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**Answer BOTH questions.**

**Write your answers in the spaces provided.**

1. Dogwhelks (*Nucella lapillus*) are carnivorous snails that live on rocky shores. Barnacles, which are small filter-feeding crustaceans, are their main prey. The barnacles fix themselves permanently to rocks on these shores.

A student formed the hypothesis that the distribution of dogwhelks was determined by the availability of their main food source.

To test this hypothesis, she placed a 1 m<sup>2</sup> quadrat at eight random points at one level along a rocky shore. The number of dogwhelks inside each quadrat was counted.

However, the student decided that, barnacles were small and too numerous to count accurately in such a large area. Therefore, she counted their numbers in five separate 5 cm × 5 cm quadrats placed randomly inside the 1 m<sup>2</sup> quadrat at each of the eight sites.

The results of her investigation are shown below.

Main quadrat 1 m × 1 m	Barnacle counts in 5 cm × 5 cm quadrats
Quadrat 1	Dogwhelks = 14 Barnacle counts = 32, 50, 29, 35, 46
Quadrat 2	Dogwhelks = 6 Barnacle counts = 15, 20, 26, 0, 11
Quadrat 3	Dogwhelks = 9 Barnacle counts = 26, 32, 19, 15, 25
Quadrat 4	Dogwhelks = 1 Barnacle counts = 12, 14, 19, 10, 17
Quadrat 5	Dogwhelks = 12 Barnacle counts = 52, 27, 33, 37, 39
Quadrat 6	Dogwhelks = 4 Barnacle counts = 21, 14, 22, 4, 9
Quadrat 7	Dogwhelks = 10 Barnacle counts = 47, 21, 29, 32, 34
Quadrat 8	Dogwhelks = 9 Barnacle counts = 23, 31, 17, 16, 21



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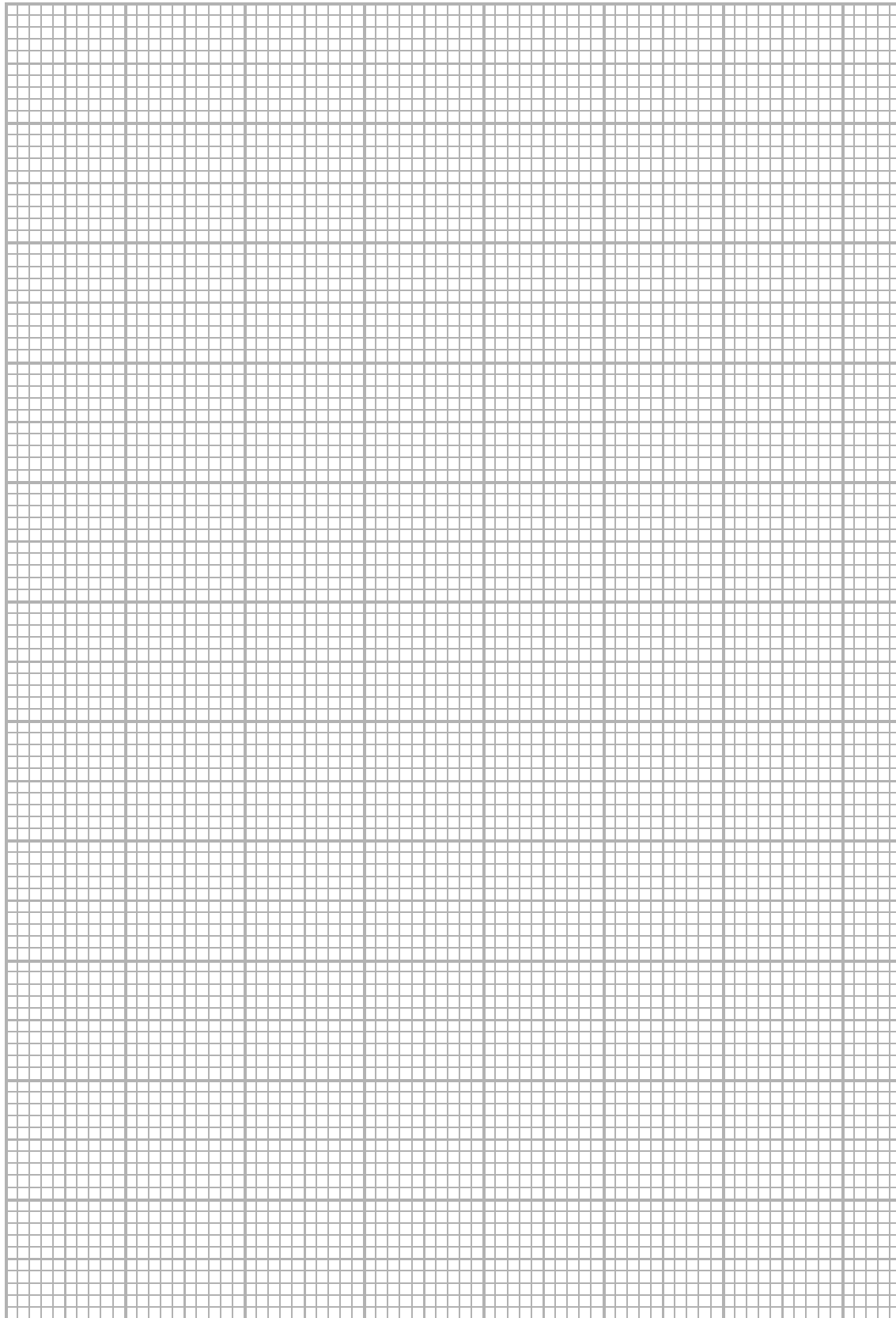
- (a) Use the barnacle counts to estimate the total number of barnacles in each 1 m<sup>2</sup> quadrat. Prepare a table and present the results in a suitable way so the number of dogwhelks and the number of barnacles in each 1 m<sup>2</sup> quadrat can be compared.

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(b) Use the data in your table to present the information in suitable graphical form.



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- (c) To test the relationship between numbers of dogwhelks and barnacles, the student used a rank correlation coefficient.

Calculate the rank correlation coefficient ( $r_s$ ) for these data using the information given below. Show your working.

$$r_s = 1 - \frac{6\Sigma D^2}{n^3 - n}$$

Where  $\Sigma D^2 = 4$

$n$  = the number of samples

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- (d) The critical value of  $r_s$ , at  $p = 0.05$ , for this investigation is 0.738.

Using your calculated value of  $r_s$ , what conclusion concerning the relationship between the number of dogwhelks and number of barnacles can be drawn from this investigation?

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2. Many plants produce chemicals that inhibit the growth and germination of other plant species. This allows the plants to reduce competition and to grow more vigorously.

Mouse-ear hawkweed (*Hieracium pilosella*) is a flowering plant that grows in meadows and pastures. In these habitats, this plant often competes successfully with grasses, especially those of the *Festuca* species.

Plan an investigation to be carried out in the laboratory to test the hypothesis that the roots of *Hieracium* contain chemicals that inhibit the germination of *Festuca* seeds.

Your answer should give details under the following headings:

- (a) Plan of the investigation to be carried out.

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(b) Recording of raw data measurements, presentation of results and data analysis.

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(c) Limitations of your proposed method and an indication of further work that could be undertaken.

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