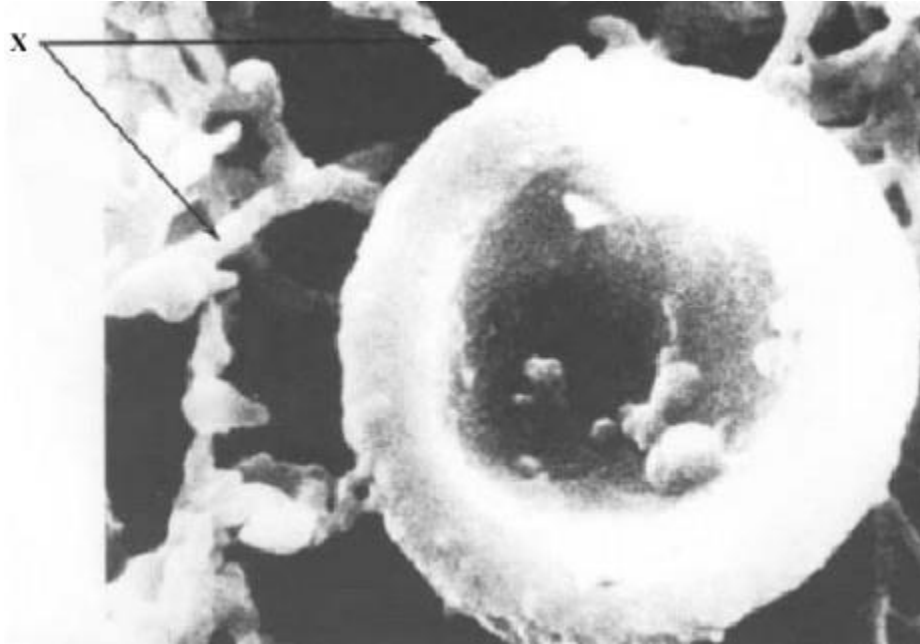


- 1 The photograph shows a red blood cell in part of a blood clot. The fibres labelled **X** are produced in the early stages of the clotting process.



- (a) Suggest how the fibres labelled **X** help in blood clot formation.

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(1)

- (b) The average diameter of a real red blood cell is 0.008 millimetres.  
On the photograph, the diameter of the red blood cell is 100 millimetres.

Use the formula to calculate the magnification of the photograph.

$$\text{Diameter on photograph} = \text{Real diameter} \times \text{Magnification}$$

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$$\text{Magnification} = \underline{\hspace{10em}}$$

(2)

- (c) Some blood capillaries have an internal diameter of approximately 0.01 millimetres.
- (i) Use information given in part (b) to explain why only one red blood cell at a time can pass through a capillary.

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(1)

(ii) Explain the advantages of red blood cells passing through a capillary one at a time.

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(3)  
(Total 7 marks)

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(a) How many pairs of chromosomes are there in a body cell of a human baby?

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(1)

(b) Place the following in order of size, **starting with the smallest**, by writing numbers **1 – 4** in the boxes underneath the words.

chromosome

nucleus

gene

cell

(1)

(c) For a baby to grow, its cells must develop in a number of ways.

Explain how each of the following is part of the growth process of a baby.

(i) Cell enlargement

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(1)

(ii) The process of cell division by mitosis

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(3)

(d) Why is cell specialisation (differentiation) important for the development and growth of a healthy baby from a fertilised egg?

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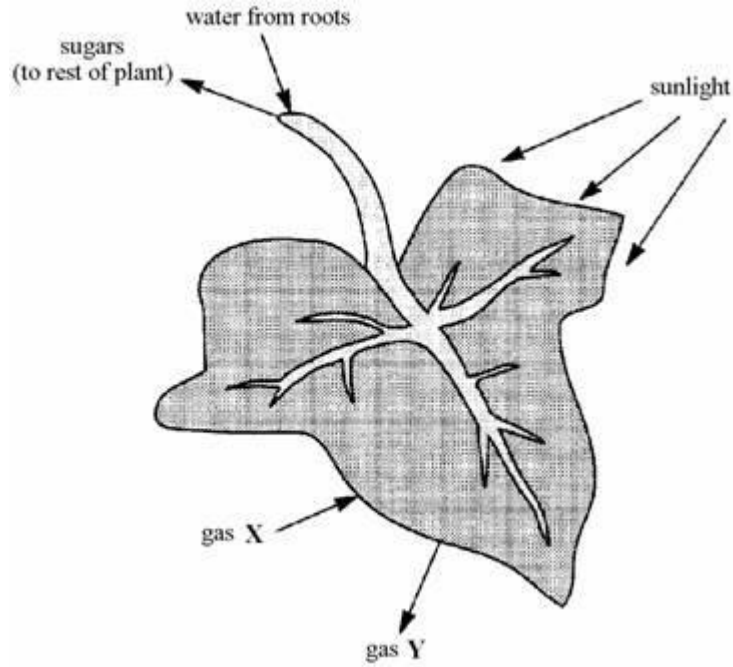
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(2)

(Total 8 marks)

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The diagram shows a plant leaf during photosynthesis.



(a) Name:

(i) gas X; \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) gas Y. \_\_\_\_\_

(2)

(b) Why is sunlight necessary for photosynthesis?

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(1)

- (c) Some of the sugars produced by photosynthesis are stored as starch in the roots. Explain, as fully as you can, why it is an advantage to the plant to store carbohydrate as starch rather than as sugar.

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(3)

(Total 6 marks)

**4**

Plants need chemical energy for respiration and for active transport.

- (i) Write a balanced chemical equation which represents the process of respiration in plants.

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(2)

- (ii) Describe the process of active transport in the root hair cells of plants.

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(3)

(Total 5 marks)

5 Plant roots obtain some of their mineral salts from the soil by active transport.

What is involved in *active transport*?

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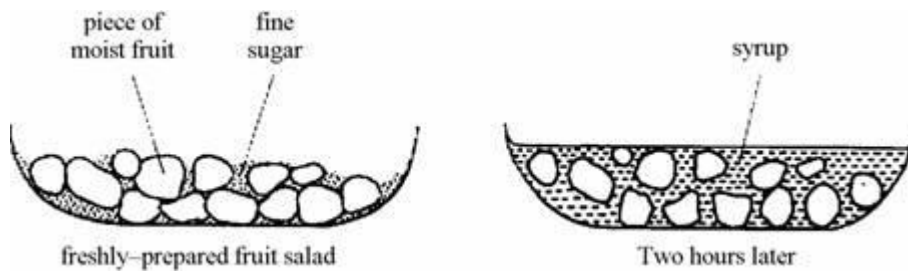
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(Total 4 marks)

6 A cook prepares a fresh fruit salad by cutting up a variety of fruits and placing them in a bowl with layers of sugar in between. After two hours the fruit is surrounded by syrup (concentrated sugar solution).



Explain, as fully as you can, why syrup (concentrated sugar solution) was produced after two hours.

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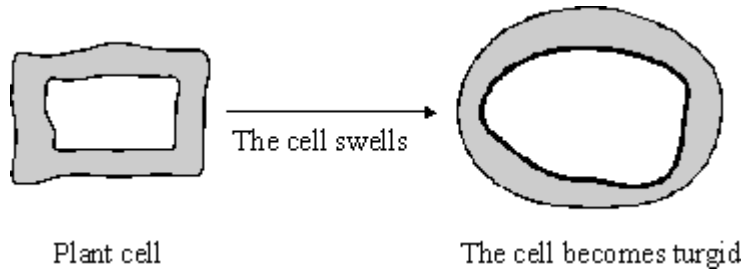
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(Total 4 marks)

7 (a) The diagrams show what happens to the shape of a plant cell placed in distilled water.



(i) Explain why the cell swells and becomes turgid. Name the process involved.

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(2)

(ii) Give **one** feature of the cell wall which allows the cell to become turgid.

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(1)

(b) Describe the change which will occur if a piece of peeled potato is placed in a concentrated sugar solution and explain why this change occurs.

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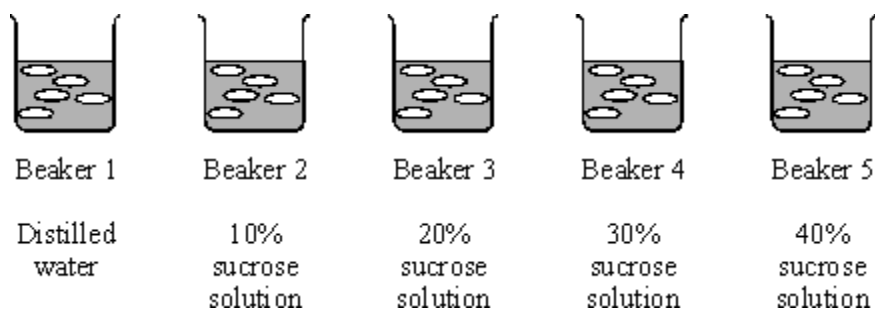
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(3)

(Total 6 marks)



- 9 Some students set up an experiment using osmosis to find the concentration of sucrose solution in potato cell sap. They used discs of potato cut to the same size and weighing approximately 10 gms. The discs were put into each of five beakers.



- (a) (i) After two hours they reweighed the discs after carefully blotting them first. Why did the students blot the potato before weighing it?

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(1)

- (ii) Their results are shown in the table below.

	Beaker 1	Beaker 2	Beaker 3	Beaker 4	Beaker 5
Final mass in g	13.0	12.2	9.0	7.9	7.3
Initial mass in g	10.0	10.6	10.0	10.1	10.4

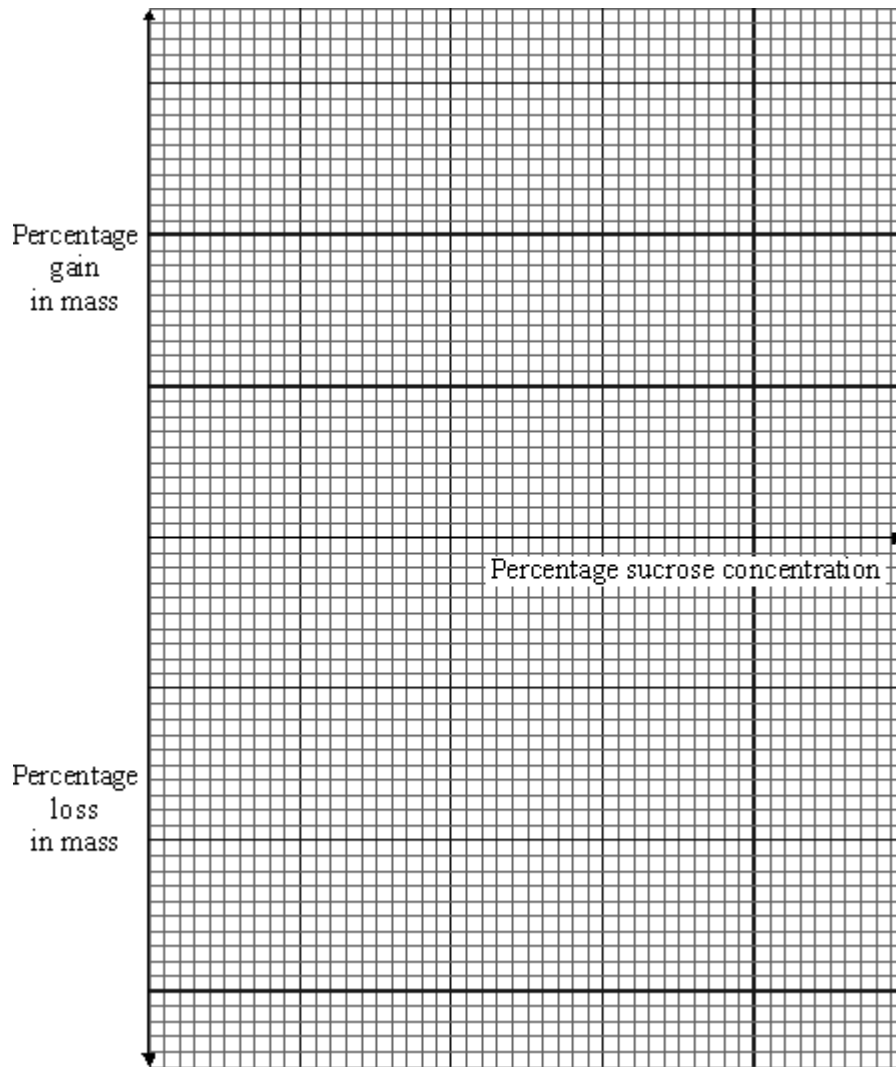
The students calculated the % gain or loss in mass of potato. Complete this table of results for Beakers 2, 4 and 5.

Beaker 1	Beaker 2	Beaker 3	Beaker 4	Beaker 5
$13 - 10.0 = 3.0$  $\frac{3.0}{10.0} \times 100\% = 30\%$		$9.0 - 10.0 = -1.0$  $\frac{-1.0}{10.0} \times 100\% = -10\%$		
Gain in mass = 30%		Loss in mass = 10%		

(3)



(b) (i) Draw a graph of % Gain or Loss in mass against sucrose concentration.



(3)

(ii) Use the graph to find the concentration of potato cell sap.

Concentration of cell sap = \_\_\_\_\_ % sucrose solution

(1)

(iii) Explain in terms of osmosis how you chose this value.

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(2)

(Total 10 marks)

10

The table shows the concentrations of some mineral ions in the cells of a pond plant and in the surrounding pond water.

	Concentration in mmol per dm <sup>3</sup>		
	Potassium	Calcium	Sulphate
Plant cells	49.0	7.0	7.0
Pond water	0.5	0.7	0.4

(i) The plant cells would not have been able to absorb these mineral ions from the pond water by diffusion. Explain why not.

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(2)

(ii) Suggest a process which would allow these ions to be absorbed from the pond water by the plant cells.

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(1)

(Total 3 marks)

## Mark schemes

**1** (a) hold cells together **or** prevent flow of cells **or** trap cells 1

(b) 12500

*if correct answer, ignore working / lack of working*

$$\frac{100}{0.008} \text{ for 1 mark}$$

*ignore any units*

2

(c) (i) size RBC approximately same size capillary **or**  
no room for more than one cell **or**  
only one can fit **or**  
RBC is too big

*allow use of numbers*

*do **not** accept capillaries are narrow*

1

(ii) more oxygen released (to tissues) **or**  
more oxygen taken up (from lungs)

1

and any **two** from:

- slows flow **or** more time available
- shorter distance (for exchange) **or** close to cells / capillary wall
- more surface area exposed

2

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**2** (a) 23 1

(b) chromosome    nucleus    gene    cell  
                  2                   3                   1                   4

1

(c) (i) any **one** from  
(cells which are bigger) take up more space  
(cells) have to get bigger **or** mature to divide

1

(ii) chromosomes duplicate **or**  
make exact copies of self  
*accept forms pairs of chromatids* 1

nuclei divide  
*accept chromatids or*  
*chromosomes separate* 1

identical (daughter) cells formed  
*accept for example, skin cells make*  
*more skin cells or cells are clones* 1

(d) any **two** from

*Differentiation mark*  
babies need **or** are made of different types of cells **or** cells that have  
different functions  
*accept different cells are needed*  
*for different organs*

*Division or specialisation mark*  
as fertilised egg starts to divide each cell specialises to form a part of the body  
*accept specialised cells make*  
*different parts of the body*

*Growth mark*  
specialised cells undergo mitosis to grow further cells  
*accept cells divide or reproduce*  
*to form identical cells* 2

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**3** (a) (i) carbon dioxide / CO<sub>2</sub> (*reject CO*)  
(ii) oxygen / O<sub>2</sub> / O (water vapour neutral)  
*for 1 mark each* 2

(b) (provides) energy  
*for one mark* 1

(c) starch insoluble therefore water not taken in by osmosis  
**or**  
sugar is soluble / has small molecules may diffuse out therefore lost  
*(ignore ref. to cells bursting)*

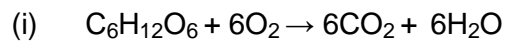
**or**  
starch has large molecules  
cannot diffuse therefore retained

*for 1 mark each*

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*energy is neutral*

1

formulae all correct

*with no omissions / deletions*

correctly balanced

*credit 1 mark if the answer is the exact  
reverse of an incorrect answer for (a)*

1

(ii) and **three** from

take up of (soluble) substances / ions against the concentration gradient

***or** when the concentration (of the  
substance / ions) is greater inside the  
cell / cytoplasm than outside it*

through the (semi-permeable) (cell) membrane energy from mitochondria

***or** energy from respiration  
not just energy*

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[5]

- 5** any **four** from
- molecules / ions
  - do not credit mineral salts*
  - move(d) through / across the cell
  - wall / membrane
  - against (a / the) concentration
  - gradient
  - by a series of chemical
  - reactions
  - (because) diffusion cannot occur
  - energy (required)
  - (supplied by) respiration
  - oxygen required for respiration (to occur)

[4]

- 6** *ideas that*
- sugar has dissolved in moisture (on surface of fruit)
  - this solution more concentrated than solution inside fruit
  - osmosis / diffusion movement of water out of fruit
  - through partially permeable membrane (of fruit cells)

*any four for 1 mark each*

*allow explanations in terms of concentrations of water molecules for full marks*

[4]

- 7** (a) (i) water (molecules) enter(s) (the cell)
- or water (molecules) pass(es) through the (semi-permeable) cell membrane*

1

by osmosis

*or because the concentration of water is greater outside (the cell than inside it the vacuole)*

*accept because of the concentration gradient provided there is no contradiction*

1

(ii) any **one** from

(it is) elastic

(it is) strong

(it is fully) permeable (to water)

**or** *water can pass through it*

*do not credit semi-permeable*

*do not credit cell membrane is semi-permeable*

1

(b) (the piece of) potato shrinks

**or** *loses its turgor*

**or** *becomes flabby*

**or** *becomes flaccid*

**or** *plasmolysis occur*

**or** *cytoplasm pulls away from the cell wall*

(because) concentration of sugar

**or** *because concentration of water*

1

(solution) is greater than concentration inside the cell / vacuole

*inside the cell / vacuole is greater than concentration (of water)*

*outside*

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water is drawn out of the cell

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**[6]**

8 any **four** from:

- cells used to treat diseases do not go on to produce a baby
- produces identical cells for research
- cells would not be rejected
- allow cells can form different types of cells
- (immature) egg contains only genetic information / DNA / genes / chromosomes from mother **or** there is only one parent
- asexual / no mixing of genetic material / no sperm involved / no fertilisation **or** chemical causes development
- baby is a clone
- reference to ethical / moral / religious issues  
*allow ethically wrong*  
**NB cloning is illegal gains 2 marks**  
*ignore unnatural*
- risk of damage to the baby  
*in correct context*

[4]

9 (a) (i) change in weight was due to changes in potato  
**or** osmosis **or** not due to outside liquid  
*ignore 'to make fairest'*

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(ii) beaker 2 = 15.1(%) gain  
*allow 15%*

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beaker 4 = 21.8(5) loss  
**not 21.7**  
*allow -22%*  
*if no minus or no 'loss' check graph*

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beaker 5 = 29.8(%) loss  
*allow -30%*

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- (b) (i) both axes correct values  
and scales > ½ of each axis  
*ignore lack of minus signs on vertical axis* 1
- points correct  
< ± ½ square  
*allow answers in (a)(ii)* 1
- line correct  
*allow curve of best fit which can miss 10, 15*  
**or** *straight lines between points*  
*do not allow one straight line or sketched line*  
*bar graph zero marks* 1
- (ii) point where line crosses axis (eg 15-16% sucrose)  
*allow point from candidate's graph ( ± 0.5%)* 1
- (iii) any **two** from:  
*looking for understanding that water in equilibrium*
- no change in mass
- not **net** movement of water  
**or** water entry and exit are equal
- because sucrose solution same  
concentration as cell sap **or** sucrose has  
same water potential as cell contents  
*allow because the concentrations are the same (inside and out)* 2

[10]

- 10** (i) in diffusion: material moves high to low concentration 1
- here: concentration in cells > concentration in water **or**  
uptake is against the concentration gradient **or** by diffusion ions would move out 1
- (ii) active transport / active uptake 1

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