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JUNIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, 2007

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**SCIENCE – HIGHER LEVEL**  
(N.B. Not for Science – Local Studies Candidates)

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THURSDAY, 14 JUNE – MORNING, 09.30 to 12.00

**SECTION A (144 marks) TO BE ANSWERED BY ALL CANDIDATES.**

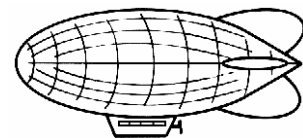
(See separate sheet for **Sections B, C, D and E.**)

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Answer *each* of the questions 1, 2 and 3. There are **TEN** parts in each question. Answer any **EIGHT** parts. All questions carry equal marks. Answer the questions in the spaces provided. Return this Section of the examination paper. Enclose it in the answer-book you use in answering the other Sections.

1. Answer **eight** of the following, (a), (b), (c), etc.

- (a) What *condition/s* must be satisfied for a balloon to *float* in air?



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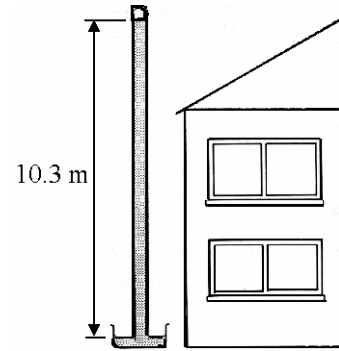
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- (b) Atmospheric pressure can support, on average, a column of water 10.3 m high.  
Give **one** reason why a water barometer might not be a practical instrument to measure atmospheric pressure. Name an *alternative instrument* to measure atmospheric pressure.

Reason \_\_\_\_\_

Alternative \_\_\_\_\_

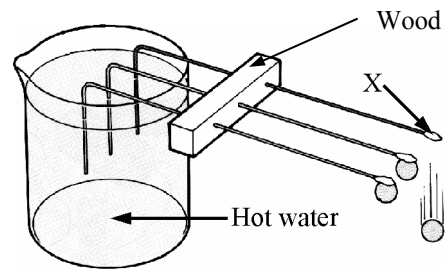


- (c) Distinguish between *speed* and *velocity*.

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- (d) The rods, shown in the diagram, are made of three different metals. Steel ball bearings are attached to the rods with a *substance 'X'*. Name a *suitable substance 'X'*.



X \_\_\_\_\_

What *property* of the rods is being compared in this experiment?

Property \_\_\_\_\_

- (e) Give **two** ways in which the clinical mercury-in-glass thermometer is *designed* to fulfil its purpose.

1 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

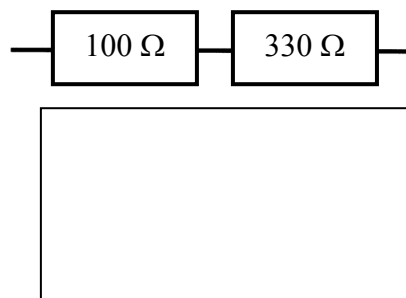
- (f) The photo shows a nuclear power plant. Water vapour is released from the cooling towers. Give **one advantage** and **one disadvantage** of using nuclear energy to generate electricity.



Advantage \_\_\_\_\_

Disadvantage \_\_\_\_\_

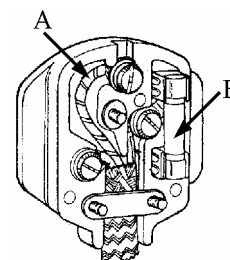
- (g) Calculate the *total resistance* of the pair of resistors, in series, shown in the diagram.



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Draw a *diagram* of the same pair of resistors in *parallel* in the box opposite.

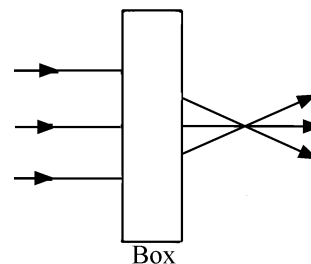
- (h) The diagram shows a 13 A plug with the cover removed. Name wire A and give the *function* of part B.



Name of A \_\_\_\_\_

Function of B \_\_\_\_\_

- (i) Draw the *shape of a lens* i.e. a cross section of a lens in the box that would cause light rays to converge as shown in the diagram. Name the *type of lens* that causes parallel rays of light to move apart.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

- (j) The photo shows waves in the sea. The energy of these waves has been suggested as a source of renewable energy.

Give a second *example* of a source of renewable energy.

Example \_\_\_\_\_

Name **one** other *kind* of energy that is transmitted (sent) as a wave.

Name \_\_\_\_\_



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2. Answer **eight** of the following, (a), (b), (c), etc.

- (a) Name the *property* of water that enables it to form drops like the one shown in the photo.

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- (b) A sodium atom has 11 protons and 11 electrons.  
How does a sodium *atom* become a sodium *ion*?

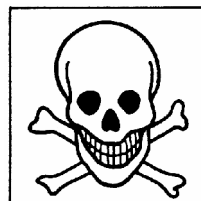
How? \_\_\_\_\_

Give the formula (symbol) for a sodium ion. \_\_\_\_\_

- (c) Explain the hazard symbols A and B shown.

A \_\_\_\_\_

B \_\_\_\_\_



Symbol A



Symbol B

- (d) Zinc metal reacts with and dissolves in sulphuric acid.  
Name *or* give the formulas of the **two** products of this reaction.

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- (e) The diagram shows sodium burning in air.  
What is the *colour* of the flame?

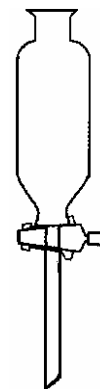
Colour \_\_\_\_\_

What *effect* would the combustion product have on moist litmus paper/ pH paper?

Effect \_\_\_\_\_



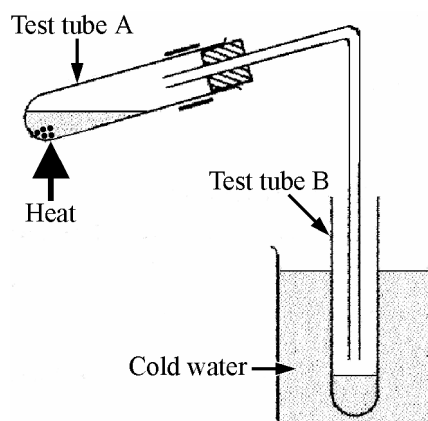
- (f) Complete the diagram to show how the separating funnel, illustrated, can be used to *separate* a mixture of *oil and water*. Label the diagram.



- (g) List the following elements in order of chemical *reactivity*: Fe, Mg, Cu, K and Ca.

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- (h) Test tube A contains *hard* water and boiling chips. When the water in A is heated some of it evaporates and condenses in test tube B. Is the water in B still *hard* or is it *soft*? Give a *reason* for your answer.



Hard/soft? \_\_\_\_\_

Reason \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

- (i) Give **two** differences between a *mixture* of iron and sulphur powders and a *compound* of iron and sulphur (iron sulphide).

Difference one \_\_\_\_\_

Difference two \_\_\_\_\_

- (j) Name **one** kind of fire extinguisher. Name a *burning material* or other *item* that the kind of extinguisher that you have named can be safely used on.

Extinguisher \_\_\_\_\_

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Burning material/item \_\_\_\_\_

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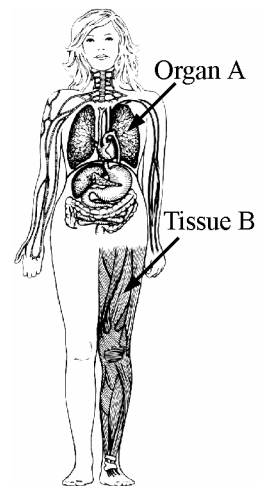
3. Answer **eight** of the following, (a), (b), (c), etc.

(a) Give the *function* of the organ labelled A in the diagram.

Function of A \_\_\_\_\_  
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Give the *function* of the tissue labelled B in the diagram.

Function of B \_\_\_\_\_



(b) Name an *enzyme* and name a *substrate* (substance) on which it acts.

Name of enzyme \_\_\_\_\_

Name of substrate (substance) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Seeds of the sycamore are shown in the diagram.  
How are sycamore seeds *dispersed*?

How? \_\_\_\_\_

Why is seed dispersal *important* to plants?

Why? \_\_\_\_\_



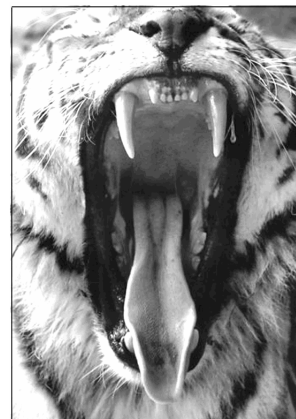
(d) Give **two** reasons why *cells divide*.

Reason one \_\_\_\_\_

Reason two \_\_\_\_\_

(e) The photo shows the open mouth of a tiger.  
Different types of teeth are clearly visible in the photo.

Name and label, using arrows,  
*two types of teeth*  
clearly visible in the photo.

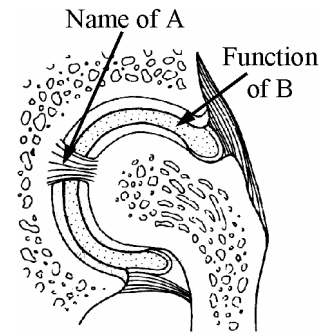


- (f) The diagram shows the structure of the hip joint.  
Name the *part* labelled A in the diagram.

A \_\_\_\_\_

Give the *function* of the part labelled B in the diagram.

B \_\_\_\_\_



- (g) What is transported in the *phloem* tissue of plants?

What? \_\_\_\_\_

Name a second type of plant transport (vascular) tissue.

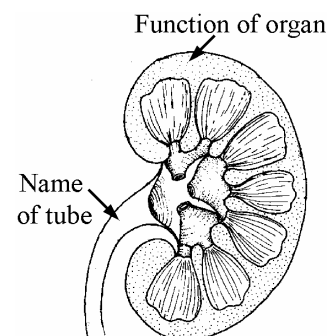
Name \_\_\_\_\_

- (h) Give the *function* of the organ shown in the diagram.

Function \_\_\_\_\_

Name the *tube* shown in the diagram.

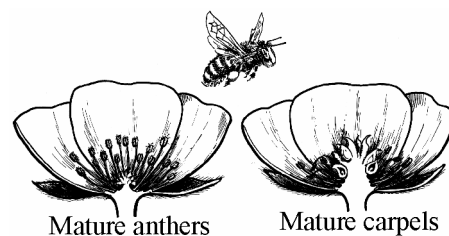
Name \_\_\_\_\_



- (i) Give a simple *food chain*, with at least three levels, beginning with a *named* plant.

Food chain \_\_\_\_\_

- (j) A bee visits a flower with *mature anthers* and then visits a flower, of the same species, with *mature carpels*. Why do bees *visit* flowers? What *role* does the bee play in the life of this plant?



Why? \_\_\_\_\_

What? \_\_\_\_\_

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