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# BIOLOGY Unit 3 Trial Examination

# **QUESTION AND ANSWER BOOK**

Total writing time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Structure of book		
Section	Number of questions	Number of marks
A	25	25
В	6	50
	Total	75

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- Students are NOT permitted to bring into the examination room: blank sheets of paper and/or white out liquid/tape.
- No calculator is allowed in this examination.

# **Materials supplied**

• Question and answer book of 21 pages with a detachable answer sheet for multiple-choice questions inside the front cover.

# Instructions

- Detach the answer sheet for multiple-choice questions during reading time.
- Write your **name** in the space provided above on this page and on the answer sheet for multiple-choice questions.
- All written responses should be in English.

# At the end of the examination

• Place the answer sheet for multiple-choice questions inside the front cover of this book.

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# BIOLOGY Unit 3 Trial Examination MULTIPLE CHOICE ANSWER SHEET

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# **INSTRUCTIONS:**

# **USE PENCIL ONLY**

- Write your name in the space provided above.
- Use a **PENCIL** for **ALL** entries.
- If you make a mistake, **ERASE** it **DO NOT** cross it out.
- Marks will **NOT** be deducted for incorrect answers.
- NO MARK will be given if more than ONE answer is completed for any question.
- Mark your answer by **SHADING** the letter of your choice.

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5	А	В	С	D	18	A B C D
6	А	В	С	D	19	A B C D
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8	А	В	С	D	21	A B C D
9	А	В	С	D	22	A B C D
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11	А	В	С	D	24	A B C D
12	A	В	С	D	25	A B C D
13	А	В	С	D		

# **SECTION A - Multiple Choice Questions**

#### Specific instructions for Section A

This section consists of 25 questions. You should attempt **all** questions.

Each question has four possible correct answers. Only **one** answer for each question is correct. Select the answer that you believe is correct and indicate your choice on the Multiple Choice Answer Sheet by shading the letter that corresponds with your choice of the correct answer.

If you wish to change an answer, erase it and shade your new choice of letter.

Each question is worth **one** mark. **No** mark will be given if more than one answer is completed for any question. Marks will **not** be deducted for incorrect answers.

# **Question 1**

DNA and RNA are both chemicals found in all eukaryotic cells. It is reasonable to state that:

- **A.** RNA is found exclusively in the cytoplasm whereas DNA is found in both the nucleus and the cytoplasm.
- **B.** DNA, but not RNA, contains the element phosphorus.
- C. both DNA and RNA are double stranded molecules.
- **D.** both DNA and RNA contain a five carbon sugar.

# **Question 2**

Mitochondria are organelles found in eukaryotes. The theory of endosymbiosis put forward by biologists is that mitochondria originated from prokaryotes and have come to occupy the eukaryotic or host cells. This theory is supported by the fact that:

- A. mitochondria contain DNA and can reproduce independently by mitosis.
- **B.** there are many mitochondria in a eukaryotic cell.
- **C.** the mitochondria have a double membrane in which the inner membrane is similar in structure to prokaryotes and the outer membrane is similar in structure to the host cell membrane.
- **D.** mitochondria, like bacteria do not contain any ribosomes and make protein using other methods.

# Question 3

The percentage of guanine in a molecule of DNA was 20% and the percentage of guanine in a particular molecule of mRNA was 25%. From this information it would be reasonable to conclude that in the same molecules of DNA and RNA:

- A. the percentage of cytosine in the DNA would be 20% and in the RNA would be 25%.
- **B.** the percentage of thymine in the DNA would be 30% and in the percentage of uracil in the RNA would be 30%.
- C. the percentage of adenine in the DNA would be 30% and in the RNA would be 25%.
- **D.** the percentage of adenine, uracil and cytosine in the RNA could not be determined from this data.

The bolas spider, *Mastophora hutchinsonni*, releases a substance that is identical chemically to a pheromone released by a particular species of female moth. It would be reasonable to conclude that:

- A. the bolas spider will attract only male moths.
- **B.** the bolas spider will attract only female moths.
- C. the bolas spider will attract both male and female moths.
- **D.** moths of all species will be attracted to the bolas spider.

# Question 5

Below is a general structural formula for an amino acid.



Amino acids join to form a polypeptide chain. The chemical groups or groups involved in forming the peptide bond between amino acids is/are:

- A. the carboxyl groups of each amino acid only.
- **B.** the amino groups of each amino acid only.
- C. the carboxyl group of one amino acid and the amino group of the next amino acid.
- **D.** the amino group of one amino acid and the R group of the next amino acid.

# **Question 6**

Enzymes function by:

- **A.** lowering the activation energy in endergonic (anabolic) reactions and raising the activation energy in exergonic (catabolic) reactions.
- **B.** lowering the activation energy in exergonic (catabolic) reactions and raising the activation energy in endergonic (anabolic) reactions.
- **C.** lowering the activation energy in both endergonic (anabolic) reactions and exergonic (catabolic) reactions.
- **D.** raising the activation energy in both endergonic (anabolic) reactions and exergonic (catabolic) reactions.

Pyruvate, a polar molecule, is a product of glycolysis and must enter the mitochondria to be converted to  $CO_2$ . It is reasonable to state that the pyruvate enters the mitochondria by:

- **A.** simple diffusion.
- **B.** the membrane surrounding the molecule and taking it in by endocytosis.
- **C.** dissolving in the lipid bilayer.
- **D.** being transported across the membrane by carrier molecules.

# Question 8

A carrot was cut into circular discs and each disc was carefully weighed. The discs were then placed in glucose solutions of different concentrations. After an hour the discs from each solution were carefully dried and reweighed and the percentage change in mass was calculated. The results are shown in the graph below.



From these results it would be reasonable to conclude:

- A. there is no movement of water or glucose into or out of the cells of the carrot at 0.2 moles per litre.
- **B.** the concentration of glucose molecules in the cells of the carrot is 0.2 moles per litre.
- **C.** the change in mass is due to glucose molecules entering or leaving the cells of the carrot by diffusion.
- **D.** the change in mass is due to water molecules entering or leaving the cells of the carrot by osmosis.

The diagrams below show part of a starch molecule and part of a cellulose molecule.



Part of a cellulose molecule

It is reasonable to state that:

- A. humans are able to digest starch and cellulose because they both consist of glucose monomers.
- **B.** humans can digest both starch and cellulose as they have bacteria in their intestines that can digest starch and cellulose.
- **C.** humans are able to digest starch but not cellulose because the monomers of starch are glucose but the monomers of cellulose are maltose.
- **D.** humans are able to digest starch but not cellulose as they have enzymes that can hydrolyse the glycosidic links between the monomers of starch but not the glycosidic links between the monomers of cellulose.

# Question 10

Yeast is used to form ethanol from sugar by the process of fermentation. In the final step in the process yeast converts the aldehyde, acetaldehyde, to ethanol as shown in the equation below.

From this equation it would be reasonable to state that:

- A. alcohol dehydrogenase reacts with acetaldehyde and NADH<sub>2</sub> to form an enzyme-substrate complex.
- **B.** alcohol dehydrogenase is able to react with all chemicals that are aldehydes.
- C. high concentrations of alcohol dehydrogenase is required for this reaction.
- **D.** the maximum amount of ethanol formed will depend on the amount of alcohol dehydrogenase present.

Lactate builds up in muscle cells in strenuous activity, causing pain and muscle fatigue. The formation of lactate :

- A. involves the Kreb's cycle in the mitochondria.
- **B.** occurs in the cytoplasm.
- C. requires oxygen.
- **D.** requires two ATP molecules per lactate.

#### Question 12

The following graph represents an enzymatic reaction.



#### Progress of reaction

A reaction represented by this graph could be the formation of:

- A. sucrose from glucose and fructose.
- **B.** a dipeptide from two amino acids.
- **C.** ATP from ADP and inorganic phosphate.
- **D.** two amino acids from a dipeptide.

# **Question 13**

When a single ripe banana is placed in a plastic bag containing several unripe bananas, the unripe bananas ripen more quickly than if there was no ripe banana. The ripe banana does not physically touch the unripe bananas. It is reasonable to state that:

- A. the ripe banana uses up the oxygen in the bag giving off carbon dioxide that increased ripening.
- **B.** the ripe banana gave off ethylene that was contained in the bag and accelerated ripening.
- **C.** the increased metabolic rate of the ripe banana increased the temperature in the bag that increased ripening.
- **D.** the ripe banana produced cytokin that was contained in the bag and accelerated ripening.

Gibberellin is a plant hormone involved in the germination of wheat seeds. The following flow diagram shows the action of gibberellin.



Signal transduction is represented by:

- **A.** the activation of the amylase gene.
- **B.** the production of the amylase enzyme.
- **C.** the formation of the secondary messengers.
- **D.** the whole pathway from gibberellin to the production of glucose.

# Questions 15, 16 and 17 refer to the following information.

The diagram below shows the production of the hormone thyroxin, an iodine-containing molecule produced by the thyroid gland, that increases the rate of metabolic reactions in cells. The production of thyroxin is under homeostatic control as shown. The hypothalamus produces the hormone *thyrotrophin releasing hormone (TRH)*. *TRH* stimulates the anterior lobe of the pituitary to secrete *thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH)*. *TSH* travels in the bloodstream to the thyroid gland and stimulates it to secrete *thyroxin* that has an effect on the metabolic rate of body cells.



If an individual has a diet that is deficient in iodine, it would be reasonable to expect that there would be:

- A. an increase in the levels of *thyroxine* produced in order to compensate.
- **B.** an increase in both the *TRH* and *TSH* in order to compensate.
- C. decrease in the levels of thyroxin, *TRH and TSH*.
- **D.** a decrease in the level of *thyroxine* only and the levels of *TSH* and *TRH* would remain the same.

# **Question 16**

The sufferer of an autoimmune disease called Graves disease, produces antibodies that bind to the *TSH* receptor site on the thyroid gland and mimics the effect of *TSH*. This individual would:

- A. have an increased production of *thyroxine*.
- **B.** have a decreased production of *thyroxine*.
- **C.** have a decreased production of *TSH*.
- **D.** have an decreased production of *TRH*.

#### **Question 17**

In the diagram above it is reasonable to state that:

- **A.** *thyroxine* is an endocrine signalling molecule, whereas *TRH* and *TSH* are paracrine signalling molecules.
- **B.** *TRH*, *TSH* and *thyroxin* are all endocrine signalling molecules.
- C. *thyroxine* is a paracrine signalling molecule, whereas *TRH* and *TSH* are neurotransmittors.
- **D.** *thyroxine* is an endocrine signalling molecule, and *TRH* is a neurohormone.

# Question 18

B lymphocytes and red blood cells are both found in the bloodstream. It is reasonable to state that:

- A. B lymphocytes would have more endoplasmic reticulum and golgi bodies than red blood cells.
- **B.** red blood cells would have more endoplasmic reticulum and golgi bodies than B lymphocytes.
- C. both types of cells would have very little endoplasmic reticulum and golgi bodies.
- **D.** both types of cells would have large amounts of endoplasmic reticulum and golgi bodies.

# **Question 19**

Proteomics is the large-scale analysis of the proteome of an organism or cell. Proteomics is a useful study because:

- A. all cells of an organism produce the same proteins because they have the same DNA.
- **B.** proteins, once produced, remain unchanged in a cell.
- C. there are fewer proteins produced than there are genes in a cell, therefore making the study easier.
- **D.** the proteome of a cell can differ from another cell in the same organism.

Di George syndrome is a disease of the immune system. Most individuals with this condition have poorly developed thymus glands. It would be reasonable to expect that these individuals would:

- A. have no antibodies in their tissue fluids.
- **B.** have no plasma cells.
- C. have reduced numbers of T cells.
- **D.** reject tissue transplants more readily.

# **Question 21**

A disease in which the immune system fails to recognise "self" antigens is:

- A. acquired immune deficiency syndrome.
- **B.** an allergic response
- C. an immune deficiency disease.
- **D.** an auto-immune disease.

# **Question 22**

One line of body defence is the production of interferons. Interferons are:

- A. produced by viral infected cells in order to protect nearby cells from invasion by viruses.
- B. proteins that assist cytotoxic T cells to ingest invading bacteria.
- **C.** produced by B cells as a response to the presence of a pathogen.
- **D.** chemicals produced by phagocytes to attract more phagocytes to the site of infection.

# **Question 23**

In late 2009, the Australian government organised a mass immunization programme for Australians against the disease swine flu. The rationale was to limit the spread of this disease because immunization:

- A. kills the swine flu virus and therefore prevents its spread.
- **B.** reduces the immune response in those vaccinated.
- C. prevents the virus from entering the body by boosting the first line of defence.
- **D.** prevents the multiplication of the virus in the immunised individual.

The following flow diagram represents the steps in blood clotting.



It is reasonable to state that:

- **A.** feedback loop **X** is a positive feedback that lowers the original stimulus.
- **B.** feedback loop **Y** is a positive feedback that hastens the formation of the blood clot.
- **C.** feedback loop **Y** is a negative feedback that increases the production of chemicals.
- **D.** feedback loops **X** and **Y** are both examples of homeostasis.

# **Question 25**

Allergic reactions are caused by allergens interacting with the immune system. The allergens cause:

- **A.** mast cells to produce histamine that brings about the allergic response.
- **B.** B lymphocytes to produce histamine that brings about the allergic response.
- C. plasma cells to produce an allergenic protein that brings about the allergic response.
- **D.** mast cells to produce IgE antibodies that brings about the allergic response.

# **END OF SECTION A**

# **SECTION B - Short Answer Questions**

# Specific instructions for Section B

This section consists of 6 questions. There are 50 marks in total for this section. Write your responses in the spaces provided. You should attempt **all** questions. Please write your responses in **blue** or **black ink**.

# Question 1



Molecule A

The molecule depicted (molecule A) is a bio-molecule found in living organisms.

**a** Name the molecule depicted above.

(1 mark)

Hydrolysis breaks this molecule into two distinct molecules during digestion in the small intestine.

**b** Name these **two** molecules.

(2 marks)

After absorption from the small intestine the two molecules rejoin and are transported to the liver. The structure below, called a chylomicron is used to transport these molecules into the lymph stream and then into the bloodstream to the liver.



**c** Examine the structure of the chylomicron and suggest how its structure enables the transport of molecule **A** in the lymph and bloodstreams.

(2 marks)

The structure of bio-molecules is essential for their correct function. The human brain contains cellular prion proteins that can spontaneously change to an abnormal form. These abnormal prions can then cause other normal prions to change. The changed prions form fibres that kill brain cells. The diagram below shows the normal protein and the changed protein.



Structurally proteins are said to have a primary, secondary and tertiary structure.

**d** What part of this structural classification of protein has not changed when a normal prion changes to an abnormal prion?

(1 mark)

The proteins contain two distinctive configurations of polypeptide chains labelled X and Y in the diagrams above. The change from normal prion to abnormal prion involves the configuration represented by X changing to the configuration represented by Y.

e Name the specific configurations of **X** and **Y**.

(2 marks)

**Total 8 marks** 

Pacinian corpuscles are structures found deep in the skin. They consist of a nerve ending surrounded by a capsule of layered connective tissue. When pressure is applied to the pacinian corpuscle, the plasma membrane of the nerve cell deforms resulting in depolarisation of the nerve until a threshold is reached and the nerve fires off. The diagram below shows the pacinian corpuscle and its neuron.



**a** What type of neuron is associated with the Pacinian corpuscle? Explain your answer.

(1 mark)

The diagram below shows the pattern of voltage changes associated with movement of the nerve impulse along the axon.



**b** What term is given to the peak of this graph?

**c** What causes the rise in the graph at **X**?

(1 mark)

(1 mark)

The Pacinian corpuscles are called rapidly adapting receptors as they fire off when there are changes in pressure but not if the pressure is sustained. The diagram below shows the stimulation of the nerve.



**d** Use this data to explain how someone with a firm fitting belt or ring will not notice the sensation after a short time.

(2 marks)

Nervous pathways consist of neurons that are excitatory and inhibitory. Consider the following neuron circuit diagram. The + sign indicates an excitatory synapse and a – sign indicates an inhibitory synapse.



e What will happen at neuron **F** if neurons **A** and **B** are fired off simultaneously?

The following diagram shows the involvement of calcium ions  $(Ca^{2+})$  in nervous pathways. When calcium ions enter they cause the structures labelled X to move towards the membrane. It is possible to block calcium channels using particular drugs called calcium channel blockers.



**f** Explain how such a drug would affect this nervous pathway.

(2 marks)

**Total 8 marks** 

#### **Question 3**

Changes in leaf anatomy and shape and the arrangement of leaves with respect to each other affect rates of photosynthesis. Plants that are exposed to intense light in their natural environment have 'sun leaves' while those that are exposed to shade have 'shade leaves'. Some species of plants have both sun leaves and shade leaves on the same plant. The graph below shows the rate of photosynthesis in shade leaves and sun leaves in two plants.



**a** Which plant has the greater rate of photosynthesis between 0 and 500 light intensity?



The transverse sections **A** and **B** below are of these two types of leaves.

**b** Suggest which T/S belongs to which leaf. Give reasons for your answer.

(2 marks)

Students wished to investigate the response of sun and shade plants to white light. They cut 3 leaf discs from a sun plant and 3 leaf discs from a shade plant and placed them in two different syringes filled with 0.2M sodium hydrogen carbonate solution. The air was removed from the syringe, a finger was placed over the nozzle and the plunger was gently pulled down. This caused bubbles of air to be drawn out of the leaf discs and as a result the discs fell to the bottom of the syringe. The syringes with the leaf discs were then exposed to white light. The production of oxygen causes the leaf discs to float to the surface.



**c** Suggest an hypothesis for this experiment.

(1 mark)

**d** Name one factor that must be kept constant in this experiment and explain why.

(2 marks)

The results for the experiment are shown below

Type of leaf	Average time taken to float (min)		
Sun plant leaf	2		
Shade plant leaf	5		

e Using the information above, explain the results observed.

(2 marks)

The experiment was then repeated using a green filter covering both the syringes. The results are shown below.

Type of leaf	Average time taken to float using a green filter (min)
Sun plant leaf	10
Shade plant leaf	5

**f** What do these results suggest about the absorption of light by shade plants?

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**g** Suggest how these results mimic the response of shade leaves and sun leaves in their natural environment.

(2 marks)

Total 11 marks

# **Question 4**

High levels of cholesterol in blood plasma have been implicated in heart disease especially in Western society. Cholesterol is manufactured in the liver and is an important component of cell membranes.

**a** What is the function of cholesterol in cell membranes?

(1 mark)

A simplified pathway for the cholesterol production is shown below.



One group of medications given to reduce cholesterol production is the *statins*. These affect the substance *HMG-CoA reductase* by competitive inhibition. Statins can have serious side effects and must be taken in strict accordance with the dosage recommended.

**b** What type of substance is *HMG-CoA reductase*?

**c** Referring to the above pathway, what conclusion can you draw about the shape of the statin molecule?

(2 marks)

**d** How might rational drug design lead to the development of drugs like the statins?

(1 mark)

Patients taking statins are advised not to eat grapefruit as grapefruit contain substances that inhibit the breakdown of statins in the body.

**E** What could be a possible outcome for patients that do not heed this advice and eat grapefruit when on this statin medication.

(1 mark)

**Total 6 marks** 

# **Question 5**

Baby mammals obtain antibodies that have crossed the placenta from the mother and also from their mother's milk. These antibodies then act to give the young mammal protection while their own immune system is developing.

**a** What type of chemical compound is an antibody?

(1 mark)

**b** Name the type of immunity described above and justify your answer.

(2 marks)

Research has been carried out in order to investigate how antibodies ingested by young mammals in breast milk are able to pass across the gut into the bloodstream. In this research, antibodies were tags

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breast milk are able to pass across the gut into the bloodstream. In this research, antibodies were tagged with gold nanoparticles and their path across the cells of the gut could be visualised. The diagram below shows the pathway.



**c** In the diagram above what is the structure labelled **X** ?

(1 mark)

**d** Name the process by which the antibody enters the cell.

(1 mark)

**e** Using the information in the diagram above, suggest how the antibody becomes attached and then released on the other side of the cell.

(2 marks) Total 7 marks

*Vibrio cholera* is an enteric bacterium that causes the disease cholera. The bacteria are taken into the gut by drinking contaminated water and colonises the small intestine. They produce a powerful toxin that results in severe diarrhoea.



These bacteria need to be able to penetrate the thick mucus coating of the small intestine in order to colonise the wall of the intestine.

**a** Suggest how these bacteria could penetrate the thick mucus lining.

(1 mark)

**b i** Suggest **another** difficulty that these bacteria need to overcome in order to colonise the small intestine.

(1 mark)

**ii** Suggest a feature of the bacteria that would enable them to overcome the difficulty you have suggested in the answer above.

(1 mark)

The cholera toxin binds to a membrane receptor and the active part of the toxin enters the cell and activates a G protein by a non-reversible enzymatic reaction. The G protein initiates a series of chemical reactions that are unable to be stopped and this results in large amounts of chloride ions (Cl<sup>-</sup>) moving into the lumen of the intestine. Sodium ions (Na<sup>+</sup>) follow due to the electrical force. The result is uncontrollable diarrhoea and dehydration of the patient. ...continued next page

c	What term is given to this series of reactions in the cell?	
		(1 mark)
d	Explain how the patient ends up with uncontrollable diarrhoea and dehydration.	
Vac pres	ccines are available for cholera and are recommended before travel to countries where	(2 marks) e cholera is
e	What is a vaccine?	
The	development of vaccines has focused on oral administering rather than injection.	(1 mark)
f 	Suggest a possible reason for this focus.	
		(1 mark)
g	Explain how vaccination would lead to immunity against the disease cholera.	
		(2 marks)
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