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Foundation Tier

[GSS11]

MONDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2012

9.30 am–10.30 am



TIME

1 hour.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided at the top of this page.

Write your answers in the spaces provided in this question paper.

Answer **all eight** questions.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 60.

Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in question **7(a)**.

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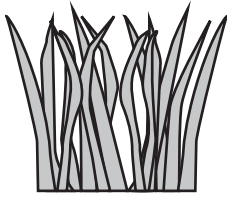
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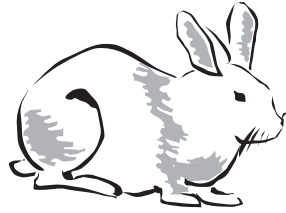


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1 Shown below is a food chain but it is not complete because the arrows are missing.



grass



rabbit



fox

(a) (i) Complete the food chain by adding the arrows. [1]

(ii) What do the arrows in a food chain show?

_____ [1]

(iii) Name the producer in this food chain.

_____ [1]

(iv) What is the source of energy for all food chains?

_____ [1]

(b) The table below shows the number of rabbits and foxes in a forest over a period of three years.

	Year		
	1st	2nd	3rd
rabbits	200	300	600
foxes	4	2	0

Explain how the drop in the number of foxes may have caused the rise in the number of rabbits.

 _____ [2]

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(b) The table below shows the amount of fat in four types of fish.

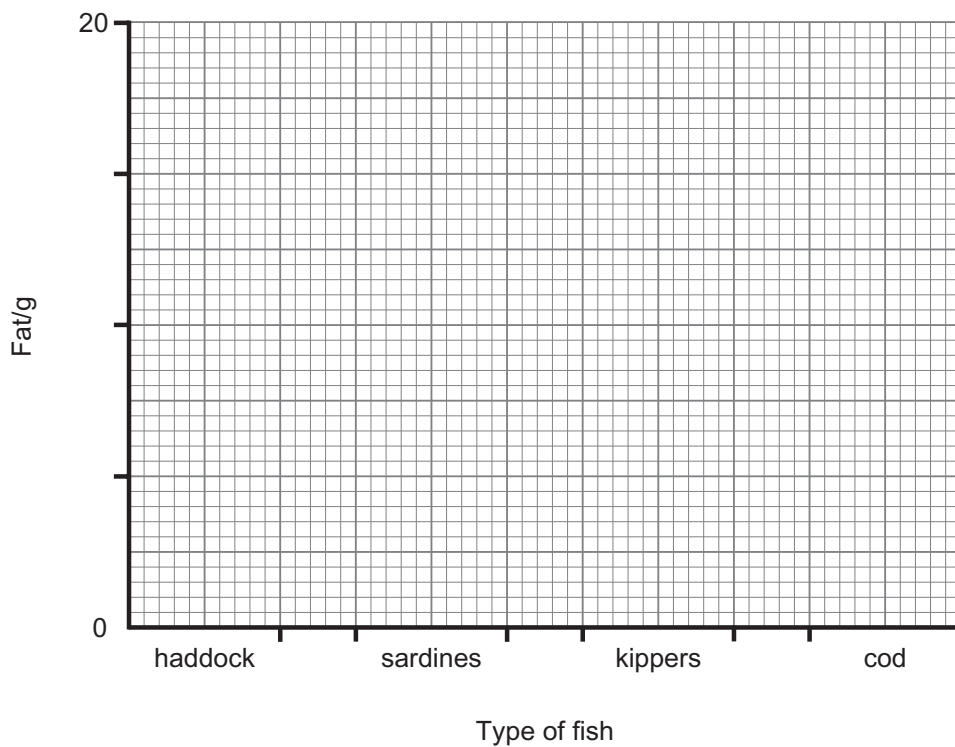
Type	Fat/g
haddock	8
sardines	14
kippers	11
cod	1

(i) On the grid below:

1. complete the scaling for the Y axis.

2. draw a **bar chart** for the information.

[3]



(ii) Name the type of fish someone should eat if they are trying to lose weight. Explain your choice.

_____ [2]

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- 3 (a) The table below shows information about some methods of contraception. Using a tick (✓) complete the table to give **one** statement for each method.

The first is done for you.

Method of contraception	Permanent	Prevents sexually transmitted diseases	Changes hormone levels
female sterilisation	✓		
condoms			
contraceptive pill			

[2]

- (b) (i) Complete the sentences below.

Choose from:

cervix **oviduct** **sperm**
testes **fertilisation** **prostate**

Female sterilisation is permanent because the _____ is cut. Therefore an ovum (egg) and a _____ do not meet and _____ cannot happen. [3]

- (ii) Give **two** reasons why some people do not approve of contraception.

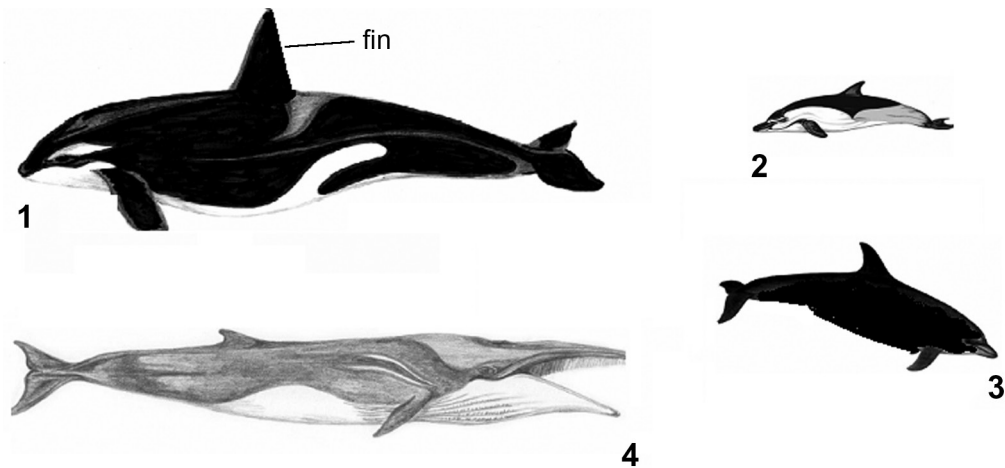
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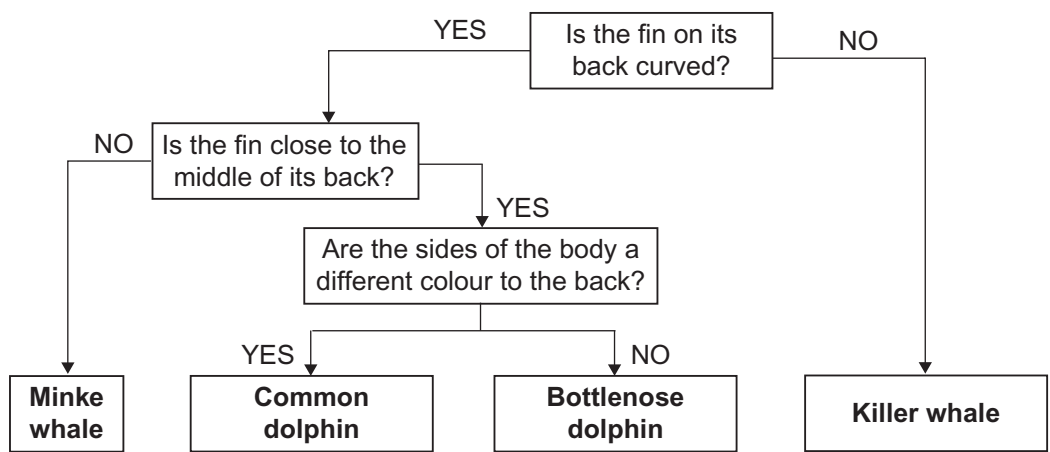
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4 Shown below are pictures of whales and dolphins.



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(a) Identify the animals 1, 2, 3 and 4 using the classification key below.



- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____

[3]

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- (b) A doctor has to decide which of three different brands of iron supplements (A, B or C) to prescribe to his patients. He collected facts about each brand and the table below shows his findings.

Key

High = 3

Low = 1

Brand	Number of side effects	Swallowing problems	Cost per unit
A	3	3	2
B	3	2	3
C	2	1	3

- (i) Analyse the facts for each brand and state which one he should prescribe. Referring to each brand fully explain your choice.

[3]

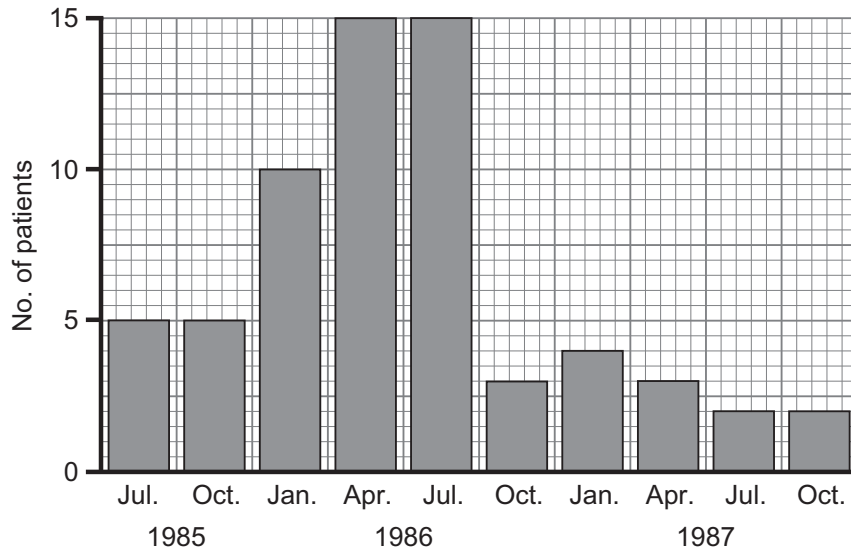
- (ii) Suggest **one** other fact about each brand that he should consider before making his decision.

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- 8 (a) The bar chart shows the number of patients who caught MRSA in a hospital between July 1985 and October 1987. Part of their treatment involved antibiotics.



Source: National Institutes of Health

- (i) Suggest when the hospital started to take measures to control the spread of MRSA. Explain your answer.

[2]

- (ii) What is the evidence in the graph that suggests that MRSA bacteria are resistant to antibiotics?

[1]

- (b) (i) One of the measures to control the spread of MRSA is to put infected patients into isolation wards. Suggest a reason why this method is not widely used in hospitals.

[1]

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