

ICSE 2024 EXAMINATION

BIOLOGY

SAMPLE PAPER - 8

Maximum Marks: 80

Time allowed: Two hours

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SECTION - A

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Question 1.

Select the correct answers to the questions from the given options. (Do not copy the question. [15]

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- (i) While recording the pulse rate, where exactly does a doctor press on our wrist?
(a) Nerve (b) Vein (c) Artery (d) Capillary
- (ii) In a human male, a sperm will contain;
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(a) Light (b) Humidity (c) Wind (d) Age of the plant
- (vi) The number of spinal nerves in a human being are :
(a) 31 pairs (b) 10 pairs (c) 21 pairs (d) 30 pairs
- (vii) Which of the following character was not chosen by Mendel in his experiment?
(a) Flower shape (b) Seed colour (c) Plant height (d) Pod Shape
- (viii) Aqueous humour is present between the :
(a) Lens and Retina (b) Iris and Lens (c) Cornea and Iris (d) Cornea and Lens
- (ix) Which one of the following is a Greenhouse gas? [5]
(a) Oxygen (b) Methane (c) Sulphur dioxide (d) Nitrogen
- (x) The phase which comes before mitotic phase.
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- (xii) Why does the burning of waste is not advised for solid waste management?
I. It requires modern instruments and techniques.

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Choose the correct option.

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(xiii) Consider the following statements.

Statement I- Lamarck's theory is also known as the inheritance of acquired characters.

Statement II- Evolution is the slow and continuous process.

Choose the correct option.

- (a) Statement I is correct and statement II is incorrect (b) Statement II is correct and statement I is incorrect
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(xiv) ATP is equivalent to :

- (a) ADP + Inorganic phosphate (b) ADP – Inorganic phosphate
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(xv) The daughter cells are genetically different from parent cell in _____.

- (a) meiosis (b) mitosis (c) amitosis (d) cloning

Question 2.

(i) Name the following:

[5]

- (a) A campaign started by the Government of India to clean roads, streets and infrastructure
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- (c) Dendrites, Myelin Sheath, Axon, Duramater (d) Cytokinesis, Cell wall, Cell membrane, Vacuoles
- (e) Prostate gland, Cowper's gland, Seminal vesicle, Testosterone [5]

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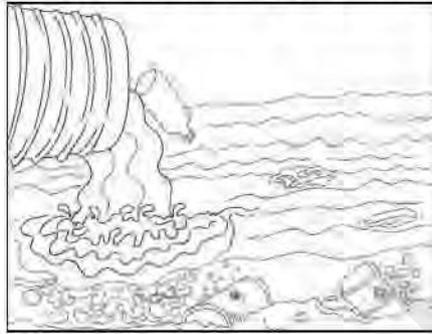
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SECTION - B

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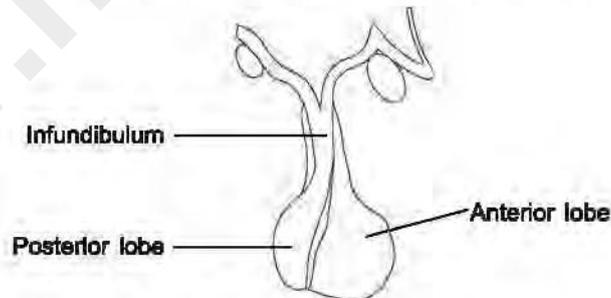
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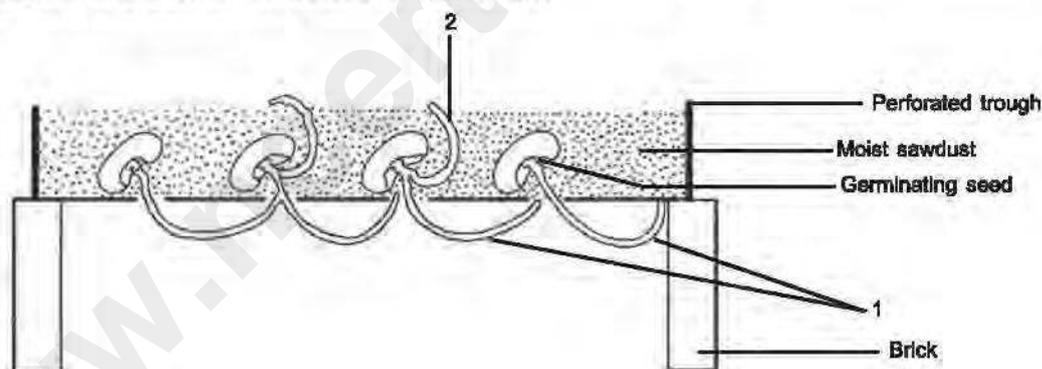
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(xiii) Assertion (A): Lamarck's theory is also known as the inheritance of acquired characters.

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(xv) Ria, who was battling cancer, received a chemotherapy treatment involving a drug that possesses the ability to hinder the cancer cells from producing new DNA and proteins. In which stage of the cell cycle will doctors administer this drug to Ria?

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Ans. (a) Swachh Bharat Abhiyan

- (b) Hepatic artery
(c) 46 chromosomes
(d) Sclera
(e) Cuticle

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Ans. (a) Sclera → Cornea → Iris → Lens → Retina

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Ans. (a) Odd Term — Eutrophication

Category — Sources of water pollution

(b) Odd Term — Lumen

Category — others do not have tubular opening and are tissues related to heart

(c) Odd Term — Dura mater

Category — Parts of a nerve cell

(d) Odd Term — Cytokinesis

Category — Parts of a plant cell

(e) Odd Term — Testosterone

Category — Accessory glands of human male

(v) Mention the exact function of the following structures :

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[5]

Ans. (a) **Iris** : It regulates the amount of light entering the eye. It has radial muscles to widen and circular muscles to constrict the pupil.

(b) **Inguinal Canal** : It allows the descent of testes alongwith their ducts, from abdomen into the scrotum.

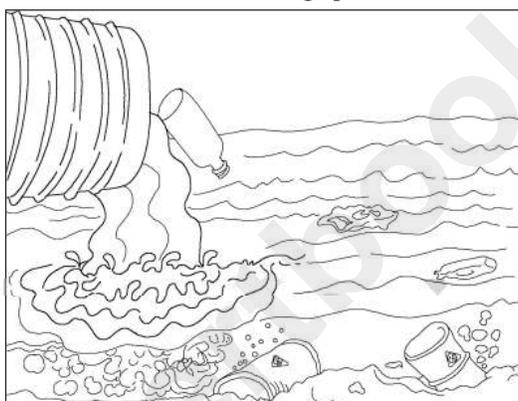
- (c) **Nephron** : It is the excretory unit of kidney which helps in the filtration of many constituents of blood.
- (d) **Thylakoids** : Each thylakoid contains the green pigment chlorophyll in which light reaction of photosynthesis is carried out.
- (e) **Proximal Convoluted tubule** : It reabsorb most water, glucose, sodium and chloride ions from the filtrate.

SECTION - B

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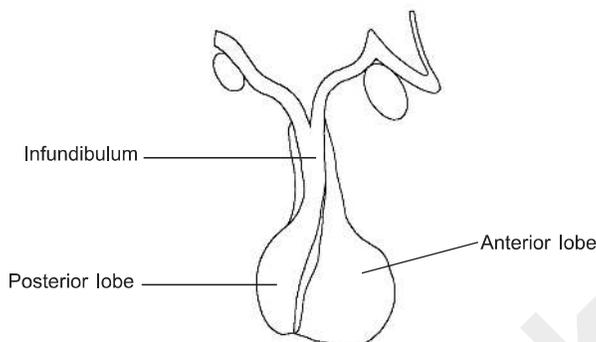
Ans.

- (i) **Pollutant** : Pollutant is any additional constituent to air, water or land that deteriorates the natural quality of that resource and environment.
- (ii) In **active transport**, the substances or ions pass through the cell membrane from the right ventricle of the its lower concentration to higher concentration using energy from the cell. **Diffusion** allows the movement of particles from higher concentration to lower concentration without using any energy from the cell.
- (iii) 1. **Pulmonary artery** : It carries deoxygenated blood to the lungs from the right ventricle of the heart for oxygenation.
2. **Pulmonary veins** : They carry oxygenated blood from lungs to the left atrium of the heart.
- (iv) **Reflex action** : Reflex action is an automatic, quick and involuntary action in the body brought about by a stimulus. Reflexes are of two types — natural reflexes and conditioned reflexes. Blinking, coughing, sneezing, salivation, etc. are natural reflexes while acquired reflexes are conditioned reflexes, e.g. cycling, painting, etc.
- (v) (a) The picture represents water pollution that can be controlled by treating the industrial effluents before discharging them into water bodies and by setting up sewage treatment plants.
(b) Sewage and industrial waste
(c) It may cause many diseases such as cholera, diarrhoea, etc, in humans.

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Ans.

- (i) Indole 3-Acetic Acid.
- (ii) Surgical methods of contraception in
1. Human males — Vasectomy
 2. Human females — Tubectomy
- (iii) The left ventricle of the heart has thicker wall because ventricles have to pump blood to long distances. The left ventricle pumps blood upto the farthest points in the body like up to the brain and upto the toes whereas the right ventricle only has to pump blood to the lungs.
- (iv) When fertilisers are added to the soil, the soil water becomes hypertonic as compared to the cell sap. So if adequate water is not added to such soil frequently, the exosmosis will occur in the root cells of the plants and the water will come out from the plant through root cells. As a result the plant will wilt down.
- (v) (a) Pituitary gland
 (b) It is located at the base of the hypothalamus in brain.
 (c) Oxytocin is secreted by the posterior lobe of pituitary gland.

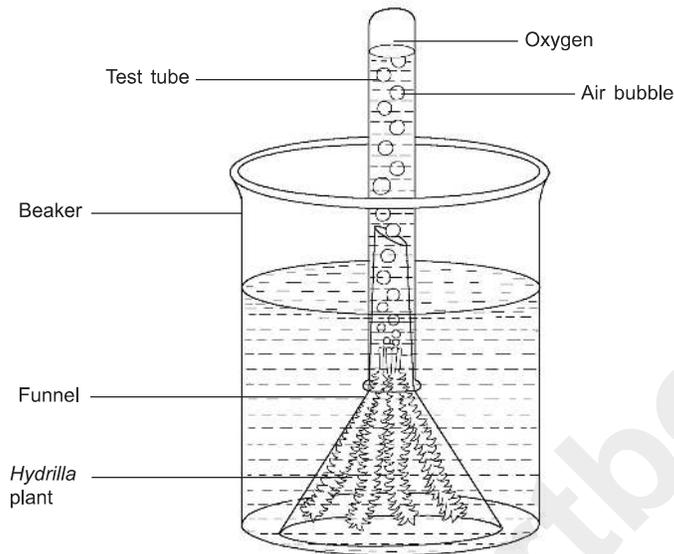
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Ans.

- (i) CFCs are the gases which gets readily liquify when compressed. Therefore, these are used in refrigeration, fire extinguishers, etc. CFCs are potent source of ozone layer depletion.
- (ii) **Significance of Photosynthesis for life on Earth :**
- Photosynthesis is ultimately the source of energy and food for all living beings, directly for plants and indirectly for animals.

- It is the only biological process which releases oxygen into the atmosphere. This oxygen supports all life forms on the earth.
- (iii) Features present in plant cell, but not present in animal cells, are :
- Cell wall is present.
 - Large vacuole and chloroplasts are present.
- (iv) Thigmotropism is the directional movement of plant or its part in response to touch or, contact. For example – drooping of touch-me-not plant leaves when we touch them.
- (v)

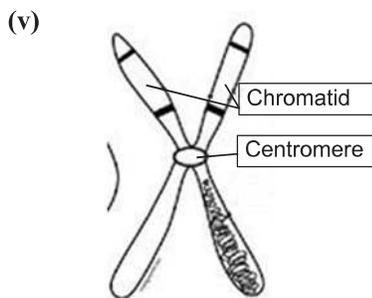


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Ans.

- (i) **Hormone** : Hormone is a secretion from some glandular part of the body which is poured into blood directly to act on the target organ of an individual.
- (ii) **Renal cortex** consists of cup shaped body of nephrons called Bowman’s capsule and proximal and distal convoluted tubule. The **renal medulla** part of a kidney consists of loop of Henle and collecting tubules of nephrons.
- (iii) Two reasons for the population explosion in India :
- Illiteracy in rural population which forms a major constituent of our total population.
 - Religious and social customs due to which people do not accept family planning norms.
- (iv) In some xerophytes like cacti; the leaves are modified into spines to reduce the exposed surface, in order to reduce transpiration and thus, prevents loss of water.



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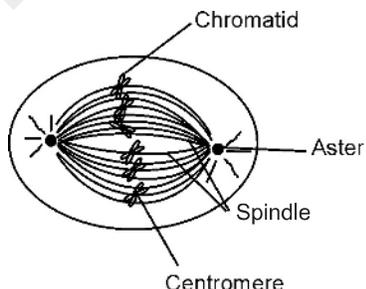
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- (i) **Retina** : It is the innermost layer of the eye which is sensitive to light. It contains rod cells sensitive to dim light, and cones which are sensitive to bright light.
- (ii)
 - Elongation of eyeball from front to back.
 - The lens may become too convex or curved.
- (iii) Bharat Emission Standards are Instituted by the Government of India to regulate the output of air pollutants. The standards and the timeline for implementation are set by the Central Pollution Control Board. All new vehicles manufactured after the implementation of the norms have to be compliant with the regulations.

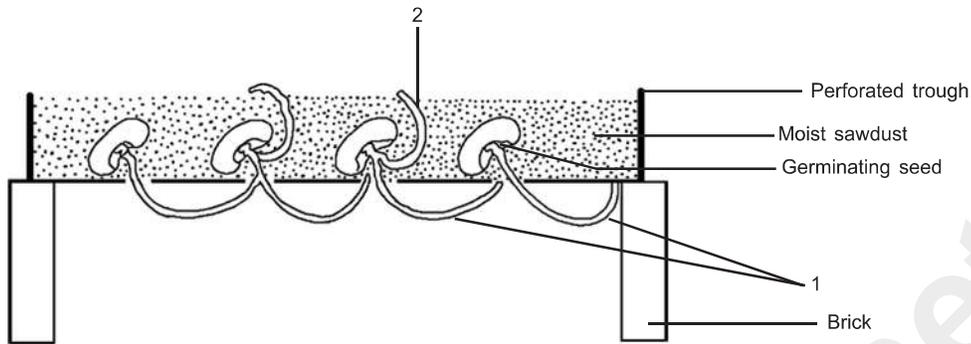
(iv) Sperm duct	Fallopian tube
(1) It is a part of male reproductive system.	(1) It is a part of female reproductive system.
(2) The sperm ducts carry the sperms from testes to the urethra.	(2) The fallopian tubes convey the eggs released from the ovary.

- (v) Metaphase stage of Mitosis



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 Which one of the two is stronger?

Ans.

- (i) Dihybrid cross is a cross in which two pairs of contrasting characters are taken into consideration.
 (ii) Trees reduce the air pollution, noise pollution and their roots hold the soil thus reduce soil erosion. They also maintain the level of underground water. Also, trees produce oxygen through the process of photosynthesis. So, cutting of trees should be discouraged.
 (iii) **Demography** is the statistical study of human population.
Population density is the number of individuals per square kilometer at given time.
 (iv) Two harmful effects of noise pollution on human health are :
 • It interrupts our concentration on our work and disturbs peace of mind.
 • Prolonged noise can even lead to deafness.
 (v) (a) 1 — Radicle of the seed
 2 — Plumule of the seed
 (b) 1 (radicle) initially shows positive geotropic movement and then it starts growing upwards towards water. 2 shows negative geotropic movement or, phototropic movement.
 (c) Part 1 is affected by two stimuli, namely gravity and water. Among these two, the effect of water (hydrotropism) is stronger.