

Cell Biology part 5 AQA Combined Science

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Q1.

Starch is digested to form sugar molecules in the digestive system.

- (a) What is the name of the enzyme that digests starch?

(1)

- (b) Where are most food molecules absorbed?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Large intestine

Liver

Small intestine

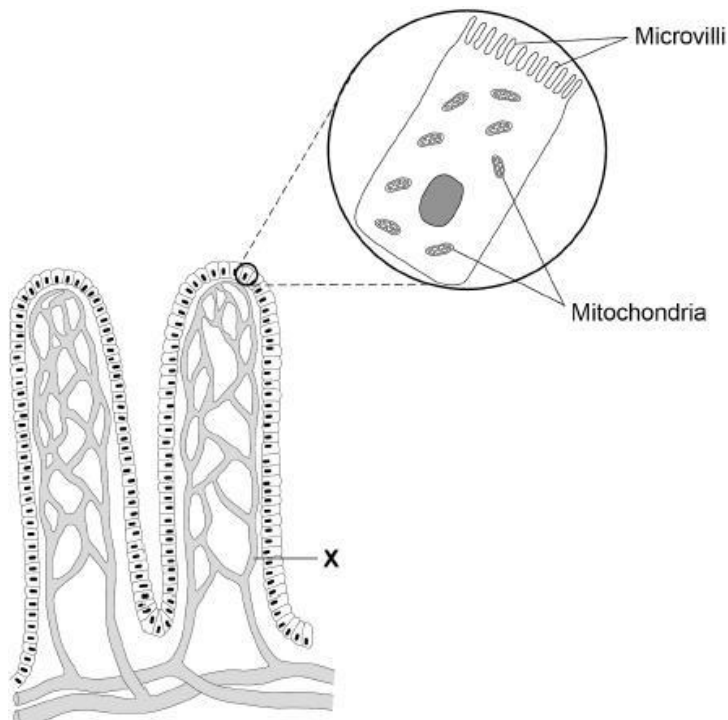
Stomach

(1)

Figure 1 shows two villi.

Figure 1 also shows one cell on the surface of a villus as seen using an electron microscope.

Figure 1



- (c) Give **one** advantage of using an electron microscope compared with using a light microscope.

(1)

- (d) What type of blood vessel is labelled **X**?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Artery

Capillary

Vein

(1)

- (e) The real length of one villus is 0.8 mm

Calculate the image length if the villus is viewed at a magnification of ×20

Use the equation:

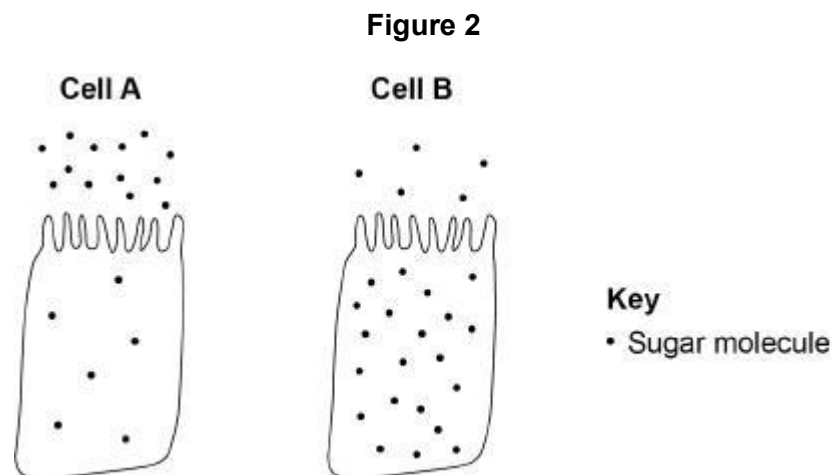
$$\text{magnification} = \frac{\text{size of image}}{\text{size of real object}}$$

Image length = _____ mm

(3)

Figure 2 shows two cells from the surface of a villus.

There are sugar molecules inside and next to each cell.



(f) Name the process by which sugar moves into cell **A**.

_____ (1)

(g) Name the process by which sugar moves into cell **B**.

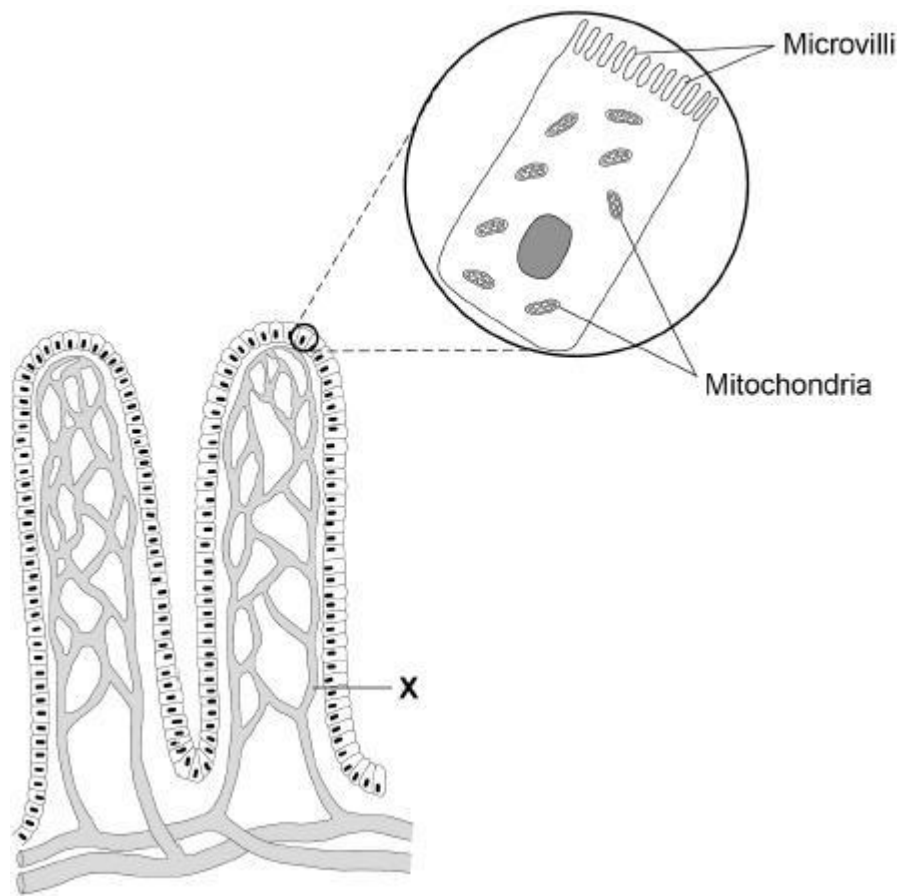
_____ (1)

(h) Give **one** use of sugar in the body.

_____ (1)

(i) **Figure 1** is repeated below.

Figure 1



Explain how villi are adapted for efficient absorption of sugar molecules.

(4)
(Total 14 marks)

Q2.

Cells are the basic units of all forms of life.

(a) Describe **four** differences between a bacterial cell and a plant cell.

- 1. _____

- 2. _____

- 3. _____

- 4. _____

(4)

(b) Gonorrhoea is a bacterial disease.

A new vaccine is being developed against gonorrhoea.

Describe how a vaccine would work to prevent gonorrhoea.

(4)

Another disease caused by bacteria is salmonella food poisoning.

In the UK, chickens are vaccinated against *Salmonella* bacteria to reduce the number of cases of food poisoning in humans.

- (c) Explain how vaccinating chickens reduces the number of cases of salmonella food poisoning.

(2)

- (d) Give **one** way that the spread of salmonella food poisoning from one human to another is controlled.

Do **not** refer to vaccination in your answer.

(1)

- (e) The number of cases of salmonella food poisoning is usually higher in summer than in winter.

Suggest **one** reason why.

(1)

(Total 12 marks)

Q3.

A single-celled organism has a large surface area to volume ratio.

(a) How does oxygen enter a single-celled organism?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Active transport

Diffusion

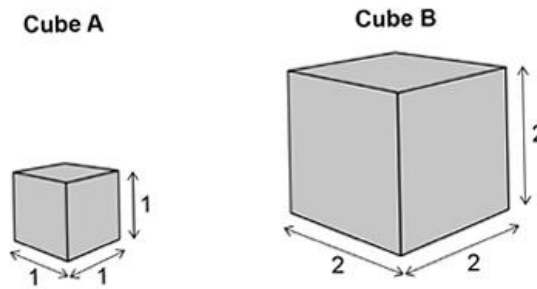
Osmosis

(1)

Figure 1 shows two cubes.

The surface area to volume ratio for cube **A** is 6:1

Figure 1



(b) Calculate the surface area to volume ratio of cube **B**.

Surface area of one face of cube **B** _____

Surface area of one face = _____

Total surface area of cube **B** _____

Total surface area = _____

Volume of cube **B** _____

Volume = _____

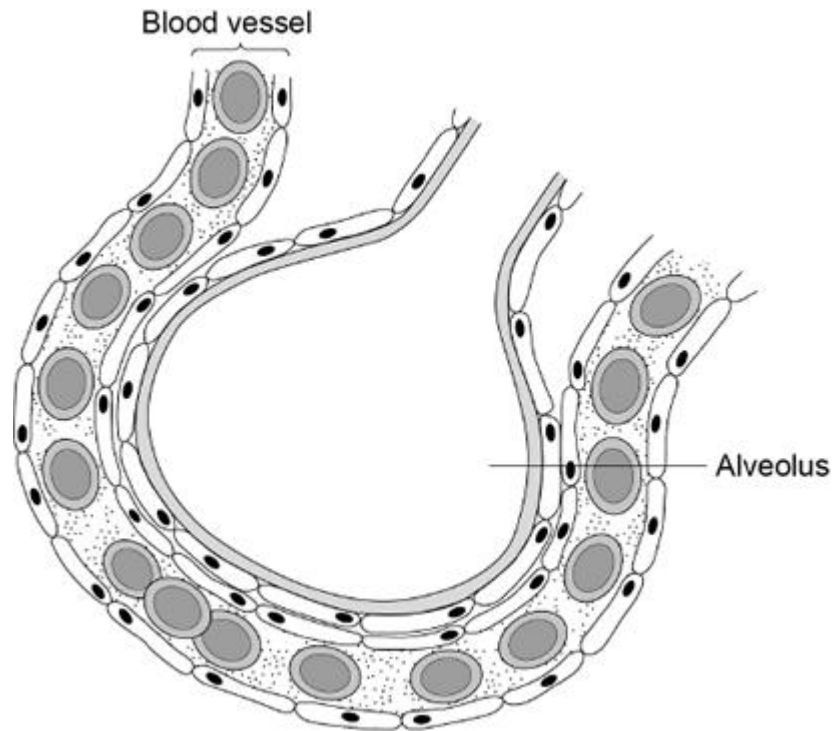
Surface area to volume ratio = _____ : _____

(4)

Multicellular organisms have exchange surfaces to absorb substances.

Figure 2 shows part of the exchange surface in the lungs.

Figure 2



(c) Oxygen passes from the alveolus into the blood.

Name the part of the blood that carries the most oxygen.

_____ (1)

(d) Name the gas that passes out of the blood into the alveolus.

_____ (1)

(e) Alveoli provide a large surface area for gas exchange.

Give **two** other ways the lungs are adapted for efficient gas exchange.

1 _____

2 _____

(2)
(Total 9 marks)

Q4.

This question is about organisation in living organisms.

- (a) Write the biological structures from the box in the correct size order.

cell	nucleus	organ	tissue
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Smallest



Largest

(3)

- (b) Name **one** animal organ.

(1)

- (c) Which is a plant tissue?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Flower

Leaf

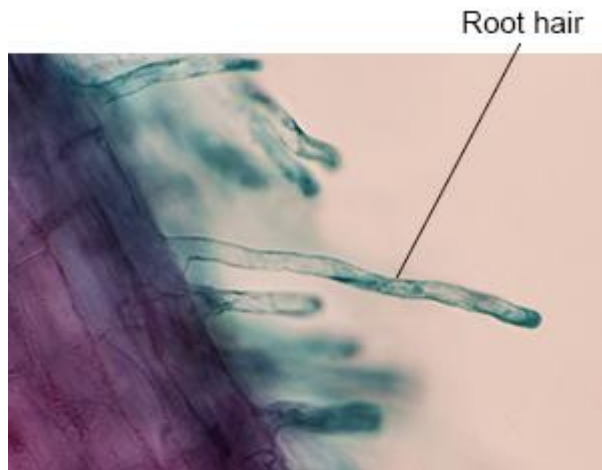
Phloem

Root

(1)

Figure 1 shows part of a root viewed using a microscope.

Figure 1

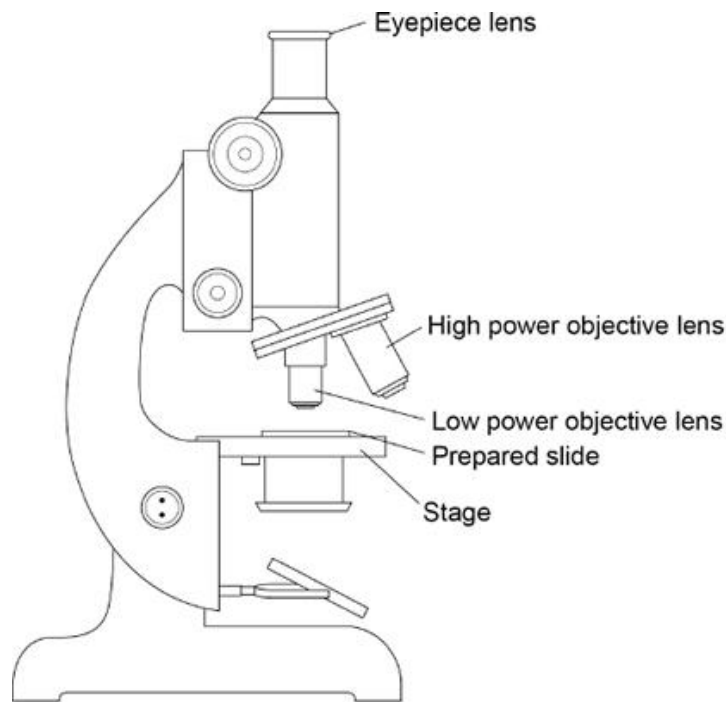


(d) Explain how a root hair cell is specialised for its function.

(2)

Figure 2 shows a microscope.

Figure 2



- (e) It is easier to view the cells using the low power objective lens first.

Give **one** reason why.

(1)

- (f) To focus the image the objective lens should be moved away from the stage.

Give **one** reason why the objective lens should **not** be moved towards the stage.

(1)

- (g) The image of the prepared slide in **Figure 2** is viewed with the $\times 10$ objective lens.

The total magnification is $\times 50$

What was the power of the eyepiece lens used?

Power of eyepiece lens = \times _____

(1)

(h) Root hair cells do **not** contain chloroplasts.

Suggest **one** reason why.

(1)

(Total 11 marks)

Q5.

Water is lost from the leaves of a plant through stomata.

(a) What is the process by which water is lost from the leaves of a plant?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Osmosis

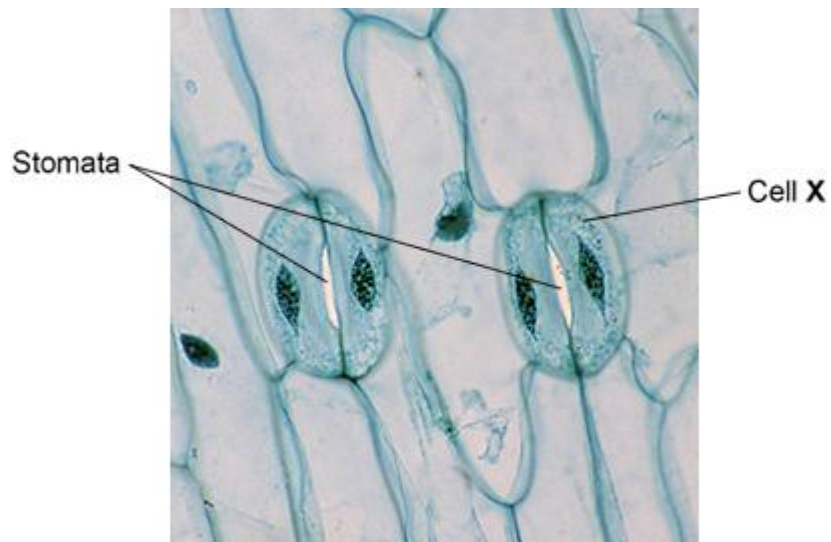
Photosynthesis

Transpiration

(1)

Figure 1 shows stomata on the lower surface of a leaf.

Figure 1



(b) What is the name of cell **X**?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Epidermal cell

Guard cell

Palisade cell

Xylem cell

(1)

(c) The length of cell **X** is 25 mm when viewed at a magnification of ×800

Calculate the real length of cell **X**.

Give your answer in micrometres (µm).

1 mm = 1000 µm

Use the equation:

$$\text{real length of cell} = \frac{\text{size of image}}{\text{magnification}}$$

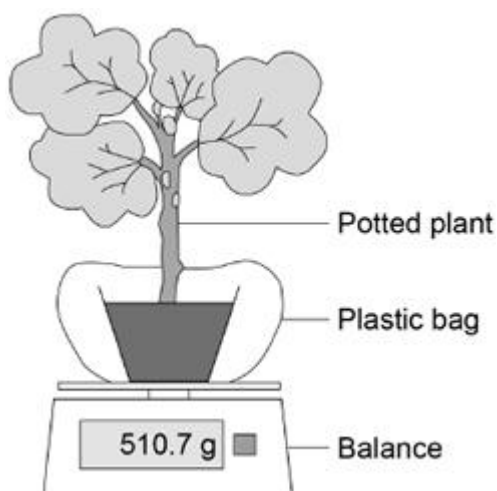
Real length of cell **X** = _____ µm

(3)

A student measured the mass of water lost from some similar plants. The plants were at different temperatures.

Figure 2 shows the apparatus used.

Figure 2



This is the method used.

1. Seal a plastic bag around the pot of a potted plant.
2. Place the potted plant with the bag on a balance in a room at 20 °C
3. Record the mass.
4. After 3 hours record the mass again.
5. Calculate the mass of water lost from the plant.
6. Repeat steps 1–5 at 25 °C and at 30 °C with other similar plants.

(d) What was the independent variable in this investigation?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Initial mass of the plant

Length of time the plant was left

Mass of water lost

Temperature of the room

(1)

(e) Suggest why the student sealed a plastic bag around the pot.

(1)

The table shows the student's results.

Temperature in °C	Mass at the start in g	Mass after 3 hours in g	Mass of water lost in 3 hours in g
20	510.7	508.6	2.1
25	510.4	507.1	3.3
30	X	506.3	4.9

(f) What is the resolution of the balance used in this investigation?

Tick **one** box.

0.1 g 1.0 g 100 g 500 g

(1)

(g) Calculate value **X** in the table above.

X = _____ g

(1)

(h) Give **one** conclusion that can be made from the results in the table above.

(1)

(i) Give **two** factors that might affect the rate of water loss from the leaves.

Do **not** refer to temperature in your answer.

1 _____

2 _____

(2)

(Total 12 marks)

Q6.

Pathogens are microorganisms that cause infectious diseases.

(a) What type of pathogen causes malaria?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Bacterium

Fungus

Protist

Virus

(1)

(b) Give **two** methods used to prevent people catching malaria.

Give a reason why each method works.

Method 1 _____

Reason _____

Method 2 _____

Reason _____

(4)

(c) Describe **two** differences between a bacterial cell and a eukaryotic cell.

1 _____

2 _____

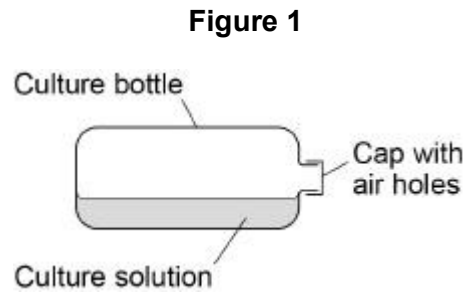
(2)

A scientist investigated the population growth of bacteria in a culture solution.

At the start of the investigation the culture solution contained all the nutrients the bacteria needed.

The scientist determined the number of living bacterial cells in the solution every hour over two days.

Figure 1 shows the apparatus used.

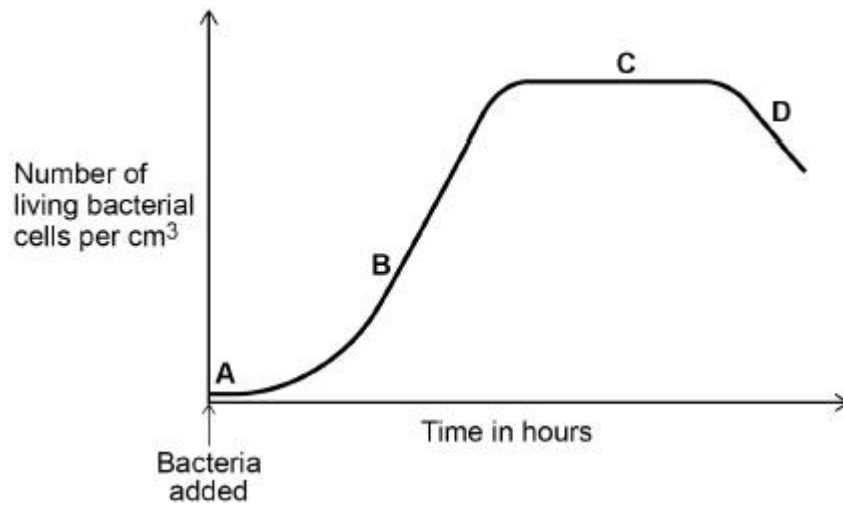


(d) Describe why there are air holes in the cap of the culture bottle.

(1)

Figure 2 shows the scientist's results.

Figure 2



(e) Give **one** reason for what is happening to the number of bacteria at each of the stages.

Stage **A** _____

Stage **B** _____

Stage **C** _____

Stage **D** _____

(4)

Mark schemes

Q1.

- (a) amylase
allow phonetic spelling
allow carbohydrase
*do **not** accept amylose* 1
- (b) small intestine 1
- (c) any **one** from:
• greater magnification
• higher resolving power
allow can see (smaller) sub-cellular structures / parts
allow can see more detail (inside cells)
allow reference to 3-D images 1
- (d) capillary 1
- (e)
$$20 = \frac{\text{image length}}{0.8}$$

image length = 0.8 x 20 1
image length = 16 (mm) 1
- (f) diffusion 1
- (g) active transport
allow active uptake 1
- (h) any **one** from:
• respiration
allow as an energy source
*do **not** accept to make / use / create / produce energy*
• to form glycogen
• to make amino acids / proteins
allow to make lipid / fat 1
- (i) **Level 2:** Relevant points (reasons/causes) are identified, given in detail and logically linked to form a clear account. 3-4

Level 1: Points are identified and stated simply, but their relevance is not clear and there is no attempt at logical linking.

1-2

No relevant content

0

Indicative content

- have (many) microvilli
- (to) increase surface area

- wall of villus only one cell thick **or** is thin
- capillaries are close to surface
- (so) short pathway

- good blood supply
- (to) transport food molecules away **or** to the body
- (and) maintain a diffusion gradient

- cells have many mitochondria
- (where) respiration takes place
- (where) energy is transferred
- (as) active transport requires energy
- energy is needed to absorb sugar / food / molecules

For Level 2 must make links between structure and it's function

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Q2.

- (a) any **four** from:
- bacterial cell is smaller (than a plant cell)
allow converse statements 'it' refers to bacteria
 - bacterial cell does **not** have chloroplasts (plant cell does)
ignore chlorophyll
 - bacterial cell does **not** have its DNA / genetic material inside a nucleus (plant cell does)
*allow bacterial cell does **not** have a nucleus (plant cell does)*
allow bacterial cell has DNA / genetic material in a ring / loop (plant cell does not)
allow bacterial cell has DNA / genetic material free in cytoplasm
 - bacterial cell (may) have plasmids (plant cell does not)
 - bacterial cell does **not** have mitochondria (plant cell does)
 - cell wall in bacterial cells is **not** made of cellulose (cell wall in plant cells is)
 - bacterial cell does **not** have a large / permanent vacuole (plant cell does)

- bacterial cell has smaller ribosomes (than plant cells)
*do **not** accept idea that bacterial cells do not have ribosomes*
allow bacterial cell (may) have a flagellum (plant cells do not)
allow bacterial cell (may) have a slime capsule (plant cell does not)

4

(b) any **four** from:

- dead / inactive / weakened form of pathogen / bacterium / microorganism is introduced / injected
allow introduce / inject antigen(s) from the pathogen
allow dead / inactive / weakened form of Gonorrhoea (bacteria) introduced / injected
*do **not** accept inject Gonorrhoea disease*
- white blood cells stimulated to produce antibodies
*do **not** accept incorrect white blood cell, eg phagocyte*
- reference to memory cells made or remain
- on re-exposure specific / correct antibodies are made (very) quickly
allow on re-exposure specific / correct antibodies are produced in large quantities
- bacteria / pathogens / microorganisms killed and do not produce a large enough population to cause the disease
allow bacteria / pathogens / microorganisms killed and do not produce a large enough population to produce toxins

4

(c) fewer bacteria / pathogens in chicken / eggs / food

ignore references to immunity unqualified
allow fewer chickens / eggs will carry the bacteria / pathogens ignore chickens do not get disease / infected

1

(so) fewer bacteria are ingested (by humans)

allow idea of fewer bacteria being passed on to humans in food

or

fewer bacteria / pathogens ingested (by humans) (1)

(so) fewer toxins produced (1)

allow idea of fewer bacteria being passed on to humans in food (1)

1

- (d) wash hands before preparing food
ignore wash hands unqualified
allow good food hygiene
- wash hands after using the toilet
allow clean areas where a person has been ill
allow do not shake hands (with someone who has food poisoning)
- (e) warmer weather so bacteria reproduce / increase faster
ignore bacteria are killed at low temperatures
allow food not cooked properly on barbeques

1

1

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Q3.

- (a) diffusion
- (b) (SA of one face = 2×2) = 4
ignore units
- (Total SA = 4×6) = 24
allow correct calculation using their calculated SA of 1 face $\times 6$
- (Volume = $2 \times 2 \times 2$) = 8
 (SA:volume ratio =) 24:8 **or** 3:1
ratio must be consistent with their figures
- (c) red (blood) cell(s)
allow erythrocyte(s)
- (d) carbon dioxide
name takes precedence
allow CO₂
ignore CO² / CO₂
ignore water (vapour)
- (e)
ignore large surface area
ignore many alveoli
ignore moist lining
- any **two** from:
- wall of alveolus (only) one cell thick
 - wall of capillary (only) one cell thick
 - cells of alveolus / capillary wall are flattened / thin

1

1

1

1

1

1

- good blood supply
*if none of these mentioned
allow 1 mark for idea of short
distance between (air in)
alveolus and blood*
- (well) ventilated

2

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Q4.

- (a) nucleus
cell
tissue
organ

*all in correct order
allow 1 mark for each consecutive pair of
structures*

3

- (b) any **one** from:
- bladder
 - brain
 - heart
 - (small **or** large) intestine
 - kidney
 - liver
 - lung
 - pancreas
 - skin
 - stomach

*allow any organ found in an animal
ignore blood*

1

- (c) phloem

1

- (d) large surface area

allow long

(so) it can absorb (a lot of) water / minerals / (mineral) ions

allow long

1

*allow 1 mark for (many) mitochondria
allow for 2 marks (many) mitochondria for active
transport*

1

- (e) any **one** from:

- biggest / widest field of view
- easier to focus

1

- (f) to avoid damage to lens / slide

ignore references to focussing

1

(g) (x)5

allow are underground

1

(h) any **one** from:
(root hair cells)

- are not exposed to light
- do not photosynthesise

allow are underground

1

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Q5.

(a) transpiration

1

(b) guard cell

1

(c) (real length of cell =) $\frac{25}{800}$

an answer of 31.25 (μm) scores 3 marks

allow 2 marks for $\frac{25\,000}{800}$

1

0.03125

1

31.25 (μm)

allow 31 or 31.3

allow correct unit conversion of incorrect answer

1

(d) temperature of the room

1

(e) any water / mass lost was from the leaves / plant

allow so no water was lost (directly) from the soil

1

(f) 0.1 g

1

(g)

View with the table in the question

511.2 (g)

answer line takes precedence

1

(h) the higher the temperature the more water lost

cause and effect must be the correct way round

- (i) any **two** from:
- humidity
 - air movement
allow wind
 - light (intensity)
allow time of day
 - water availability
 - rate of photosynthesis

*allow number / size of leaves /
allow number of stomata on plant
ignore type of plant
ignore time plant left for*

2

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Q6.

- (a) protist

1

- (b) any **two** methods with reason from:

1 mark for method and 1 mark for a correctly linked reason

- Method: insecticides
Reason: to kill mosquitos / vector
ignore kill insects unqualified
- Method: (mosquito) nets
Reason: to avoid being bitten
*allow long clothing
ignore acts as a physical barrier*
- Method: insect repellents
Reason: less likely to be bitten
allow DEET or named insect repellent
- Method: vaccination
Reason: so people are immune (to malaria)
- Method: anti-malaria tablets
*allow named anti-malarial e.g. Larium / Malarone
allow antibiotics*
- Reason: kills the pathogen / protist
*allow ecf from part (a)
ignore kills malaria
allow
Method: drain swampy ground
or
remove pots of water
or*

put oil on water / pond

Reason: fewer breeding grounds for mosquitos

allow

Method: release GM / sterile mosquitos

Reason: prevent / reduce reproduction

if no other marks awarded allow 1 mark for kill mosquitos

4

- (c) any **two** from:
(bacterial cell):

does not have a nucleus

allow DNA is free in cytoplasm

allow has a single loop of DNA

allow has a single strand of DNA

has plasmids

allow description, e.g. (small) ring(s) of DNA

is smaller

allow bacterial cells do not have mitochondria or do not have membrane bound organelles

allow bacteria have smaller ribosomes

ignore bacterial cells do not have chloroplasts

2

- (d) to allow air / oxygen in for bacteria to respire

allow to allow carbon dioxide produced in respiration to escape

or

so bacteria can respire aerobically

1

- (e) (A)
(no change in population size) because no / limited cell division / reproduction

allow (no change in population size) because bacteria / cells adjusting to environment / culture conditions

ignore reference to growth unqualified

1

(B)

(rapid increase in population size) as cells dividing rapidly as (plentiful) supply of nutrients / food

allow rapid binary fission as (plentiful) supply of nutrients / food

1

(C)

(population size stays the same) as rate of cell death equals rate of cell division

1

(D)
(population size decreasing) as cells dying due to nutrients running out
or
(population size decreasing) as cells dying due to toxins / carbon dioxide / cell wastes building up (in solution)

1

(f)

a ratio of 30 000:1 for X and 0.55:1 for Y scores 3 marks

(SA: vol ratio of X =)

$$2.4 \times 10^{-7} : 8 \times 10^{-12}$$

1

or

$$0.000\ 000\ 24 : 0.000\ 000\ 000\ 008$$

(SA: vol ratio of Y =) 726:1331

conversion to same scale: 30 000:1 **and** 0.55:1

if no other calculation marks awarded allow 1 mark for calculation of SA for X and Y

or

calculation of volume for X and Y

1

or

*calculation of SA and volume for one **or** both cubes if not given as a ratio*

1

(so) diffusion distance is longer in multicellular organism

allow converse

or

(so) volume supplied by each unit of surface area is greater in multicellular organism

allow converse

allow idea that some cells will have no surfaces exposed to outside in multicellular organism

1

(so) diffusion rate per unit volume is slower in a multicellular organism

allow converse

1

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