1 **(a)** Fig. 7.1 shows a suggested evolutionary relationship between bears, raccoons and the two species of panda, the giant panda, *Ailuropoda melanoleuca*, and the red panda, *Ailurus fulgens*.

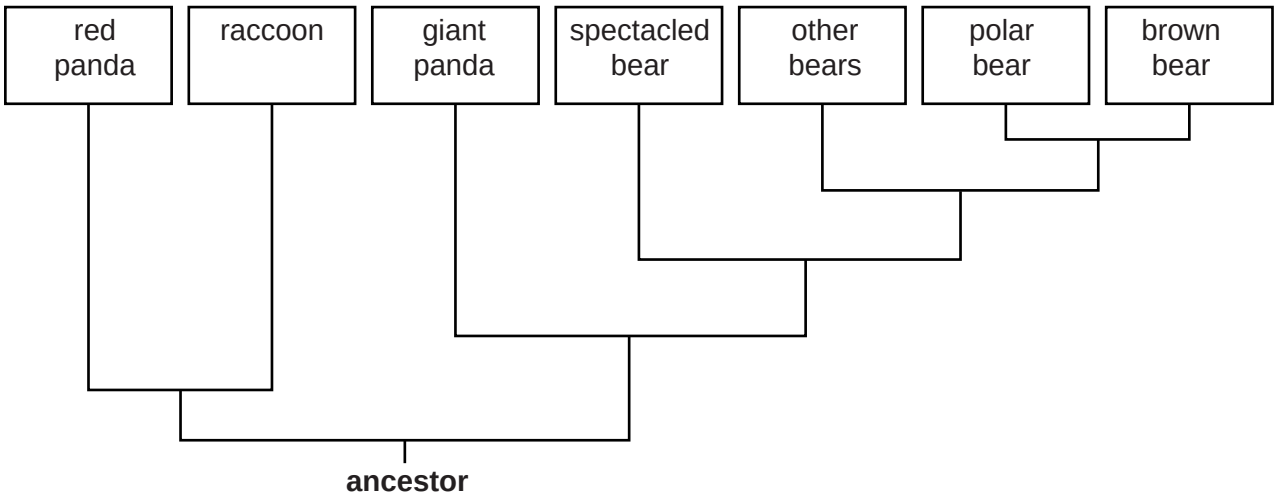

Fig. 7.1

(i) Using Fig. 7.1, name the **two** animals that share the most recent common ancestor.

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(ii) State whether pandas form a distinct taxonomic group. Use information from Fig. 7.1 to justify your answer.

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(b) The evolutionary relationship of the giant panda and red panda has been a matter of scientific debate for many years. It was hoped that molecular evidence would provide a definite answer. Some of the results of scientific studies are listed in Table 7.1.

Table 7.1

year	protein sequenced	conclusion
1985	albumen	Giant panda is more closely related to bears, and red panda is more closely related to raccoons, than pandas are to each other.
1986	haemoglobin	Giant and red panda are more closely related to each other than the giant panda is to bears or the red panda is to raccoons.
1993	cytochrome c	Giant panda is more closely related to bears, and red panda is more closely related to raccoons, than pandas are to each other.

(i) Comment on what the results in Table 7.1 show about the nature of scientific knowledge **and** the role of the scientific community in validating new knowledge.

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(ii) The roles of the three proteins sequenced in the studies shown in Table 7.1 are as follows:

- albumen carries molecules such as hormones in the blood
- haemoglobin carries oxygen in the blood
- cytochrome c plays a role in oxidative phosphorylation in mitochondria.

Both the giant and the red panda live in mountain habitats and are physiologically adapted to living at high altitude. Oxygen partial pressure is lower at high altitude than it is at sea level.

Explain how these facts could provide an argument for rejecting the conclusion of the 1986 study.

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(c) Research on another protein from the giant panda was carried out in 2008. This protein, called crystallin, is found in the lens of the eye, and has a sequence that has been highly conserved in all mammals.

The steps in the procedure used in the study are summarised in Fig. 7.2.

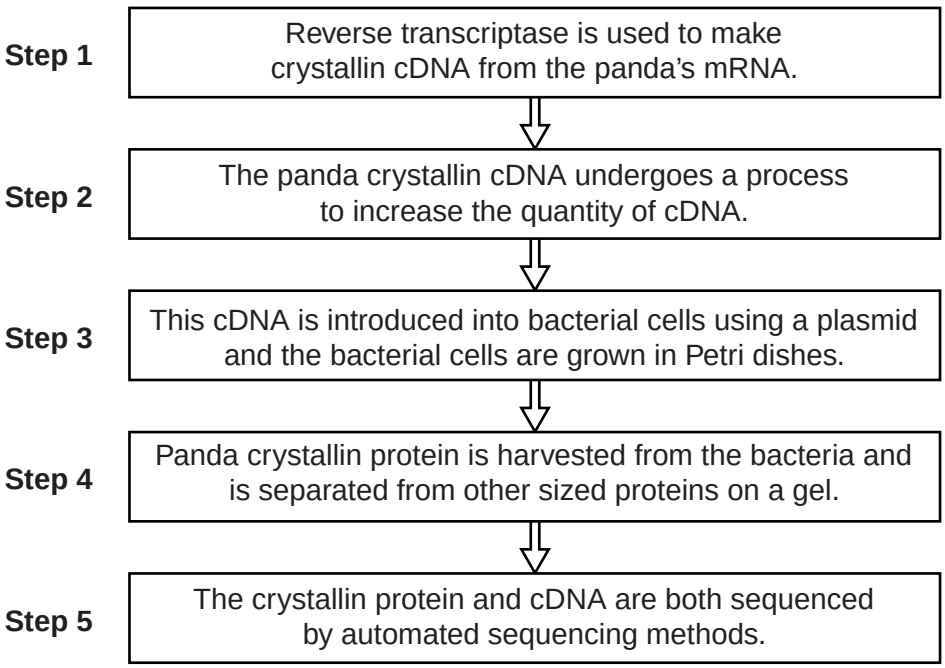

Fig. 7.2

Identify the **technique** used in each case to carry out steps **2**, **3** and **4**.

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step **3** .....

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(d) The panda crystallin protein obtained was 175 amino acids long, corresponding to a 528 base pair cDNA gene.

Explain why a protein that is 175 amino acids long is coded for by 528 base pairs of DNA.

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(e) The crystallin protein and cDNA sequences of the giant panda were compared with those of three other mammals.

The results are shown in Table 7.2.

Table 7.2

	percentage of sequence that is the **same** in the giant panda and other mammal	
mammal	nucleotides in cDNA	amino acids in protein
human	93.9	98.3
mouse	91.5	97.1
ox	95.3	99.4

(i) Using the data in Table 7.2, name the mammal that is the closest relative of the giant panda.

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(ii) Explain why the figures in Table 7.2 are higher for the protein sequences than for the cDNA sequences.

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2 Fig. 1.1 is a flow diagram showing the main stages involved in making cheese. The starting material is milk, which contains the protein, casein.

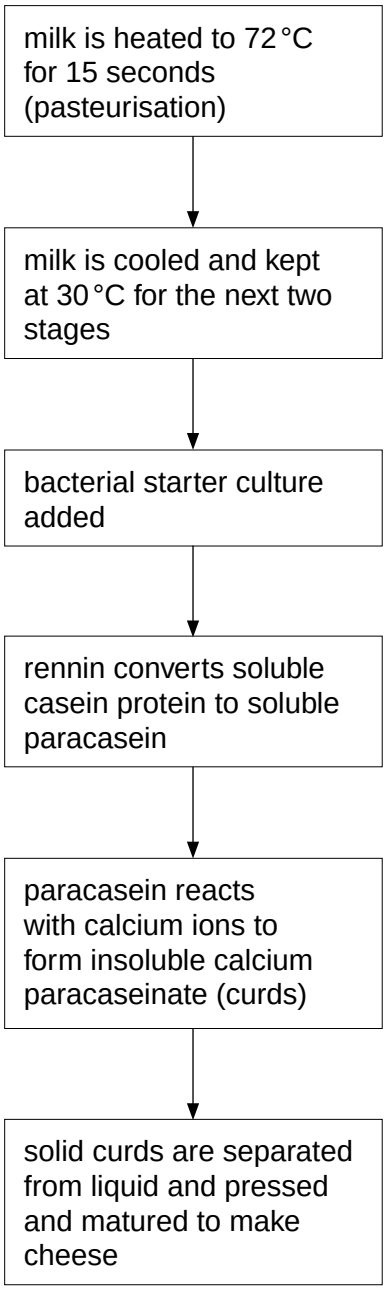

Fig. 1.1

(a) (i) Explain why making cheese can be described as a biotechnological process.

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(ii) Suggest **two** benefits of the pasteurisation stage.

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(b) (i) Rennin is a protein that can be obtained from the stomach lining of calves. It is used in the cheese-making process in the ratio one part rennin to 10 000 parts milk.

Suggest what type of protein rennin is **and** explain how a very small quantity of rennin is able to convert a large quantity of milk.

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(ii) Rennin could, in theory, be immobilised for use in cheese-making.

List **two** potential advantages of this.

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(c) Rennin can now be made by genetically modified microorganisms.

Outline the process by which bacteria can be genetically modified to produce rennin.

In your answer, you should make clear how the steps in the process are sequenced.

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3 Fig. 4.1 shows a junction between two neurones where the neurotransmitter is dopamine. Fig. 4.2 shows a neuromuscular junction.

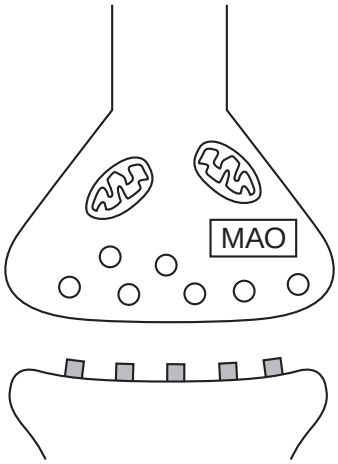

Fig. 4.1

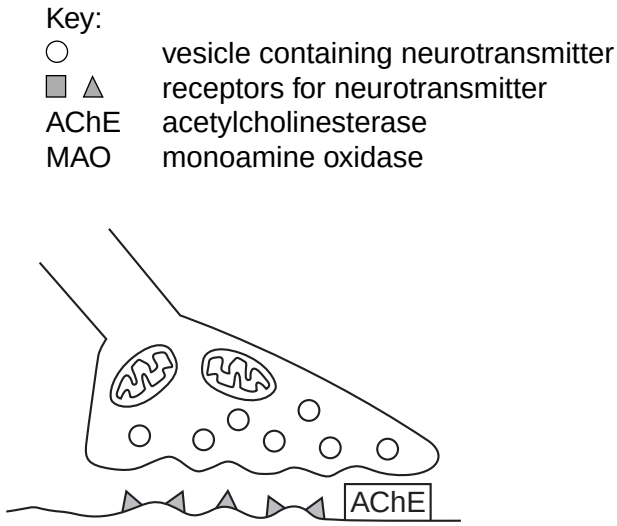

Fig. 4.2

(a) Complete Table 4.1 below to compare the structure and function of the dopamine synapse and the neuromuscular junction.

Table 4.1

	similarity	difference
structure		
function		

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(b) The sequence of events at a dopamine synapse is given below:

- dopamine molecules bind to the protein receptors on the postsynaptic membrane and trigger a response
- dopamine leaves the receptors and moves back into the presynaptic neurone
- some dopamine is repackaged into vesicles
- some dopamine is broken down by the enzyme monoamine oxidase (MAO).

Table 4.2 summarises the action of some drugs that affect dopamine synapses.

Table 4.2

drug	action at synapse
phenothiazine	binds to and blocks dopamine receptors
phenelzine	acts as an inhibitor of MAO
amphetamine	binds to and activates the dopamine receptor and causes release of stored dopamine from vesicles

(i) Use the information in Table 4.2 to suggest which drug molecule could have a shape that **differs** from that of the dopamine molecule. Give a reason for your answer.

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(ii) Schizophrenia is a condition in which there is a higher than usual level of dopamine in certain areas of the brain.

Suggest why phenothiazine is used to treat schizophrenia.

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(c) DRD4 is a dopamine receptor in humans. The DRD4 receptor gene has a large number of alleles, of which a single individual can only have two.

(i) Explain why one individual can only have two of the different alleles of the DRD4 gene.

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(ii) Name a technique that would reveal differences in the lengths of the different forms of the DRD4 receptor gene.

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(d) Three alleles of DRD4 have the following alterations:

- a single base-pair substitution
- a 21 base-pair deletion
- a 13 base-pair deletion.

Suggest which of the three mutations will have the most serious consequences for the structure of the protein receptor. Give a reason for your choice.

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(e) One allele of DRD4 has been found more frequently amongst individuals whose personality is described as 'novelty-seeking' and whose behaviour tends to be exploratory and impulsive.

Suggest how this particular allele of the DRD4 receptor could have become common in the human population.

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