

Combined Biology Foundation Paper 1

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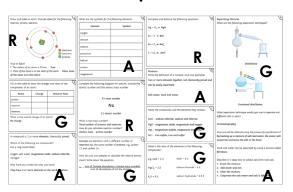
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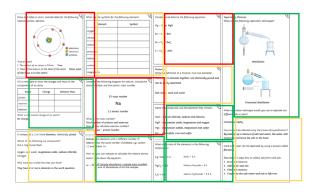
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Front Back What is the mass number of an atom? The total number of protons and neutrons found in the nucleus

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How many chromosomes does. a human skin cell contain?

a human gamete contain? 46/23 pairs (diploid)

23 single (haploid)

liquid from an area of high concentration to an

b. The spreading out of the particles of any gas or

concentration to a lower water concentration

across a partially permeable membrane.

a. The movement of water particles from a high water

Diffusion is: (Tick the correct box.)

Draw and label the parts of a typical bacterial cell.

AQA Combined Science Unit 4.1: Cell Biology Draw and label a typical plant cell oell membrane

Which organelle is..

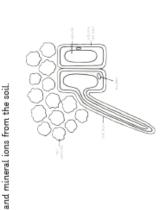
mitochondria

chloroplasts

ribosomes

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Root hair cells are specialised cells. Describe how the It has a large surface area for the rapid absorption of water root hair cell is adapted to carry out its function.



Bacterial cells are much smaller. They don't have a nucleus, How do prokaryotic cells differ from eukaryotic cells?

mitochondria or chloroplasts. They do have plasmids with extra DNA.

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> Plants can be cloned from meristem cells. Give two advantages of cloning plants.

1. Farmers can produce clones of a desired plant quickly and cheaply

2. Saves rare species from extinction.

Describe two ways in which active transport is different to diffusion.

Moves against a concentration gradient (low to high)

requires energy

Describe how active transport is used by the following:

Describe three ways that exchange surfaces are adapted

plants

To obtain mineral ions from the soil.

large surface area

2. thin walls

to their function.

small intestine when they are at low concen-To absorb nutrients (e.g. glucose) from the trations

3. moist/good blood supply (animals)

Where in the body are adult stem cells found and how do they differ from embryonic stem cells?

Why do some people object to embryonic stem cell

research?

Found in the bone marrow.

They can only turn into certain cell types, such as blood

Write each of the following numbers in standard form.

Which has a bigger surface area to volume ratio, an They believe that all embryos have the potential to become a human being, so should not be used for experimentation.

elephant or a mouse?

mouse

The width of a cell is 0.025mm; under the microscope it is 10mm

magnification = 10 ÷ 0.025 = 400

What was the magnification?

The unit centimetres is written as cm. What do each of u

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the following units represent?

um: micrometres mm: millimetres

nm: nanometres

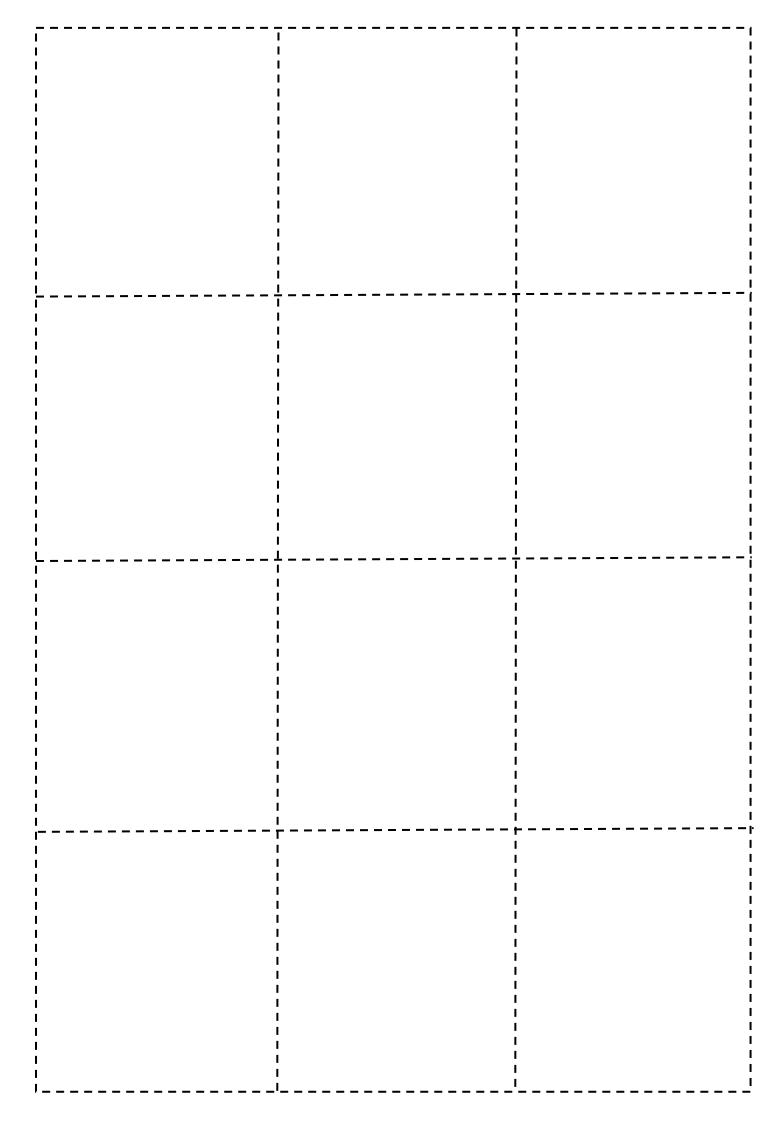
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What is the equation for calculating the magnification

of an image?

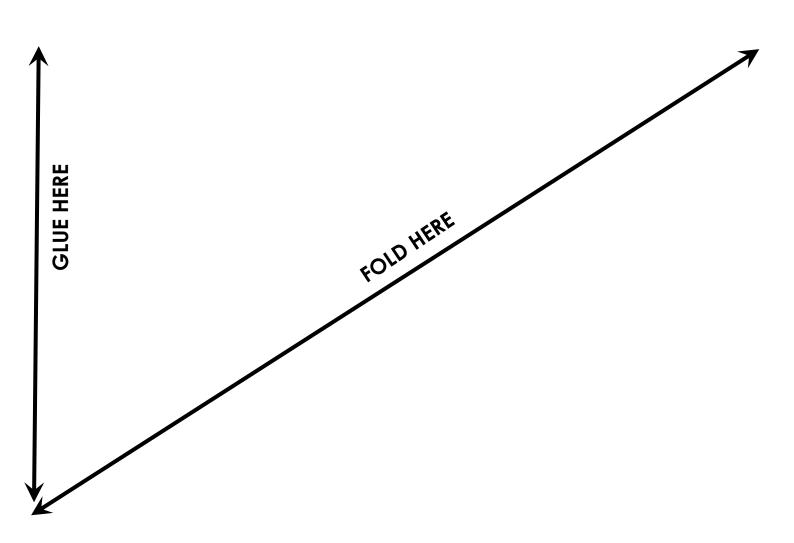
magnification - image size

real size



Topic 1: Cell Biology

Question Card Storage



AQA Combined Science Unit 2: Organisation Answers

Place the following structures in order from smallest to

Define what an enzyme is. A biological catalyst.

> nucleus cell

organism

Enzymes are described as being **specific** to a substrate. (e

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organism

The xylem tissue is composed of hollow tubes What does this mean? Use the diagram to help your

To transport water and dissolved minerals from the roots to the stem and the leaves. This is called the transpiration

Describe how a root hair cell is adapted for the efficient

Bile is made in the liver and stored in the gall bladder.

Bile neutralises stomach acid to lower the pH so protease

The diagram below shows the lock and key model of

enzyme function. Label the diagram using the following

products, enzyme

enzyme, active site, substrate,

words:

The small intestine is the part of the body where food is

absorbed into the bloodstream.

give them a larger surface area for lipase to work on. This speeds up digestion \$ emulsifies fats It also

Where, in the plant, is meristem tissue located? Growing tips of roots and shoots.

 Place the test sample into a test tube (about 2ml). Add an equal amount of Benedict's reagent.

Heat in a water bath for 5 minutes.

The colour will change from blue to either green/yellow/red, depending on the amount of reducing sugar

movement of water molecules from a (Tick the correct box.) Transpiration is: To transport food substances (dissolved sugars) around the plant. This process is called translocation What is the function of phloem tissue?

high water concentration to a lower water

concentration across a partially permeable

strengthened by lignin. What is the function of xylem

The evaporation and diffusion of water from the

leaves of a plant

The movement of glucose molecules around the

rate

Name three factors that affect the

Any three from the following:

transpiration

light intensity; temperature;

humidity. air flow;

uptake of water and mineral ions.

substrate with a complimentary shape can fit and bind to The active site of the enzyme has a unique shape. Only a

form an enzyme-substrate complex



They have a large surface area for the rapid absorption of water and mineral ions from the soil. Describe how to test for protein.

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3. The colour will change from orange to blue/black if

2. Add a few drops of iodine solution and mix.

1. Place the test sample into a test tube.

Describe how to test for starch.

Place the test sample into a test tube (about 2ml).

Add an equal amount of Biuret reagent and mix.

The colour will change from blue to purple if protein

Describe how to carry out the test for reducing sugars. Keywords: Benedict's, heat, colour change, blue, red.

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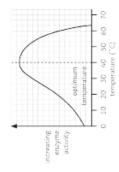
products

Describe two ways that the lungs are adapted for

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AQA Combined Science Unit 2: Organisation Answers

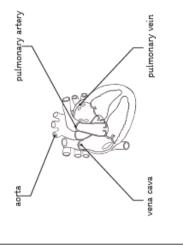
Use the graph below to describe how temperature affects enzyme function. Keywords: optimum, rate of activity, temperature, increase, decrease 50 °C



activity also increases up to 40°C. This is the optimum temperature. After 40°C, as the temperature increases, the Initially, as temperature increases, the rate of enzyme rate of enzyme activity decreases

Label the following blood vessels on the diagram of the

aorta, vena cava, pulmonary artery, pulmonary vein

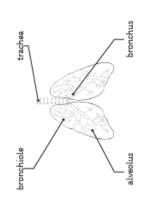


It has thick layers of muscle for strength and elastic fibres. The walls are thick with a small The artery carries blood away from the heart. lumen.

Why does the left ventricle have a thicker, more muscular wall than the right ventricle?

that it can reach all body cells. Whereas the right ventricle The left ventricle has to pump blood at high pressure so only has to pump blood to the lungs.

Label the following parts on the diagram below: trachea, bronchus, bronchiole, alveolus.



blood clot near the stent, which can lead to a heart attack.

How can the valves in the heart become damaged?

Heart attack, infection, old age.

What happens when the valves become leaky?

What can they be replaced by? Biological or mechanical valves.

Blood flows in two directions

What could be the problems?

A blood clot

advantage: Patients recover quickly and they are effective

for a long time.

Stents can be used to treat coronary heart disease. Give

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one advantage and one disadvantage of using stents.

up inside the coronary arteries. Explain how this can lead to a heart attack. Keywords: fatty material, oxygen, heart In coronary heart disease, layers of fatty material builds attack, arteries.

The layers of fatty material block the coronary arteries and restrict blood flow to heart muscle cells. This results in a lack of oxygen and the heart muscle cells stop respiring. This can lead to a heart attack

What are statins? Choose the correct answer

They reduce the amount of LDL.

They reduce the amount of HDL

They increase the amount of LDL

large surface area;

Any three from the following:

gaseous exchange.

· moist lining;

thin walls;

good blood supply.

Match up the four components of the blood and their functions help to clot the blood transport oxygen defend against pathogens liquid part of blood white blood cells red blood cells platelets plasma disadvantage: There is a risk of the patient developing a

Explain how an infection from a microorganism could Infection from some viruses can lead to the development of cancer (e.g. HPV infection and cervical cancer). Also, lead to the development of other, non-communicable diseases.

infection with pathogens can sometimes trigger allergic

reactions and worsen asthma, for example

What is the difference between a benign and a malignant

A benign tumour remains in one place and doesn't invade

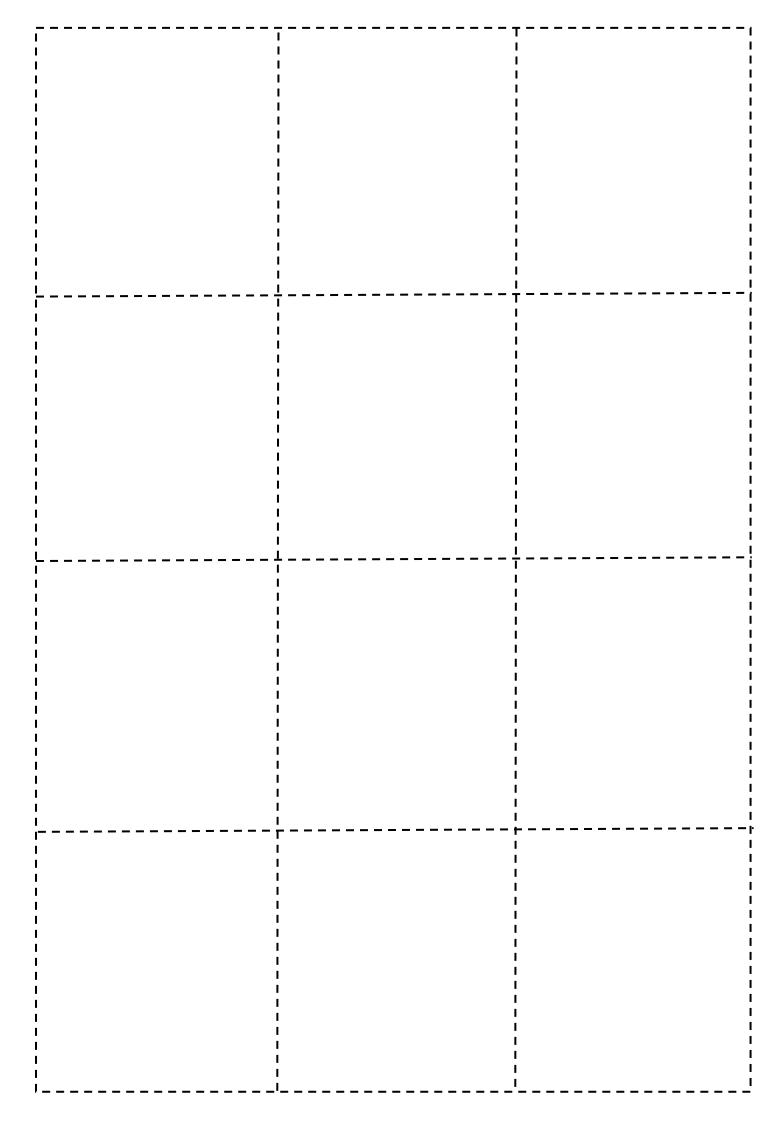
A malignant tumour spreads to other parts of the body when cells break off and travel in the bloodstream to form secondary tumours.

donor heart. What is meant by rejection in terms of a A problem with heart transplants is rejection of the heart transplant?

When the body's immune system (white blood cells) attacks and destroys the donor heart muscle cells

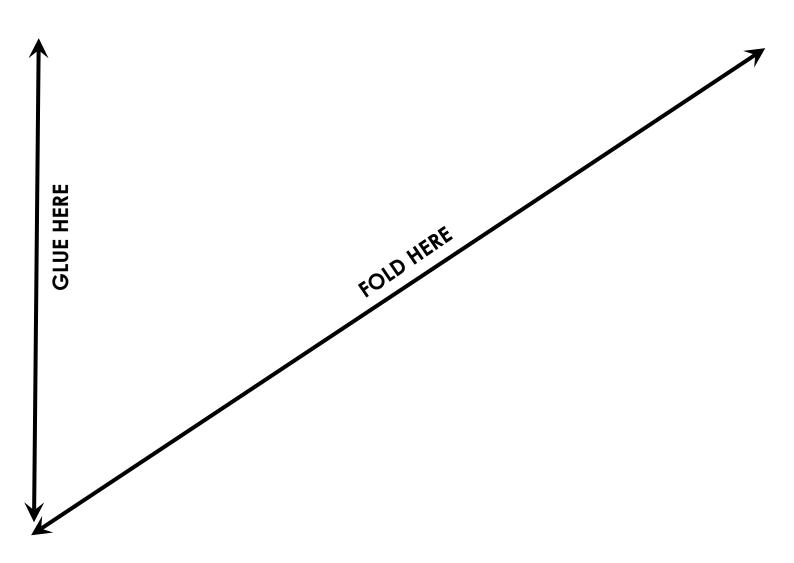
tumour?

other tissues in the body - not usually dangerous.



Topic 2: Organisation

Question Card Storage



AQA Trilogy Biology Unit 4.3: Infection and Response Answers

correct group: HIV, cancer, diabetes, measles, rose and then write the following diseases under the Circle the correct word in the definitions below black spot, heart disease.

communicable disease: Caused by pathogens and can/cannot be passed from one person to another. HIV, measles, rose black spot

non-communicable disease: Can/cannot be passed on from one person to another.

cancer, diabetes, heart disease

Label the pathogens below that cause infectious



virus

bacteria

fungi

protist

Name three ways that pathogens are spread and match these pathogens with the correct method: cholera, flu, HIV.

1. By air: **flu**

By direct contact: HIV.

3. By water: cholera.

How do pathogens cause disease? Fill in the gaps.

may produce toxins that damage tissues and make Bacteria reproduce rapidly by binary fission. They Viruses take over the cells of your body. They

live and rapidly reproduce inside, this causes cell Keywords: toxins, viruses, reproducing, bacteria, damage.

binary fission

pathogens. List 5 ways we can be more hygienic below: Simple hygiene measures are one of the most effective ways of preventing the spread of

Washing hands after using the toilet, before cooking or eating, and after contact with animals or sick people.

Using disinfectants on surfaces.

Keeping raw meat away from food that is eaten uncooked.

By air - the inhalation of droplets from coughs and

How is it spread?

sneezes.

Coughing or sneezing into a tissue

Keeping agricultural machinery, and people using it, clean to prevent the spread of plant diseases.

There is no treatment, so young children are

vaccinated against it.

What can we do about it?

Keywords: disinfectants, coughing, plant, raw meat, washing hands, agricultural machinery, sneezing

List three other methods for preventing the spread of pathogens.

Keep infected individuals in isolation.

2. Destroy the vectors that carry pathogens.

vaccination

bacteria, virus, protist, fungus Circle the correct pathogen. Salmonella

How is it spread?

Fever, abdominal cramps, vomiting and diarrhoea.

What are the symptoms?

Eating undercooked food or food contaminated from contact with raw meat, e.g. raw chicken.

Poultry are vaccinated to control the spread. What can we do about it?

bacteria, virus, protist, fungus Circle the correct pathogen. 註

immune system so that it can't deal with other What are the symptoms? Initially causes a flu-like illness. Damages the infections or cancers.

Sexual contact or exchange of bodily fluids, such as How is it spread?

Antiretroviral drugs help to stop the virus attacking What can we do about it?

bacteria, virus, protist, fungus Circle the correct pathogen.

What are the symptoms?

Recurrent fever. Can be fatal.

Mosquitos act as a vector, passing the protist to the human bloodstream when they feed on the blood. How is it spread?

Using mosquito nets and repellents to avoid being Preventing the vectors (mosquitos) from breeding What can we do about it?

bacteria, virus, protist, fungus Circle the correct pathogen. Rose Black Spot

turn yellow and fall of prematurely which reduces Purple or black spots develop on the leaves.Leaves photosynthesis, affecting the growth of the plant. What are the symptoms?

Spores are carried by water or wind How is it spread?

Remove and destroy affected leaves. Use fungicides to treat the plant. What can we do about it?

bitten. Taking antimalarial drugs.

bacteria, virus, protist, fungus

How is it spread? Sexual contact.

Treat with antibiotics. Use a barrier method of

Circle the correct pathogen.

Measles

bacteria, virus, protist, fungus

A fever and red rash on the skin. Can be fatal if

there are complications.

What are the symptoms?

blood.

the immune system. There is no cure or vaccine.

bacteria, virus, protist, fungus Circle the correct pathogen. Tobacco Mosaic Virus

photosynthesis and affects the growth of the plant. Mosaic discolouration of the leaves which reduces What are the symptoms?

Direct contact between diseased plant material and healthy plants. Insects can also act as vectors How is it spread?

TMV resistant strains. Good hygiene and pest What can we do about it?

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Circle the correct pathogen. Gonorrhoea

Thick yellow or green discharge from the vagina or penis and pain on urinating. What are the symptoms?

What can we do about it? contraception

Explain how your skin prevents microorganisms getting into your body It acts as a barrier to prevent pathogens reaching the tissues beneath. Platelets quickly form scabs to seal any cuts.

It produces antimicrobial secretions to kill

It is covered with microorganisms that act as an extra barrier to entry. Keywords: antimicrobial, microorganisms, platelets, barrier, pathogens

Explain how the respiratory system is adapted to reduce the entry of microorganisms. The lining of the nose produces mucus and is full of hairs to trap particles in the air that may contain

mucus which is moved to the back of the throat by The lining of the trachea and bronchi produce the cilia projections of epithelial cells.

Keywords: cilia, mucus, nose, pathogens, bronchi, epithelial, trachea, hairs

Explain how the digestive system is adapted to reduce the entry of microorganisms.

The stomach produces hydrochloric acid that destroys pathogens.

Describe each role of a white blood cell and explain how it protects you against disease.



Some white blood cells ingest pathogens, digesting and destroying them.

When vaccination of a significant proportion of the population provides protection for individuals who are not immune. herd immunity

Produced by white blood cells to recognise specific

antigens. antibody



destroy them. An antibody only works for one type Some white blood cells produce antibodies which are chemicals that target specific pathogens and of pathogen.



Some white blood cells produce antitoxins that counteract the toxins released by pathogens.

Keywords: toxins, specific, antibody, antibodies, ingest, antitoxins, pathogen

Tick the correct boxes.

Kills
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Bacteria

The heart drug digitalis: foxglove The painkiller aspirin: willow The antibiotic penicillin: *Penicillium* mould

State where the following drugs were discovered.

Who discovered penicillin? Alexander Fleming

Where do most new drugs now come from?

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Describe how vaccinations prevent illness.

Introduce small quantities of dead or inactive virus.

This stimulates white blood cells to produce

antibodies

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- Test whether the drug is effective against the
- ci 65

Describe each process of drug testing.

and animals.

To use healthy volunteers and patients. Starting off with very low doses to check for side effects. If it is

the patient or the doctor know whether the patient has been given a placebo or the real drug. These tell you how effective a medicine is. Neither

Write the correct keyword next to its definition: vaccine, herd immunity, antigen, antibody マ

Dead or inactivated form of a disease causing microorganism. vaccine

Unique protein on the surface of cells. antigen

Why is it difficult to discover new medicines? You need to find a chemical that kills bacteria without damaging human cells.

Synthesised by chemists in a lab, but they might still start from a chemical extracted from a plant.

What has to happen before a drug can be used?

- - Check that the drug is not toxic. Work out what dose to use.

If the live pathogen enters the body, the white blood cells recognise it and respond quickly so

you don't get ill.

preclinical testing

This happens in a laboratory using cells, tissues

clinical trials:

deaths from infectious bacterial diseases. However,

the evolution of strains that are resistant to

antibiotics is a concern.

The use of antibiotics has greatly reduced the

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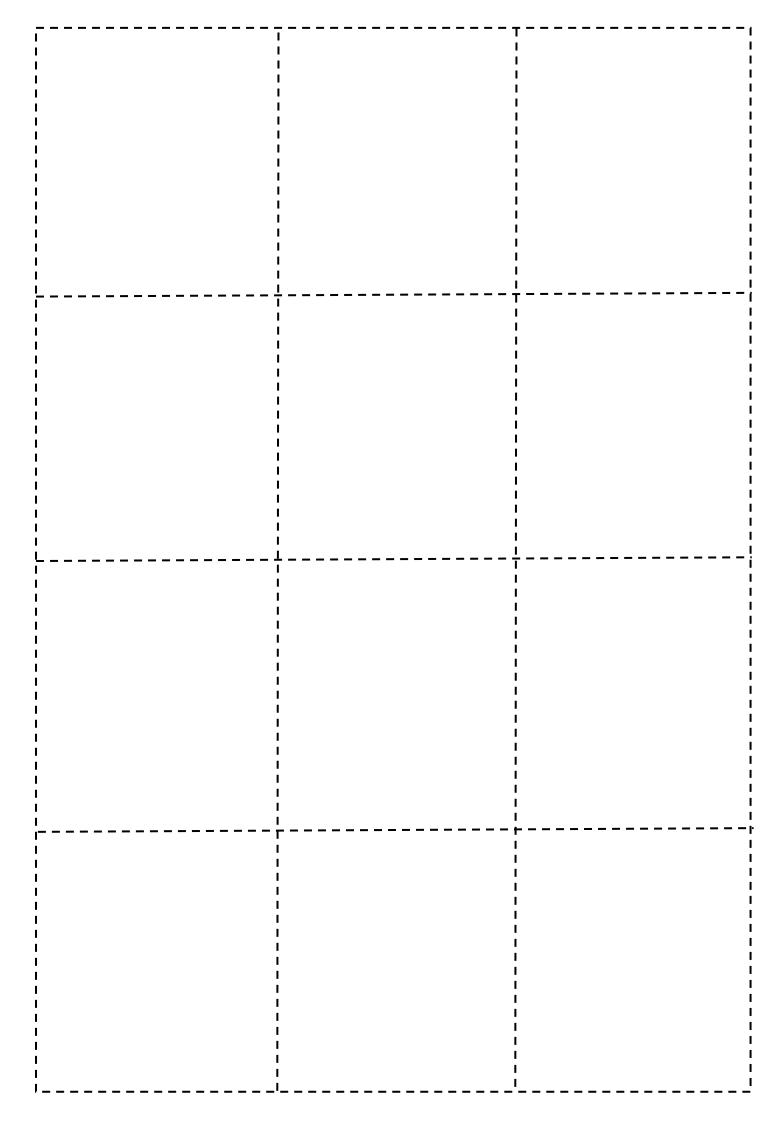
safe it is tested on patients.

Antibiotics are specific which means they only work

against certain bacteria

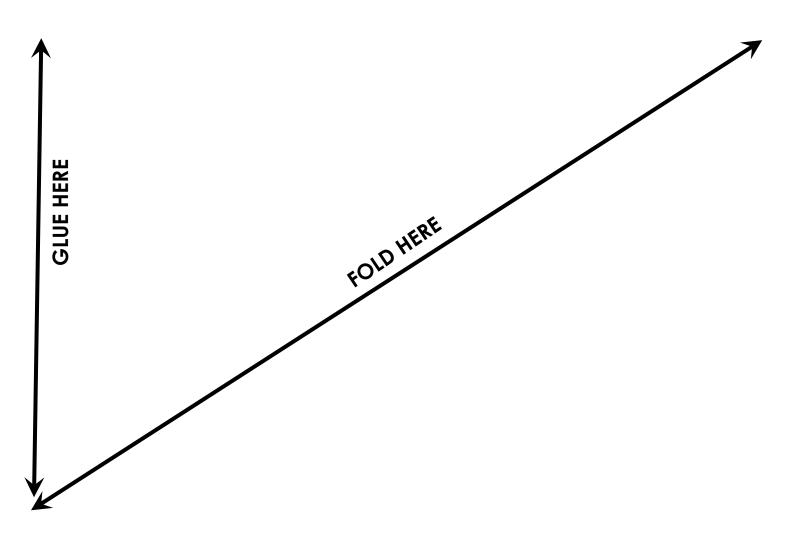
(eywords: bacterial, certain bacteria, resistant,

double-blind trials:



Topic 3: Infection and Response

Question Card Storage



AQA Trilogy Biology Unit 4.4: Bioenergetics - Foundation Answers

Complete the word equation for photosynthesis. carbon dioxide + water → oxygen + glucose

carbon dioxide glucose oxygen water Join the chemical formula to the correct chemical name C₆H₁₂O₆ ŝ Ç H õ

Choose the correct answer:

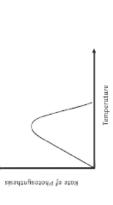
Photosynthesis is an exothermic/endothermic reaction

Fill in the blanks:

In photosynthesis, energy is transferred from the environment to the chloroplasts by light.

On the diagram of a plant cell below, label the part of the cell where photosynthesis happens. 

temperature affects the rate of photosynthesis. Draw a line on the graph to show how



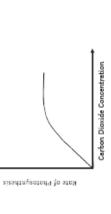
Rate of Photosynthesis

Explain how temperature affects the rate of photosynthesis.

photosynthesis increases. When the temperature As the temperature increases, the rate of photosynthesis denature and the rate of gets too high, the enzymes that control photosynthesis decreases

rate.

how carbon dioxide affects the rate of Draw a line on the graph to show photosynthesis



Describe how carbon dioxide affects the rate of photosynthesis.

Increasing the concentration of carbon dioxide will increase the rate of the photosynthesis until another factor limits the rate.

How does the rate of photosynthesis affect the biomass of a plant? The more photosynthesis, the more biomass the plant makes, so the faster it grows.

Explain how the amount of chlorophyll in a The less chlorophyll in a leaf, the less leaf affects the rate of photosynthesis. photosynthesis. Draw a line on the graph to show how light

intensity affects the rate of photosynthesis.

Give two reasons there may be less chlorophyll in the leaf.

- If the plant has diseases, like tobacco mosaic virus or rose black spot.
- If the plant does not have enough minerals, like magnesium.

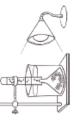
investigating the effect of light intensity on The illustration shows a method for photosynthesis.

Increasing light intensity increases the rate of photosynthesis until another factor limits the

Describe how light intensity affects the rate of

photosynthesis.

ntensity of Light



Count the number of bubbles released in a given photosynthesis using this equipment? How could you measure the rate of time (e.g. per minute).

Used to produce cellulose, which strengthens

Used to produce fat or oil for storage.

Converted into insoluble starch for storage

For respiration.

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be used.

that glucose produced in photosynthesis could

Use the keywords to complete the five ways

Circle the independent variable in this experiment from the list below.

- Number of bubbles;
- distance of the lamp from the pondweed; volume of gas;
 - volume of water;

Keywords: cellulose, nitrate, starch, amino acids,

respiration, storage, proteins, cell wall, oil, fat,

protein synthesis

need nitrate ions that are absorbed from the soil.

synthesis. To produce proteins plants also

Used to produce amino acids for protein

the cell wall.

temperature of the water

We often add a heat shield to the apparatus shown, what is the purpose of this?

To absorb any heat given off by the lamp so that we can control the temperature of the pondweed. Why do we need to control some variables in an

To make sure it is a fair test and so that we can collect valid results.

reaction that takes place in the mitochondria of Respiration is an exothermic/endothermic

The more active a cell is, the more mitochondria it needs. Name two cell types that have lots of mitochondria.

muscle cells, sperm cells, ciliated epithelial cells, phloem companion cells Respiration transfers energy into a form we can use for living processes.

definition to show how respiration can take Join the type of respiration to the correct place.

without oxygen using oxygen anaerobic aerobic

Complete the word equation for aerobic respiration. glucose + oxygen → carbon dioxide + water

Complete the formula equation for aerobic respiration

C₆H₁₂O₆+ O₂ → CO₂+ H₂O

Give three reasons that organisms need energy.

- For chemical reactions that build bigger molecules
 - For movement.
- For keeping warm.

in the foods that we eat. Put the keywords into the correct boxes to identify the molecules they The illustrations show the macromolecules are broken down into.

Keywords: fatty acids, sugars/glucose, amino acids, glycerol



sugars/glucose carbohydrates



fatty acids and glycerol 000 000 † lipids

amino acids proteins

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represent the catalysts that help to break down The small dots on each of the larger molecules the food. What are these called? enzymes

The enzymes need the energy that is released Why is respiration important in this process? from respiration to carry out their job.

Complete the word equation for anaerobic glucose → ethanol + carbon dioxide respiration in plant and yeast cells.

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What is anaerobic respiration in yeast called? Fermentation

It is used to make alcohol and bread. Why does this process have economic importance?

The sum of all the reactions in a cell, or the What is metabolism? body.

some of the molecules that are made in plant molecules. Complete the sentences to identify Metabolism includes the synthesis of new and/or animal cells.

- 1. Glucose is converted to starch, glycogen and cellulose.
- Glycerol and three molecules of fatty acid are used to form lipids.
- Glucose and nitrate ions are used to form amino acids, which are used to form proteins.

What happens to excess proteins in the body? They are broken down to form urea for excretion.

Explain what happens to your heart rate when you exercise.

- oxygenated blood is carried to your muscles. Your heart rate increases so that more
 - Therefore, more oxygen and glucose reach the cells.
- transfer more energy for muscle contraction. The rate of respiration can increase to
- Carbon dioxide is removed from the muscles at a faster rate.

Explain what happens to your breathing rate when you exercise.

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- Your breathing rate and breath volume increase.
- The rate at which oxygen is brought into your body is increased.
- The rate at which carbon dioxide is removed is increased.
- This means more oxygen is available to be transported to cells for respiration.

Change in Heart Rate during Exercise 8 120 000 08 00 Heart Rate The graph shows the effect of exercise on neart rate.

How long did the person exercise for? 20 minutes How much did their heart rate increase during exercise?

80 beats per minute

When your body can't supply oxygen to the When does anaerobic respiration happen? nuscles fast enough.

Complete the word equation for anaerobic respiration in muscles.

glucose → lactic acid

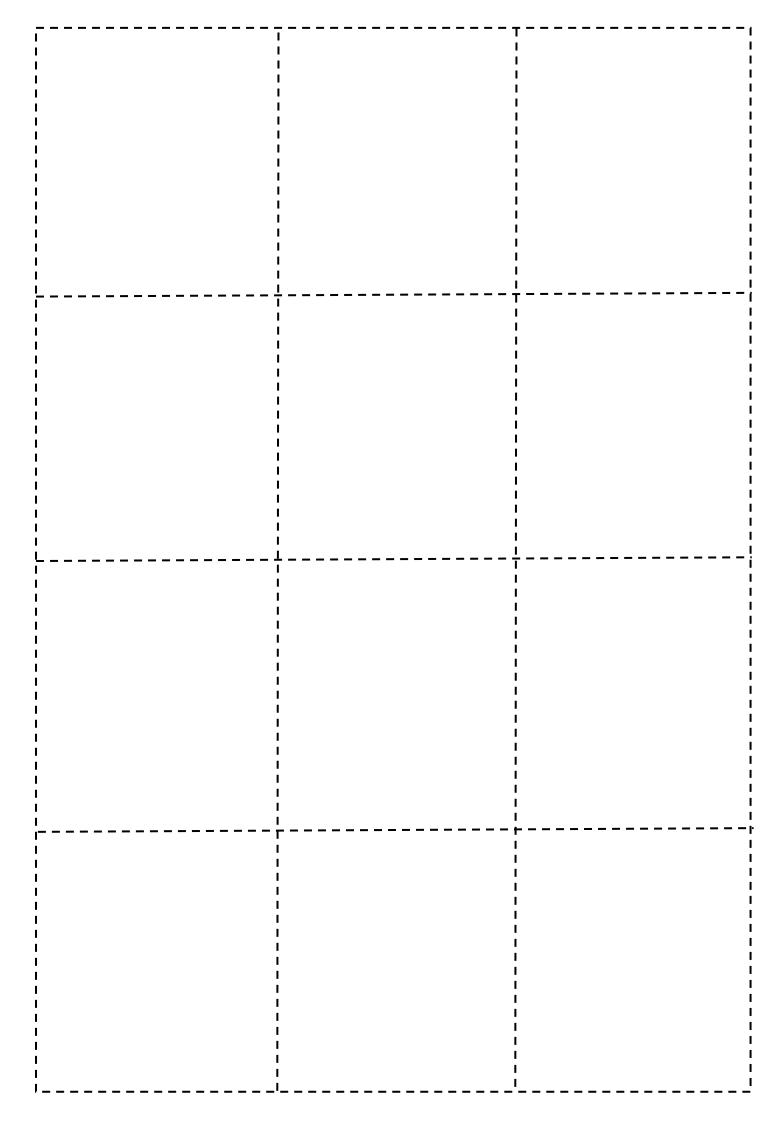
Why is anaerobic respiration not as efficient as aerobic respiration?

The glucose molecules are not completely broken down, so much less energy is transferred. Explain what happens to your muscles during long periods of vigorous activity

There is a build up of lactic acid which contributes to muscle fatigue.

Muscles stop contracting effectively.

An oxygen debt is created



Topic 4: Bioenergetics

Question Card Storage

