

A Level Biology B H422/01 Fundamentals of biology

Question Set 6

1. (a) (i) The recovery time of the heart is a good indicator of aerobic fitness.

A widely-publicised training programme claimed to improve aerobic fitness for various exercises after three months. To evaluate this claim, an investigation was conducted:

- 20 volunteers completed a series of test exercises at increasing intensities
- recovery time was recorded after each exercise
- the volunteers followed the training programme for three months
- after three months, the test exercises and measurements were repeated.

State **two** factors, other than **intensity of exercise**, that must be considered before an exercise is included in a training programme.

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(a) (ii) Suggest **one** safety precaution that should have been taken before any volunteers took part in the exercises.

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(b) (i) The results of the investigation are shown in Fig. 36.

The columns represent the mean recovery times before and after the training. The error bars represent the standard deviation above and below the mean.

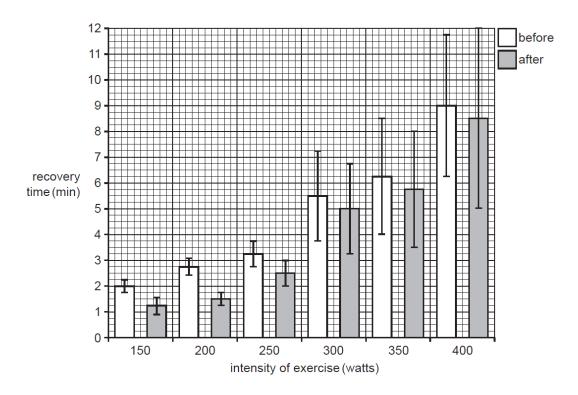


Fig. 36

Name **one** statistical test that could be used to analyse the data in Fig. 36. Justify your choice.

(b) (ii) Comment on how well this training programme improved fitness.

(b) (iii) Promoters of the training programme claimed that it was good for training **weightlifters**. Comment on the **validity** of this statement.

Total Marks for Question Set 6: 9

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