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Paper 3 Theory (Core)

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1 hour 15 minutes

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

No Additional Materials are required.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your Center number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.

Do not use staples, paper clips, glue or correction fluid.

DO NOT WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.

Answer **all** questions.

Electronic calculators may be used.

You may lose marks if you do not show your working or if you do not use appropriate units.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

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1 (a) Leaves play an important part in plant nutrition.

(i) Name the process plants use to make carbohydrates such as simple sugars.

.....[1]

(ii) State the word equation for this process.

.....[2]

(iii) Suggest **one** way that leaves are adapted to make carbohydrates.

.....[1]

(b) Fig. 1.1 shows whole leaves from five different trees.

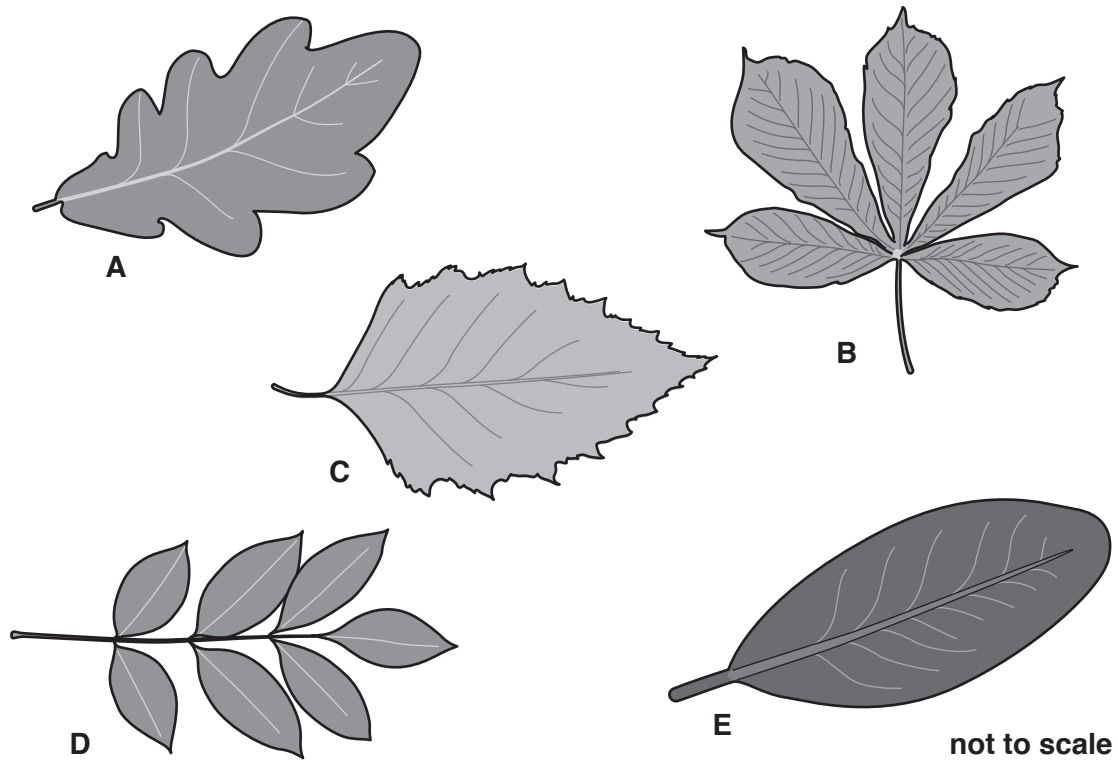


Fig. 1.1

Fig. 1.2 is a key which can be used to identify the five leaves shown in Fig. 1.1. The key shows the scientific names of the five trees that the leaves came from. In this key Box 4 is missing.

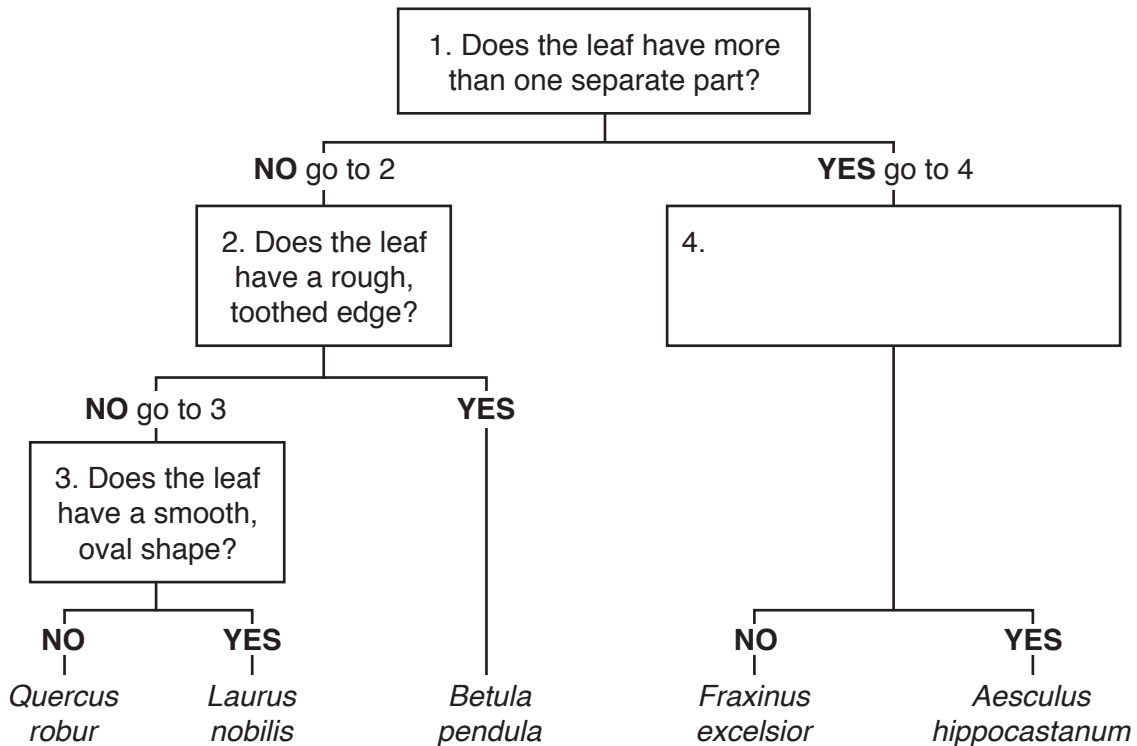


Fig. 1.2

(i) Use the key to identify the five leaves shown in Fig. 1.1.

The leaf labeled **B** has been identified for you.

Complete Table 1.1 by writing the correct letter next to the Latin name of each type of leaf.

Table 1.1

name of tree	letter
<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	B
<i>Betula pendula</i>	
<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	
<i>Laurus nobilis</i>	
<i>Quercus robur</i>	

[3]

(ii) Suggest a suitable question which could be used to distinguish between the leaves of *Aesculus hippocastanum* and *Fraxinus excelsior*.

Write your answer in Box 4 on Fig. 1.2.

[1]

[Total: 8]

2 Fig. 2.1 shows some of the external features of the human heart.

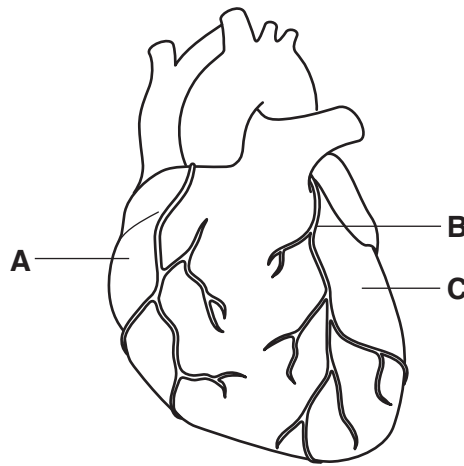


Fig. 2.1

(a) (i) State the function of the heart.

.....[1]

(ii) Name the tissue that makes up most of the heart wall labeled **C** on Fig. 2.1.

.....[1]

(iii) State **two** ways that the activity of the heart can be monitored.

1

2

[2]

(b) (i) Identify blood vessel **B** on Fig. 2.1.

Draw a circle around your answer.

aorta **coronary artery** **pulmonary artery**

pulmonary vein **vena cava**

[1]

(ii) Blockage of this blood vessel can cause serious damage to the heart.

Describe **one** factor that can increase the risk of developing a blockage in this blood vessel.

.....[1]

(iii) Name the type of blood vessel that carries blood

away from the heart

towards the heart

[1]

- (c) (i) Deoxygenated blood from the body enters the part of the heart labeled **A** on Fig. 2.1.
State the name of part **A**[1]
- (ii) The inside of the heart contains a number of valves.
State the function of these valves.
.....
.....[1]
- (iii) State the name of the structure which separates the two sides of the heart.
.....[1]

[Total: 10]

3 Fig. 3.1 shows some of the endocrine glands of a woman.

The boxes contain the names of three substances made by the endocrine glands.

(a) (i) Which group of substances do adrenaline, insulin and estrogen belong to?

.....[1]

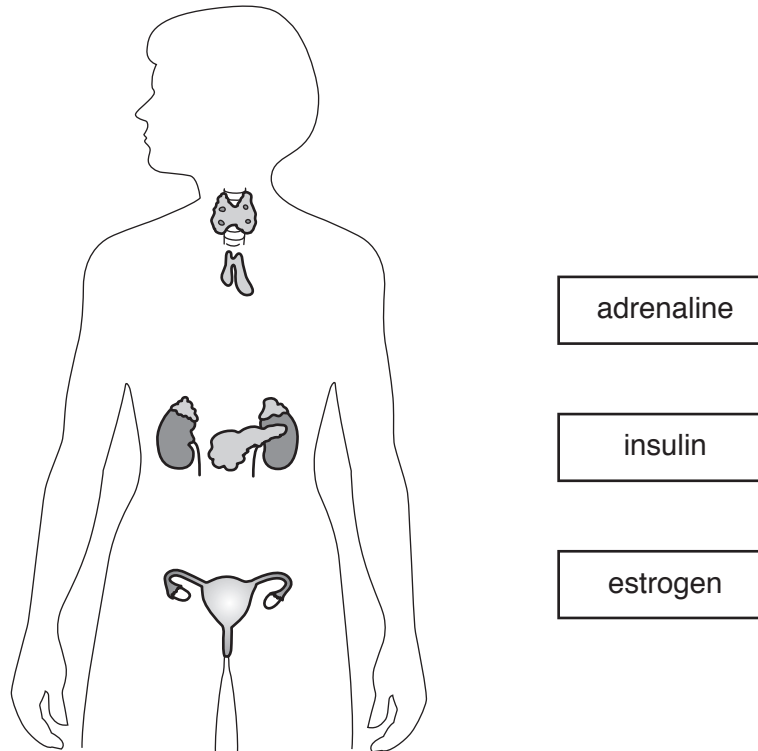


Fig. 3.1

(ii) On Fig. 3.1 draw three straight lines to join each of the names in the boxes to the endocrine gland that releases the substance.

[3]

(iii) State the name of the gland which produces:

insulin

estrogen

[2]

(iv) State the function of:

insulin

estrogen

[2]

(b) Describe **two** effects that adrenaline has on the body.

1

.....

2

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[2]

[Total: 10]

4 This question is about chemical digestion.

(a) Before food can be absorbed into the body it needs to be digested.

Define the term *chemical digestion*.

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.....[2]

(b) Pasta contains starch, which is a carbohydrate.

(i) Name the enzyme that breaks down starch.

.....[1]

(ii) Name the substance formed when starch is digested.

.....[1]

(c) Fig. 4.1 is a partially labeled diagram of the human alimentary canal.

Some parts of the alimentary canal have been labeled but have not been named.

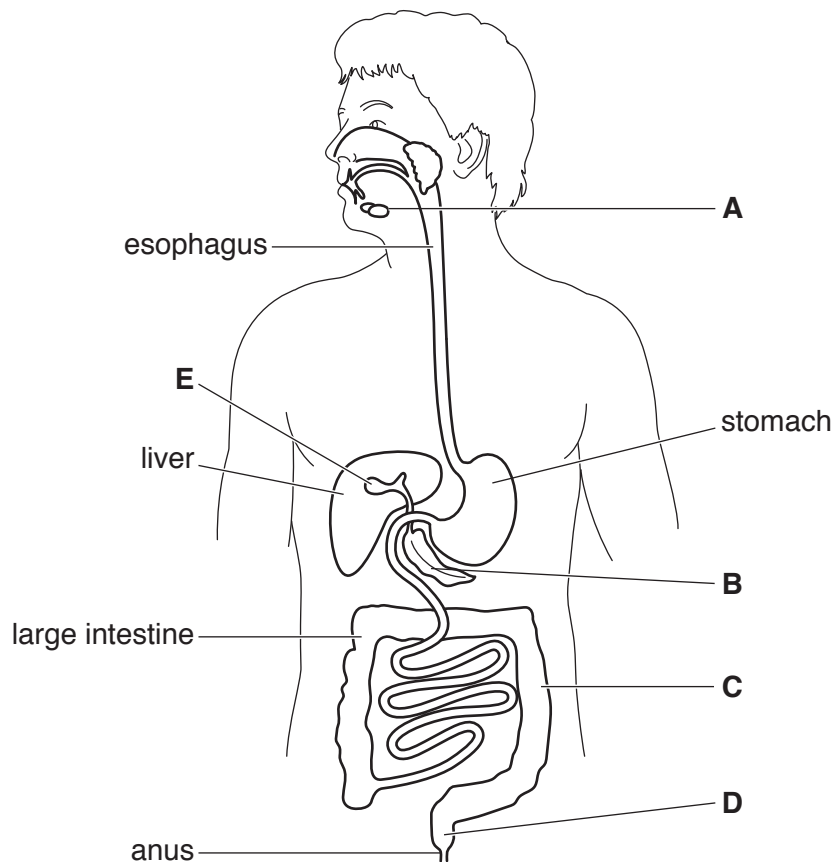


Fig. 4.1

(i) Identify the **two** letters on Fig. 4.1 that show the structures which produce enzymes that break down starch.

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[2]

(ii) State the name of the part of the alimentary canal responsible for the absorption of digested food.

.....[1]

(d) State **two** functions of the stomach.

1

2

[2]

[Total: 9]

5 Pectinase is an enzyme which is used to extract juice from fruits such as apples.

Fig. 5.1 shows the volume of juice extracted from two equally sized samples of crushed apple over 16 minutes.

Sample **A** contained pectinase and Sample **B** contained the same volume of water.

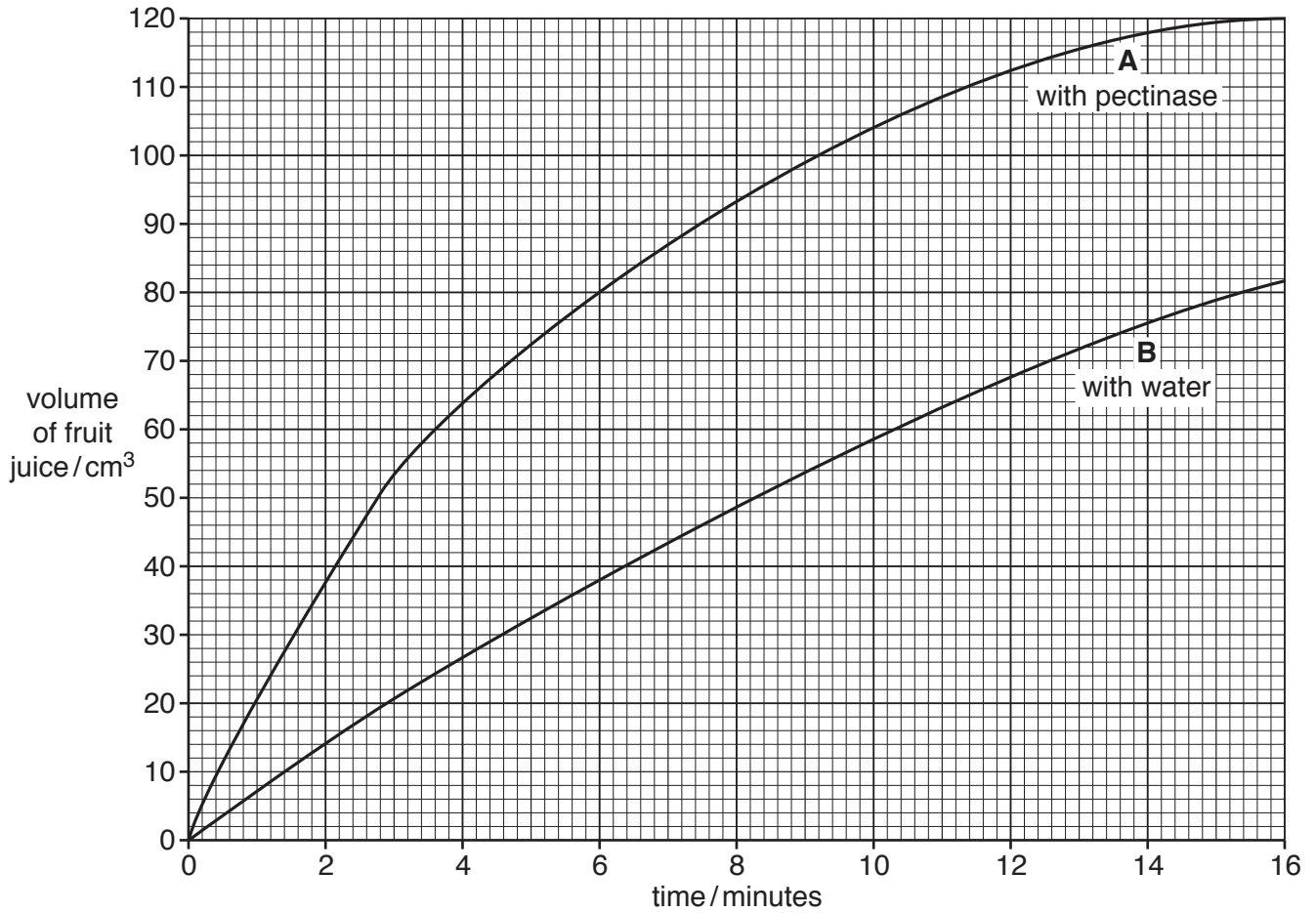


Fig. 5.1

(a) (i) How much juice had been extracted from the apples in Sample **A** after 2 minutes?

..... cm³ [1]

(ii) How much longer does it take for Sample **B** to produce this amount of juice?

Show your working.

..... [1]

(iii) State **two** advantages to the food industry of using pectinase in juice extraction.

1

.....

2

.....

[2]

(b) Yeast can be added to the apple juice to make cider by anaerobic respiration.

(i) Define the term *anaerobic respiration*.

.....

.....

.....[2]

(ii) As well as making alcohol, the anaerobic respiration of yeast can be used to make other useful products.

State the name of **one** of these products.

.....[1]

(iii) Yeast can also respire aerobically.

State **two** ways aerobic respiration differs from anaerobic respiration in yeast.

1

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[2]

[Total: 9]

6 Fig. 6.1 shows a plant growing in the **dark**.

The pot has fallen over and has been left on its side for a few days.

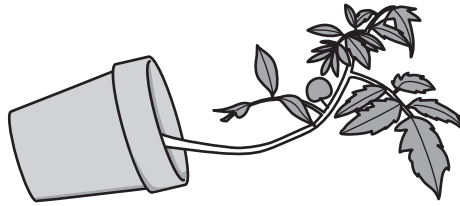


Fig. 6.1

(a) Describe how lying on its side has affected the growth of the plant.

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.....[1]

(b) The stem of the plant in Fig. 6.1 is responding to an external stimulus.

(i) State the name of this stimulus.

.....[1]

(ii) State the name of this type of plant response.

.....[1]

(c) Plants also respond to other stimuli.

This is shown in Fig. 6.2.

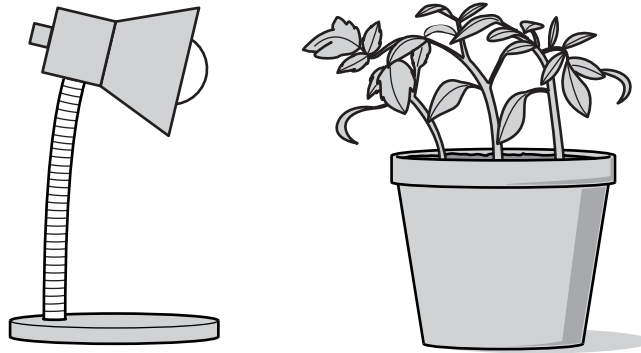


Fig. 6.2

(i) State the name of this response.

.....[1]

(ii) Explain why the shoots are all bent over to the left **and** how this response is important for the plant.

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.....[3]

[Total: 7]

- 7 (a) There are two types of cell division, meiosis and mitosis.

Cells produced by each type of division have different characteristics and functions.

Complete Table 7.1 by placing a tick in two of the boxes in each row to show the characteristics and functions of the cells made by each type of cell division.

Tick only four boxes.

Table 7.1

type of cell division	characteristics of cells		uses	
	genetically different	genetically similar	to produce gametes	for growth and repair
meiosis				
mitosis				

[2]

- (b) One way of producing more potatoes is by planting tubers. Potato tubers are produced by asexual reproduction.

Another way of producing potato plants is by planting seeds. Seeds are a result of sexual reproduction.

Fig. 7.1 shows a potato plant.

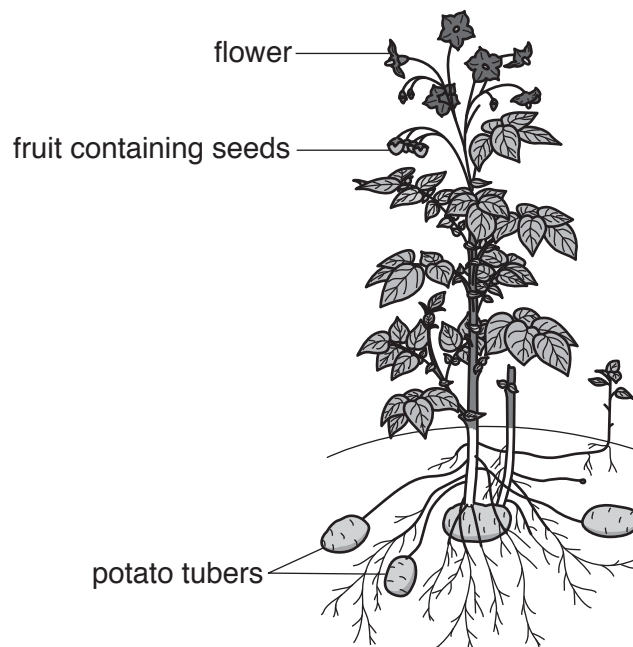


Fig. 7.1

- 8 (a) The theory of natural selection explains how one species can gradually evolve into a new species.

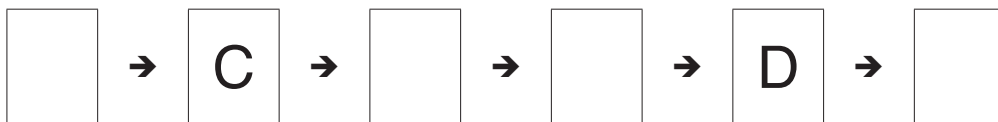
The statements **A** to **F** describe six stages in the process of natural selection.

The stages are **not** in the correct order.

- A** competition for resources
- B** passing on of their alleles to the next generation
- C** production of many offspring
- D** reproduction by individuals that are better adapted to the environment than others
- E** struggle for survival
- F** variation within populations

- (i) Arrange the stages in the correct order and then complete the flow chart by writing the letters in the four empty boxes.

Two of the stages have been filled in for you.



[3]

- (ii) Statement **B** mentions alleles. An allele is a version of a gene.

State **one** way new alleles are formed.

.....[1]

- (iii) State **one** factor that can increase the rate at which new alleles are formed.

.....[1]

(b) Fig. 8.1 shows four animals with different adaptive features.

They are all mammals.

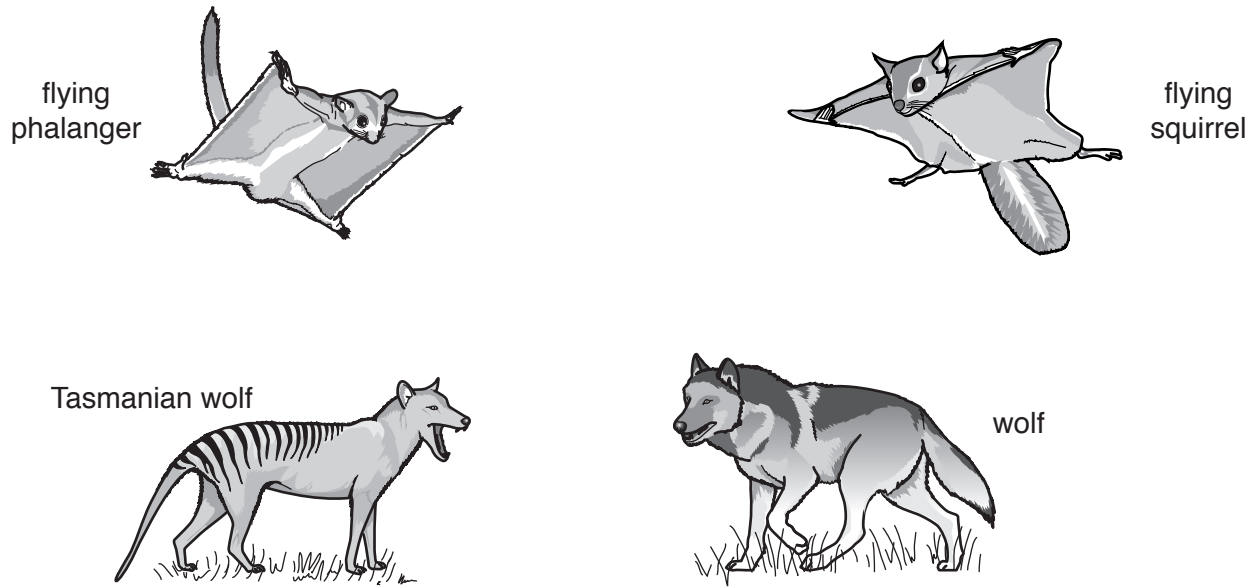


Fig. 8.1

(i) Define the term *adaptive features*.

.....
.....
.....[2]

(ii) Describe **two** features, visible in Fig. 8.1, which show that all of these animals are mammals.

1

2

.....[2]

(iii) Describe **one** feature of mammals that is **not** visible in Fig. 8.1.

.....[1]

[Total: 10]

- 9 Fig. 9.1 shows a person donating blood.

Blood is split into its separate components and used to treat different medical conditions.

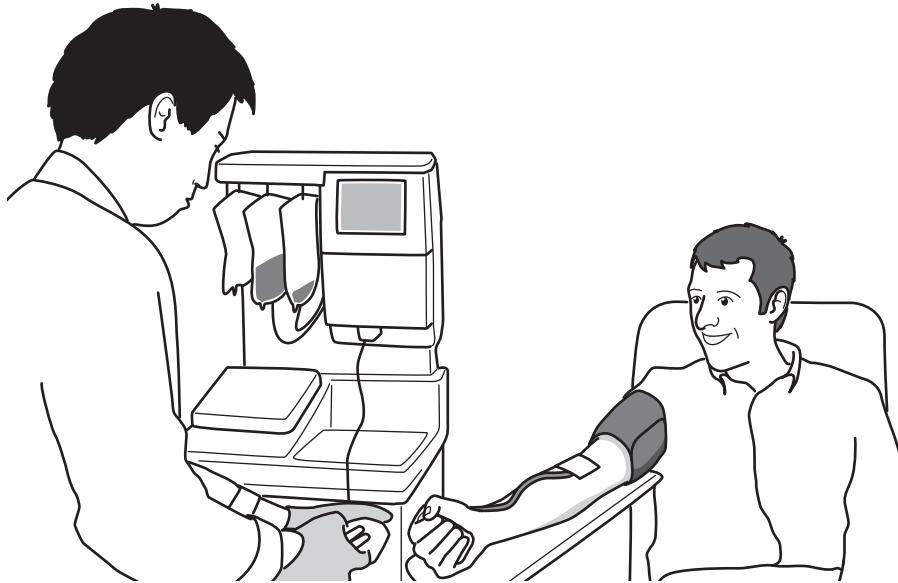


Fig. 9.1

- (a) Table 9.1 shows the components of blood and the medical conditions that they are used to treat.

The boxes on the left show the components of blood.

The boxes on the right show the medical conditions that they are used to treat.

Draw a straight line from each component of the blood to the medical condition that it is used to treat.

Table 9.1

components of blood	medical condition
plasma	to help patients whose blood does not clot easily
platelets	to treat patients with burns who have lost body fluids
red blood cells	to treat patients who have low immunity
white blood cells	to treat patients with low levels of hemoglobin

[3]

(b) (i) Describe **two ways** that the structure of a red blood cell differs from the structure of a white blood cell.

1

2

[2]

(ii) Suggest why it is important for blood to form a clot if a blood vessel is cut.

.....[1]

[Total: 6]

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