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BIOLOGY

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Paper 4 A2 Structured Questions

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Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

No Additional Materials are required.

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Section A

Answer **all** questions.

Section B

Answer **one** question

Circle the number of the Section B question you have answered in the grid below.

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Section A

Answer **all** the questions.

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1 (a) Fig. 1.1 shows a neurone forming three synapses with adjacent neurones.

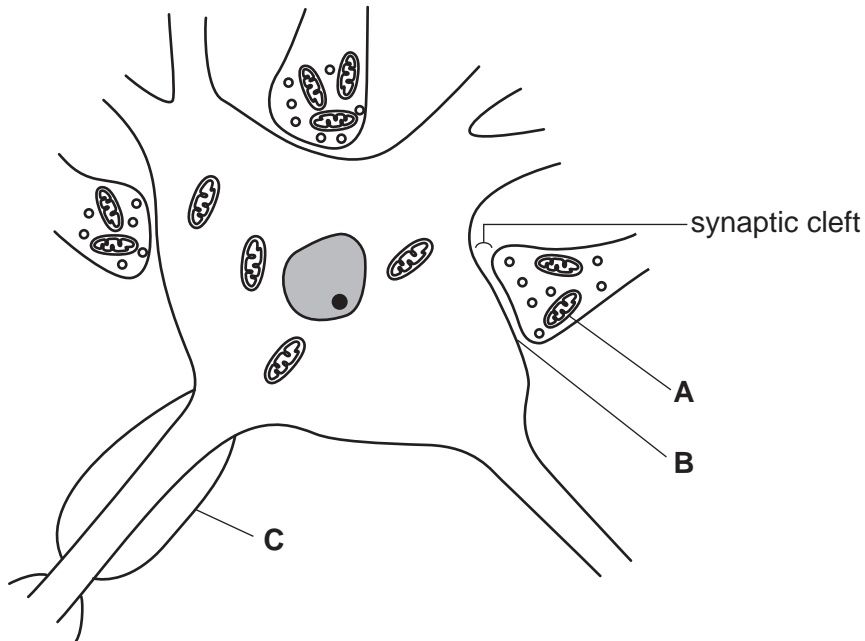


Fig. 1.1

Name **A**, **B** and **C**.

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B.....

C..... [3]

(b) Outline the role of structure **A** in synaptic transmission.

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(c) The drug nicotine has a similar structure to acetylcholine.

Suggest the effects on brain neurones of inhaling nicotine from a cigarette.

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- (ii) Explain why it is important, for identifying bacteria that have successfully taken up the recombinant plasmid, that on pBR322 the target site for *Bam*HI is in the middle of the tetracycline resistance gene.

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- (iii) Use a label line and the letter **C** to identify, on Fig. 2.2, a colony of bacteria that contain the recombinant plasmid.

Put your answer onto Fig. 2.2 on page 5. [1]

- (c) Plasmid vectors carrying antibiotic resistance genes are now rarely used in gene technology.

- (i) Explain why antibiotic resistance genes are now rarely used.

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- (ii) State one type of gene that has replaced antibiotic resistance genes in plasmid vectors and indicate how its presence can be detected.

type of gene

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detection.....

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[Total: 15]

3 Penicillin-binding proteins (PBPs) are proteins found in the cell surface membranes of bacteria. PBPs catalyse the final steps in the production of a peptidoglycan cell wall.

(a) From the information given above, describe the likely molecular structure of a PBP.

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(b) Penicillin-resistant mutants of the bacterium, *Staphylococcus aureus*, produce a PBP, PBP2a, that does not bind well with penicillin.

Suggest how the presence of PBP2a in the cell surface membrane provides *S. aureus* with resistance to the effects of penicillin.

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(c) Explain why penicillin does not affect viruses.

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- 4 (a) Fig. 4.1 shows a light micrograph of a section through a wheat grain.

The structure of a wheat grain is very similar to that of a maize fruit.

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Fig. 4.1

On Fig. 4.1, use label lines and letters to label each of the following parts.

- A** endosperm
- B** fused testa and pericarp (fruit coat)
- C** embryo

[3]

- (b) Wheat grains are ground to make flour, which can be used for making bread.

Whole grain flour is made from the complete wheat grain.

Refined (white) flour is produced from wheat grains from which the embryo, aleurone layer and the fused testa and pericarp have been removed.

Table 4.1 shows the carbohydrate, protein and dietary fibre content of bread made from whole grain flour and white flour.

(d) A diet containing large amounts of foods with a high GI can increase the risk of developing type II diabetes. A study was carried out into the effect of consuming whole cereal grains, refined cereal grains and fruit on the risk of developing type II diabetes.

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- In 1986, questionnaires about diet were completed by 41 836 women, all between the ages of 55–69 years old, in Iowa, USA.
- The women were then divided into five groups according to their range of intake of each food type.
- In 1992 the same women were asked whether or not they had developed type II diabetes.
- Their answers were used to calculate the relative risk of developing type II diabetes for each of the five groups.

For each food type, the group with the lowest intake of that food type was allocated a risk of 1.00.

Table 4.2 shows the results of this study.

Table 4.2

food type	range of intake/ servings per week	relative risk of developing type II diabetes
whole cereal grains	< 13.0	1.00
	13.0 – 18.5	0.89
	19.0 – 24.5	0.94
	25.0 – 33.0	0.81
	> 33.0	0.68
refined cereal grains	< 6.0	1.00
	6.0 – 9.5	0.96
	10.0 – 13.5	1.00
	14.0 – 22.0	0.98
	> 22.0	0.87
fruit	< 6.25	1.00
	6.5 – 10.0	1.05
	10.1– 13.5	1.00
	13.6 – 19.0	1.08
	> 19.0	1.14

5 Many couples who are not able to have children naturally are treated using in-vitro fertilisation (IVF).

(a) Describe how and where fertilisation occurs during IVF.

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(b) The embryos resulting from IVF are transferred into the mother's uterus. This is sometimes done after 3 days, and sometimes after 5 days.

Suggest **one** advantage and **one** disadvantage of transferring the embryos after 5 days rather than 3 days.

advantage

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disadvantage

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(c) Many IVF clinics usually transfer two or more embryos to the mother's uterus, to increase the chances of a successful pregnancy occurring. However, this increases the risk of more than one embryo developing in the uterus, which in turn increases the risk of problems with the pregnancy or birth.

A study was carried out to compare the success rates of transferring:

- a single embryo that had been carefully chosen as being of 'top quality'
- a non-selected single embryo
- two or more embryos.

Fig. 5.1 shows the results of this study.

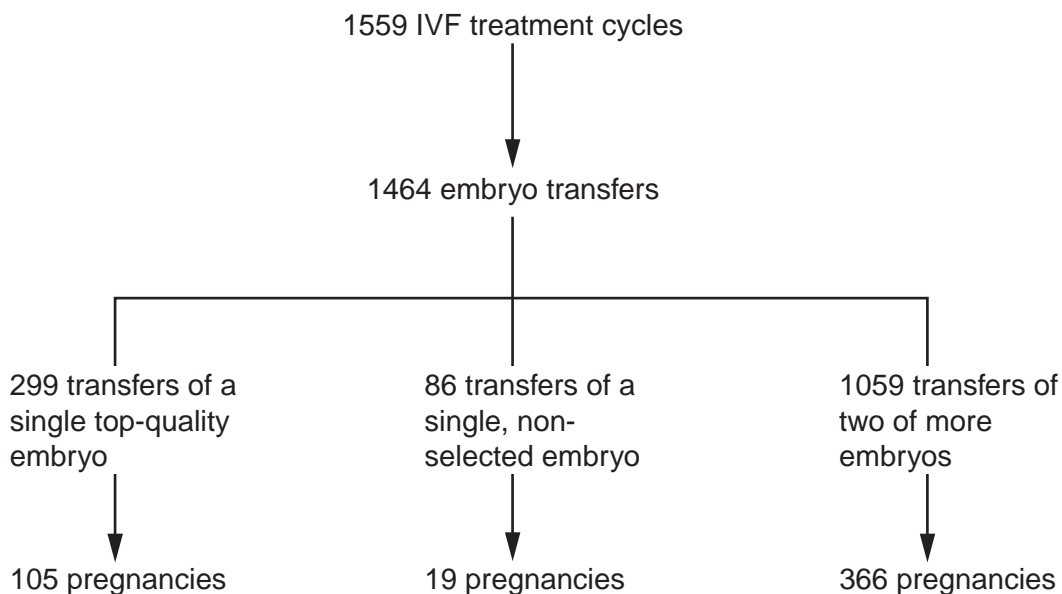


Fig. 5.1

(i) With reference to Fig. 5.1, explain why transferring a single top-quality embryo is now considered to be the best method to maximise the chance of a successful pregnancy.

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(ii) State **one** ethical implication of transferring single top-quality embryos in IVF.

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6 In mice, fur colour is controlled by a gene with multiple alleles. These alleles are listed below in no particular order.

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black and tan = C^{bt}
agouti = C^a

yellow = C^y
black = C^b

(a) Suggest explanations for the results of the following crosses between mice.

(i) Mice with agouti fur crossed with mice with black fur may produce all agouti offspring **or** some agouti and some black offspring.

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(ii) Crosses between heterozygous parents with the genotype $C^y C^b$ always produce a ratio of two yellow mice to one black mouse.

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(iii) Mice with yellow fur crossed with mice with black fur will produce one of the following outcomes:

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- some yellow offspring and some agouti offspring
- some yellow offspring and some black and tan offspring
- some yellow offspring and some black offspring.

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(b) A test cross is used to determine the genotype of an organism.

Describe how you would carry out a test cross to determine the genotype of a black and tan mouse.

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A study was carried out in 2006 to show how four food crops are pollinated.

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Fig. 7.2 shows the results of this study.

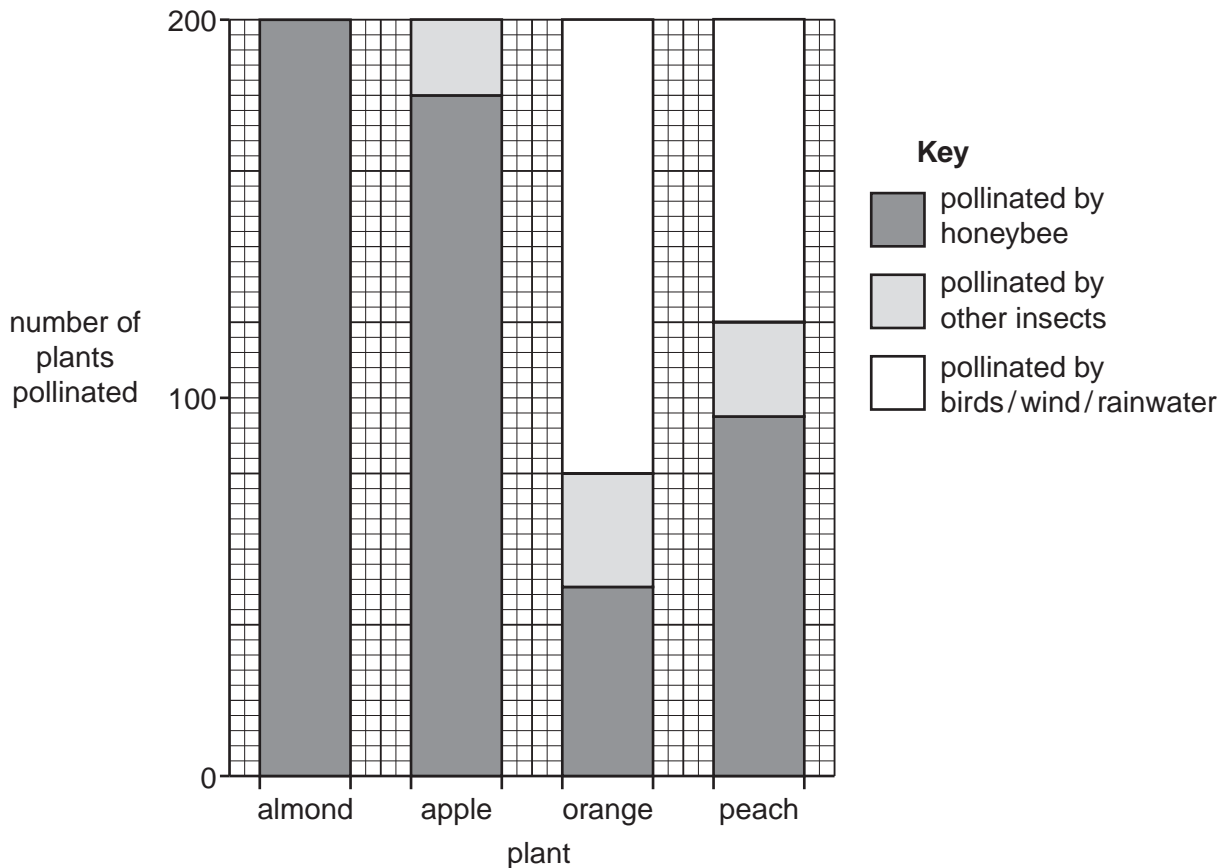


Fig. 7.2

The populations of honeybees in some parts of the world have declined in recent years.

- (i) With reference to Fig. 7.2, **explain** which crop will be most affected **and** which crop will be least affected by the decline in honeybees.

most affected.....

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least affected.....

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8 (a) Fig. 8.1 outlines some steps in glucose metabolism in mammalian cells.

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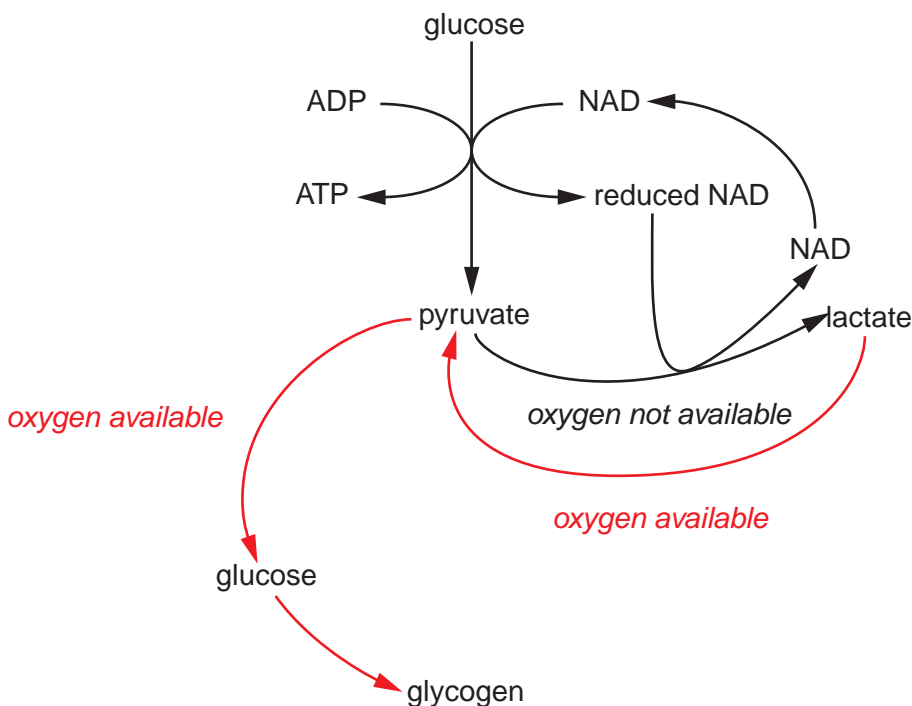


Fig. 8.1

With reference to Fig. 8.1:

(i) name the part of the cell where glucose is converted to pyruvate
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(ii) explain why, in the absence of oxygen, pyruvate needs to be converted to lactate

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(iii) name the enzyme responsible for the conversion of pyruvate to lactate
 [1]

(iv) name the type of reaction **and** the type of bonds formed when glucose molecules are used to make glycogen.

reaction

bonds [2]

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