



ADVANCED GCE
HUMAN BIOLOGY
 Energy, Control and Reproduction

2866

Candidates answer on the Question Paper

OCR Supplied Materials:
 None

Other Materials Required:

- Electronic calculator
- Ruler (cm/mm)

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Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes



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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name clearly in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the boxes above.
- Use black ink. Pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Read each question carefully and make sure that you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided, however additional paper may be used if necessary.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **90**.
- You will be awarded marks for the quality of written communication where this is indicated in the question.
- You may use an electronic calculator.
- This document consists of **20** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

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Answer **all** the questions.

1 An understanding of the structure of the nervous system is necessary for the effective treatment of traumatic brain injury.

(a) Fig. 1.1 shows the major components of the nervous system.

Complete Fig. 1.1 using the most appropriate terms.

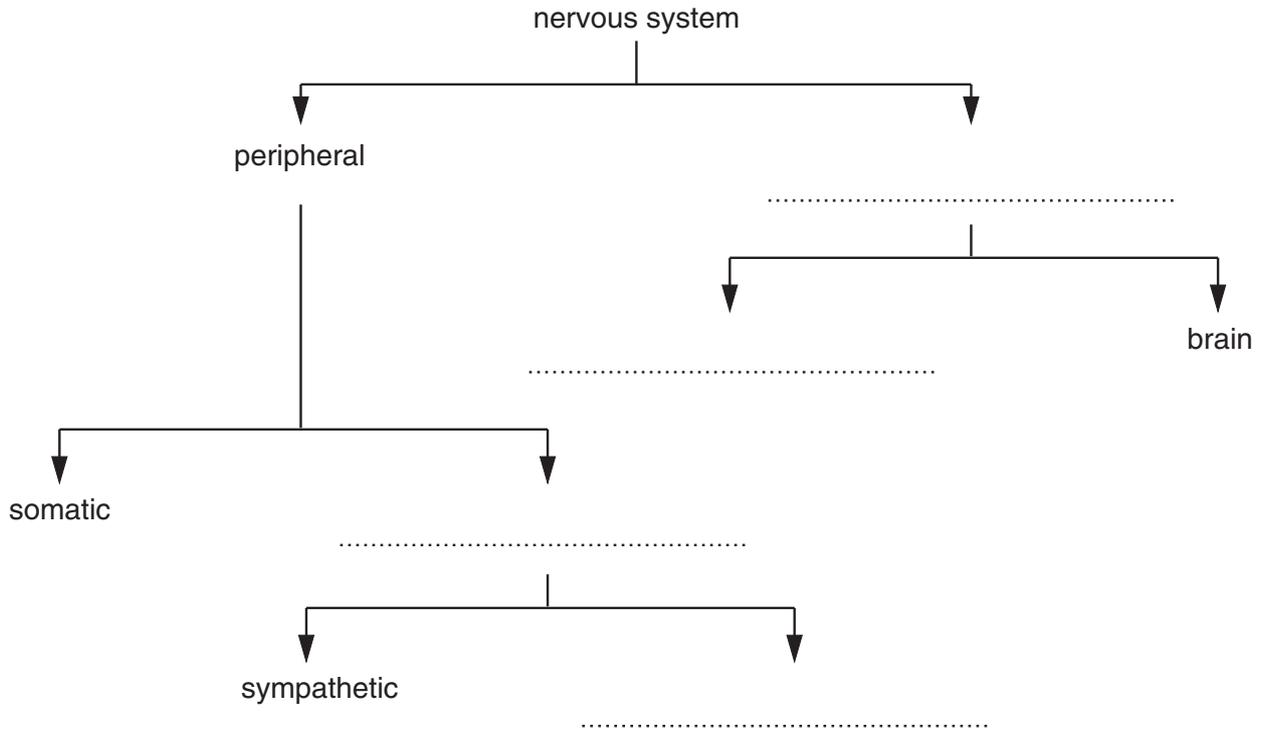


Fig. 1.1

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(b) Explain what is meant by the term *traumatic brain injury*.

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(c) Fig. 1.2 shows a section through the human brain.

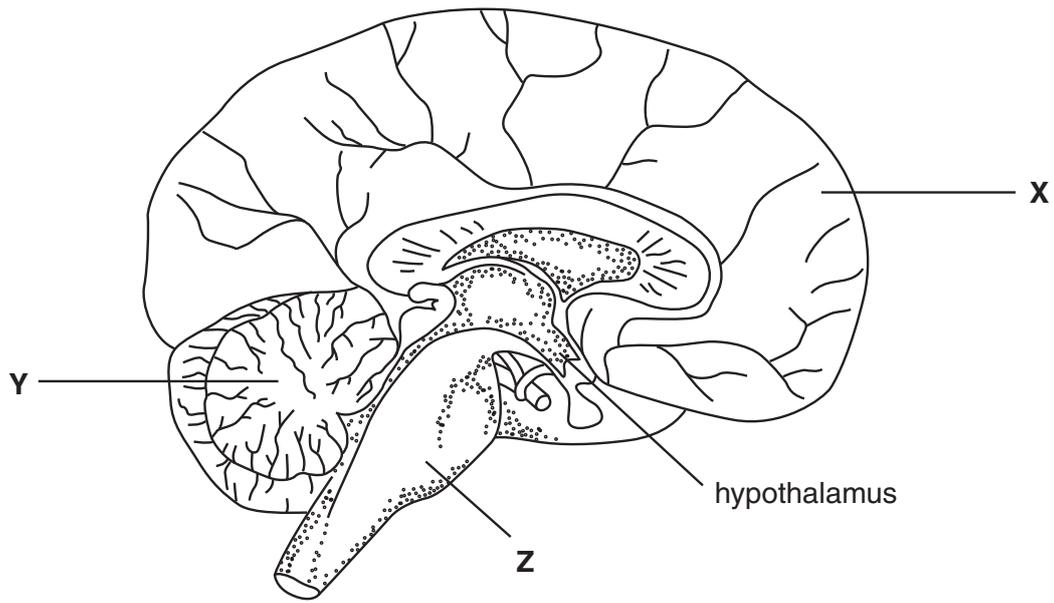


Fig. 1.2

(i) Table 1.1 lists five symptoms of brain injury.

Complete the table by filling in the appropriate letter, **X**, **Y** or **Z**, from Fig. 1.2. Each letter may be used once, more than once or not at all.

Table 1.1

symptom	region of brain injured
loss of short-term memory	
loss of balance	
personality change	
cardiac arrest	
inability to write	

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(ii) State **one** function of the hypothalamus.

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2 In order to reduce the incidence of coronary heart disease (CHD), health promotion specialists aim to increase the number of people taking part in regular aerobic exercise.

(a) Explain the term *aerobic exercise*.

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(b) Describe the effects on the cardiovascular system of a **short** period of strenuous exercise.

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(c) Describe a programme that you could use to improve your aerobic fitness.

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(d) Muscles contain both slow-twitch red and fast-twitch white fibres.

Explain why **slow-twitch** muscle fibres are important to an athlete during long periods of exercise.

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- 3 The role of health professionals in the field of human reproduction includes giving advice on fertility. An understanding of the human male urinogenital system is essential when advising on male fertility problems.

Fig. 3.1 is a longitudinal section of the male urinogenital system.

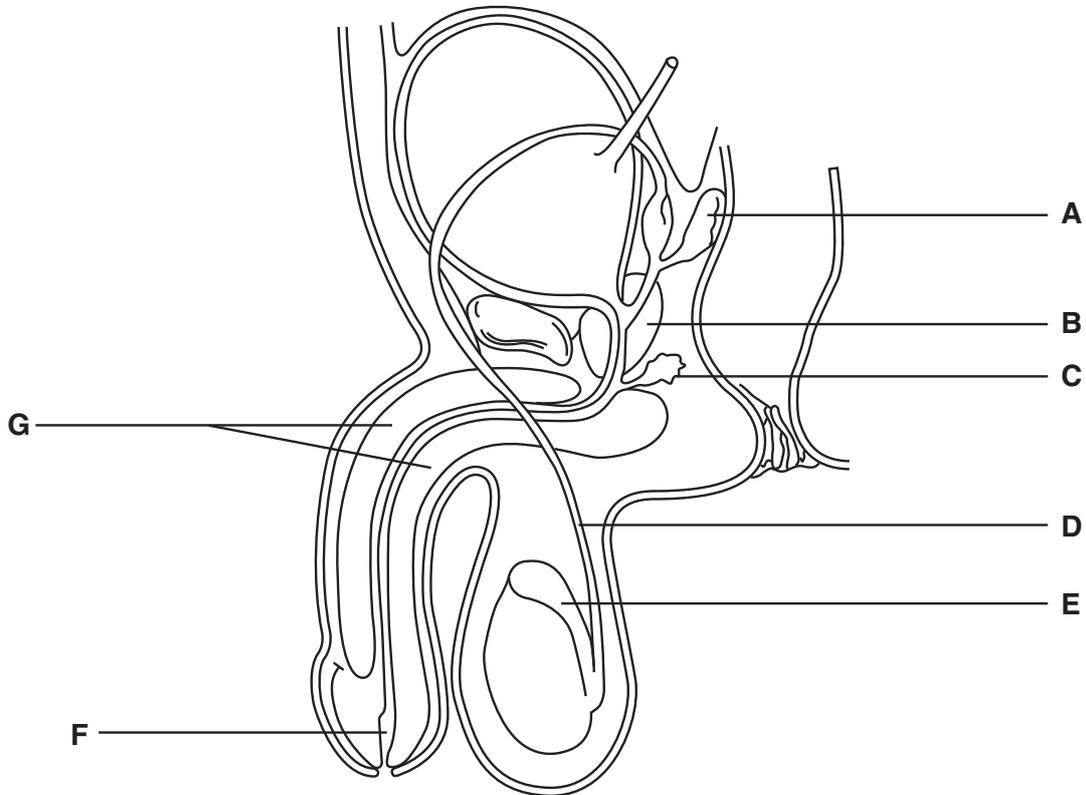


Fig. 3.1

(a) State which of the labels **A** to **G** on Fig. 3.1 indicates the:

(i) vas deferens;

(ii) prostate gland.

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(b) Describe the function of the tissue labelled **G** in Fig. 3.1.

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- (e) Males may release as many as 40 million sperm cells in a single ejaculation. In contrast, a female may only release about 400 secondary oocytes in her lifetime.

Fig 3.3 shows a secondary oocyte following ovulation.

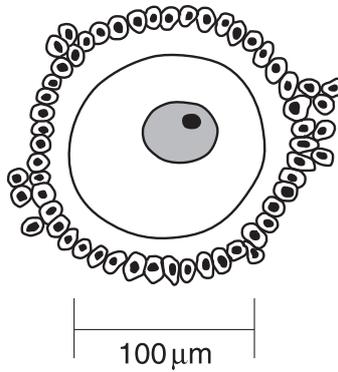


Fig. 3.3

Calculate the magnification of the drawing in Fig. 3.3.

Show your working and give your answer to the **nearest whole number**.

Magnification = x [2]

- (f) The **volume** of a secondary oocyte is significantly greater than the volume of an erythrocyte (red blood cell).

Explain how this difference is related to the functions of the two cells.

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- 4 Understanding the biochemistry of oxygen transport enables athletes to improve their performance.

Fig. 4.1 shows the oxygen dissociation curve for adult haemoglobin at different partial pressures of carbon dioxide ($p\text{CO}_2$ / kPa).

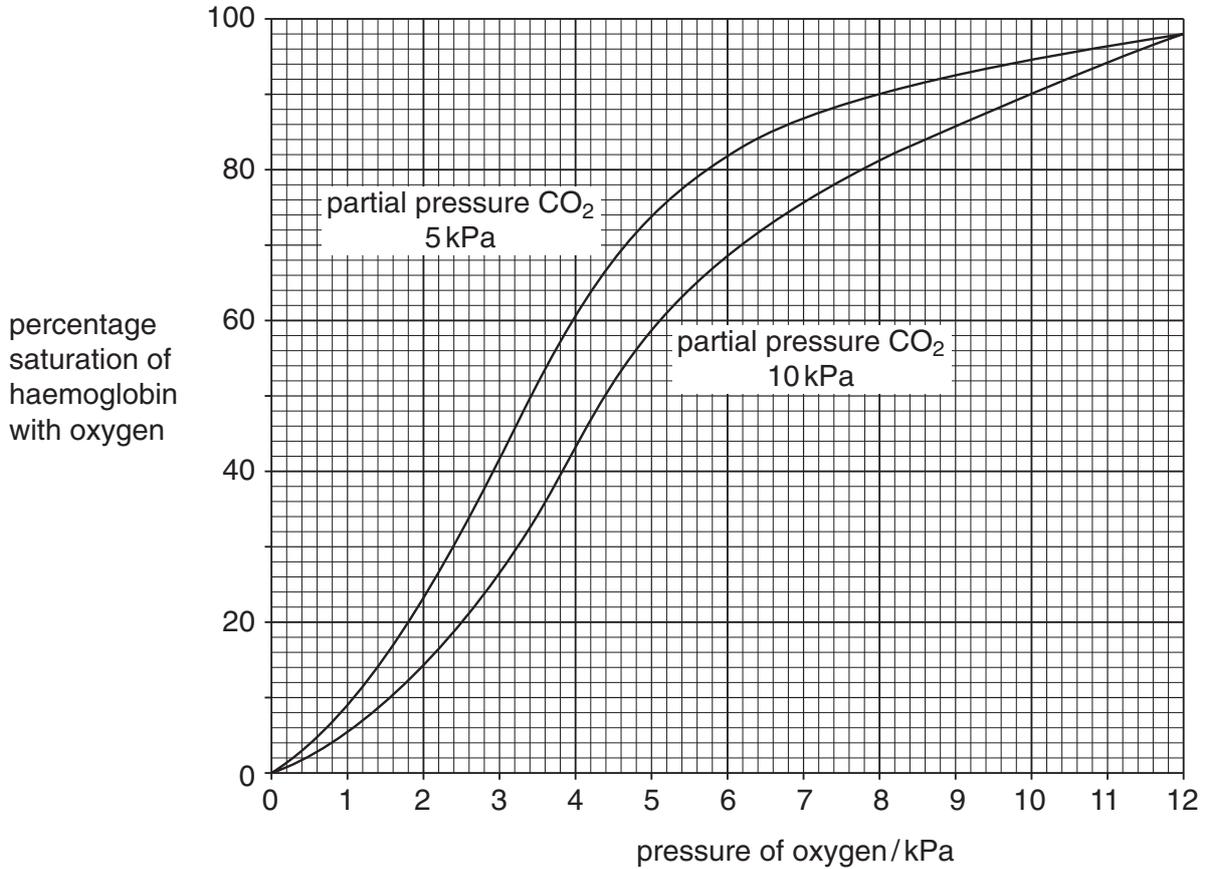


Fig. 4.1

- (a) (i) Name the effect illustrated by the curves.

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- (ii) Explain how the structure and properties of the haemoglobin molecule give rise to the sigmoid (S-shaped) curves shown in Fig. 4.1.

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6 Fig. 6.1 is a diagram of a neurone.

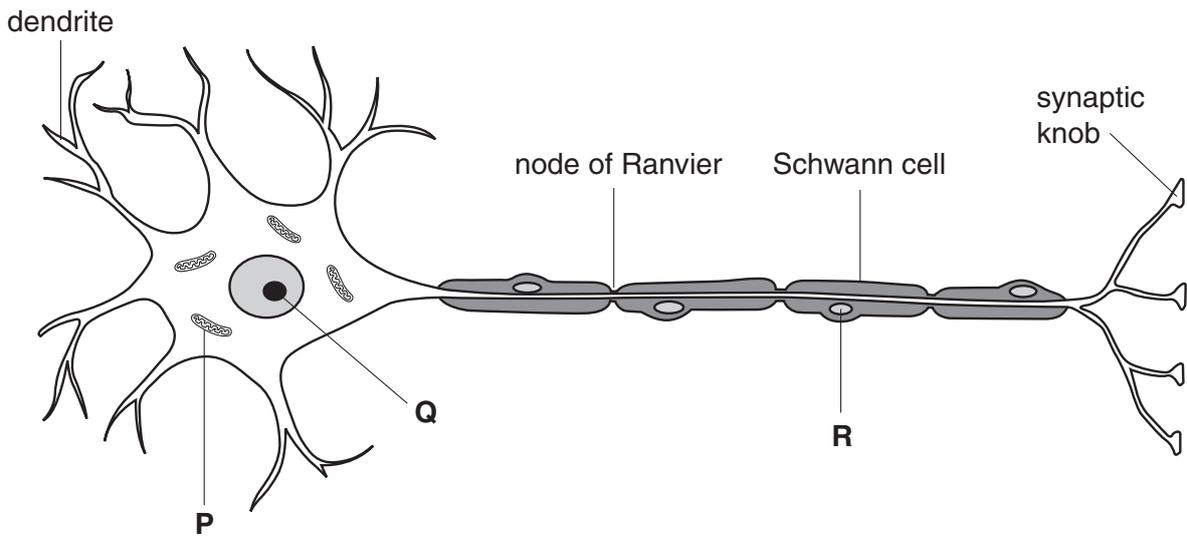


Fig. 6.1

(a) Name the structures labelled **P**, **Q** and **R** in Fig. 6.1.

P

Q

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(b) (i) Explain how neurotransmitter released from the synaptic knob crosses the synaptic cleft.

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(ii) Suggest why neurotransmitter molecules are able to bind to receptors on post-synaptic membranes.

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