



MARKING SCHEME
THE ROYAL EXAM SERIES

Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education



231/1 — BIOLOGY — Paper 1

1. How does growth as a characteristic of living organisms differ in plants and animals?

(2marks)

In plants growth occurs at meristematic tissues only ;while in animals growth occurs all over the body ;

1. a) State the role of active transport in animal nutrition

(1mark)

Reabsorbtion of sugars and some salts in the kidney

Absorption of digested food from the alimentary canal into the blood stream.

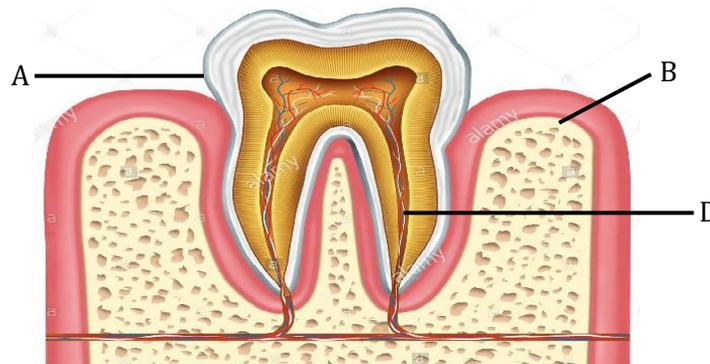
Excretion of waste products from body cells.

b) Cyanide lowers the rate of active transport. Explain?

(2marks)

cyanide is an enzyme inhibitor, it affects the rate of active transport

2. The figure below is a diagram of a vertical section of a mammalian tooth.



(i) Name the part labelled **A** and **B**.

(2 marks)

A *Enamel*

B *Gum*

(ii) State *two* ways in which structure **D** is adapted to its functions.

(2 marks)

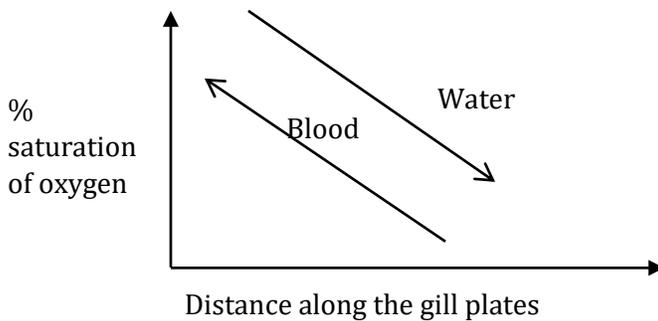
- *Contains blood vessels which supplies food nutrients and oxygen and remove carbon IV oxide and nitrogenous waste products;*

- *Contains nerve endings for sensitivity;*

(iii) List **two** ways of preventing gingivitis. (2 marks)

- Regular brushing of teeth;
- Proper exercise of the teeth by eating tough fibrous food;
- Eating foods that are rich in vitamin C

3. The figure below shows % saturation of oxygen in blood in fish as water passes along the gill plate.



(a) (i) Name the type of blood flow shown in the gill plate. (1mark)

Counter current flow

(ii) Explain the advantage of the type of flow named in a (i) above (2marks)

Creates a steep diffusion gradient; that enhances the rate of gaseous exchange across the gill filaments/ increases rate of gaseous exchange; through diffusion (Rej increases rate of gaseous exchange/enhances gaseous exchange alone)

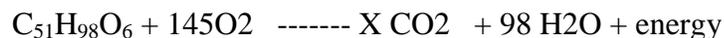
(b) State **two** organs in humans which display the type of flow named in a (i) above
Kidney; Placenta; Ileum

(2marks)

(c) State **two** ways in which floating leaves of aquatic plants are adapted to gaseous exchange (2marks)

- Stomata found only on upper epidermis to allow efficient gaseous exchange;
- Presence of large air-spaces/aerenchyma tissue to enable floating and storage of air;
- Lack cuticle to enhance gaseous exchange;

4. The equation below shows an oxidation reaction of food substances.



a) What do you understand by the term respiratory quotient? (1mark)

Volumetric relationship between Carbon (IV) oxide produced and oxygen consumed

- b) Determine respiratory quotient of the oxidation of food substance. **(2marks)**

$$R.Q = \frac{CO_2 \text{ produced}}{O_2 \text{ used up}}$$

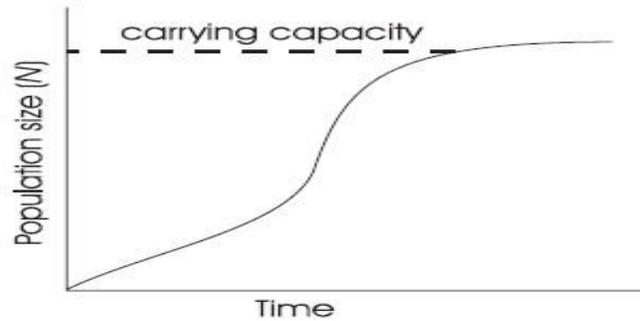
$$R.Q = \frac{102}{145}$$

$$R.Q = 0.7$$

- c) Identify the food substances. **(1mark)**

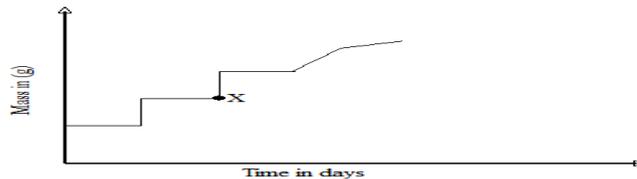
Fat/ Lipid

5. When any one of the growth parameters such as growth in size or weight, increase in number of cells are plotted in a graph against time like below, a clear curve is obtained



State its name **sigmoid curve** **(1mark)**

6. The graph below represents the growth in a certain phylum.



How does this differ from growth in humans? **(1mark)**

In humans it's continuous from time of birth to maturity when it slightly tails off while for this phylum it's discontinuous /in intervals with shedding of exoskeleton

7. The embryo of a dry, fully developed seed usually passes through a period of rest after ripening period and it cannot germinate even when provided with all favorable conditions. State the significance of this. **(2marks)**

Provides the seeds with enough time for dispersal so that they can germinate in suitable environment

Enables seeds to survive during adverse conditions
The embryo has time to develop until favourable conditions are available

8. a) Cowpeas seeds were placed in a vacuum flask and left for five days. What is the expected change in composition of gases in the flask on the sixth day? **(1mark)**

Decrease in oxygen and increase in carbon(IV)oxide

- b) Give a reason for your answer in (a) above **(1mark)**

Germinating seeds respire using oxygen and release carbon(IV)oxide

9. Biotechnologist works day a night to curb food insecurity using the knowledge of polyploidy in genetics. Explain the economic importance of such practice? **(2marks)**

Increases yields in plants

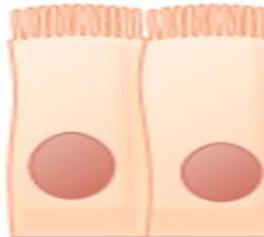
Cause early maturity in plants

Enhance resistance to pest, disease and drought

- b) Define a backcross? **(1 mark)**

A cross between an offspring with one of its parents

10. The structure below was obtained from an animal cell



- a) What is the name of the hair like processes and state its function? **(2marks)**

Name

Cilia

Function

Propel mucus or a fertilised ovum

- b) From which parts of the mammalian body are these structures found? **(1mark)**

Trachea and oviduct

- c) State the effect of cigarette smoking to the structure? **(1mark)**

Cigarettes contain tar which impairs/inhibit the action of cilia in the respiratory tract leading to cancer.

12. A student was found to have blood group B+

- a) What type of antibody is present in his plasma? **(1mark)**

a

- b) Which antigens are present in this blood group? **(1mark)**

B and Rhesus antigens

13. Plants relatively have less waste to excrete than animals. Give two reasons to explain this observation **(2marks)**

Plants reuse some of their waste products;

Plants produce their waste products slowly compared to animals that produce slowly ;

14. State **two** methods by which plants get rid of their waste products **(2marks)**

Diffusion

Transpiration

Guttation

Exudation

Deposition

(any two)

15. To estimate the population size of mosquitoes in Banji village that covers an area of 25km², visiting researchers caught 400 mosquitoes which they marked and released. After 24 hours, 200 mosquitoes were caught out of which 120 had not been marked.

(a) Suggest the sampling method described above. **(1 mark)**

Capture recapture method

(b) What are the disadvantages of this method? **(2 marks)**

-Some organism may die during the study period;

-The mark may come the out during the study period;owtt

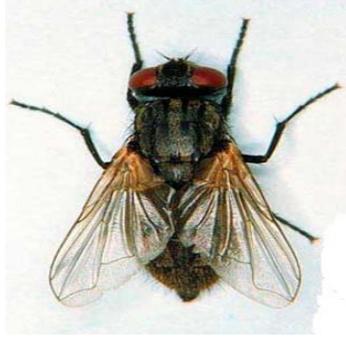
16. The table below shows stomatal distribution on leaves A and B and their surface area. Use the information to answer the questions.

	Leaf surface	A	B
Number of stomata	Upper leaf surface	20	5
	Lower leaf surface	0	15
Surface area		25 cm ²	18cm ²

Identify with reasons the habitats of the plant from which the leaves were obtained.

Leaf A: *Habitat Fresh water;* **(1 mark)**

Reason: *Maximum number of stomata on the upper leaf surface for quick loss of excess water by transpiration;* **(1 mark)**



- (i) Name the type of metamorphosis in the above specimen. **(1 mark)**

Complete metamorphosis;

- (ii) Give any *two* advantages of the above metamorphosis. **(2 marks)**

Each stage occupies a different ecological niche; hence there's no competition for resources e.g food;

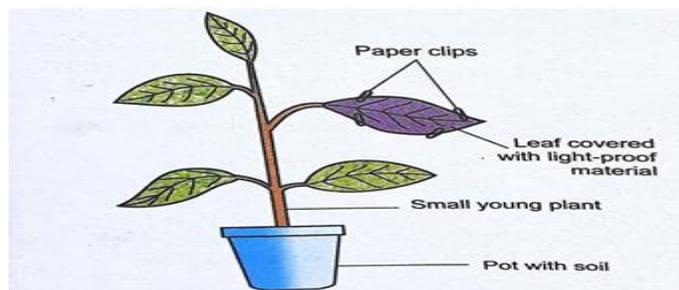
21. (i) Give *two* structural features in a leaf that adapts it to absorb Carbon (IV) Oxide. *Broad lamina;*

- Many stomata

- (ii) Name the cell organelle in which Carbon (IV) oxide combines with water to form a complex organic compound takes place **(1 mark)**

Chloroplast

22. In an experiment to investigate a factor affecting photosynthesis; leaf of a potted plant, which had been kept in the dark overnight was covered with an aluminum foil as shown in the diagram below. The set up was kept in the sunlight for three hours after which a food test was carried out on the leaf.



- (a) Which factor was being investigated in the experiment? **(1 mark)**

Light;

- (b) Which food test was carried out? **(1 mark)**

Starch test;

- (c) State the results of the food test. **(1 mark)**

Starch absent/Iodine retains its brown colour/starch test negative;

23. Explain how the following plant adaptations minimize rate of transpiration (2marks)

a) Sunken stomata

Water vapour accumulates in the pits reducing water vapour diffusion gradient hence reduced transpiration rate;

b) Thick cuticle

Reduces permeability of the leaf to water thus reducing water loss;

24. Explain how drooping of leaves on a hot sunny day is advantageous to a plant (2marks)

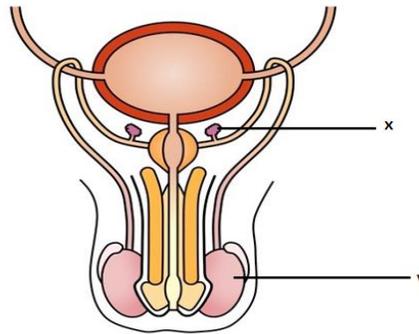
The leaves expose a smaller surface area to the sun thus reducing excessive water;

25. Name **two** tissues in plants which are thickened with lignin (2marks)

Parenchyma cells;

Xylem vessels;

26. The diagram below shows the front view of a male reproductive system.



a) Give the functions of the structures labelled **X** and **V** (2marks)

X. Provide an alkaline fluid which contains nutrients for the spermatozoa;

V. Seminiferous tubules which provides a large surface area for production of sperms;

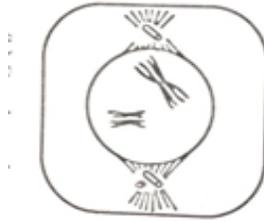
b) What is the role of Follicle Stimulating Hormone in male reproduction? (1mark)

Stimulates the synthesis and maturation of sperms;

27. Explain why the concentration of insecticides in fish eating birds may be hundreds of times greater than its concentration in the water where the fish live (3marks)

Aquatic plants in water absorb the pesticides that drain into water bodies and so accumulate ,fish consume small quantities every time they ingest the water this also accumulates in the fish with time, as the birds continue feeding the contaminated fish they pesticides increase in levels

28. The diagram below shows a stage in meiosis



State the biological significance of the stage represented on the diagram above (1mark)

The exchange of DNA hence increases genetic variation;

29. How do the following factors hinder self-pollination in flowering plants? (3marks)

a) Self-sterility

It is a condition where pollen grains from the anthers cannot grow on the stigma of the same flower of plant/ are incompatible to stigma of the same plant/flower;

b) Heterostyly

Is a condition of having different arrangements of style and stigma i.e. shorter stamen than pistil;

c)Protogyny

it's a condition where the female matures an its ready to receive the pollen grains before the male parts mature;