  
**or**  
control water loss  
*accept gas exchange*  
*ignore gases in and out*  
*ignore gain / lose water* 1
- (c) (i) guard cells 1
- (ii) (stomata are) closed  
*allow there is no gap / space* 1
- (iii) plant will wilt / droop  
*ignore die* 1

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**Q7.**

- (a) (i) diffusion 1
- (ii) carbon dioxide  
*accept CO<sub>2</sub> / CO2*  
*do **not** accept CO<sup>2</sup>* 1
- (iii) red blood cells 1
- (b) 70  
*if no / incorrect answer then*  
70 000 000  
**or**  
280 x 0.25 gains 1 mark  
*ignore doubling the answer* 2
- (c) allows more gas / oxygen / CO<sub>2</sub>

(exchange)

*do not accept air*

1

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**Q8.**

(a) (i) chloroplast

1

(ii) cell wall

1

(b) (i) osmosis

*accept diffusion*

1

(ii) cell wall (prevents bursting)

1

(c) (i) carbon dioxide

*allow correct formula*

1

glucose

*allow sugar / starch*

1

(ii) any **two** from:

- light sensitive spot detects light
- tells flagellum to move towards light
- more light = more photosynthesis

2

(d) (cell has) larger SA:volume ratio

1

short (diffusion) distance

*allow correct description*

1

(diffusion) via cell membrane is sufficient / good enough

**or**

flow of water maintains concentration gradient

1

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**Q9.**

(a) (i) xylem

1

(ii) water

1

		minerals / ions / named example(s) <i>ignore nutrients</i>	1
(b)	(i)	movement of (dissolved) sugar <i>allow additional substances, eg amino acids / correct named sugar (allow sucrose / glucose)</i> <i>allow nutrients / substances / food molecules if sufficiently qualified</i> <i>ignore food alone</i>	1
	(ii)	sugars are made in the leaves	1
		so they need to be moved to other parts of the plant for respiration / growth / storage	1
(c)	(i)	mitochondria	1
	(ii)	for movement of minerals / ions <i>Do not accept 'water'</i>	1
		against their concentration gradient	1

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