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**BIOLOGY**

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Paper 1 Multiple Choice

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**1 hour**

Additional Materials: Multiple Choice Answer Sheet

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**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

**Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.**

Write your name, civics group and index number on the Multiple Choice Answer Sheet (MCAS).

Write in soft pencil.

Do **NOT** use staples, paper clips, glue or correction fluid.

There are **thirty** questions on this paper. Answer **all** questions. For each question there are four possible answers **A, B, C** and **D**.

Choose the **one** you consider correct and record your choice in **soft pencil** on the separate Answer Sheet.

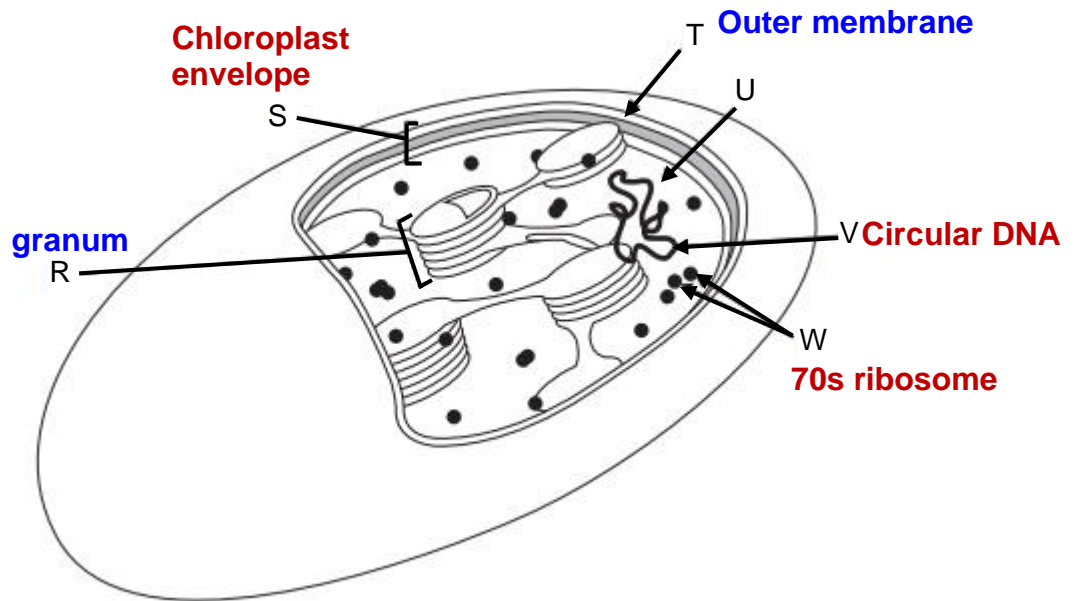
**Read the instructions on the Answer Sheet very carefully.**

Each correct answer will score one mark. A mark will not be deducted for a wrong answer.

Any rough working should be done in this booklet.

The use of an approved scientific calculator is expected, where appropriate.

- 1 The diagram below shows the structures of a chloroplast, labelled R – W.



Which combination of **two structures** could be used as evidence for the **bacterial origin** of chloroplasts?

- A U and R
- B S and V**
- C U and W
- D W and T

Based on the endosymbiont theory:  
[Photosynthesis Lect Notes p.34](#)

#### Evidences supporting Endosymbiont Theory:

##### Strong evidences

1. **Presence of 70S ribosomes** which are also found in bacteria / are less dense than the eukaryotic 80S ribosomes.
2. **Presence of** multiple **circular chromosomes/ DNA** which are different from/ smaller than the linear chromosome/ nuclear DNA in eukaryotes.

##### Other evidences

3. **Presence of double membrane**, suggesting that the ancient eukaryotic cell (outer membrane) engulfed the ancient prokaryotic cell (inner membrane).
4. The **composition** of the **inner mitochondrial membrane** (eg. presence of electron transport chain) is the similar to those found in the cell surface membrane of prokaryotes.

- 2 A decrease in some factors will increase the fluidity of the cell surface membrane.

Which pair of factors, when decreased, will increase the fluidity of the cell surface membrane?

	a decrease in
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>distance between phospholipid molecules</li> <li>proportion of short fatty acid chains</li> </ul> <p>INCORRECT: ↑ fluidity means ↑ distance between phospholipid molecules</p>
B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>distance between phospholipid molecules</li> <li>temperature</li> </ul>
C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>proportion of phospholipids with saturated fatty acid chains</li> <li>proportion of long fatty acid chains</li> </ul> <p>CORRECT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- saturated f.a. can be closely packed together</li> <li>- therefore ↓ saturated f.a. will ↑ fluidity</li> <li>- ↓ long f.a chains will ↓ hydrophobic interactions between phospholipids</li> <li>- this will ↑ fluidity</li> </ul>
D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>proportion of phospholipids with unsaturated fatty acid chains</li> <li>temperature</li> </ul>

- 3 Equal sized potato pieces were placed into test-tubes containing equal volumes of different concentrations of sucrose solution and left for 30 minutes. All other variables were controlled.

After 30 minutes, the potato piece in one of the concentrations of sucrose solution had not changed in size.

What can be concluded from this result?

- There is no net movement of water into or out of the potato.  
TRUE: amount of water molecules moving in = moving out
- The water potential of the potato is the same as the water potential of the sucrose solution.  
TRUE: → no net movement of water
- The concentration of sucrose in the potato is the same as the concentration of the sucrose solution.  
FALSE: CANNOT be determine. Because ions and other sugars contribute to the water potential of the cell sap.

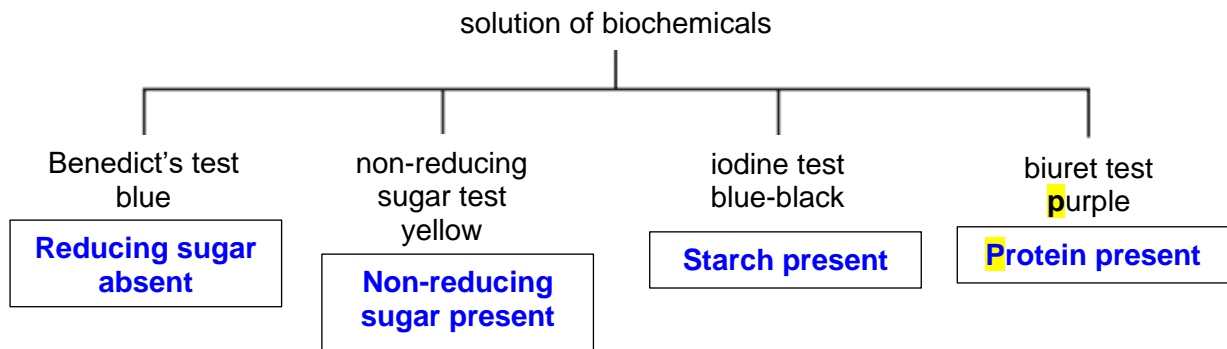
A 1, 2 and 3

B 1 and 2 only

C 1 and 3 only

D 2 only

- 4 The diagram shows the results of a number of tests on a solution of biochemicals.

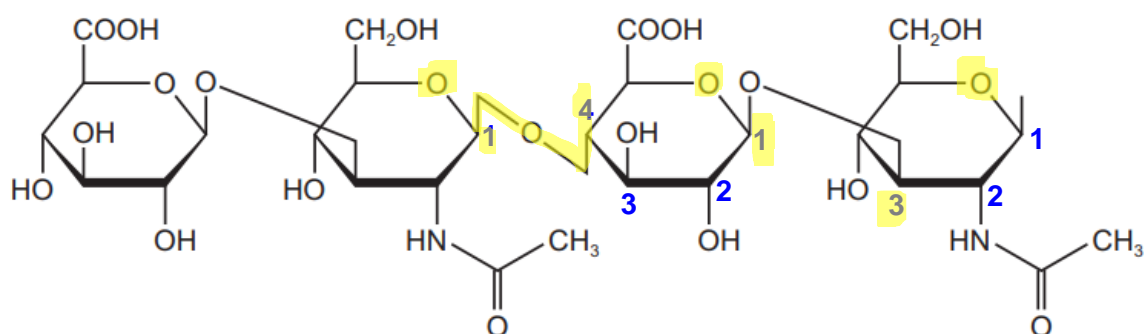


Which **substances** are **present** in the solution?

- A amylose, amylopectin and lipid
- B glucose, starch and catalase
- C sucrose, amylase and triglyceride
- D sucrose, starch and catalase**

**sucrose – non-reducing sugar**  
**catalase - protein**

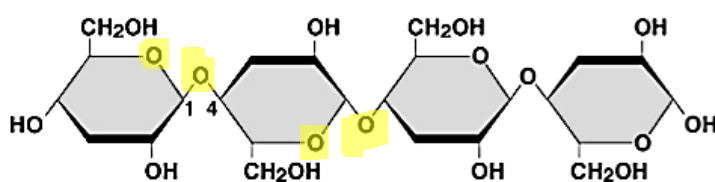
- 5 The diagram shows part of the chemical structure of a naturally occurring polysaccharide.



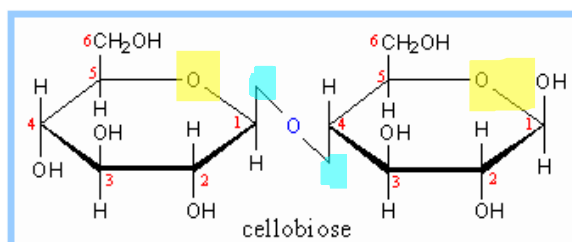
What **types of glycosidic bonds** are present?

- A  $\alpha$ -1,3 and  $\alpha$ -1,4  
 B  $\alpha$ -1,4 and  $\alpha$ -1,6  
 C  $\beta$ -1,3 and  $\beta$ -1,4  
 D  $\beta$ -1,4 and  $\beta$ -1,6

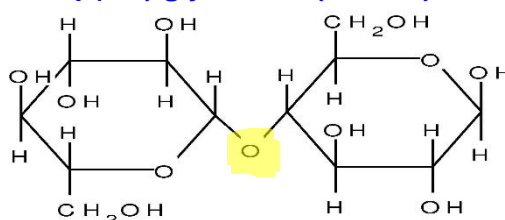
$\beta$ (1-4) glycosidic (alternate glucose rotated)



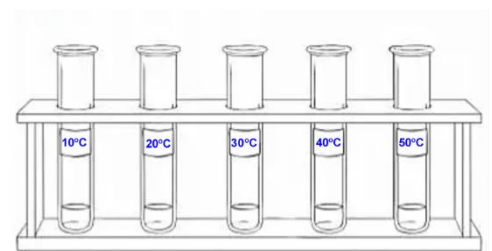
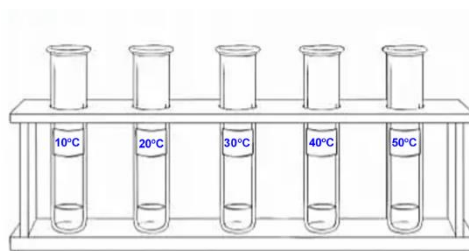
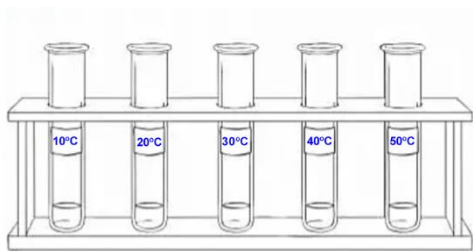
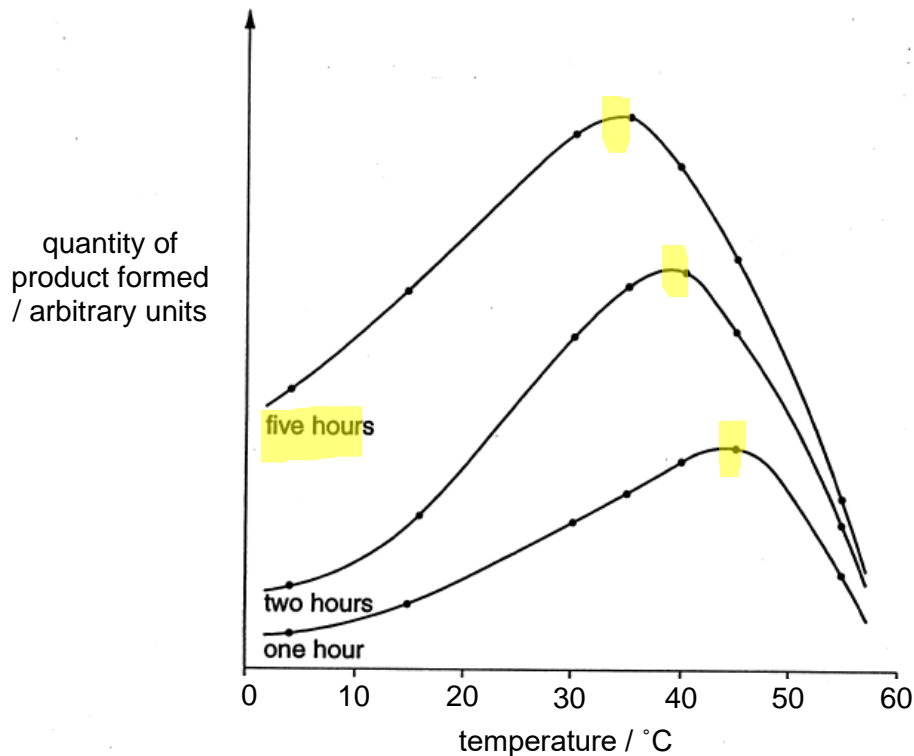
$\beta$ (1-4) glycosidic (not rotated)



$\beta$ (1-4) glycosidic (rotated)



- 6 The graph shows the results of an experiment in which samples containing the same concentration of enzyme and substrate were kept at different temperatures for periods of one, two, and five hours. The quantities of product formed were then determined.



**Note:**

Leaving enzymes at a longer time at higher temp  $\Rightarrow$  more denatured

**35°C instead of 45°C**

Which of the following option **best explains** why the optimum temperature is lower if the quantity of product formed is measured after five hours rather than one hour?

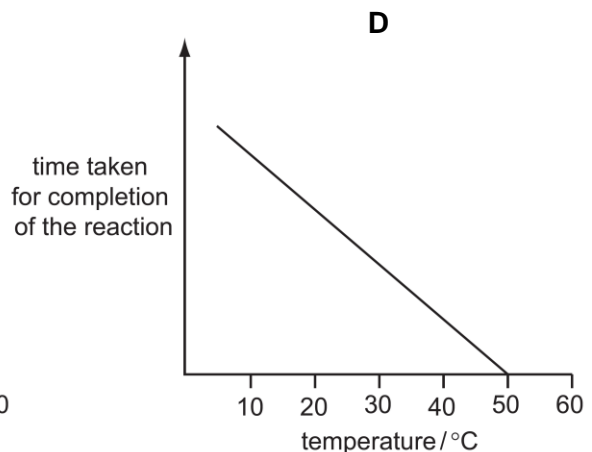
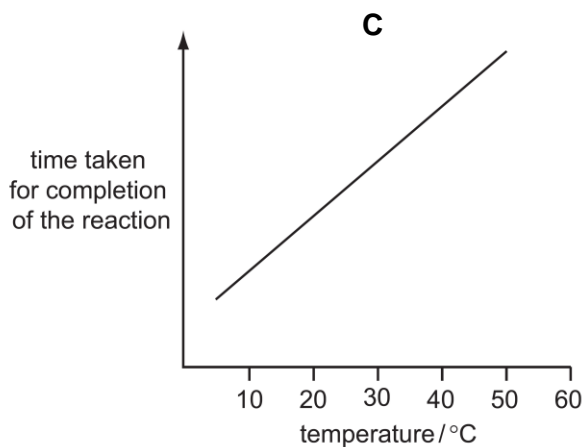
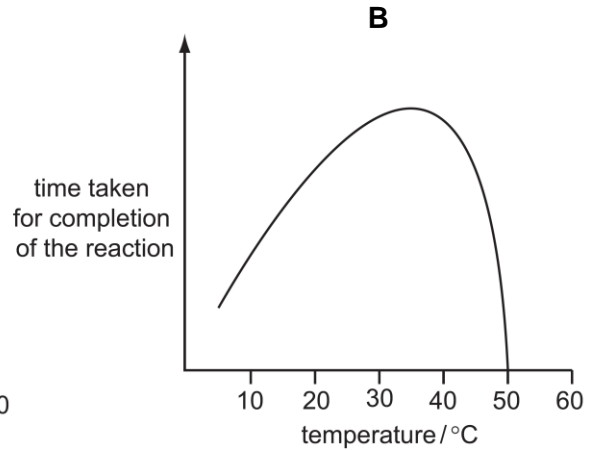
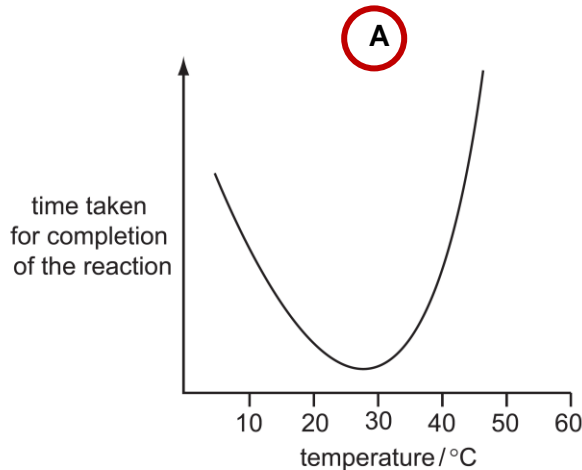
- A Tertiary bonds are not broken at higher temperatures.
- B The enzyme has a range of optimum temperatures.
- C A longer time at high temperature denatures enzyme.
- D The optimum temperature for the enzymes is 45°C.

- 7 An enzyme is **completely denatured at 50°C**. A fixed concentration of this enzyme is added to a fixed concentration of its substrate. The **time taken for completion of the reaction** is measured at different temperatures.

**Note:**

- **faster reaction**  $\Rightarrow$  **shorter time taken**
- **optimum temp**  $\Rightarrow$  **shortest time**
- **if enzymes are denatured**  $\Rightarrow$  **longest time taken**

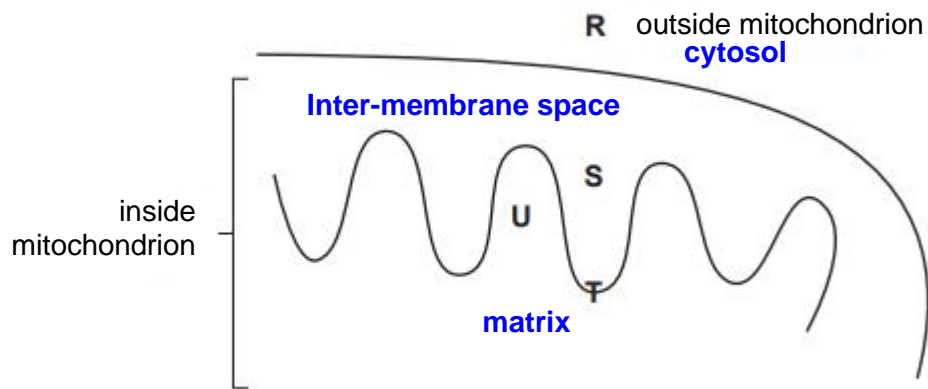
Which **graph shows the results?**



- 8 The rate of **aerobic cellular respiration** in a human cell may **increase** if the

- A** temperature of the cell is lowered from 37°C to 35°C.
- B** **oxygen concentration available to the mitochondria increases.**  
**CORRECT: oxygen is the final electron acceptor**
- C** carbon dioxide concentration in the cytosol of the cell increases.
- D** rate of facilitated diffusion of glucose into the cytosol of the cell decreases.  
**INCORRECT: glucose is the respiratory substrate  $\Rightarrow$   $\downarrow$  glucose will  $\downarrow$  rate**

- 9 The diagram below shows a section through a part of a mitochondrion.

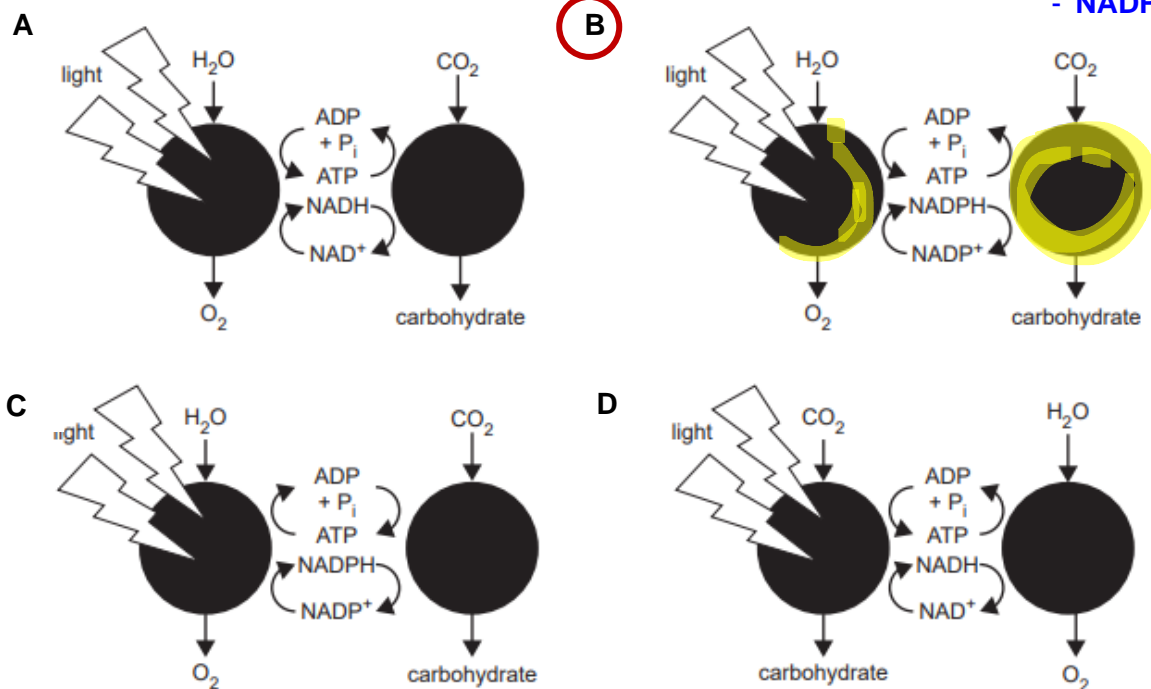


The **sites** of the pathways in **aerobic respiration** are

	glycolysis in cytosol	Krebs cycle mitochondria matrix	electron transport chain inner mitochondrial membrane
A	R	S	T
B	U	T	R
<b>C</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>U</b>	<b>T</b>
D	T	R	S

- 10 Which one of the following diagrams **correctly** represents the **inputs** and **outputs** of **photosynthesis**?

**Products of light rxn:**  
- ATP  
- NADPH





After DNA replication  $\Rightarrow$  each chromosome has a pair of sister chromatids

- 11 During **prophase**, a scientist stains the chromosomes of a diploid animal cell with a fluorescent dye to stain telomeres. This **cell has 32 chromosomes**.

**How many telomeres** will the scientist observe?

A 32

B 64

C 96

**D 128**



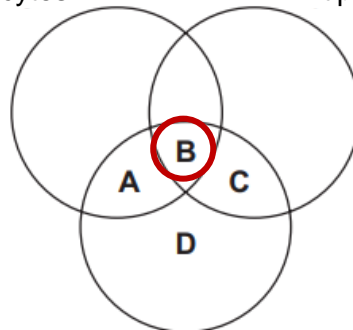
One chromosome with 4 telomeres

32 chromosomes =  $32 \times 4 = 128$

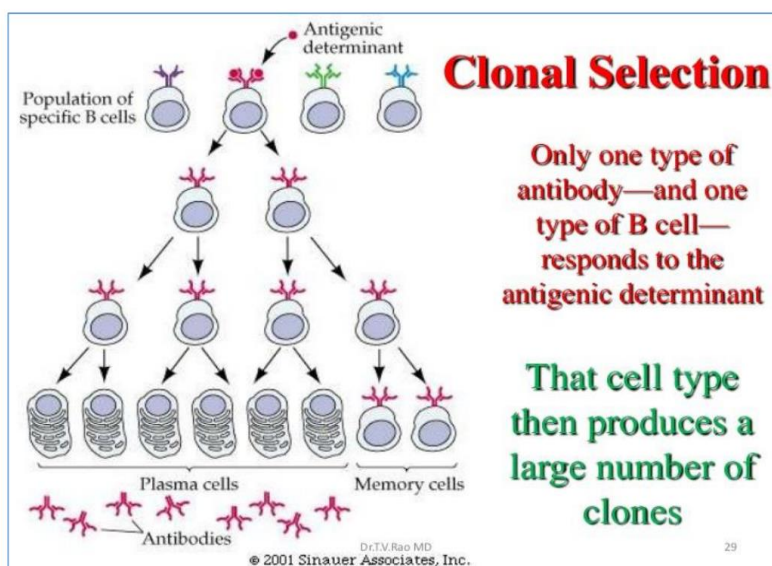
- 12 Which process(es) **involve(s) mitosis**?

**clonal** selection  
of T-lymphocytes

**forming cells** at the  
tip of a growing root



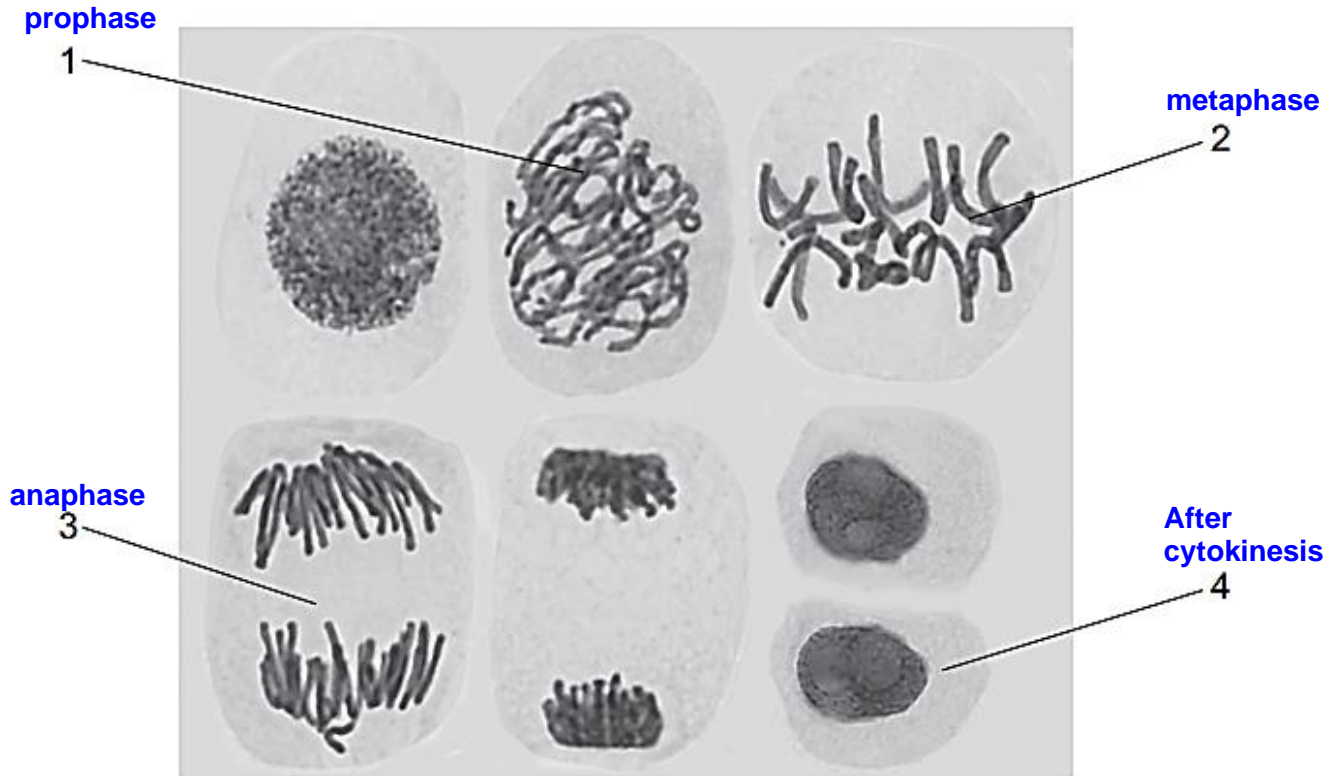
**replacing skin cells**  
damaged by an injury



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- 13 A **drug** has been developed to treat certain types of cancer. It **prevents mitosis** by **binding** to the **spindle**. This **prevents sister chromatids** from being **separated** and moving to opposite poles of the cell.  
 ⇒ **anaphase cannot take place**  
 ⇒ **mitosis is arrested at metaphase**

The photomicrograph shows cells in different phases of mitosis.



Which **stages of mitosis** will be **able to occur** in a cell which is entering prophase when treated with this drug?

- A** 1 and 2      **B** 2 and 3      **C** 2 only      **D** 3 and 4

- 14 Hematopoietic stem cell (HSC) gene therapy can potentially cure a variety of human hematopoietic diseases, such as sickle cell disease. HSCs remain among the most promising target cells for gene therapy, where normal genes are introduced into HSCs before transferring them back into the patient to correct genetic disorders.

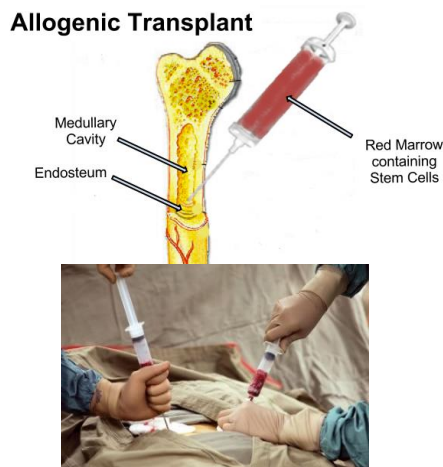
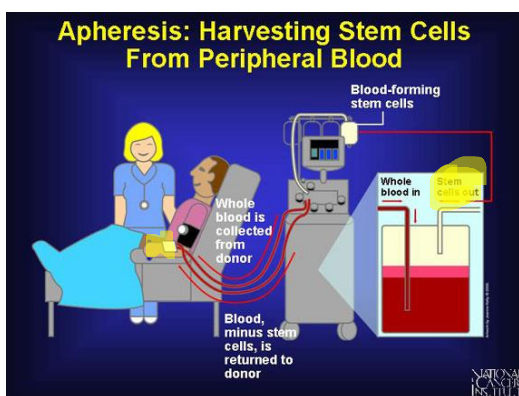
Which of the following statement regarding the **usefulness of HSCs** is **not true**?

- A They have the ability to self-renew, hence repeated administrations of gene therapy can be reduced.

**TRUE: HSCs can divide by mitosis → some daughter cells remain as HSC**

- B They can easily be removed from the blood, **bone marrow** or umbilical cord.

**TRUE: all blood stem cells can easily be removed via**



- C Usage of HSCs can avoid potential ethical issues as opposed to using embryonic stem cells.

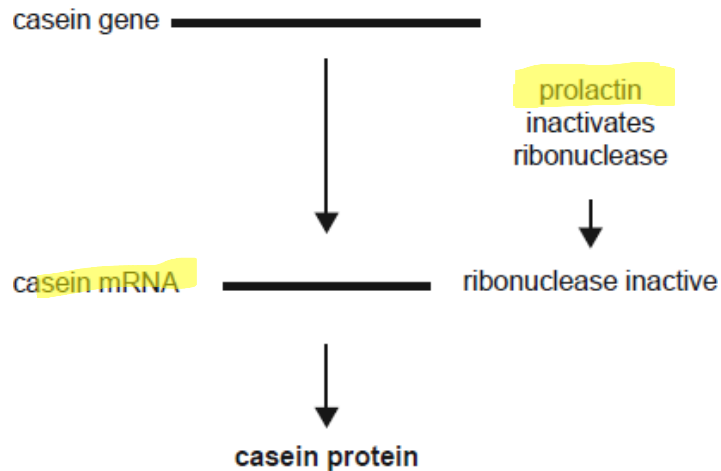
**TRUE: embryos are not killed**

- D They are capable of developing into any type of cell or tissue except those that form a **placenta or an embryo**.

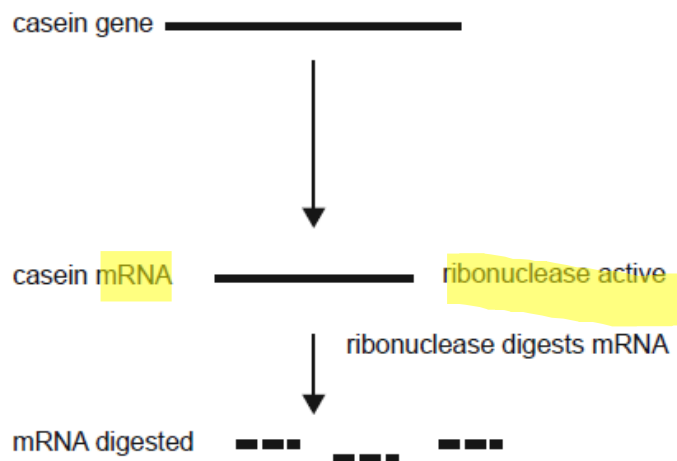
**NOT TRUE: HSCs can ONLY differentiate to form myeloid and lymphoid stem cells**

- 15 Casein is a major protein found in mammalian milk.

When the mammals are producing milk, the pathway for the production of casein can be represented in the diagram below.



When the mammals are not producing milk, the pathway can be represented in the diagram below.



Which one of the following conclusions can be made from the information above?

- A Ribonuclease has the effect of turning on the casein gene.  
**FALSE: Ribonuclease digest mRNA NOT involved at transcription stage**
- B Casein is a repressor protein for milk production in mammals.  
**FALSE: Casein is NOT involved at transcription stage**
- C The hormone prolactin allows for the expression of the casein gene.  
**TRUE:**
  - prolactin inactivates ribonuclease
  - ⇒ mRNA to be translated to form functional gene product
  - ⇒ gene is expressed
- D Mammals produce milk only in the absence of the hormone prolactin.  
**FALSE: prolactin MUST be present during milk production**

16 The following experiment was carried out.

1 Haploid cells, containing **three chromosomes** each, were grown in a medium containing **radioactive thymine**, so that all the DNA was labelled.

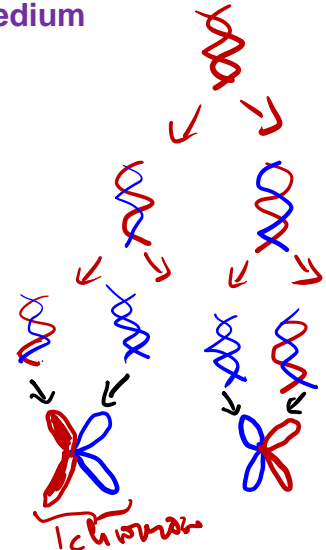


2 Cells in **early interphase** were then transferred to a medium where the available **thymine** was **not radioactive**.

**Note: BEFORE DNA replication**

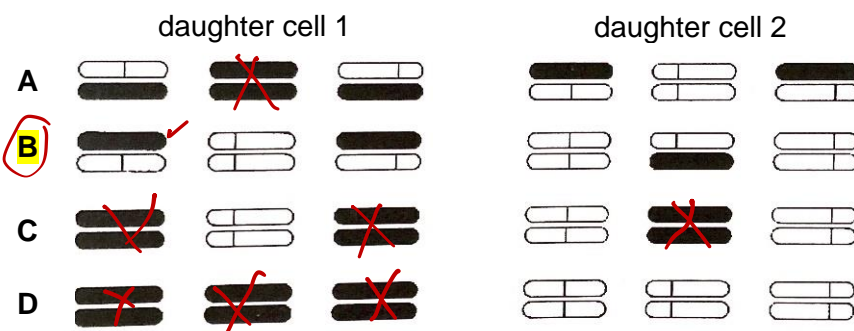
3 A single cell was immediately isolated and **allowed to divide once**. When the two daughter cells reached the **next metaphase** they were fixed and their three chromosomes were inspected for radioactivity.

**Note: DNA replication TWICE in non-radioactive medium**



Which diagram represents the **distribution of radioactivity at metaphase** in the two daughter cells?

key = normal **chromatid** = radioactive **chromatid**

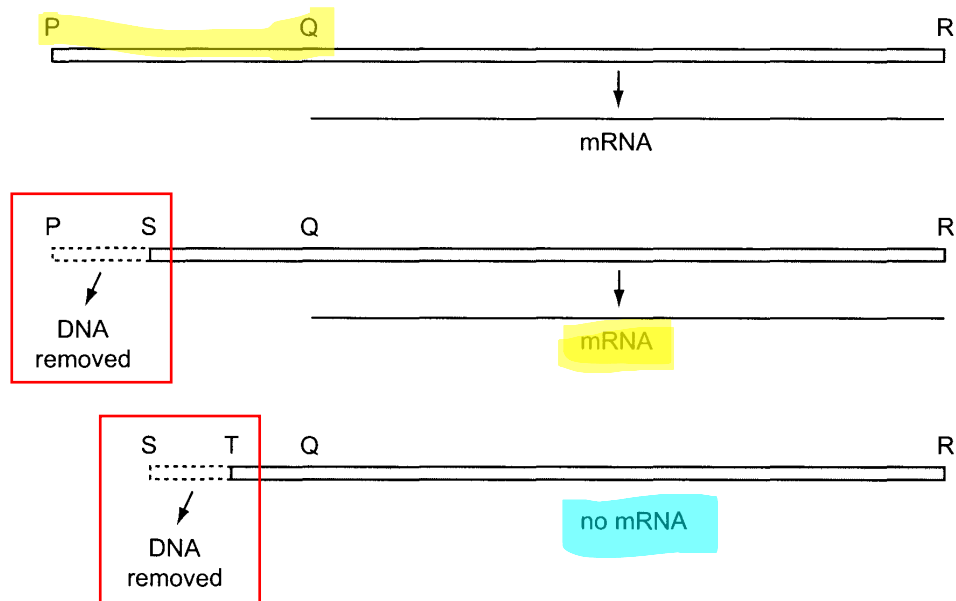


**Note:**

- At most **ONLY ONE** chromatid can be radioactive.

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- 17 A length of DNA contains a non-coding region, PQ and a coding region, QR. The effect on the coding region of removing parts of the non-coding region was investigated. The results of removing firstly the length of DNA, PS and then ST are shown in the diagrams.



Which **conclusions** may be **deduced** from these results?

- A Removal of any DNA from the non-coding region affects transcription.  
**NOT TRUE: removal of P – S region → transcription can take place**
- B The beginning of the promoter region is between P and S.  
**NOT TRUE: removal of P – S region → transcription can take place**
- C The beginning of the promoter region is between S and T.  
**TRUE: removal of S – T region → NO transcription**
- D The non-coding region has no role in transcription.

- 18 Sickle cell anaemia is caused by a mutation in an allele of the gene that codes for the  $\beta$ -globin polypeptide of haemoglobin.

The diagram shows the sequence of bases in a small section of the coding strand of DNA for both the HbA (normal) and HbS (sickle cell)  $\beta$ -globin alleles.

**HbA** CTGACTCCTG**A**GGAGAAGTCT

**HbS** CTGACTCCTG**T**GGAGAAGTCT

**Mutation** in the HbS allele result in the production of an altered version of the  $\beta$ -globin polypeptide.

Which statements are **correct**?

- 1 **Only one amino acid** coded for after the mutation **will differ** from those in the HbA protein.  
**CORRECT: glutamate → valine**
- 2 mRNA transcribed from the HbS allele will contain the codon CAC instead of the codon CTC.  
**INCORRECT:**  
**Thymine is not found in mRNA**  
**HbA: GAG → transcribed → CUC codon on mRNA**  
**HbS: GTG → transcribed → CAC codon on mRNA**
- 3 A tRNA molecule with the anticodon GUG will hydrogen bond to the altered codon on mRNA.  
**CORRECT:**  
**HbS: CAC codon on mRNA will base-pair with GUG anticodon on tRNA**
- 4 The ribosome will be unable to continue translation of the HbS mRNA after the altered codon.  
**INCORRECT: glutamate → valine**

- A** 1, 2 and 3 only
- B** 2 and 3 only
- C** **1 and 3 only**
- D** 1, 2, 3 and 4

- 19 A gene codes for the production of a protein, p53, that binds to damaged DNA during interphase and prevents its replication. A carcinogen in cigarette smoke mutates this gene.

Which statement explains why this mutation may cause cancer?

- A Lack of p53 allows cells to undergo mitosis.

**INCORRECT: undergoing mitosis does not imply that cancer will develop**

- B Lack of p53 allows cells with damaged DNA to replicate.

**CORRECT:**

- If proto-oncogene or tumour suppressor gene is mutated, the mutation will be pass to daughter cells
- Lack of p53 allows different mutations to accumulate in a single cell → may cause cancer

- C The carcinogen in cigarette smoke increases the rate of cell division.

**INCORRECT:**

- carcinogen increases the chance of a cell becoming cancerous
- e.g. results in mutation or affects checkpoints
- carcinogen does not directly cause increase in rate

- D The p53 causes uncontrolled cell division.

**INCORRECT: this is NOT the direct role of p53**



20 Which **statement correctly** describes the transfer of DNA from one bacterium to another?

- 1 Both chromosomal and non-chromosomal DNA are transferred to daughter cells via binary fission.

**CORRECT:**

- DNA replication of bacterial chromosome and plasmid always take place before binary fission
- All daughter cells are genetically identical to parent cell and to each other

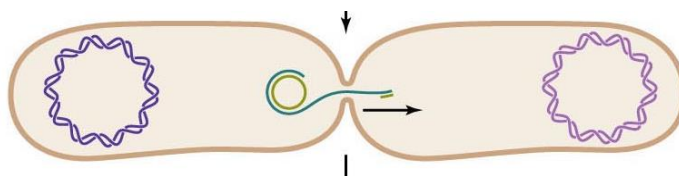
- 2 Bacteriophages transfers DNA from one bacterium to another during specialized transduction.

**CORRECT:**

- Specific genes are transferred

- 3 Single strand of F plasmid transferred from one bacterium to another during conjugation.

**CORRECT:**



- 3 One strand of plasmid DNA transfers to the recipient.

- 4 Bacterial cell takes up foreign DNA from culture medium during generalized transduction.

**INCORRECT: it should be transformation**

A 1 and 2 only

B 2 and 3 only

C 1, 2 and 3

D 1, 3 and 4

21 Viral reproduction cycle takes place over many stages. Some of statements describe the stages involved.

1 It has haemagglutinin and gp40 glycoprotein spikes to recognize and bind to the host cell.

**INCORRECT: HIV does NOT have haemagglutinin**

2 The virus carries reverse transcriptase, integrase and protease for its reproductive cycle.

**CORRECT: HIV carries these 3 enzymes**

3 Since the genetic material of HIV is RNA, the RNA-dependent RNA polymerase is needed during replication of viral genome.

**INCORRECT:**

- HIV RNA → DNA via **reverse transcription** in host cell

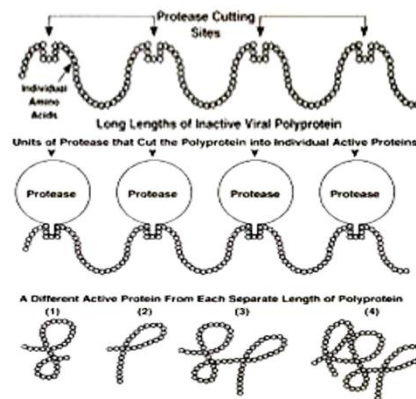
- DNA inserted into host cell DNA

- Inserted DNA → transcribed → HIV mRNA (using host RNA polymerase)

4 After translation, a polyprotein is formed which must be hydrolysed by HIV protease to form functional proteins.

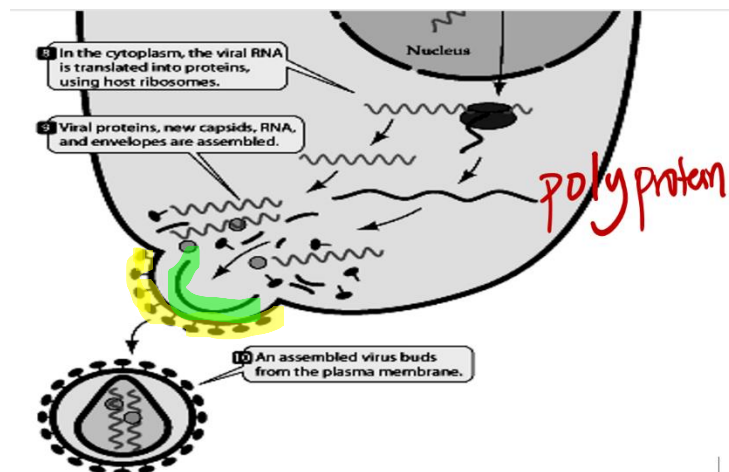
**CORRECT:**

- HIV protease catalyses the **hydrolysis** of the **inactive polyprotein chain** into **individual functional proteins** that are required for viral assembly and activity (Fig. 3.19).



5 Viral glycoproteins must be incorporated into the host cell membrane.

**CORRECT:**



6 The virus exits the host cell via exocytosis.

**INCORRECT: it is via BUDDING**

Which statements refer to the **reproductive cycle of HIV**?

- A 1, 2, 3 and 6
- B 2, 3, 4 and 6
- C 2, 3 and 5 only
- D 2, 4 and 5 only

- 22 A trial breeding programme between Nepalese yaks and a breed of British cattle called the Dexter was carried out to develop a hybrid that was hardy, easy to handle, produced good quality meat and high milk yield.

The table below shows the relative strengths of the alleles of each gene for the relevant characteristics.

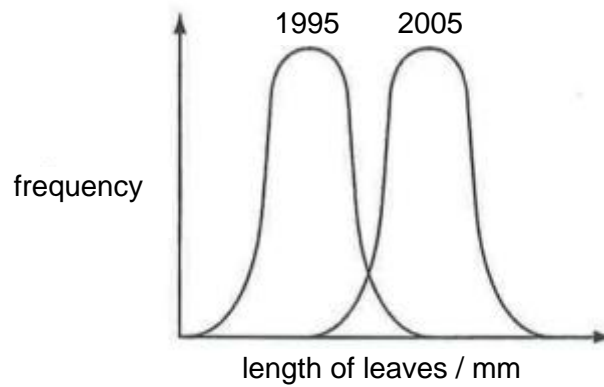
characteristic	Dexter	Yak	hybrid
aggression	low	high	low
intelligence	low	high	high
hardiness	low	high	high
meat quality	high	low	high
milk yield	high	low	high

Which combination shows the animals with the alleles for the desired characteristics?

	aggression NOT desired	Intelligence Desired	Hardiness Desired	meat quality Desired	milk yield Desired
A	Dexter	Dexter	Dexter	Yak	Yak
B	Dexter	Yak	Yak	Dexter	Dexter
C	Yak	Dexter	Dexter	Dexter	Dexter
D	Yak	Dexter	Dexter	Dexter	Yak



- 23 The graph shows the results of data collected by measuring the leaf length of the same hybrid of coffee plants grown in 1995 and 2005.



range of phenotype  $\Rightarrow$  continuous variation

What **explains** the **difference in leaf length** of the coffee plants?

- A continuous variation and a genetic factor

**INCORRECT: all the plants were of the same hybrid  $\Rightarrow$  genetically similar**

- B continuous variation and an environmental factor

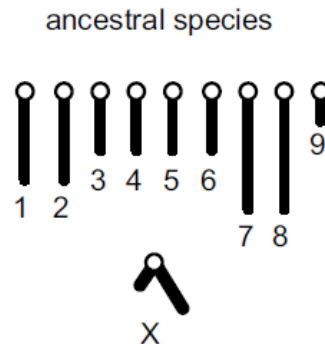
**CORRECT: environment has a major effect on continuous variation**

- C discontinuous variation and a genetic factor

- D discontinuous variation and an environmental factor

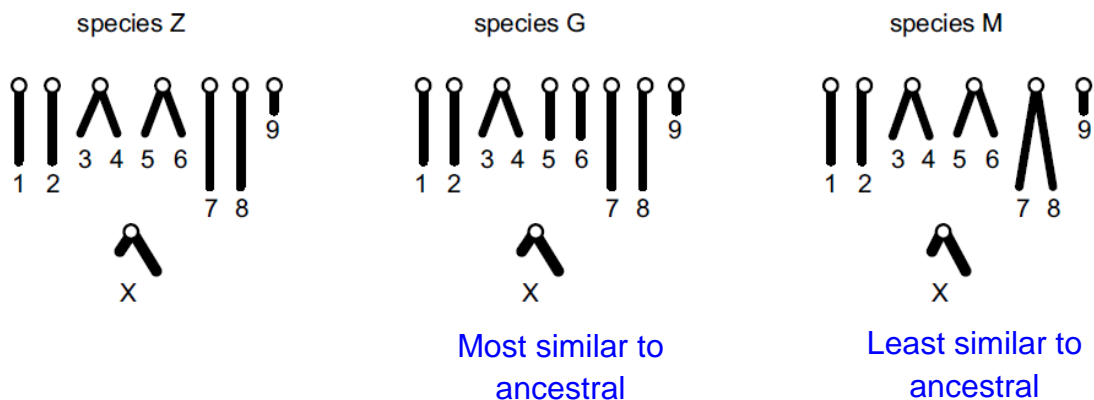
- 24 In some Australian insects, **new species** have **arisen** through **changes** that occurred to **chromosomes** in an ancestral species. Such changes may involve the joining together of chromosomes, the loss of whole or parts of chromosomes, and rearrangement of the genetic material within chromosomes.

One **ancestral species** has the following **haploid set of chromosomes**.



As the changes in chromosomes accumulate, a number of different species can result from a single ancestral species.

**Three species** that have **evolved from** the **ancestral species** shown above have the **haploid sets of chromosomes** shown below.



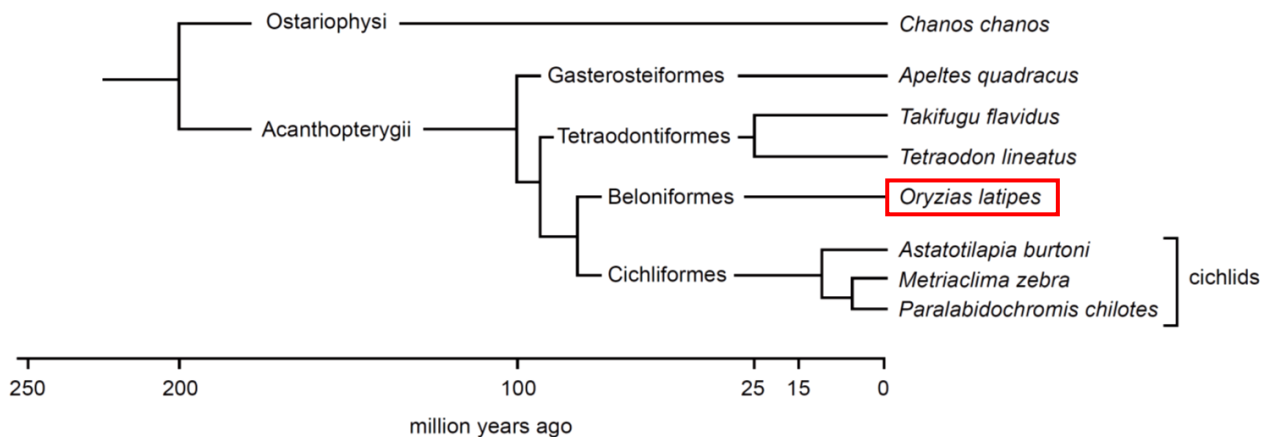
The **most likely order** of **evolution** of these species is

- A ancestral species, species Z, species G, species M.
- B ancestral species, species G, species M, species Z.
- C ancestral species, species M, species G, species Z.
- D ancestral species, species G, species Z, species M.**

Note:

- The species which **matches** the **most** with the ancestral species – is the 1<sup>st</sup> to evolve

- 25 Consider the following phylogenetic tree, which summarises the evolutionary relationships between certain fish species.



Which statements are **incorrect**?

- 1 *O. latipes* is more closely related to *A. burtoni* than to *A. quadracus*.  
**CORRECT:**  
- *O. latipes* share a recent common ancestor with *A. burtoni*  
- *O. latipes* share a very distant common ancestor with *A. quadracus*.
- 2 Cichlids diverged to form three distinct species 100 million years ago.  
**INCORRECT: less than 15 million years ago**  
1. *A. burtoni*  
2. *M. zebra*  
3. *P. chilotes*
- 3 *C. chanos* was the last species to diverge from the most distant common ancestor.  
**INCORRECT:**  
- the most distant common ancestor **ALSO** diverged to form many more species e.g. *A. quadracus*; *T. flavidus*, etc
- 4 Gasterosteiformes, Beloniformes and Cichliformes share a common ancestor.  
**CORRECT: Acanthopterygii**
- 5 *T. flavidus* and *T. lineatus* diverged to form two distinct species 25 million years ago.  
**CORRECT: refer to time scale**

A 1 and 2 only

**B 2 and 3 only**

C 2, 3 and 4

D 1, 3 and 5

- 26 Growth hormone (GH) is a peptide hormone that is made by cells in the pituitary gland. GH is released into the blood. Liver cells respond to GH by secreting another hormone called insulin-like growth factor (IGF-1). IGF-1 stimulates muscle cells to increase in size and bone cells to produce mineralised bone.

The secretion of IGF-1 by liver cells and increasing in size of muscle cells can be considered

- A ligand-receptor interaction
- B cellular response
- C signal transduction
- D phosphorylation cascade

- 27 When a blood vessel is cut, platelets release a protein called platelet-derived growth factor that causes skin cells to divide and repair the cut. Once the platelet-derived growth factor interacts with the receptor, a series of events take place.

Which pair of events are in the correct sequence?

- A Signal amplification followed by change of shape of receptor on skin cell.  
INCORRECT: change of shape of receptor comes 1<sup>st</sup>
- B Cellular response followed by signal amplification.  
INCORRECT: signal amplification comes 1<sup>st</sup>
- C Signal transduction followed by signal amplification.  
CORRECT: signal amplification can take place along any part of signal transduction
- D Signal transduction followed by change of shape of receptor on skin cell.  
INCORRECT: change of shape of receptor comes 1<sup>st</sup>

28 The statements refer to the disease **tuberculosis (TB)**.

- 1 The pathogen lives inside human cells so is not accessible to the immune system.  
**INCORRECT: antibiotics is not released by our immune system**
- 2 The bacterial pathogen reproduces slowly.  
**CORRECT: bacteria reproduces slowly inside the granuloma**

*M. tuberculosis* reproduces very slowly (20 hours every generation), thus the incubation period is between 4 to 12 weeks.

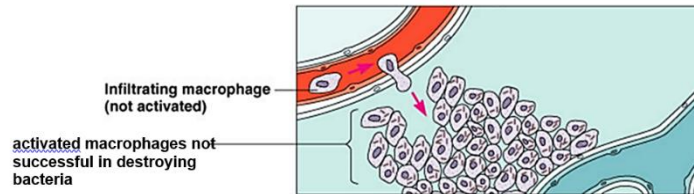


Fig. 6: *M. tuberculosis* can survive and multiply inside macrophages and more macrophages are brought into infected alveolus.

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- 3 The pathogen is not very sensitive to antibiotics.  
**CORRECT: some forms of TB are resistant to certain antibiotics**

Which **explains why antibiotic treatment** for TB **takes a long time**?

- A 1, 2 and 3
- B 1 and 2 only
- C 1 and 3 only
- D 2 and 3 only**



29 Four ways of being immune are

- 1 having memory cells after an infection  
**Active immunity – primary immune response has taken place → memory cells**  
**Natural immunity – due to infection**
- 2 having memory cells after being injected with dead bacteria  
**Active immunity – primary immune response has taken place → memory cells**  
**Artificial immunity – due to injection (dead bacteria)**
- 3 being injected with antibodies  
**Artificial immunity – due to injection**  
**Passive immunity – antibodies was not produced by the body**
- 4 receiving antibodies from breast milk  
**Passive immunity – antibodies was not produced by the body**  
**Natural immunity – because antibodies was given via milk NOT injection**

Which row in the table **correctly** shows the **type of immunity**?

	natural active	artificial active	natural passive	artificial passive
<b>A</b>	1	2	3	4
<b>B</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>C</b>	2	1	3	4
<b>D</b>	2	1	4	3

- 30 Malaria is a disease caused by a group of unicellular eukaryotes. These eukaryotes carry out part of their life cycle in the human body and part of their life cycle in the female *Anopheles* mosquito.

Which factors would increase the global distribution of malaria?

- 1 A fall in annual rainfall  
**FALSE: this reduces water bodies for mosquitoes to lay eggs**
- 2 An increase in the use of antibiotics  
**FALSE: antibiotics is NOT used to treat malaria**
- 3 A rise in global air temperatures  
**TRUE: mosquitoes now can survive in areas which were previously too cold**
- 4 Increasing use of land for farming (e.g. water-logged soil for rice)  
**TRUE: water-logged soil → provides body of water for mosquitoes to lay eggs**

- A 1, 2 and 3  
B 1 and 2 only  
C 2, 3 and 4  
**D 3 and 4 only**