

Core 1

Two characteristics of living organisms are nutrition and respiration.

(a) (i) List **three** other characteristics of living organisms.

1.

2.

3.[3]

(ii) Name the process by which green plants produce carbohydrates.

.....[1]

[Total: 4]

Core 2

Table 1 describes some of the characteristics of living organisms. Complete the table by identifying each characteristic described. The first one has been completed as an example.

Table 1

Description	Characteristic
Responding to stimuli in the environment	Irritability
Releasing energy from sugars	
Producing more organisms of the same type	
Getting rid of waste chemicals made in the organism	
Obtaining the materials for growth	

[4]

[Total : 4]

Core 3

Fig. 1 shows a red blood cell and a root hair cell.

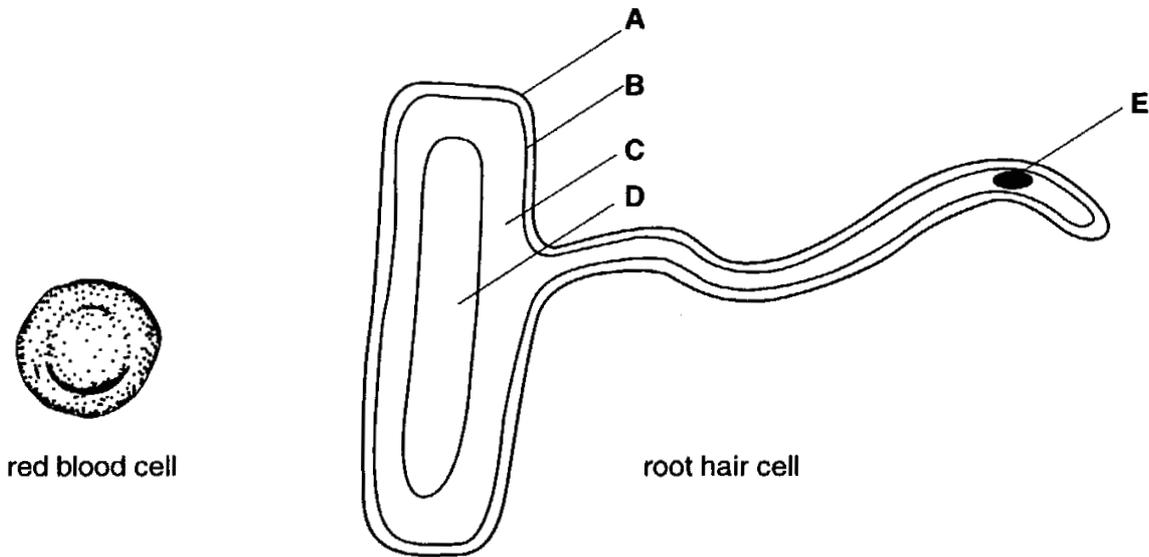


Fig. 1

(a) (i) Select **two** structures in the root hair cell which are also present in the red blood cell. In each case state the letter, **A** to **E**, and name the structure.

1. *Letter*

Name of structure

2. *Letter*

Name of structure[2]

(ii) Name **one** structure which is typical of many plant cells but which is not present in the root hair cell.

.....[1]

Core 3

(b) State **one** major function of each cell and describe **one** way in which the cell is adapted to carry out this function.

(i) Red blood cell.

Function

Adaptation[2]

(ii) Root hair cell.

Function

Adaptation[2]

[Total : 7]

Alternative to Practical 1

An experiment was carried out to investigate the effect of different concentrations of sucrose solution on the length of potato strips.

Five test-tubes were set up, each containing a different concentration of sucrose solution. Another tube was set up containing the same volume of distilled water.

A strip of potato tissue was placed in each tube. The strips were of equal size and as shown in Fig. 2

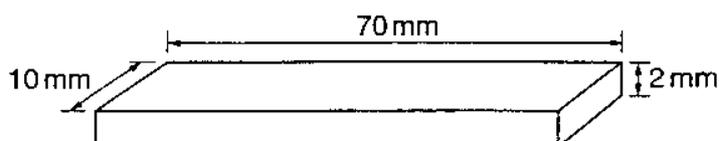


Fig. 2

These strips were completely covered by the solutions and were left in the tubes for 30 minutes. The potato strips were removed and measured. The results are shown in Table 2

Table 2

concentration of sucrose solution (mol dm^{-3})	initial length (mm)	final length (mm)	change in length (mm)
0	70	73.0	
0.2	70	71.5	
0.4	70	69.0	
0.6	70	67.0	
0.8	70	66.0	
1.0	70	64.5	

Extension 1

- (a) Draw a labelled diagram of a **named** specialised plant cell and describe its function. [6]
- (b) Describe the structure and functions of mammalian blood cells. [9]

[Total: 15]

Extension 2

- (a) What is an *enzyme*? [3]
- (b) State the conditions in which enzymes work best. [3]
- (c) Outline the parts played by **named** enzymes in each of the following processes:
- (i) germination of seeds;
 - (ii) the use of biological washing powders to remove protein stains;
 - (iii) fat digestion in the alimentary canal.

[9]

[Total: 15]

Core 1

- a(i) any three of these
- growth (or alternative wording)
 - movement (or alternative wording)
 - irritability / sensitivity (or alternative wording)
 - excretion (or alternative wording)
 - reproduction (or alternative wording)
- (ii) photosynthesis

Core 2

In order in the table

Respiration
Reproduction
Excretion
Nutrition / feeding

Core 3

a(i) B – cell membrane

C – cytoplasm

(ii) chloroplasts

b red blood cell

any one of these functions with its relevant adaptation

carries / combines with oxygen
haemoglobin present

more space for haemoglobin
lack of nucleus

oxygen uptake / release
biconcave shape / increased surface area

root hair cell

uptake of water / minerals
increased surface area / cell extension

reject anchorage as a function

Alternative to Practical 1

a(i) in order in the table

+ 3.0 mm

+ 1.5 mm

- 1.0 mm

- 3.0 mm

- 4.0 mm

- 5.5 mm

(ii) points plotted accurately
neat clear line passing through each point

b(i) potato strips in sucrose solutions lost or decreased in length
potato strips in water or dilute sucrose solutions increased in length
point noted of no change in length

(ii) osmosis

Extension 1

- a any six of these points with a maximum of 3 for the diagram (third point)
- suitable named plant cell
 - function described
 - diagram recognisable with main features drawn, at least 3 accurate labels
 - cell wall
 - cytoplasm / reference to lack of cytoplasm
 - (sap) vacuole
 - nucleus
 - chloroplast (or other named feature appropriate to named cell)
- b nine points from the following **provided** cell is named
- red blood cell or corpuscle / erythrocyte
 - reference to lack of nucleus
 - description of shape
 - provides large surface area (or alternative wording)
 - reference to presence of haemoglobin
 - carries / transports oxygen
 - phagocyte / granulocyte / monocyte / neutrophil
 - has lobed nucleus
 - can change shape / pass out of capillaries
 - engulfs bacteria (or alternative wording)
 - digests bacteria / foreign material (or alternative wording)
 - lymphocyte / B cells / T cells
 - has large nucleus (or alternative wording)
 - produces antibodies
 - makes bacteria clump (or alternative wording) / ref. to long term immunity
 - produces antitoxins
 - neutralises toxins (or alternative wording)

Extension 2

- a any three of these
biological / present in living organisms
catalyst / speeds up reaction rate / lowers activation energy
reference to protein nature
reference to specificity
- b any three of these
reference to optimum temperature / specified temperature eg 25 – 40 °C
reference to optimum pH (or specified pH for named enzyme)
only work in liquid medium (or alternative wording)
reference to lack of limiting factors for example concentration of substrate
- c(i) any three from
amylase
breaks down to starch
reference to sugar / named sugar **reject** glucose / sucrose
use, for example for energy / growth / respiration
reference to sugar being soluble for transport
- (ii) any three of these
protease / named protein enzyme, for example pepsin, trypsin
breaks down / digests protein
to amino acids / peptides
reference to solubility
- (iii) any three of these
lipase
breaks down / digests protein
reference to fatty acids and glycerol
reference to molecules small enough to pass through gut wall / into lymph or lacteal
reference to site of action, for example small intestine / duodenum / ileum