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Respiration

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Topic: Respiration

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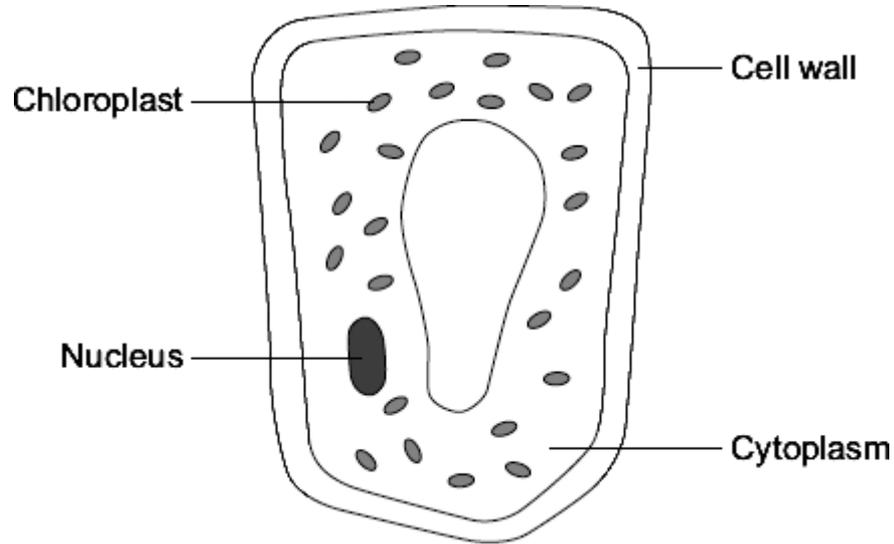
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Q1. The diagram shows a plant cell from a leaf.



(a) **List A** gives the names of three parts of the cell. **List B** gives the functions of parts of the cell.

Draw a line from each part of the cell in **List A** to its function in **List B**.

List A Parts of the cell	List B Functions
Nucleus	Where most of the chemical reactions take place
Cytoplasm	Absorbs light energy to make food
Chloroplast	Strengthens the cell
	Controls the activities of the cell

(3)

(b) Respiration takes place in the cell.

Draw a ring around the correct answer to complete the sentence.



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All cells use respiration to release

energy

oxygen.

sugar.

(1)
(Total 4 marks)



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Q2. The photograph shows an athlete at the start of a race.



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(a) The athlete's sense organs contain special cells. These special cells detect changes in the environment.

(i) **List A** shows changes in the environment.

List B shows some of the athlete's sense organs.

Draw **one** line from each change in the environment in **List A** to the sense organ detecting the change in **List B**.

List A Change in the environment	List B Sense organ
Sight of the finishing line	Ear
Sound of the starting gun	Nose
Pressure of the ground on the fingers	Eye
	Skin



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(ii) Which cells detect changes in the environment?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Gland cells

Muscle cells

Receptor cells

(1)

(b) During the race, the concentration of sugar in the athlete's blood decreases.

Why?

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(1)

(c) Some athletes use anabolic steroids to improve performance.

(i) Draw a ring around the correct answer to complete the sentence.

Anabolic steroids increase

breathing rate.
growth of muscles.
heart rate.

(1)

(ii) Sporting regulations ban the use of anabolic steroids.

Suggest **one** reason why.

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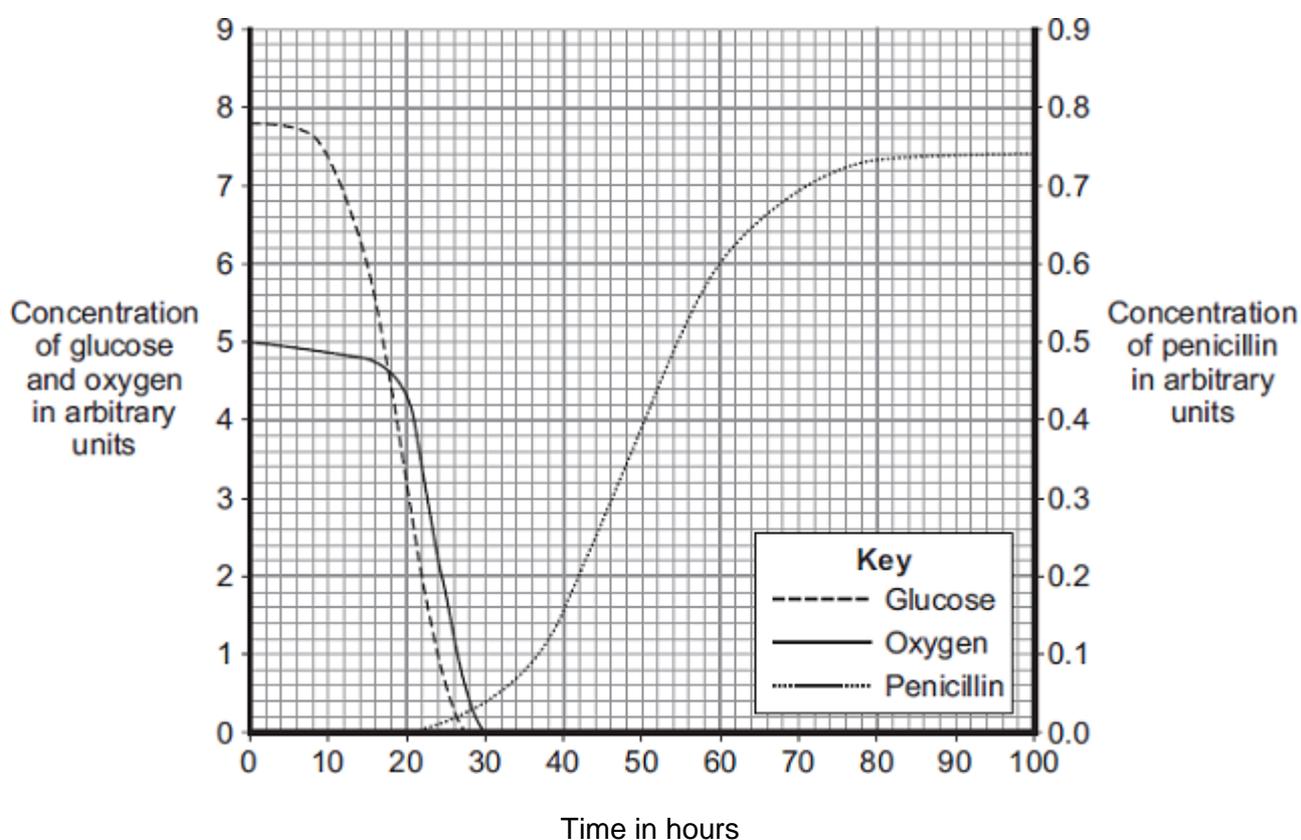
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(1)
(Total 7 marks)

Q3. The mould *Penicillium* can be grown in a fermenter. *Penicillium* produces the antibiotic penicillin.

The graph shows changes that occurred in a fermenter during the production of penicillin.



(a) During which time period was penicillin produced most quickly?

Draw a ring around **one** answer.

0 – 20 hours

40 – 60 hours

80 – 100 hours

(1)

(b) (i) Describe how the concentration of glucose in the fermenter changes between 0 and 30 hours.



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(2)

- (ii) How does the change in the concentration of oxygen in the fermenter compare with the change in concentration of glucose between 0 and 30 hours?

Tick (✓) **two** boxes.

The oxygen concentration changes after the glucose concentration.

The oxygen concentration changes before the glucose concentration.

The oxygen concentration changes less than the glucose concentration.

The oxygen concentration changes more than the glucose concentration.

(2)

- (iii) What is the name of the process that uses glucose?

Draw a ring around **one** answer.

distillation

filtration

respiration

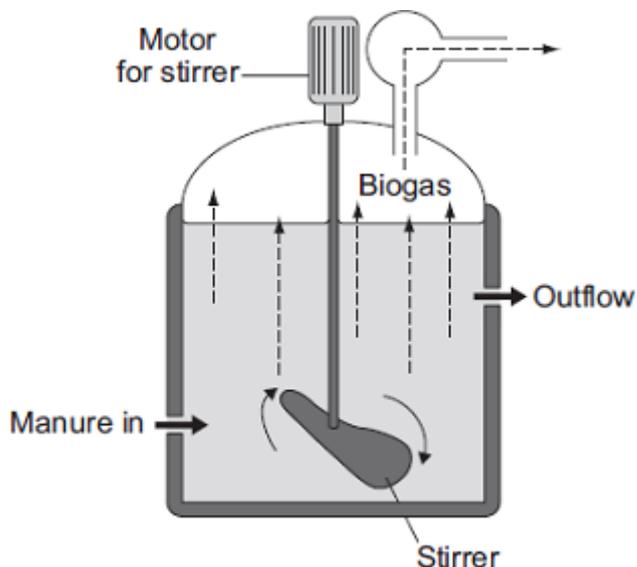
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Q4. The diagram shows one type of biogas generator.



- (a) With this type of biogas generator, the concentration of solids that are fed into the reactor must be kept very low.

Suggest **one** reason for this.

Tick (✓) **one** box.

A higher concentration contains too little oxygen.

A higher concentration would be difficult to stir.

A higher concentration contains too much carbon dioxide.

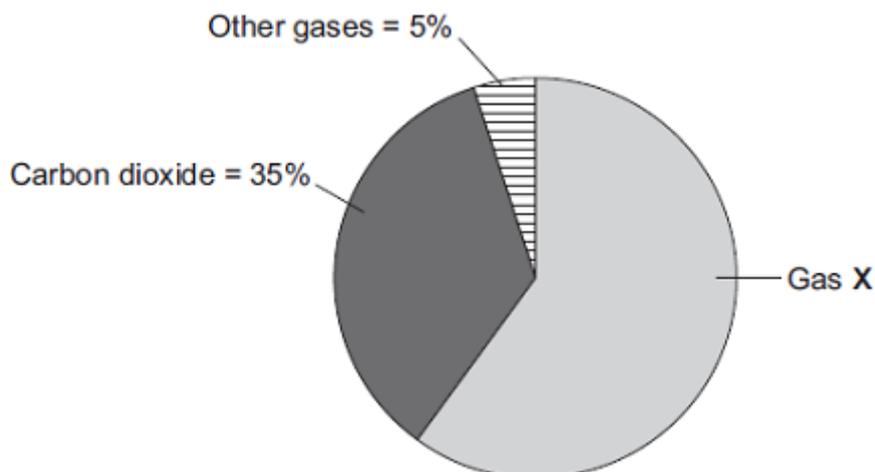
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- (b) The pie chart shows the percentages of the different gases found in the biogas.



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Gas **X** is the main fuel gas found in the biogas.

- (i) What is the name of gas **X**?

Draw a ring around **one** answer.

methane

nitrogen

oxygen

(1)

- (ii) What is the percentage of gas **X** in the biogas?

Show clearly how you work out your answer.

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Percentage of gas **X** =

(2)

- (c) If the biogas generator is not airtight, the biogas contains a much higher percentage of carbon dioxide.

Draw a ring around **one** answer in each part of this question.

- (i) The air that leaks in will increase the rate of

aerobic respiration.

anaerobic respiration.



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fermentation.

(1)

(ii) The process in part (c)(i) occurs because the air contains

ammonia.

nitrogen.

oxygen.

(1)

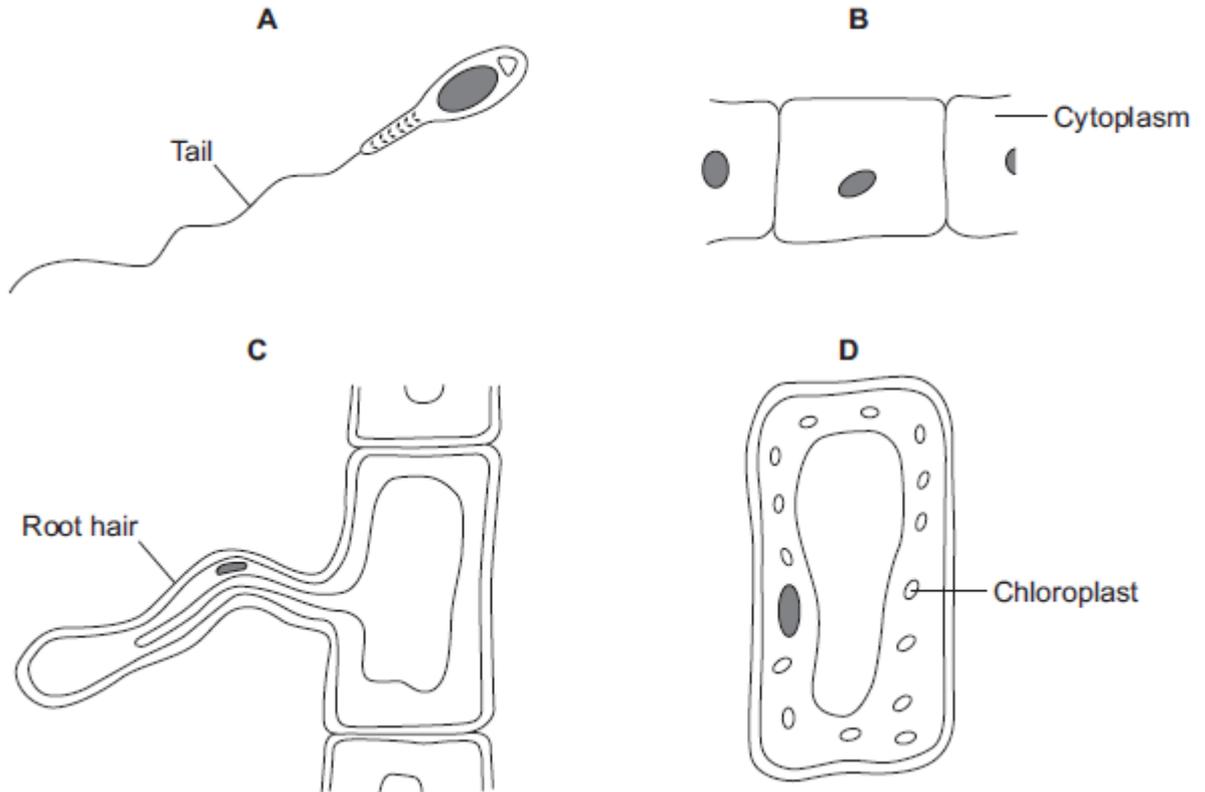
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Q5. The diagrams show four types of cell, **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**. Two of the cells are plant cells and two are animal cells.



(a) (i) Which **two** of the cells are plant cells?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

A and B

A and D

C and D

(1)

(ii) Give **one** reason for your answer.

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(1)

(b) (i) Which cell, **A**, **B**, **C** or **D**, is adapted for swimming?

(1)

(ii) Which cell, **A**, **B**, **C** or **D**, can produce glucose by photosynthesis?

(1)

(c) Cells **A**, **B**, **C** and **D** all use oxygen.

For what process do cells use oxygen?

Draw a ring around **one** answer.

osmosis

photosynthesis

respiration

(1)
(Total 5 marks)



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Q6. Scientists investigated how exercise affects blood flow to different organs in the body.

The scientists made measurements of blood flow to different organs of:

- a person resting in a room at 20°C
- the same person, in the same room, doing vigorous exercise at constant speed on an exercise cycle.

The table shows the scientists' results.

Organ	Blood flow in cm ³ per minute whilst ...	
	resting	doing vigorous exercise
Brain	750	750
Heart	250	1000
Muscles	1200	22 000
Skin	500	600
Other	3100	650

(a) In this investigation, it was better to do the exercise indoors on an exercise cycle than to go cycling outdoors on the road.

Suggest **two** reasons why.

Do **not** include safety reasons.

1

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2

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(2)

(b) Blood flow to **one** organ did **not** change between resting and vigorous exercise.

Which organ?



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(1)

- (c) (i) How much more blood flowed to the muscles during vigorous exercise than when resting?

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Answer = cm³ per minute

(2)

- (ii) Name **two** substances needed in larger amounts by the muscles during vigorous exercise than when resting.

1

2

(2)

- (iii) Tick (✓) **one** box to complete the sentence.

The substances you named in part (c)(ii) helped the muscles to

make more lactic acid.

respire aerobically.

make more glycogen.

(1)

- (iv) The higher rate of blood flow to the muscles during exercise removed larger amounts of waste products made by the muscles.

Which **two** substances need to be removed from the muscles in larger amounts during vigorous exercise?



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Tick (✓) **two** boxes.

Amino acids	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carbon dioxide	<input type="checkbox"/>
Glycogen	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lactic acid	<input type="checkbox"/>

(2)

- (d) The total blood flow was much higher during exercise than when resting.

One way to increase the total blood flow is for the heart to pump out a larger volume of blood each beat.

Give **one** other way to increase the blood flow.

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(1)

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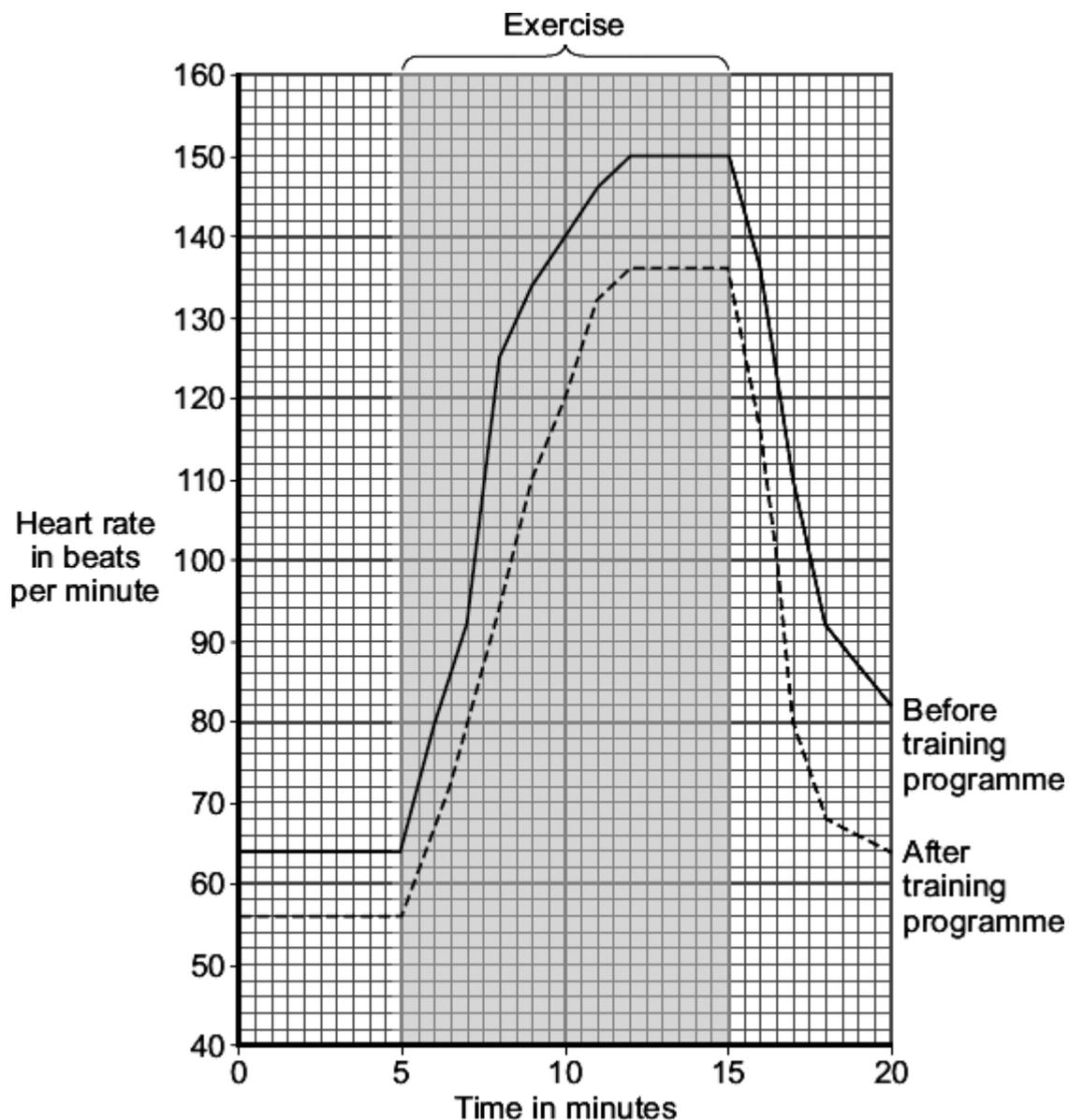


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Q7. An athlete did a 6-month training programme.

The graph shows the effect of the same amount of exercise on his heart rate before and after the training programme.



- (a) (i) What was the maximum heart rate of the athlete during exercise before the training programme?

..... beats per minute

(1)

- (ii) Give **two** differences between the heart rate of the athlete before and after the training programme.



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After the training programme

Difference 1

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Difference 2

.....

(2)

- (b) Which **two** substances need to be supplied to the muscles in larger amounts during exercise?

Tick (✓) **two** boxes.

Carbon dioxide

Glucose

Lactic acid

Oxygen

Urea

(2)
(Total 5 marks)



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Q8. This question is about what happens during decay.

Draw a ring around the correct word to complete each sentence.

(a) After living things die, they are decayed by

animals.
microorganisms.
plants.

(1)

(b) Decay happens faster when there is plenty of oxygen and conditions are

cold.
dry.
moist.

(1)

(c) During decay carbon dioxide is produced by

osmosis.
respiration.
photosynthesis.

(1)

(d) Decay releases mineral salts into the soil.

These mineral salts are absorbed by plant

leaves.
roots.
stems.

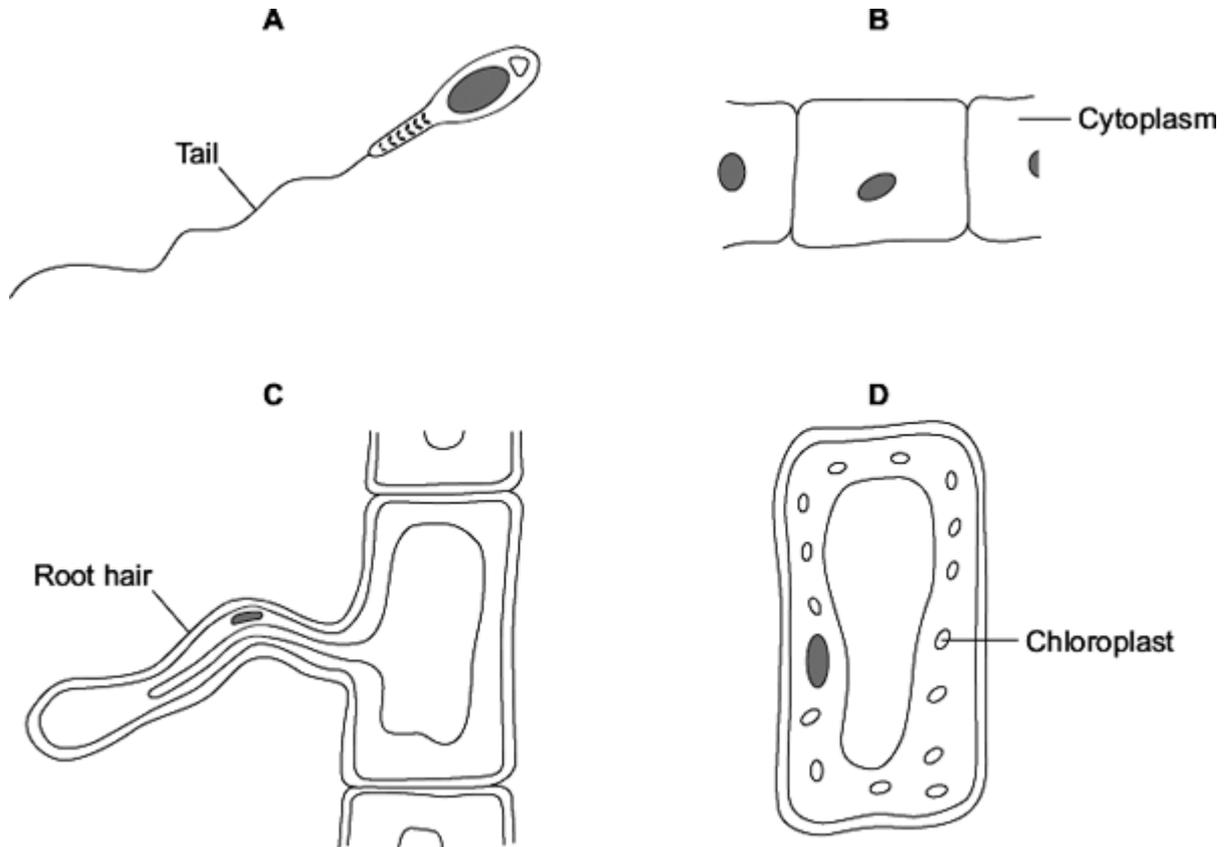
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- Q9.** The diagrams show four types of cell, **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**.
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- (a) (i) Which **two** of the cells are plant cells?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

A and B

A and D

C and D



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(ii) Which part is found **only** in plant cells?

Draw a ring around **one** answer.

cell membrane

cell wall

nucleus

(1)

(b) (i) Which cell, **A, B, C** or **D**, is adapted for swimming?

(1)

(ii) Which cell, **A, B, C** or **D**, can produce glucose by photosynthesis?

(1)

(c) Cells **A, B, C** and **D** all use oxygen.

For what process do cells use oxygen?

Draw a ring around **one** answer.

osmosis

photosynthesis

respiration

(1)
(Total 5 marks)



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Q10. Muscles need energy during exercise.

Draw a ring around the correct answer in parts (a) and (b) to complete each sentence.

(a) (i) The substance stored in the muscles and used during exercise is

glycogen.
lactic acid.
protein.

(1)

(ii) The process that releases energy in muscles is

digestion.
respiration.
transpiration.

(1)

(b) The table shows how much energy is used by two men of different masses when swimming at different speeds.

Speed of swimming in metres per minute	Energy used in kJ per hour	
	34 kg man	70 kg man
25	651	1155
50	1134	2103

(i) When the 34 kg man swims at 50 metres per minute instead of at 25 metres per minute,

the extra energy he uses each hour is

36 kJ.
483 kJ.
948 kJ.

(1)



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- (ii) When swimming at 50 metres per minute, each man's heart rate is faster than when swimming at 25 metres per minute.

A faster heart rate helps to supply the muscles with more

carbon dioxide.
glycogen.
oxygen.

(1)

- (iii) During the exercise the arteries supplying the muscles would

constrict.
dilate.
pump
harder.

(1)

- (c) When a person starts to swim, the breathing rate increases.

Give **one** way in which this increase helps the swimmer.

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(1)
(Total 6 marks)