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**MATERIALS**

**For this paper you must have:**

- a ruler
- a protractor
- a scientific calculator
- the periodic table (enclosed)
- the Physics Equations Sheet (enclosed).

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Pencil should only be used for drawing.
- Answer ALL questions in the spaces provided. Do not write on blank pages.
- If you need extra space for your answer(s), use the lined pages at the end of this book. Write the question number against your answer(s).
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.
- In all calculations, show clearly how you work out your answer.



## **INFORMATION**

- **The maximum mark for this paper is 100.**
- **The marks for questions are shown in brackets.**
- **You are expected to use a calculator where appropriate.**
- **You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.**

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Bees feed on sugar solution produced by the flowers of plants.

FIGURE 1 shows a bee feeding on a flower.

FIGURE 1



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Why do bees feed on sugar solution? [1 mark]

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For gaseous exchange

To obtain energy

To provide proteins

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**Bees have a simple nervous system.**

**The bee nervous system has many similar features to the human nervous system.**

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**The antenna is a sense organ.**

**The antenna contains specialised cells that detect stimuli.**

**What are cells that detect stimuli called? [1 mark]**

**Tick (✓) ONE box.**

**Coordinators**

**Effectors**

**Receptors**



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When an antenna of a bee touches sugar solution the bee automatically sticks out its tongue.

What type of action is automatic? [1 mark]

Tick (✓) ONE box.

A conscious action

A delayed action

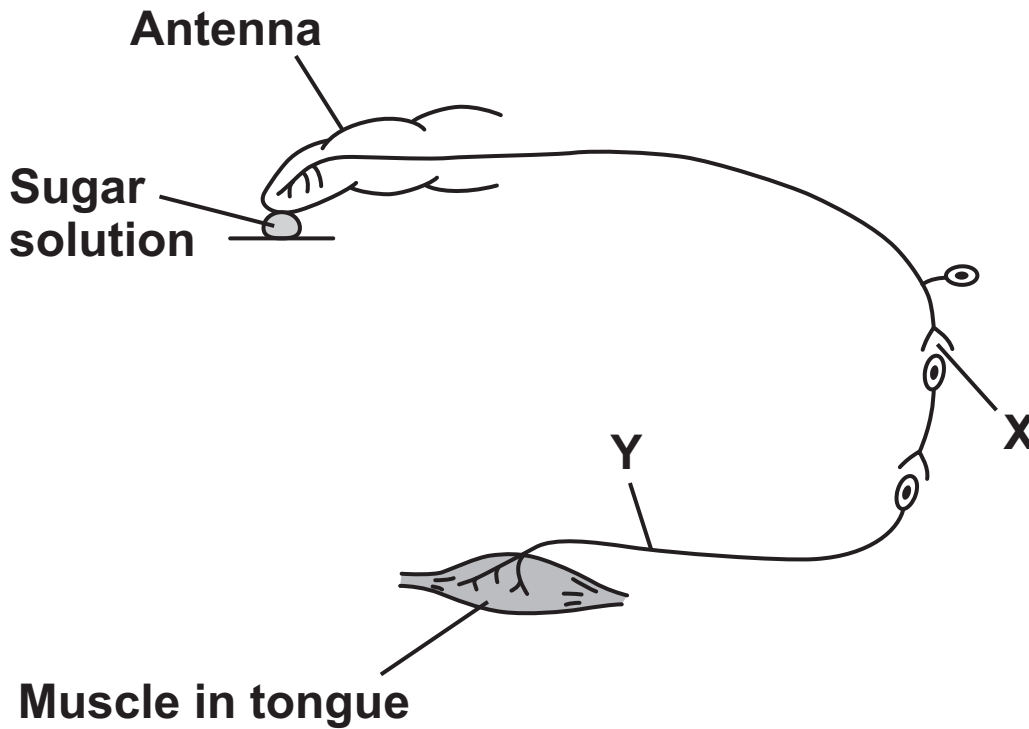
A reflex action

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**FIGURE 2** shows the nervous pathway taken when a bee antenna touches sugar solution.

**FIGURE 2**



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What is the gap labelled X? [1 mark]

Tick (✓) ONE box.

A gland

A synapse

An impulse





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What type of neurone is Y? [1 mark]

Tick (✓) ONE box.

Motor neurone

Relay neurone

Sensory neurone

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Eyes are sense organs that can detect electromagnetic radiation.

A bee's eye can detect ultraviolet radiation.

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Detecting ultraviolet radiation allows the bee to see the parts of the flower that produce sugar solution.

Why is it an advantage for bees to see the parts of the flower that produce sugar solution? [1 mark]

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**FIGURE 3 shows the electromagnetic spectrum.**

**FIGURE 3**





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Which letter shows the position of ultraviolet radiation in the electromagnetic spectrum? [1 mark]

Tick (✓) ONE box.

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Which part of the electromagnetic spectrum in  
FIGURE 3, on page 12, has the lowest frequency?  
[1 mark]

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The orca is a large animal that lives in the ocean.

FIGURE 4 shows an orca.

FIGURE 4



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Complete the sentence.

Choose the answer from the list. [1 mark]

COMMUNITY

HABITAT

POPULATION

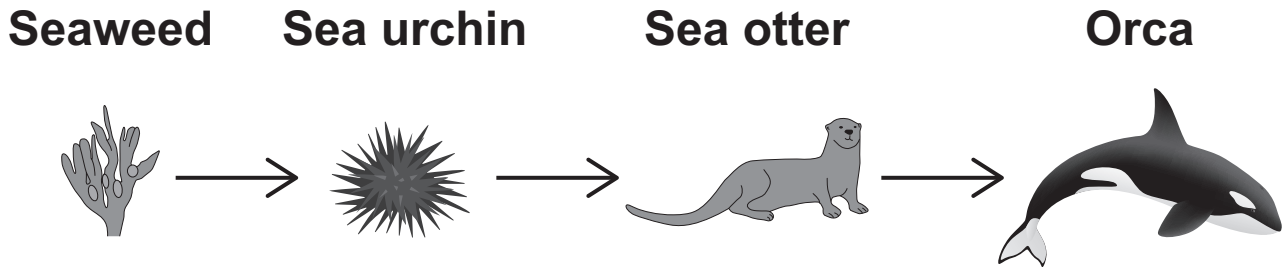
The ocean is the orca's \_\_\_\_\_ .

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FIGURE 5 shows a food chain.

FIGURE 5



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Draw ONE line from each organism to the description of that organism in the food chain.

Use information from FIGURE 5. [3 marks]

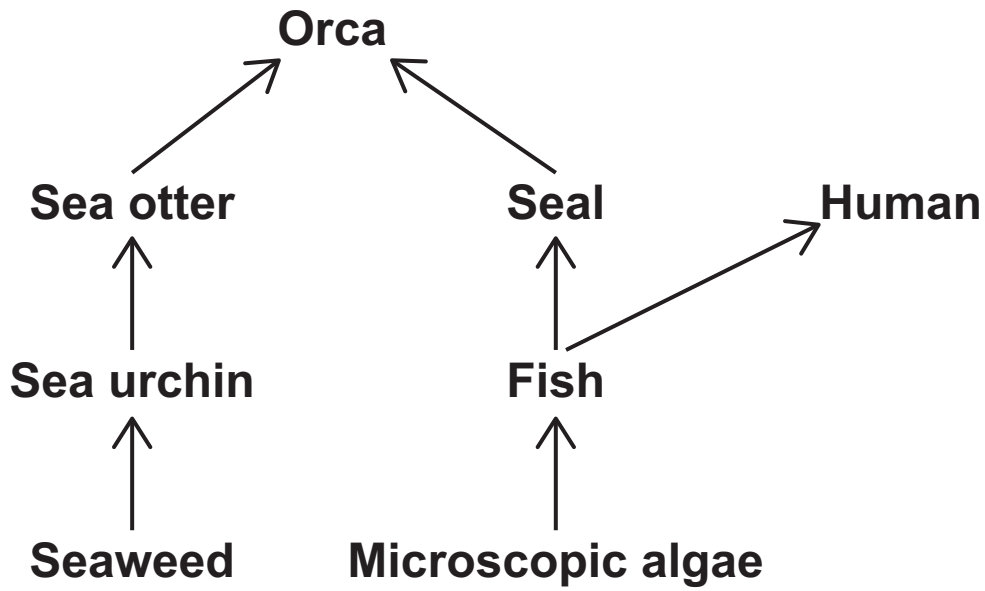
ORGANISM	DESCRIPTION
Orca	Primary consumer
Sea otter	Producer
Seaweed	Secondary consumer
	Tertiary consumer





FIGURE 6 shows a food web.

FIGURE 6



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**Seaweed and microscopic algae photosynthesis.**

**Give TWO factors that affect the rate of photosynthesis.  
[2 marks]**

1 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**The number of fish in the oceans has decreased since 1990.**

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**Suggest ONE way that human activity has caused the decrease in the number of fish. [1 mark]**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Explain how a decrease in the number of fish could affect the numbers of other organisms in the food web.**

**Use FIGURE 6 on page 17. [6 marks]**

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Pollutants in the atmosphere can be harmful to the environment and to human health.

Four pollutants in the atmosphere are:

- carbon monoxide
- oxides of nitrogen
- particulates
- sulfur dioxide.

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How is carbon monoxide produced? [1 mark]

Tick (✓) ONE box.

By carbon dioxide dissolving in water

From the incomplete combustion of hydrocarbon fuels

When carbonates form sedimentary rocks

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What is formed when sulfur dioxide dissolves in moisture in the air? [1 mark]

Tick (✓) ONE box.

Acid rain

Methane

Ozone

03.3

Complete the sentence. [1 mark]

Oxides of nitrogen are produced when fuels are burnt in air at a high \_\_\_\_\_ .



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Give ONE way that oxides of nitrogen can be harmful to human health. [1 mark]

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Particulates are classified into different groups depending on the diameter of the particulate.

TABLE 1 shows information about the different groups.

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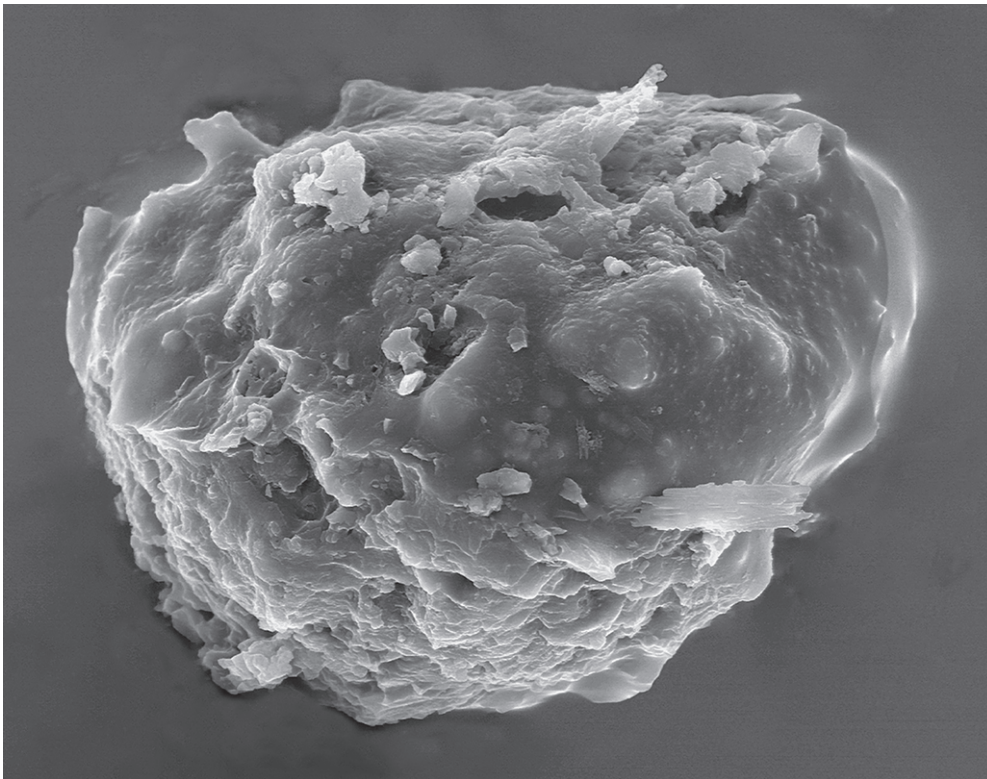
PARTICULATE GROUP	PARTICULATE DIAMETER IN MICROMETRES
PM <sub>10</sub>	Less than 10 and more than 2.5
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	Less than 2.5 and more than 0.1
PM <sub>0.1</sub>	Less than 0.1

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**FIGURE 7** shows a soot particle viewed using an electron microscope.

**FIGURE 7**





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The diameter of the soot particle in **FIGURE 7**, on page 24, is 1.5 micrometres.

Which particulate group does the soot particle belong to? [1 mark]

Use **TABLE 1**.

Tick (✓) **ONE** box.

**PM<sub>10</sub>****PM<sub>2.5</sub>****PM<sub>0.1</sub>****0 3 . 6**

Why is an electron microscope and **NOT** a light microscope used to view the soot particle? [1 mark]

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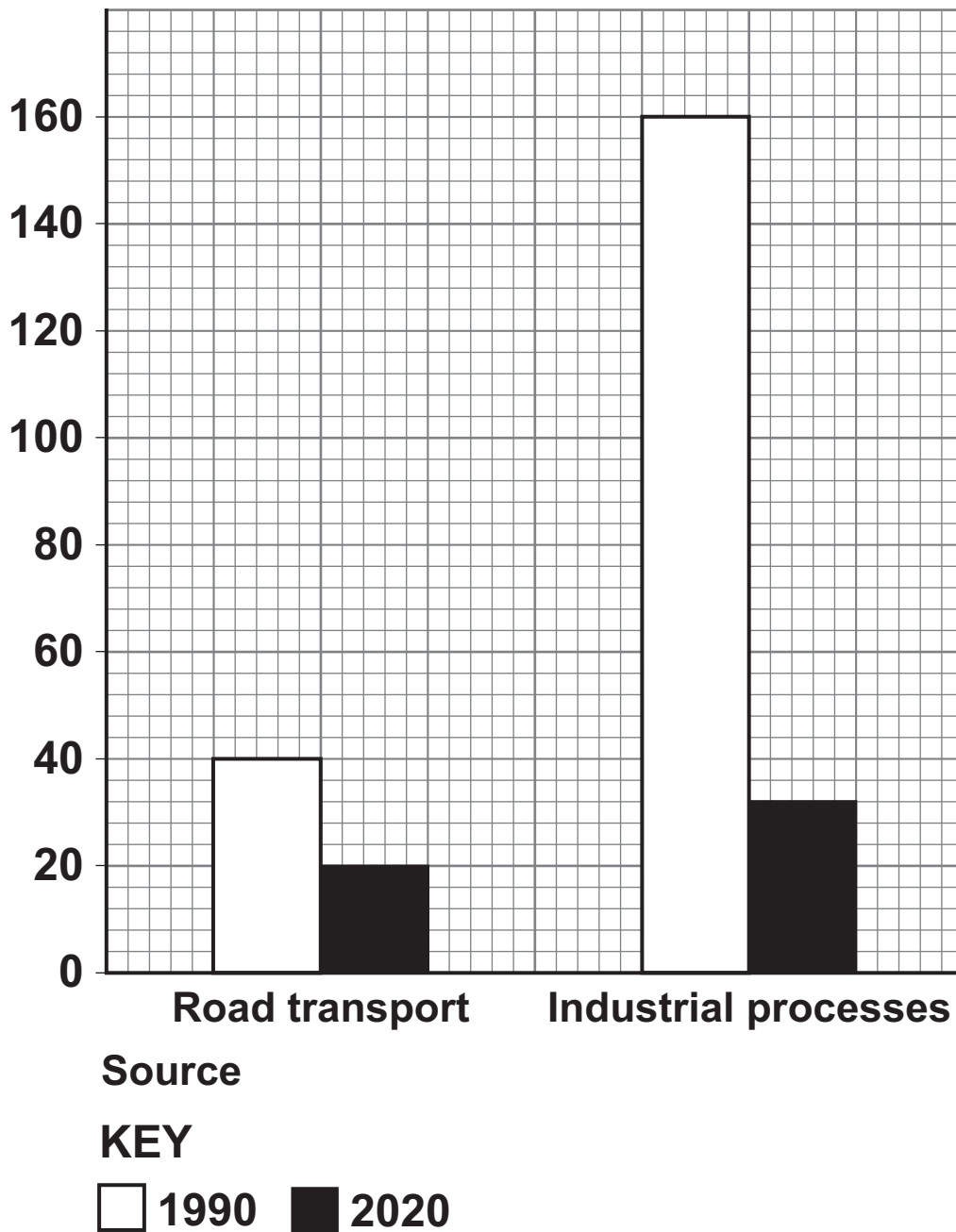
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**FIGURE 8** shows the emissions of particulates from two different sources in 1990 and in 2020.

**FIGURE 8**

**Emissions of particulates  
in millions of kilograms**



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Determine the difference between the emission of particulates from industrial processes and the emission of particulates from road transport in 1990.

Use FIGURE 8, on page 26. [3 marks]

Emission of particulates from industrial processes =

\_\_\_\_\_ millions of kilograms

Emission of particulates from road transport =

\_\_\_\_\_ millions of kilograms

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Difference in emissions of particulates in 1990 =

\_\_\_\_\_ millions of kilograms

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Give **THREE** conclusions from **FIGURE 8** on page 26.

[3 marks]

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Particulates can be harmful to people's health when breathed in.

Large particulates are prevented from getting into the lungs by the body's defences.

Complete the sentences.

Choose answers from the list. [2 marks]

ACIDS

CILIA

ENZYMES

MUCUS

SAP

The cells in the trachea and bronchi produce sticky

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The particulates are moved away from the lungs using

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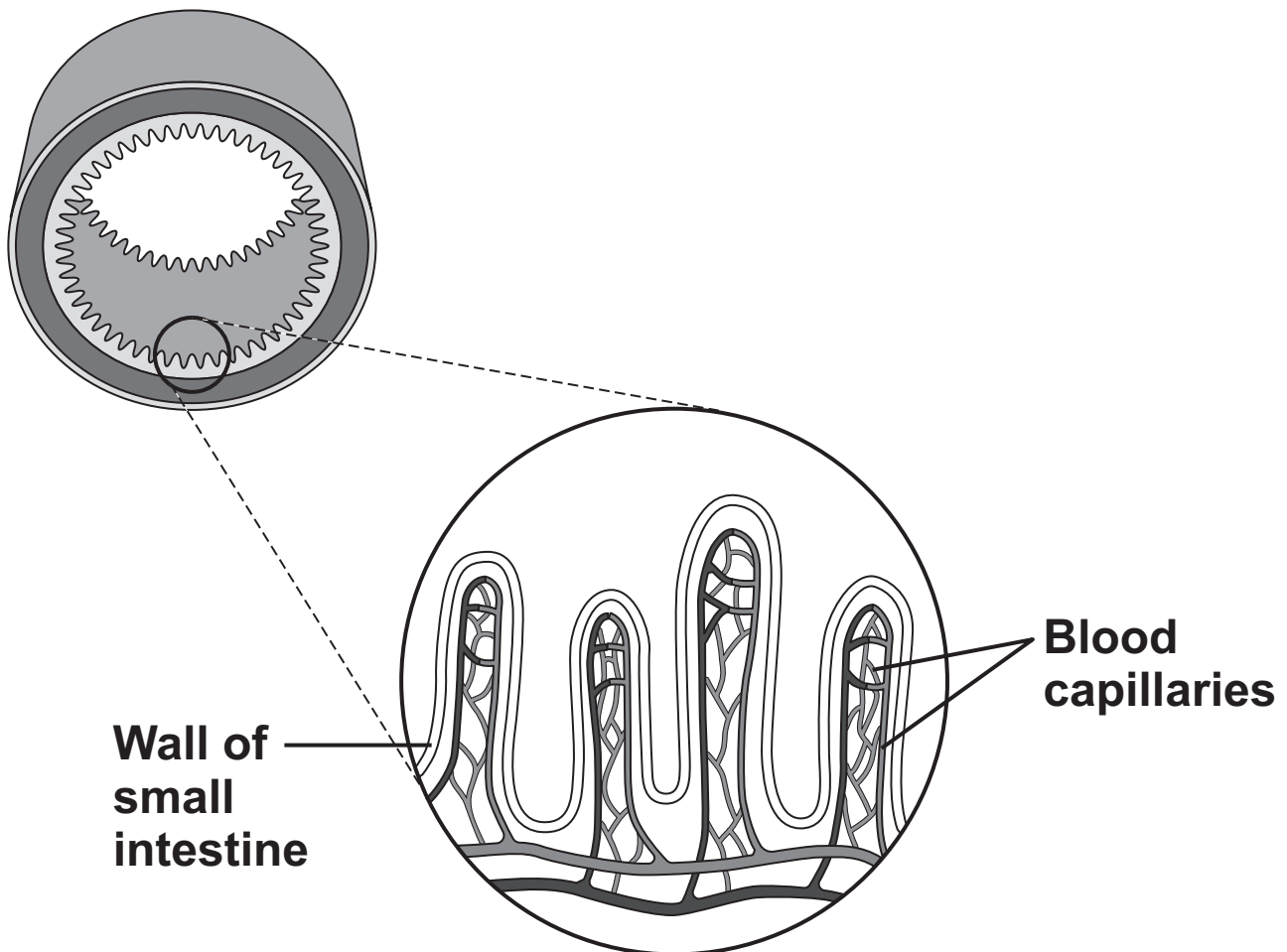
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Starch molecules are broken down into glucose molecules in the small intestine (gut).

The glucose molecules are absorbed across the wall of the small intestine into the blood.

FIGURE 9 shows part of the wall of the small intestine.

FIGURE 9



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Give TWO ways that the small intestine is adapted for the absorption of glucose into the blood.

Use FIGURE 9, on page 30. [2 marks]

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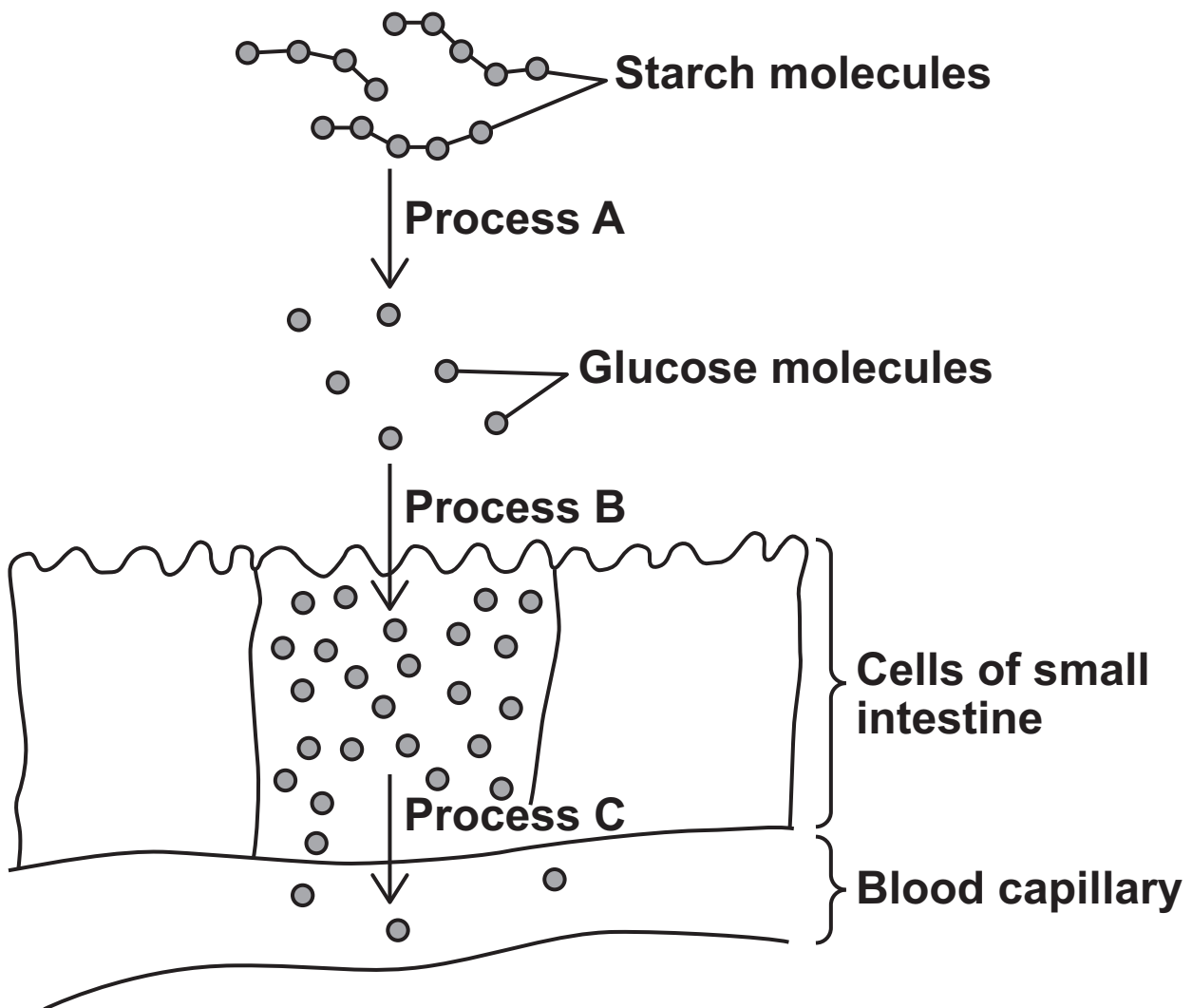
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**FIGURE 10 shows:**

- the breakdown of starch molecules
- the movement of glucose molecules across the wall of the small intestine.

**FIGURE 10**





04.2

Look at processes A, B and C in FIGURE 10, on page 32.

Complete the sentences.

Choose answers from the list. [3 marks]

ACTIVE TRANSPORT

EVAPORATION

DIFFUSION

DIGESTION

TRANSPIRATION

In process A, starch molecules are broken down into glucose by the process of

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In process B, glucose molecules move into the cells of the small intestine by

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In process C, glucose molecules move from the cells of the small intestine into the blood by

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Give ONE reason why starch molecules **CANNOT** be absorbed into the blood.

Use **FIGURE 10** on page 32. [1 mark]

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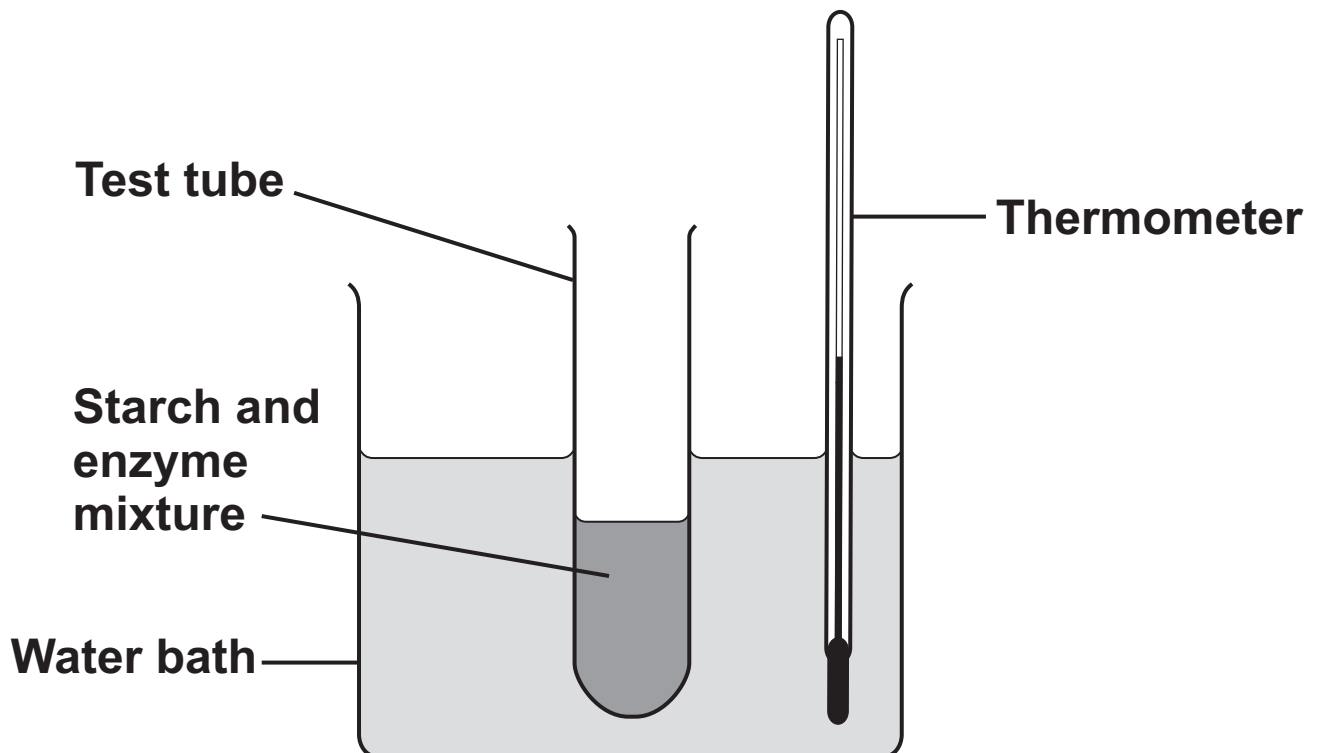
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A student investigated the breakdown of starch with an enzyme and without an enzyme.

FIGURE 11 shows the apparatus.

FIGURE 11



**This is the method used.**

- 1. Add 5 cm<sup>3</sup> of starch and enzyme mixture to a test tube.**
- 2. Place the test tube into a water bath at 37 °C.**
- 3. Remove one drop of the mixture every 60 seconds and test for starch using iodine solution.**
- 4. Repeat step 3 until the starch is broken down or until 20 minutes is reached.**
- 5. Repeat steps 1 to 4 another three times.**
- 6. Repeat steps 1 to 5 using 5 cm<sup>3</sup> of starch solution with no enzyme.**

**[Turn over]**



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What colour will the iodine solution change to when starch is present? [1 mark]

Tick (✓) ONE box.

Black

Orange

Red

White

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What is the dependent variable in this investigation? [1 mark]

Tick (✓) ONE box.

Temperature of the water bath

Time taken for starch to break down

Volume of the sample tested



**TABLE 2** shows the results for the starch and enzyme mixture.

**TABLE 2**

<b>TEST</b>	<b>TIME TAKEN FOR STARCH TO BREAK DOWN IN SECONDS</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>300</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>420</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>360</b>

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**0 4 . 6**

One of the results in TABLE 2, on page 39, is anomalous. [1 mark]

Which result is anomalous?

Tick (✓) ONE box.

300 s

420 s

60 s

360 s

**0 4 . 7**

What should the student do with the anomalous result? [1 mark]

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The student removed one drop of the mixture every 60 seconds and tested the drop for starch. [1 mark]

How could the student improve the method?

Tick (✓) ONE box.

Test for starch every 30 seconds

Test for starch every 3 minutes

Test for starch every 10 minutes

[Turn over]



**0 4 . 9**

Another student repeated the investigation.

TABLE 3 shows the results.

TABLE 3

STARCH SOLUTION	MEAN TIME TAKEN FOR STARCH TO BREAK DOWN
With enzyme	300 seconds
With NO enzyme	Starch not broken down after 20 minutes

Give ONE conclusion that can be made from the results.  
[1 mark]

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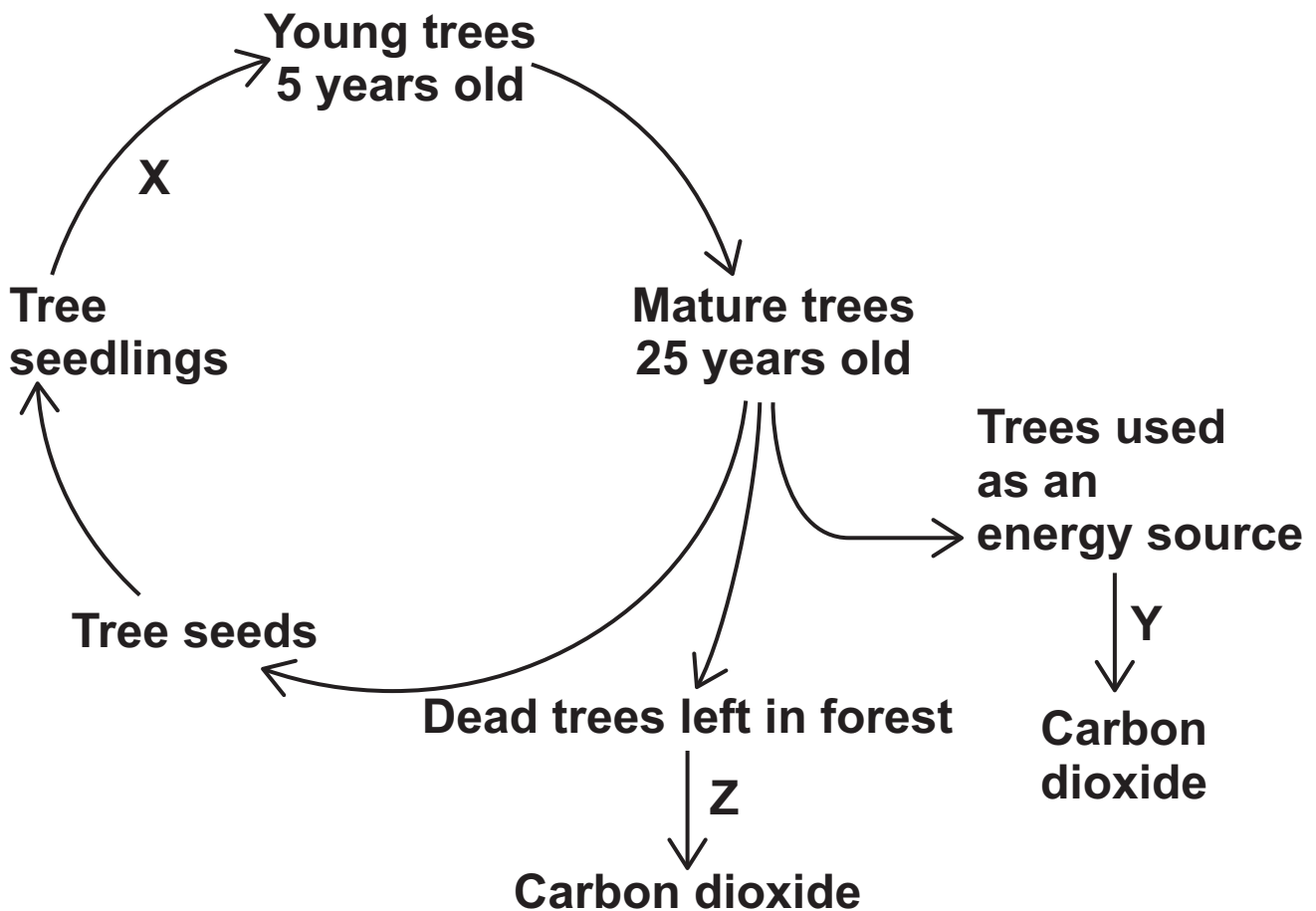
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In a managed forest:

- tree seedlings are regularly planted
- some trees are regularly removed.

FIGURE 12 shows information about the managed forest.

FIGURE 12



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Name the processes X, Y and Z in FIGURE 12, on page 44.

Choose answers from the list. [3 marks]

COMBUSTION

DECOMPOSITION

EVAPORATION

FERTILISATION

GROWTH

X \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Y \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Z \_\_\_\_\_  
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The dead trees are broken down during process Z.

What type of organism breaks down the dead trees?  
[1 mark]

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When dead trees are broken down:

- carbon dioxide is released into the atmosphere
- mineral ions are released into the soil.

Tree seedlings take in the carbon dioxide and the mineral ions.

Complete the sentences.

Choose answers from the list. [2 marks]

MERISTEMS

PHLOEM

ROOT HAIRS

STOMATA

XYLEM

Carbon dioxide enters the tree seedlings through

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Mineral ions enter the tree seedlings through

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[Turn over]



**A farmer removes some of the young trees from the managed forest every year.**

**0 5 . 4**

**Explain why removing some of the young trees allows the remaining trees to grow faster. [2 marks]**

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**0 5 . 5**

**Suggest ONE advantage to the farmer if the remaining trees grow faster. [1 mark]**

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Explain how growing trees reduces climate change.

You should refer to carbon dioxide in your answer.  
[3 marks]

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A scientist investigated the number of tree species in two forests in 1970 and 2000.

TABLE 4 shows the results.

TABLE 4

FOREST	NUMBER OF TREE SPECIES	
	1970	2000
A	26	24
B	28	22

Give TWO conclusions about the number of tree species in the forests in 1970 and 2000. [2 marks]

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The genetic material in a cell is made of DNA.

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A DNA molecule is made from two strands twisted around each other.

What scientific term describes the structure of DNA?  
[1 mark]

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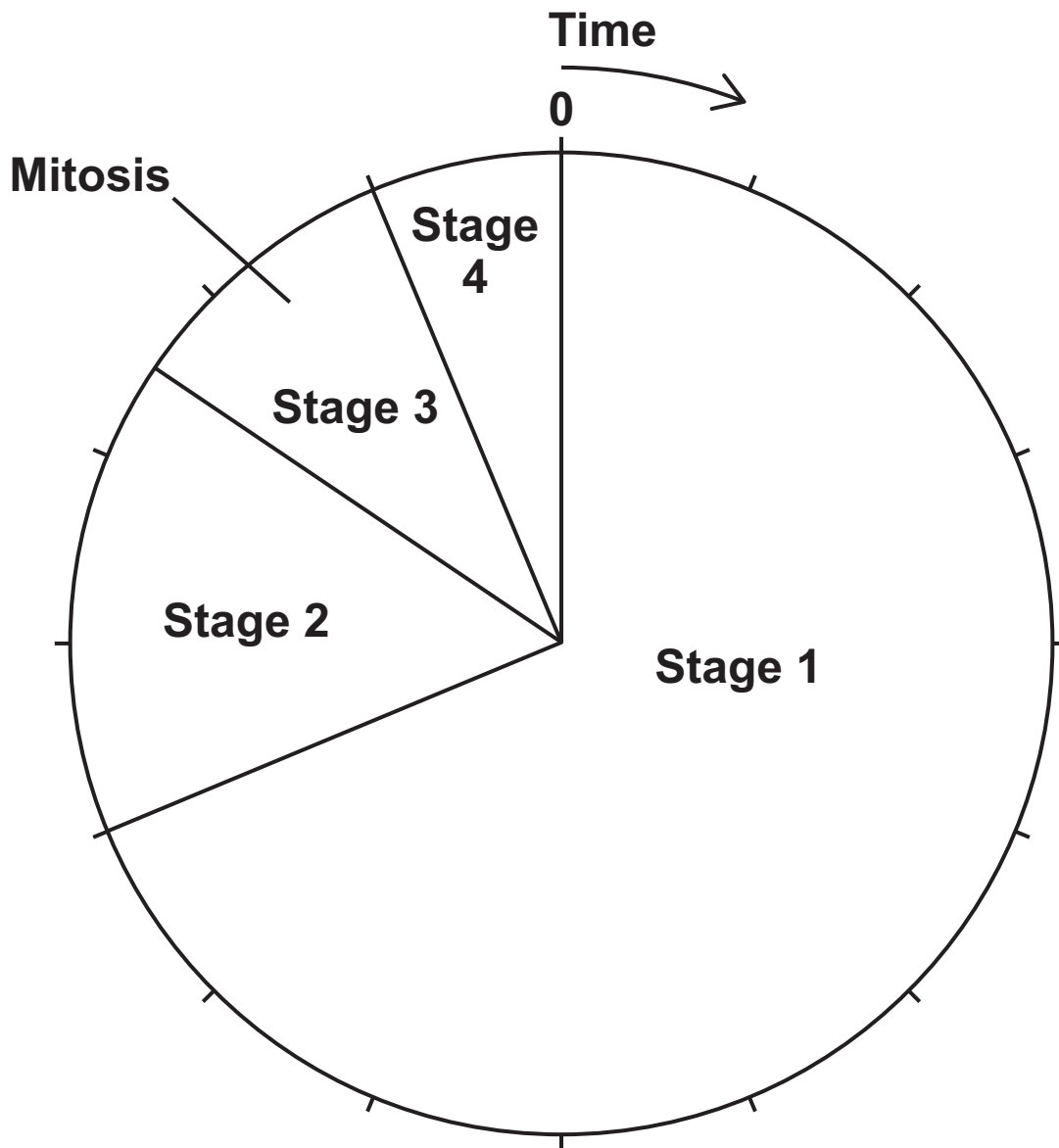
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Cells divide in a series of stages called the cell cycle.

FIGURE 13 shows a cell cycle for a human cell.

FIGURE 13



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06.2

What happens during the mitosis stage of the cell cycle? [1 mark]

Tick (✓) ONE box.

Chromosomes move to opposite ends of the cell.

Copies of the organelles are made.

The cell increases in size.

06.3

Before a cell divides by mitosis, the mass of DNA in the cell is 6 picograms.

What mass of DNA will be in each of the new cells at the end of cell division? [1 mark]

Tick (✓) ONE box.

3 picograms

6 picograms

12 picograms



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One cell takes 16 hours to divide and form two new cells.

Estimate the total number of cells produced from one cell at the end of 48 hours.

Use the following steps. [3 marks]

Calculate the number of divisions in 48 hours

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Calculate the number of cells after 48 hours

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Number of cells = \_\_\_\_\_

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Give ONE factor that can cause a mutation in DNA.

Do NOT refer to ionising radiation in your answer.  
[1 mark]

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A mutation in DNA may cause cells to become cancerous.

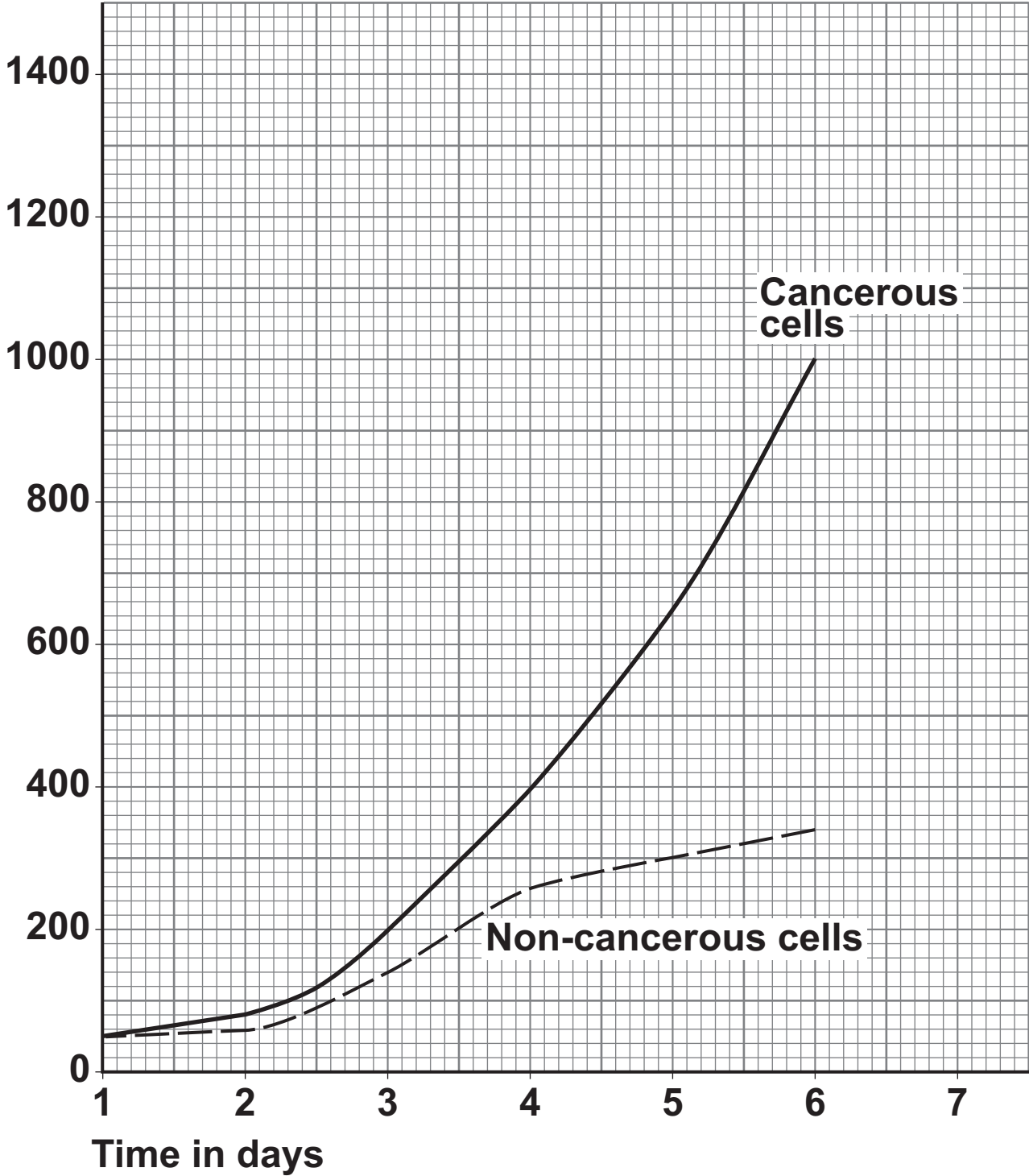
FIGURE 14, on page 57, shows the change in the number of cancerous cells and non-cancerous cells during 6 days.





FIGURE 14

Number of cells in thousands



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Describe **THREE** patterns shown in **FIGURE 14**.

Use data from **FIGURE 14** on page 57. [3 marks]

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Predict the number of non-cancerous cells on day 7 if the pattern from day 4 continued.

You should extend the line for non-cancerous cells on the graph in FIGURE 14 on page 57. [2 marks]

Number of cells = \_\_\_\_\_ thousand

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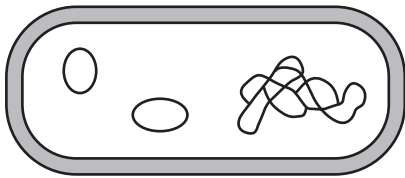
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All living organisms are made of cells.

FIGURE 15 shows two types of cell.

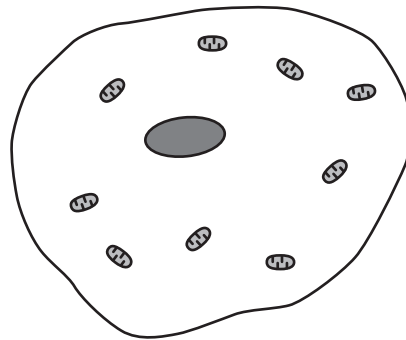
FIGURE 15

CELL A  
Bacterial cell



4.4 micrometres

CELL B  
Liver cell



28.6 micrometres

Not to scale

07.1

Calculate how many times longer the liver cell is than the bacterial cell. [2 marks]

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Number of times longer = \_\_\_\_\_



07.2

Compare the structure of cell A with the structure of cell B.

You should include similarities and differences in your answer.

Do NOT refer to cell size. [4 marks]

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In multicellular organisms, cells are organised into tissues.

What is meant by a 'tissue'? [1 mark]

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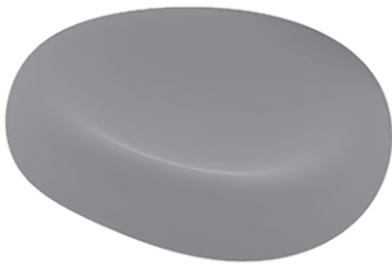


A scientist investigated the effect of different concentrations of sugar solution on red blood cells.

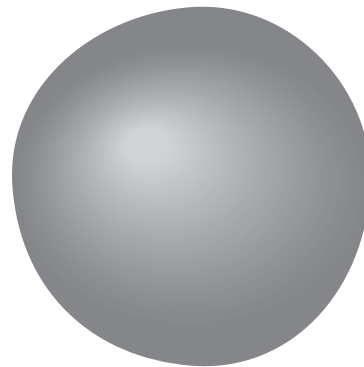
FIGURE 16 shows the effect of placing a red blood cell into a sugar solution.

**FIGURE 16**

**Red blood cell  
BEFORE** being placed  
in sugar solution



**Red blood cell AFTER**  
being placed in sugar  
solution



**[Turn over]**



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What conclusion can be made from the result in FIGURE 16 on page 63? [1 mark]

Tick (✓) ONE box.

The sugar solution was less concentrated than inside the cell.

The sugar solution was the same concentration as inside the cell.

The sugar solution was more concentrated than inside the cell.





**A student investigated the effect of different concentrations of sugar solution on the change in mass of plant tissue.**

**The student used pieces of potato.**

**0 7 . 5**

**Describe a method the student could use to produce valid results. [6 marks]**

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The student used a valid method.

The student calculated the percentage change in mass of the pieces of potato.

TABLE 5 shows the results.

**TABLE 5**

<b>CONCENTRATION OF SUGAR SOLUTION IN mol/dm<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>PERCENTAGE (%) CHANGE IN MASS</b>
<b>0.0</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>0.1</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>0.2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>0.3</b>	<b>-5</b>
<b>0.4</b>	<b>-10</b>
<b>0.5</b>	<b>-12</b>

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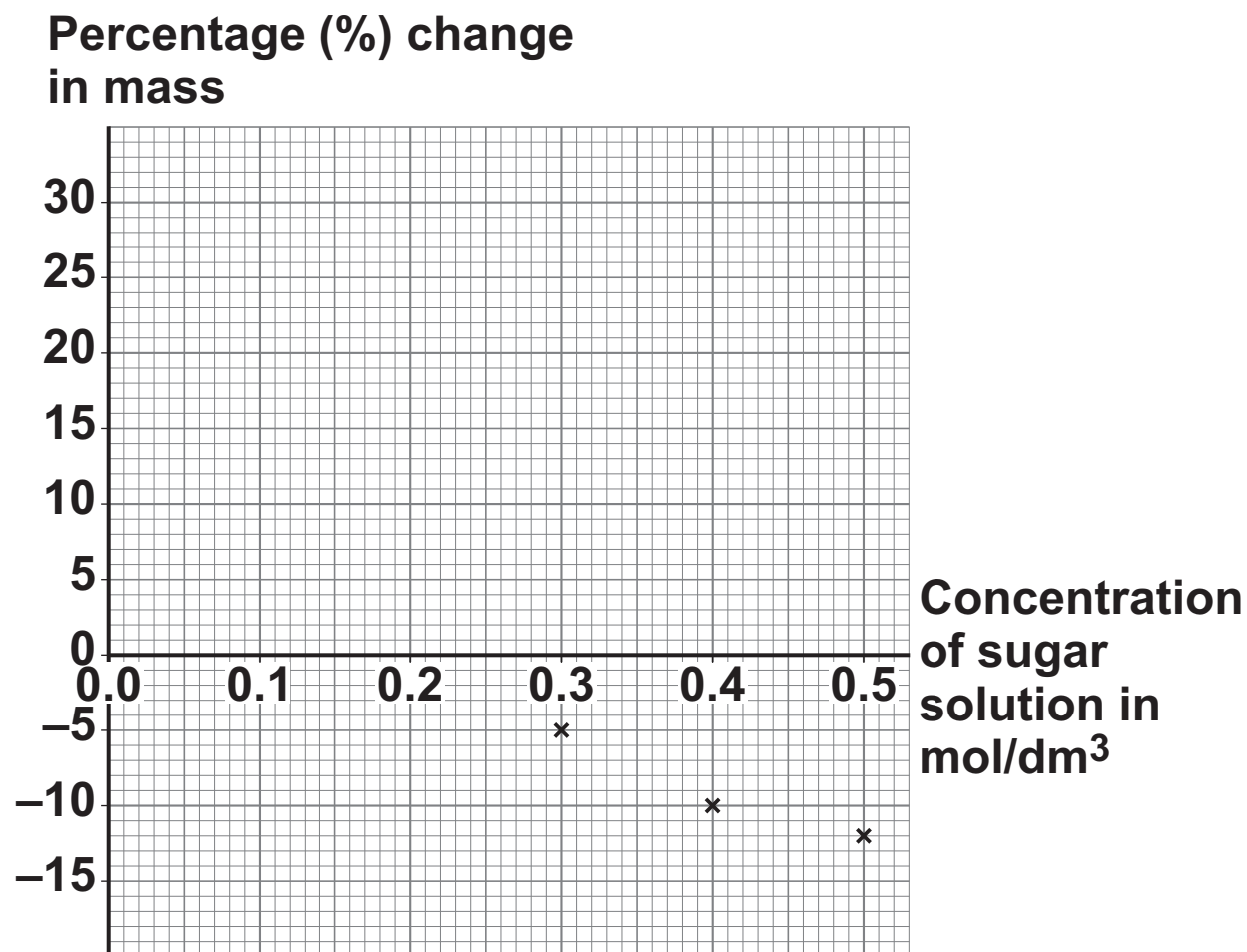
Complete FIGURE 17.

You should:

- plot the data from TABLE 5, on page 67
- draw a line of best fit.

Some of the results have been plotted for you.  
[2 marks]

FIGURE 17



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Determine the concentration of sugar solution that would cause no change in the mass of a piece of the potato.

Use FIGURE 17, on page 68. [1 mark]

Concentration of sugar solution =

\_\_\_\_\_ mol/dm<sup>3</sup>

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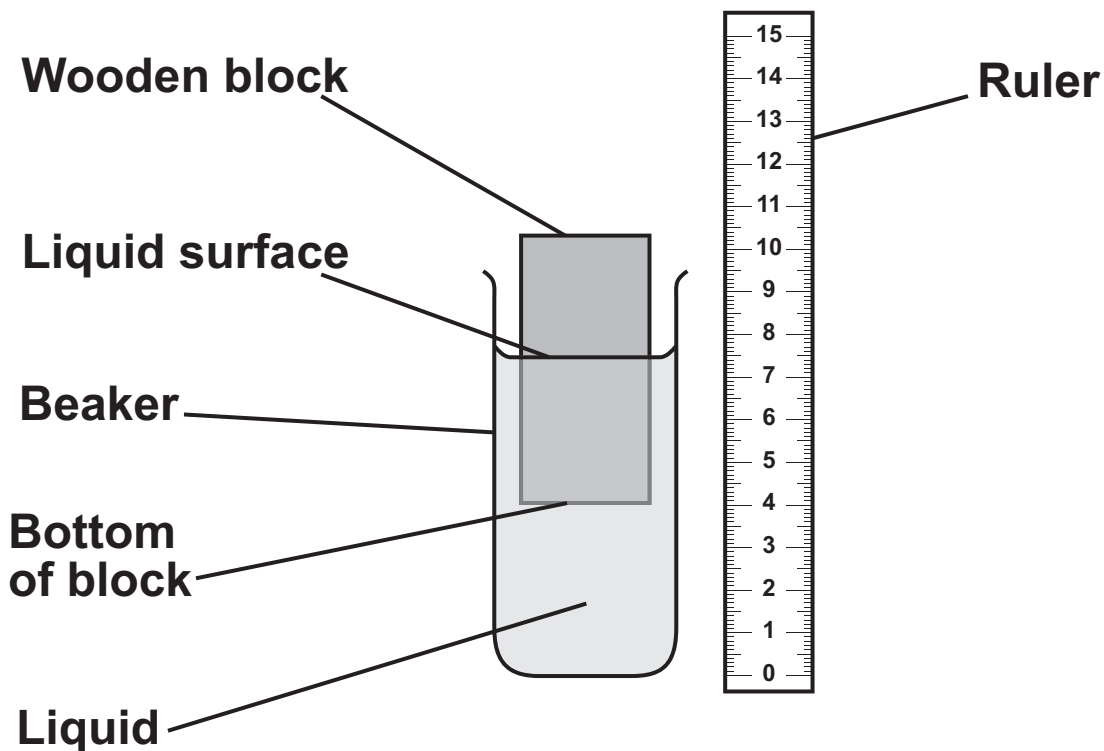


08

A student investigated how the density of a liquid affects the position of a wooden block floating in the liquid.

FIGURE 18 shows the apparatus.

FIGURE 18



This is the method used.

1. Put the wooden block in the beaker of liquid.
2. Allow the wooden block to come to rest so that it is floating in the liquid.
3. Measure the distance between the liquid surface and the bottom of the block.
4. Repeat steps 1 to 3 with liquids of different densities.



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Give the independent variable in the investigation.

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Give ONE control variable for the investigation.

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Give ONE possible source of error when the student measured the distance between the liquid surface and the bottom of the block. [1 mark]

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TABLE 6 shows the results.

TABLE 6

LIQUID	DENSITY OF LIQUID IN $\text{g/cm}^3$	DISTANCE BETWEEN LIQUID SURFACE AND BOTTOM OF THE BLOCK IN cm
A	1.4	5.5
B	1.2	6.4
C	1.0	7.7
D	0.9	8.5

Give ONE conclusion from the results. [1 mark]

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Use the Physics Equations Sheet to answer questions 08.5 and 08.6.

0 8 . 5

Which equation links density ( $\rho$ ), mass ( $m$ ) and volume ( $V$ )? [1 mark]

Tick (✓) ONE box.

$$\rho = m \times V$$

$$\rho = \frac{m}{V}$$

$$\rho = m \times V^3$$

$$\rho = \frac{V}{m}$$

[Turn over]



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The density of the wooden block was  $0.85 \text{ g/cm}^3$ .

The mass of the wooden block was  $30.6 \text{ g}$ .

Calculate the volume of the wooden block in  $\text{cm}^3$ .  
[3 marks]

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Volume of wooden block = \_\_\_\_\_  $\text{cm}^3$



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Liquid C is water.

When liquid water is heated to its boiling point the water changes state.

What happens to the density of the liquid water as it changes state? [2 marks]

Tick (✓) ONE box.

The density decreases

The density stays the same

The density increases

Give a reason for your answer.

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END OF QUESTIONS











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