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**GRADE 10**

**LIFE SCIENCES**

**COMMON TEST**

**MARCH 2020**

**MARKS: 60**

**TIME: 1 hour**

**This question paper consists of 9 pages.**

**INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION**

Read the following instructions carefully before answering the questions.

1. Answer ALL the questions.
2. Write ALL the answers in the ANSWER BOOK.
3. Start the answers to each question at the top of a NEW page.
4. Number the answers correctly according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
5. Present your answers according to the instructions of each question.
6. Do ALL drawings in pencil and label them in blue or black ink.
7. Draw diagrams, tables or flow charts only when asked to do so.
8. The diagrams in this question paper are NOT necessarily drawn to scale.
9. Do NOT use graph paper.
10. You may use a non-programmable calculator, protractor and a compass.
11. Write neatly and legibly.

**SECTION A****QUESTION 1**

1.1 Various options are provided as possible answers to the following questions. Choose the answer and write only the letter (A to D) next to the question number (1.1.1 to 1.1.3) in the ANSWER BOOK, for example 1.1.4 D.

1.1.1 Which ONE of the following is INCORRECT about functions of mitosis?

- A Repairs damaged tissues
- B Replaces dead cells
- C Halves number of chromosomes
- D Promotes growth

1.1.2 The organelles that synthesise proteins are called ...

- A ribosomes.
- B mitochondria.
- C chloroplasts.
- D nucleoli.

1.1.3 When viewing a specimen, the total magnification is 400x. If the magnification on the eyepiece is 10x then the magnification on the objective lens is ...

- A 4x.
- B 40x.
- C 200x.
- D 400x.

(3 x 2) (6)

1.2 Give a correct **biological term** for each of the descriptions below.

1.2.1 Yellowing of leaves due to lack of chlorophyll.

1.2.2 A carbohydrate that forms part of cell wall.

1.2.3 The movement of gas molecules from a region of high concentration to a region of low concentration.

1.2.4 A bone disease that affects children because of a lack of vitamin D in their diets.

1.2.5 The element needed in a diet in order to prevent anaemia.

(5 x 1) (5)

1.3 Indicate whether each of the descriptions in COLUMN I applies to **A ONLY**, **B ONLY**, **BOTH A AND B** or **NONE** of the items in COLUMN II. Write **A only**, **B only**, **both A and B**, or **none** next to the question number (1.3.1 to 1.3.3) in the ANSWER BOOK.

	COLUMN I	COLUMN II
1.3.1	DNA replication takes place	A: Prophase B: Telophase
1.3.2	A macro-nutrient that keeps bones and teeth strong	A: Potassium B: Calcium
1.3.3	Element present in proteins but not in carbohydrates	A: Carbon B: Nitrogen

(2 x 3) (6)

1.4 Study the table below showing the results of different food tests.

FOOD TYPE	BENEDICT'S TEST	IODINE SOLUTION TEST
X	Blue	Blue -black
Y	Orange	Blue-black
Z	Orange	Brown

1.4.1 Which ONE of the following food types (X, Y and Z) contains:

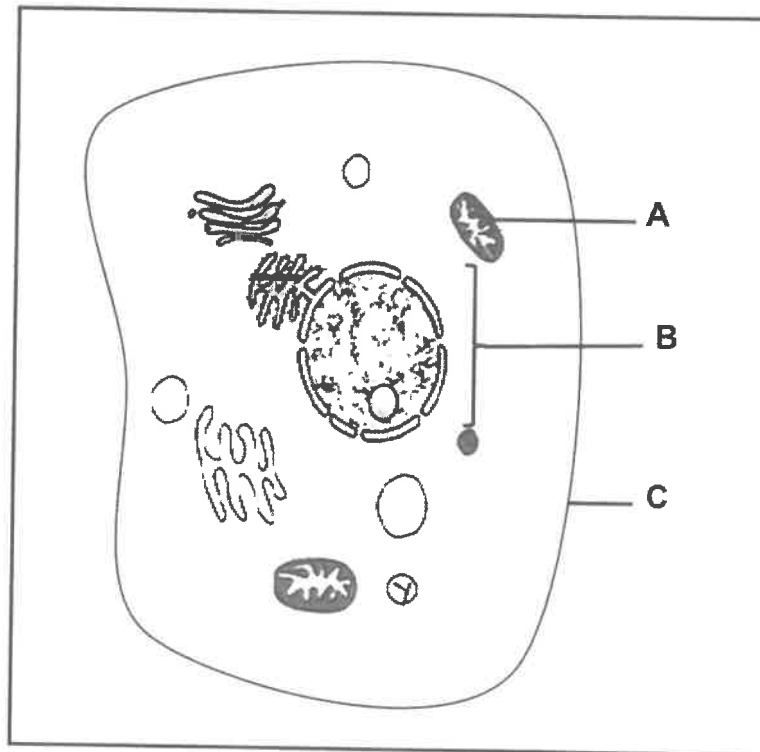
(a) Starch only? (1)

(b) Glucose only? (1)

(c) Glucose and starch? (1)  
(3)

**SECTION B****QUESTION 2**

2.1 Study the diagram of a cell below.

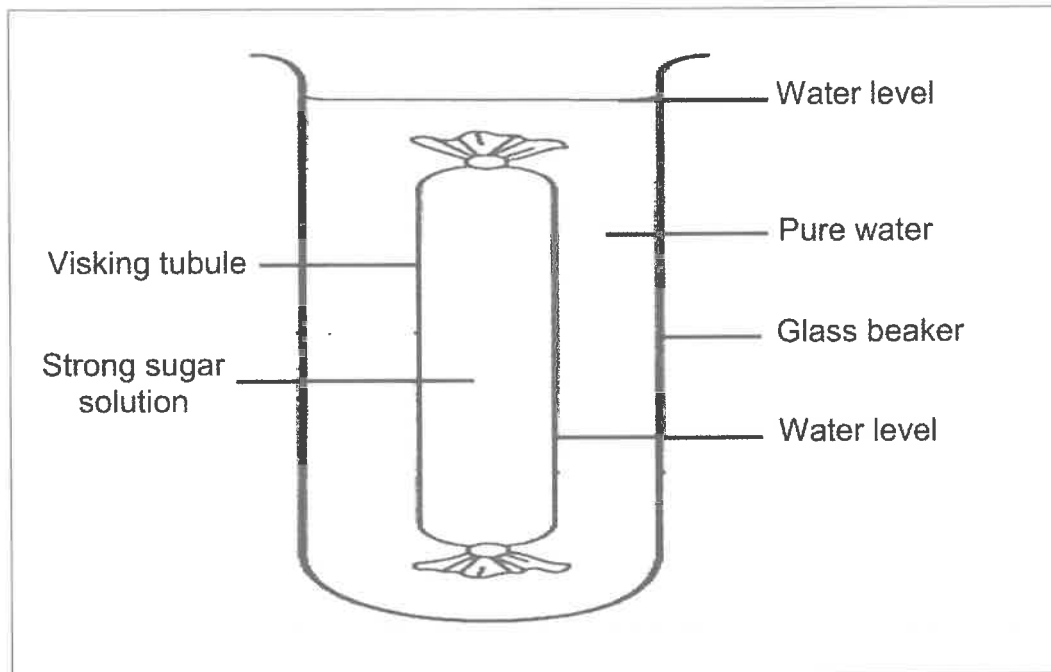


- 2.1.1 Is this a diagram of a plant or animal cell? (1)
- 2.1.2 Give THREE reasons for your answer in QUESTION 2.1.1 (3)
- 2.1.3 Identify part:
- (a) **A** (1)
- (b) **B** (1)
- 2.1.4 State ONE function of part **A**. (1)
- 2.1.5 Explain what would happen to a cell if part **C** becomes impermeable. (2)
- (9)**

2.2 Grade 10 learners set up the apparatus below in the school laboratory using visking tubing. (visking tubing allows water to move in and out like the cell membrane of the cell).

The learners:

- Recorded the level of the water in the beaker before the start of investigation.
- After 2 hours there was a change in the level of water in the glass beaker and the solution in the visking tubing.

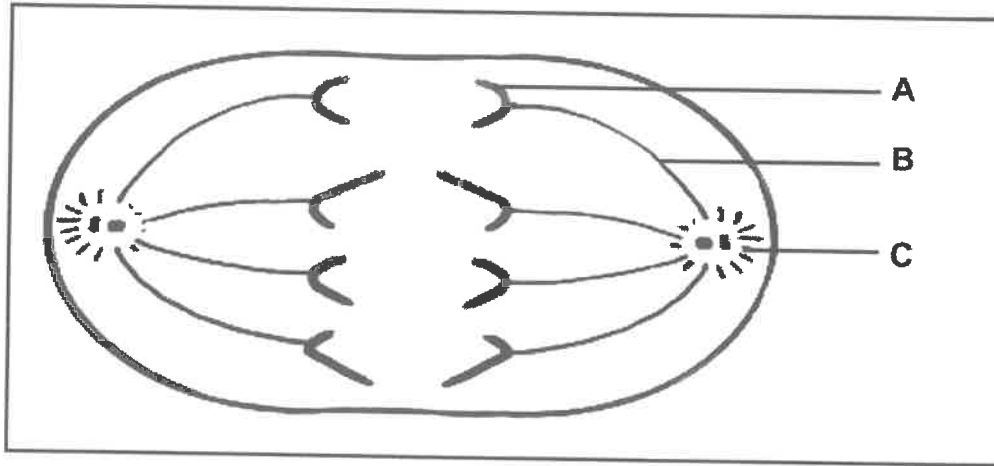


2.2.1 State the process that is investigated in the diagrams above. (1)

2.2.2 Explain the changes that were observed in the level of the strong sugar solution in the visking tubing and the pure water in the glass beaker. (4)

(5)

2.3 Study the diagram below showing a phase during mitosis.



- 2.3.1 Describe the events that take place in the phase which occurs before the one shown above. (2)
- 2.3.2 Give the LETTER and NAME of the part that contains genetic material. (2)
- 2.3.3 How many chromosomes:
- (a) Will be present in the daughter cells at the end of mitosis? (1)
  - (b) Were present in the cell before mitosis began? (1)

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