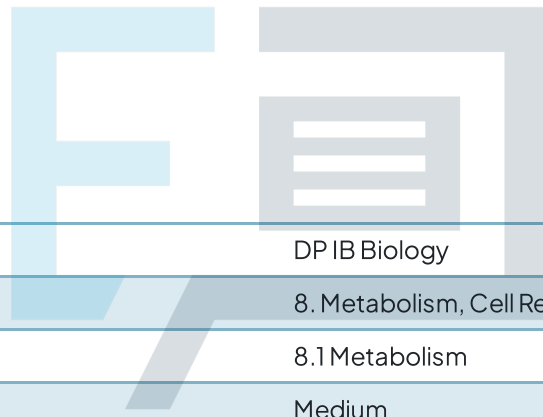




# 8.1 Metabolism

## Question Paper



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### Question 1

Which of the following statements about metabolism are correct?

- I. Metabolism involves chemicals called metabolites.
- II. Metabolism involves reactions in a linear chain.
- III. Metabolism involves reactions in a cycle.
- IV. Metabolism involves only the breakdown of molecules.

- A. I and IV only
- B. II and III
- C. All of the statements
- D. I, II and III

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### Question 2

Which of the following is **not** a correct description of the “transition state” in enzyme-controlled reactions?

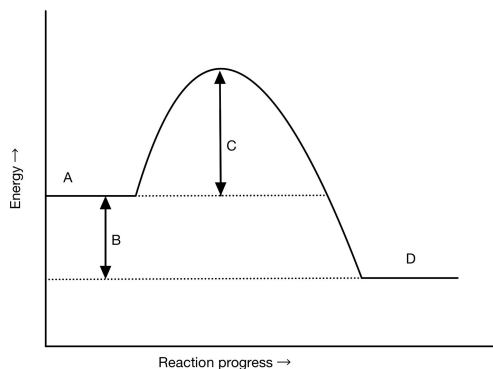
- A. The enzyme-substrate complex, prior to the products being formed, can be said to be in the transition state.
- B. The enzyme-product complex, prior to the products being released, can be said to be in the transition state.
- C. The transition state occurs when a substrate binds to the enzyme’s active site.
- D. Transition state is a temporary state

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### Question 3

The graph below shows the energy changes during a reaction.



What effect would adding an enzyme have on the energy changes of the reaction?

- A. Reduction in energy at A
- B. Reduction in energy at B
- C. Reduction in energy at C
- D. Reduction in energy at D



[1 mark]

### Question 4

What is the difference between a competitive and non-competitive inhibitor?

	<b>Competitive inhibitor</b>	<b>Non-competitive inhibitor</b>
<b>A</b>	Interferes with active site	Interferes with an alternative site
<b>B</b>	Interferes with an alternative site	Interferes with the active site
<b>C</b>	Changes the active site	Changes the substrate
<b>D</b>	Changes the substrate	Changes the active site

[1 mark]

### Question 5

Cyanide ions are an example of an allosteric inhibitor that targets the enzyme cytochrome c oxidase in aerobic respiration.

Which row best describes the action of cyanide ions?

	Can bind to an alternative site	Can bind to the active site
A	Yes	Yes
B	Yes	No
C	No	Yes
D	No	No

[1 mark]

### Question 6

Isoleucine can be described as an end-product inhibitor.

Which statement best describes the action of isoleucine?

- A. It acts as a competitive inhibitor to threonine and it binds to an allosteric site on threonine deaminase.
- B. It acts as a competitive inhibitor to threonine and it binds to the active site on threonine deaminase.
- C. It acts as a non-competitive inhibitor to threonine and it binds to an active site on threonine deaminase.
- D. It acts as a non-competitive inhibitor to threonine and it binds to an allosteric site on threonine deaminase.

[1 mark]

### Question 7

The protein sequence of an enzyme involved in the *Plasmodium* parasite's metabolism has been identified in order to support research into anti-malarial drugs.

Which terms best fill the gaps in the sentence about *Plasmodium* parasite research below?

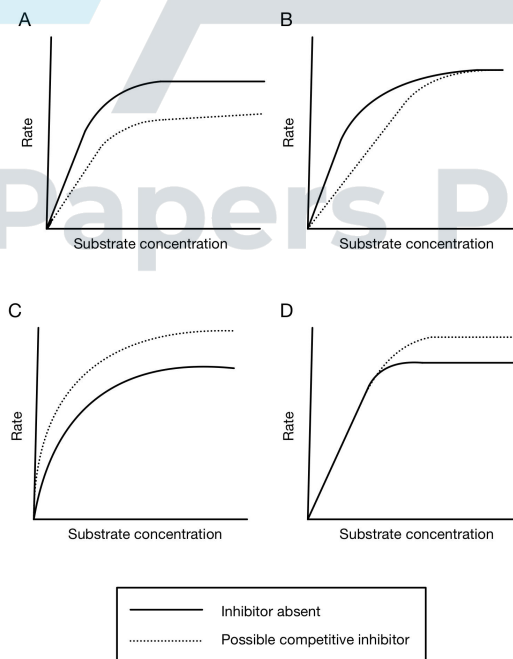
Bioinformatics can be used to screen .....I..... against a database of chemicals to identify potential .....II.....

	I	II
<b>A</b>	Enzymes	Enzyme inhibitors
<b>B</b>	Proteomes	Products
<b>C</b>	Enzymes	Active sites
<b>D</b>	Proteomes	Substrates

[1 mark]

### Question 8

Which graph shows the rate of a reaction taking place in the presence of a competitive inhibitor compared to the rate of a reaction in the absence of an inhibitor?



[1 mark]

### Question 9

The table below gives information on the rates of several enzyme-catalysed reactions.

Rate of reaction / product formed $\text{sec}^{-1}$	Enzyme
$1.0 \times 10^6$	Citrate synthase
$5.2 \times 10^3$	Aconitase
$9.2 \times 10^4$	Fumarase
$3.7 \times 10^7$	Malate dehydrogenase

Which enzyme catalyses the reaction with the fastest rate of product formation?

- A. Citrate synthase
- B. Aconitase
- C. Fumarase
- D. Malate dehydrogenase

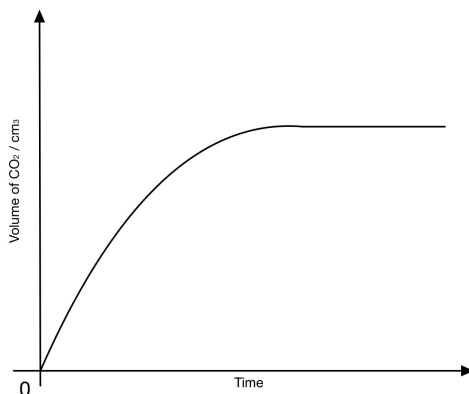


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### Question 10

Which statement best describes how to calculate the initial rate of a reaction from a graph such as the one below?



- A. Draw a tangent that crosses the origin and that corresponds to the first part of the curve, calculate the rate by dividing change in volume by change in time.
- B. Draw a tangent that corresponds to an area part way along the curve, calculate the rate by dividing change in volume by change in time.
- C. Draw a tangent that crosses the origin and that corresponds to the first part of the curve, calculate the rate by dividing change in time by change in volume.
- D. Draw a tangent that corresponds to an area part way along the curve, calculate the rate by dividing change in time by change in volume

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