

# Cell Biology part 17 AQA Combined Science

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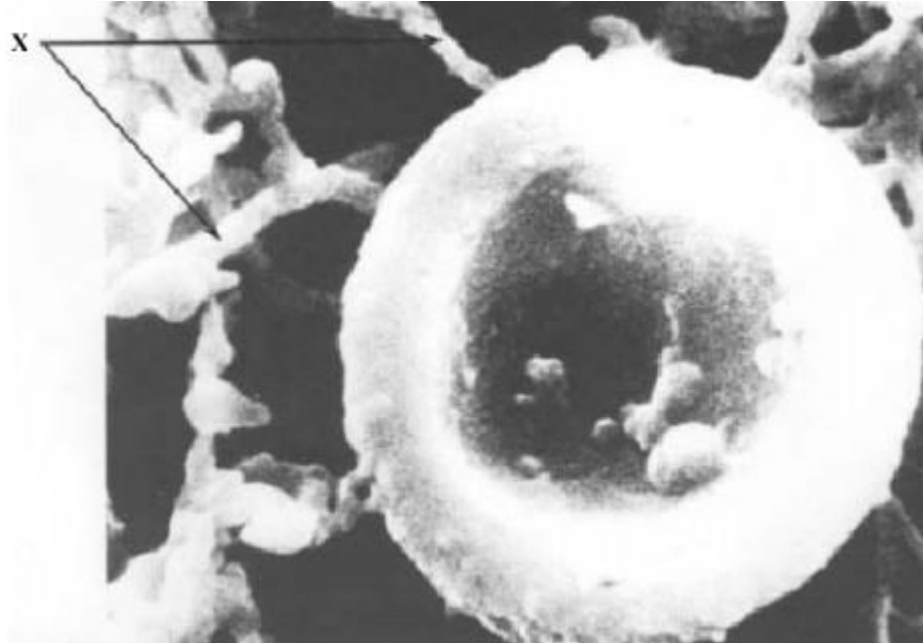
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**Q1.**

The photograph shows a red blood cell in part of a blood clot. The fibres labelled **X** are produced in the early stages of the clotting process.



- (a) Suggest how the fibres labelled **X** help in blood clot formation.

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

- (b) The average diameter of a real red blood cell is 0.008 millimetres.  
On the photograph, the diameter of the red blood cell is 100 millimetres.

Use the formula to calculate the magnification of the photograph.

$$\text{Diameter on photograph} = \text{Real diameter} \times \text{Magnification}$$

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Magnification = \_\_\_\_\_ (2)

- (c) Some blood capillaries have an internal diameter of approximately 0.01 millimetres.

- (i) Use information given in part (b) to explain why only one red blood cell at a time can pass through a capillary.

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

- (ii) Explain the advantages of red blood cells passing through a capillary one at a time.

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(3)  
(Total 7 marks)

**Q2.**

Complete the table by writing the correct process next to its description.

Choose your answers from the list in the box

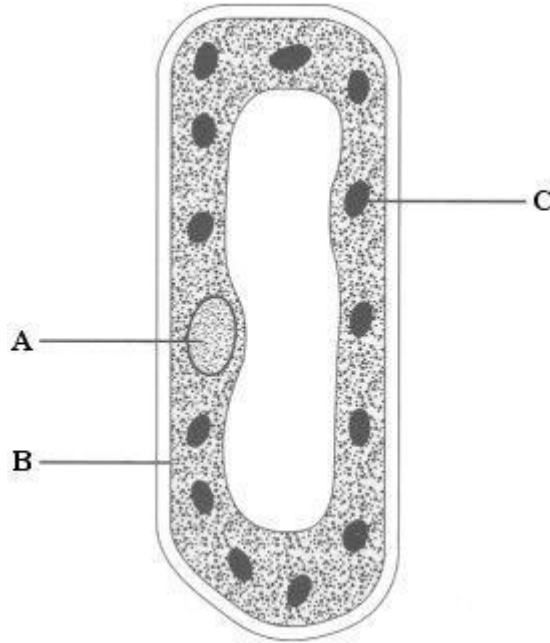
<b>breathing</b>	<b>diffusion</b>	<b>digestion</b>	<b>osmosis</b>	<b>respiration</b>
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<b>Description</b>	<b>Process</b>
Moving air in and out of the lungs	
The movement of particles of a substance from high to low concentration	
The release of energy from glucose	

(Total 3 marks)

**Q3.**

The diagram shows a cell from a plant leaf.



- (a) Name structures **A** and **B**.

**A** \_\_\_\_\_

**B** \_\_\_\_\_

(2)

- (b) Structure **C** is a chloroplast. What is the function of a chloroplast?

\_\_\_\_\_

(1)

- (c) The table gives one difference between a plant cell and an animal cell.

Complete the table to give **two** more differences.

Plant cell	Animal cell
1. Has chloroplasts	1. No chloroplasts
2.	2.
3.	3.

(2)

(Total 5 marks)

**Q4.**

- (a) (i) Name the red pigment found in red blood cells.

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

- (ii) Describe, in detail, the function of this red pigment.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (2)

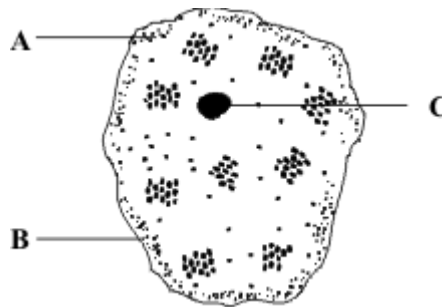
- (b) Describe **one** other way in which the structure of a red blood cell is different from the structure of a white blood cell.

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

(Total 4 marks)

**Q5.**

The diagram shows an animal cell.



- (a) Name **each** labelled part and give its function.

**A** Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Function \_\_\_\_\_

**B** Name

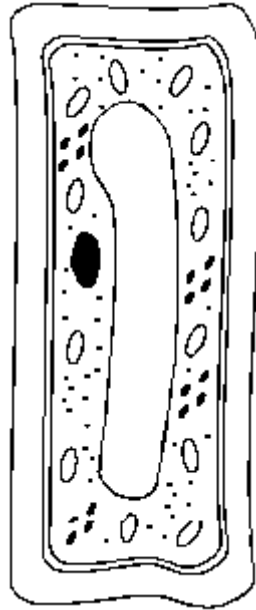
\_\_\_\_\_  
Function \_\_\_\_\_

**C** Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Function \_\_\_\_\_

(6)

(b) (i) This plant cell also contains chloroplasts, a cell wall and a vacuole. Label **each** of these parts on the diagram.



(3)

(ii) Give the function of these parts of a plant cell.

Chloroplast function \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Cell wall function \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Vacuole function \_\_\_\_\_

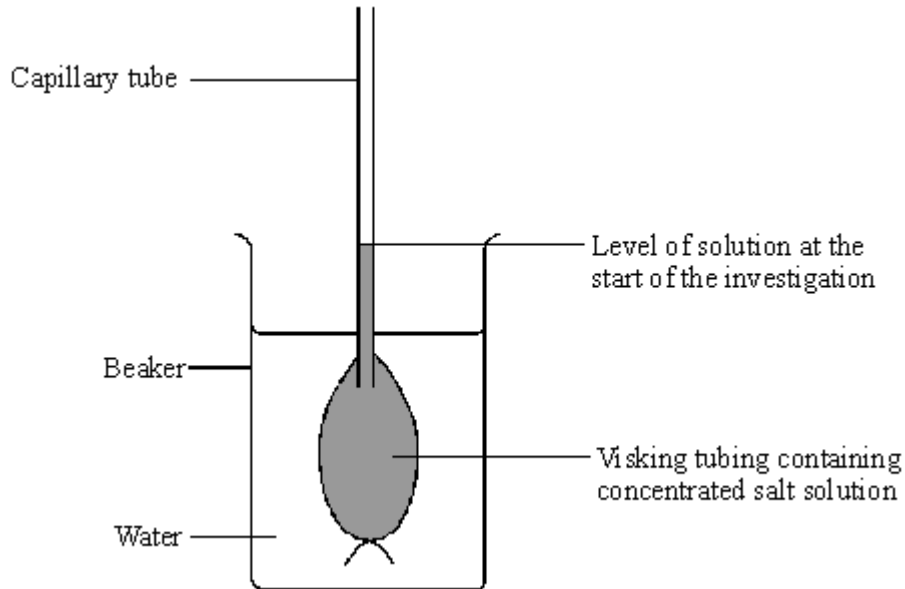
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(3)

(Total 12 marks)

**Q6.**

Some students set up the equipment below to investigate osmosis.



(a) What is osmosis?

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(b) (i) What will happen to the water level in the capillary tube during the investigation because of osmosis?

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(1)

(ii) Use your knowledge of osmosis to explain why this happens.

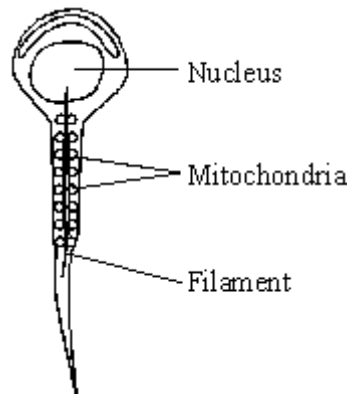
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(2)

(Total 6 marks)

**Q7.**

The diagram shows a human sperm. Inside the tail of the sperm is a filament mechanism that causes the side to side movement of the tail, which moves the sperm.



- (a) Describe the function of the mitochondria and suggest a reason why they are arranged around the filament near the tail of the sperm.

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(3)

- (b) Explain the significance of the nucleus in determining the characteristics of the offspring.

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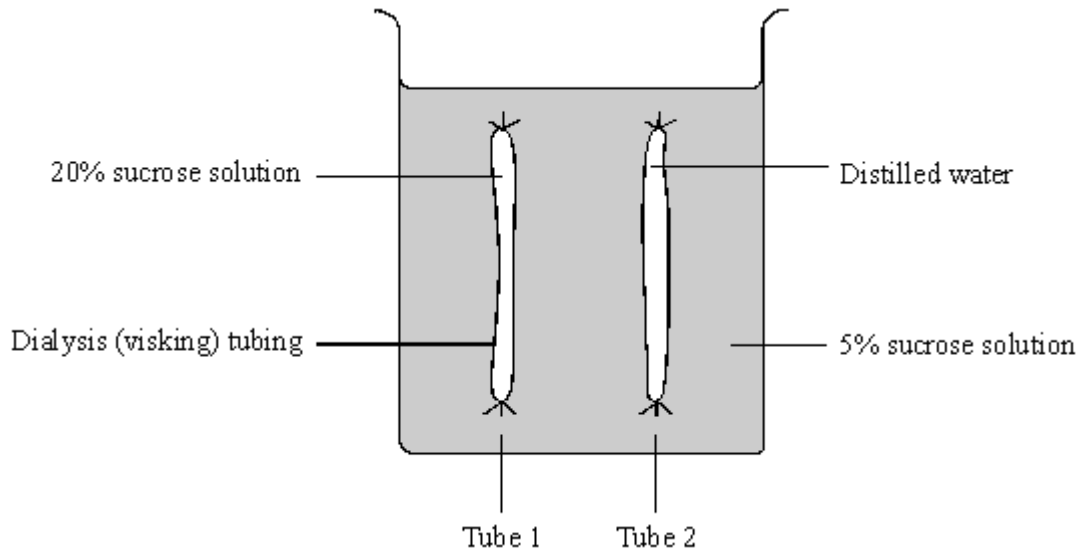
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(2)

(Total 5 marks)

**Q8.**

Some students set up this experiment to investigate osmosis. They filled two pieces of dialysis [visking] tubing with different liquids and left them both in a beaker of 5% sucrose solution for an hour.



(a) Describe and explain the likely results after one hour.

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(6)

(b) Describe **two** examples where osmosis is used in living things.

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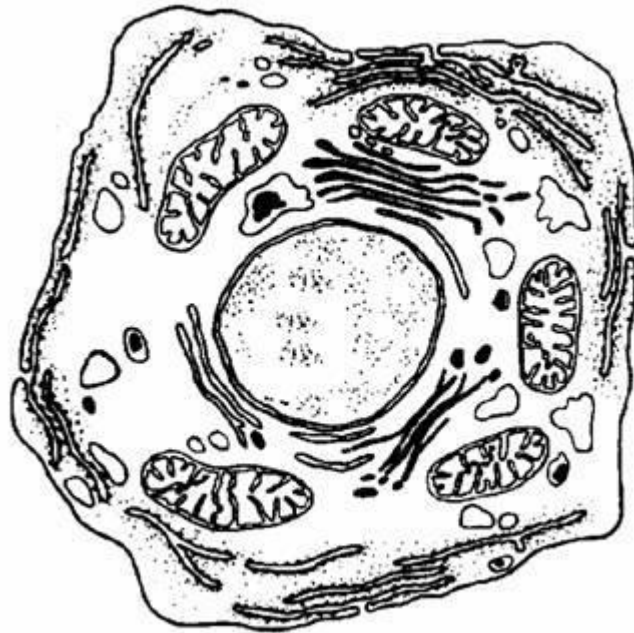
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(2)

(Total 8 marks)

**Q9.**

The drawing shows an animal cell, seen at a very high magnification using an electron microscope.



- (a) (i) Label a mitochondrion [plural = mitochondria]. (1)
- (ii) What happens in the mitochondria?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (1)
- (b) (i) Name and label the structure where you would find chromosomes. (1)
- (ii) What are chromosomes made of?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (1)
- (c) What controls the rate of chemical reactions in the cytoplasm?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (1)
- (Total 5 marks)

## Mark schemes

### Q1.

- (a) hold cells together **or** prevent flow of cells **or** trap cells 1
- (b) 12500  
*if correct answer, ignore working / lack of working*  
 $\frac{100}{0.008}$  for 1 mark  
  
*ignore any units* 2
- (c) (i) size RBC approximately same size capillary **or**  
no room for more than one cell **or**  
only one can fit **or**  
RBC is too big  
*allow use of numbers*  
*do **not** accept capillaries are narrow* 1
- (ii) more oxygen released (to tissues) **or**  
more oxygen taken up (from lungs) 1
- and any **two** from:
- slows flow **or** more time available
  - shorter distance (for exchange) **or** close to cells / capillary wall
  - more surface area exposed 2
- [7]

### Q2.

- in correct sequence:
- breathing 1
- diffusion 1
- respiration 1
- [3]

**Q3.**

(a) **A** = nucleus  
*accept phonetic spelling only* 1

**B** = (cell) membrane  
*accept plasma membrane* 1

(b) any **one** from:  
photosynthesis  
makes sugar / starch / carbohydrate / organic material  
*accept 'makes food'*  
*do **not** accept makes chlorophyll*  
*ignore stores starch / food / light / chlorophyll*  
traps or absorbs light 1

(c) any **two** from:

<b>Plant cell</b>	<b>Animal cell</b>
• (has) vacuole <b>or</b> has cell sap	• no vacuole <b>or</b> small/temporary vacuole <b>or</b> no cell sap
• (has) wall/cellulose	• no wall/cellulose <b>or</b> <u>only</u> membrane
• (stores) starch <b>or</b> doesn't store glycogen	• doesn't store/have starch <b>or</b> stores glycogen

*ignore reference to shape*  
*must be clear indication in all four boxes*  
*ignore reference to chlorophyll*

2

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**Q4.**

(a) (i) haemoglobin / oxyhaemoglobin  
*must be phonetic* 1

(ii) carries oxygen **or** forms oxyhaemoglobin  
*Ignore references to CO<sub>2</sub>/ iron*  
*cancel if extras like food / glucose* 1

from lungs to tissues 1

(b) no nucleus **or** biconcave disc (described)  
*ignore references to size*  
*ignore vague references to being*

'round' / 'donut' shaped etc.

1

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**Q5.**

(a) A cytoplasm

1

where (chemical) reactions take place

*do not accept where cell functions take place*

1

**or**

carries/holds the organelles/named organelles / named chemicals (including nutrients)

*do not accept keeps the shape of the cell*

**or**

contains water

**or**

presses out on the membrane

*allow: keeps cell turgid*

*allows transport through the cell*

B membrane

*do not accept by themselves:*

*protects cell*

*gives shape*

1

controls what enters/leaves the cell

1

**or**

contains the cell/holds the cell together

*do not accept keeps harmful substances out*

**or**

allows movement into and out of the cell C nucleus

1

contains the genetic material/DNA/genes/chromosomes

*do not accept:*

*brain of the cell*

*stores information/instructions*

*tells cell what to do*

**or**

controls (the activity) of the cell

1

(b) (i) one mark for each correctly labelled part  
*cell wall*

*do not accept anything inboard of the inner edge vacuole  
accept anything inboard of transplast*

chloroplast: site of photosynthesis/ for photosynthesis  
*accept word equation or balanced equation*

1

cell wall: supports the cell/keeps the shape/keeps it rigid  
*do not accept protects the cells*

2

(ii) vacuole: acts as reservoir for water / chemicals/(cell)/sap

3

**or**  
keeps cell turgid/pushes content to  
edge  
**or**  
maintains concentration gradient  
**or**  
allows cell elongation (not growth)

1

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#### Q6.

(a) movement of water [1]

from high concentration (of water) to low concentration (of water)

**or**

from (an area of) dilute solution to an area of concentrated solution [1]

through a differentially **or** partially **or** selectively **or** semi permeable  
membrane [1]

3

(b) (i) it will rise

1

(ii) water enters visking tubing [1]

because the concentration of water outside is greater than the  
concentration inside

**or**

because the concentration of salt **or** solute is greater inside the tubing than  
outside [1]

**or**

to equalise concentration water has to enter visking tubing [2]

2

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**Q7.**

- (a) **award one mark for each key idea**

energy released **or** energy transferred **or** respiration  
*allow provides or gives*  
*do not allow produces or makes*

3

near to the site of movement **or**  
energy available quickly **or** more  
energy

*accept allows more mitochondria to fit in*

(mitochondria) packed (around  
filament) **or** efficient arrangement **or**  
spiral arrangement

- (b) contains chromosomes **or** genes **or**  
DNA

*not genetic material*

1

(which) contribute half (the genes) to  
the fetus **or** offspring

*23 chromosomes or half the genes*  
*or reference to X,Y chromosome determining sex (if the*  
*notion of halfness is there)*  
*nucleus contains half genes for the offspring = 2 marks*

1

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**Q8.**

- (a) **award 3 marks per tube for each key idea**

for tube 1:

expands **or** gets firmer **or** bigger **or** inflates

it gains water

because the concentration of water is less than its surroundings

*make sure answer is about water movement and not sucrose*  
*solution*

3

for tube 2

gets floppy **or** flaccid **or** contracts

it loses water

because the concentration of water is greater than its surroundings

3

- (b) any **2** from:

uptake of water by root (hair) **or**  
movement from cell to cell within  
plant

*do **not** credit references to diffusion unless it is clear that the  
candidate is referring to the diffusion of water*

guard cell function

maintain turgor

water absorption in the large intestine

reabsorption of water from the  
nephron **or** collecting duct or in  
kidney **or** osmoregulation in kidney

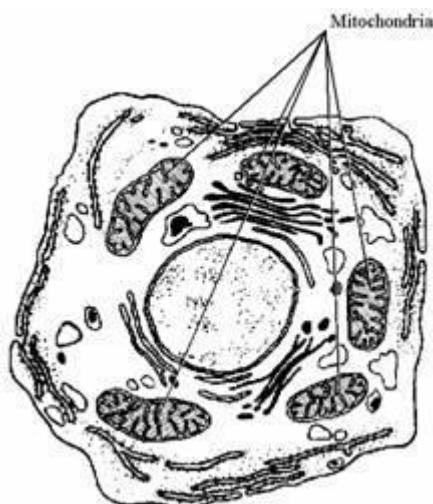
*allow osmosis in other animals if some use is shown*

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**Q9.**

(a) (i)



*award 1 mark for any of the mitochondria correctly labelled if  
a number are labelled and one is incorrect award 0 marks*

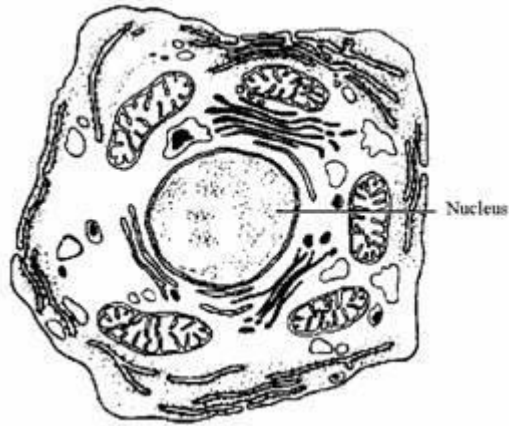
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(ii) respiration **or** the release **or** transfer  
of energy **or** it contains the enzymes  
for respiration

*do **not** accept energy produced*

1

(b) (i) nucleus (named and correctly  
labelled)



*arrow or line must touch or go inside the nuclear membrane*

1

(ii) DNA or genes or nucleic acids

*accept protein or histones or nucleotides or ATGC*

1

(c) enzymes or nucleus

*do not accept factors that affect the rate rather than control it  
eg pH or temperature*

1

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