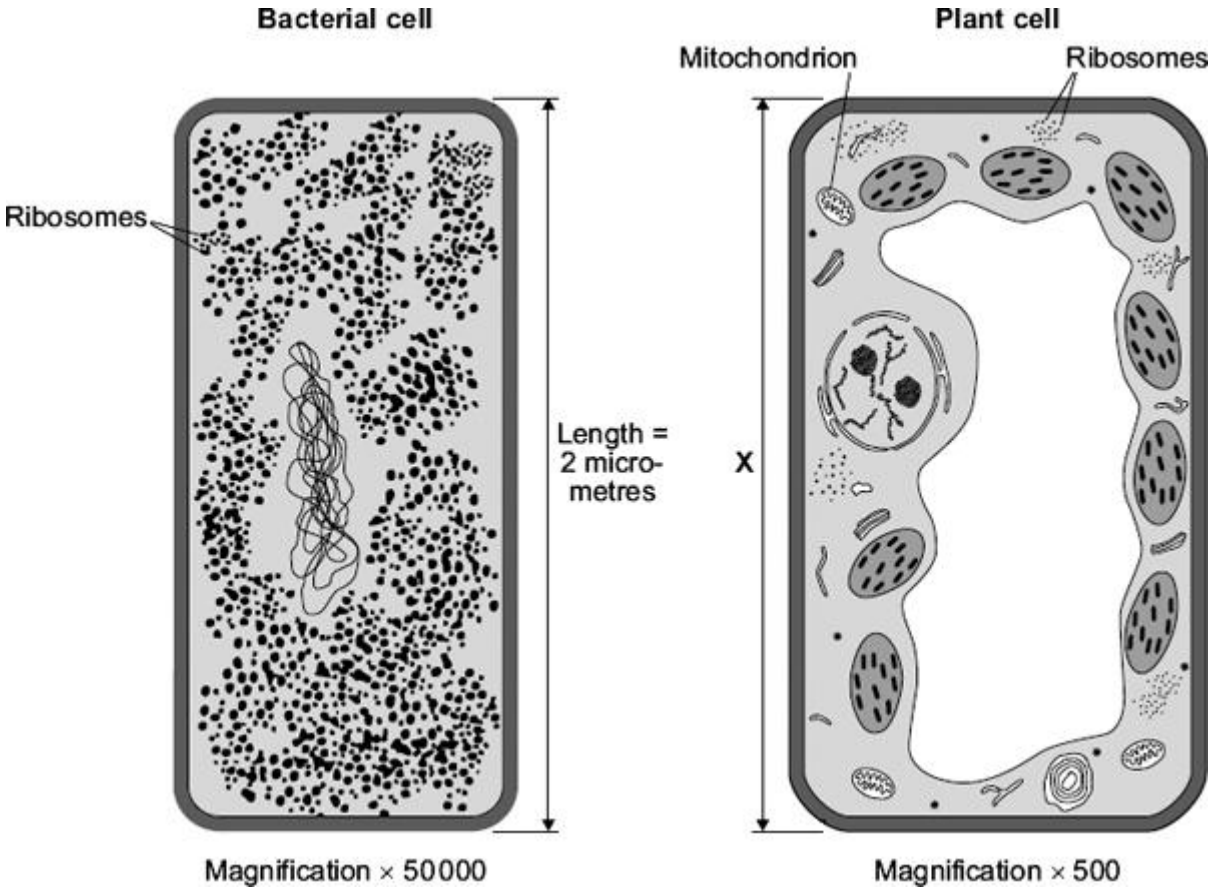
Practice Question Set For GCSE
Subject : Biology
Paper-1 Topic: B1 Cell Biology

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Name of the Student:_____
Max. Marks : 26 Marks **Time : 26 Minutes**

Q1.

The diagram shows two cells, a bacterial cell and a plant cell.



(a) (i) Both the bacterial cell and the plant cell contain ribosomes.

What is the function of a ribosome?

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(1)

(ii) The plant cell contains mitochondria but the bacterial cell does **not** contain mitochondria.

Give **one** other way in which the plant cell is different from the bacterial cell.

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(1)

(b) (i) Both cells are drawn the same length, but the magnification of each cell is different.

The real length of the bacterial cell is 2 micrometres.
Calculate the real length, **X**, of the plant cell. Give your answer in micrometres.

Show clearly how you work out your answer.

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X = _____ micrometres

(2)

(ii) Most mitochondria are about 3 micrometres in length.

The plant cell contains mitochondria but the bacterial cell does **not** contain mitochondria.

Use your answer to part (b)(i) and the information in the diagram to suggest why.

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(1)

(Total 5 marks)

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Q2.

Cells contain a solution of salts and sugars.

A student is investigating how cells change when they are put into water.

(a) The student:

- looks at a plant cell using a microscope
- adds water to the cell.

The plant cell swells up.

Explain why, as fully as you can.

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(3)

(b) When **animal** cells are put in water, they swell up, and then burst.
When **plant** cells are put in water, they swell up, but do **not** burst.

How does the structure of plant cells prevent them from bursting?

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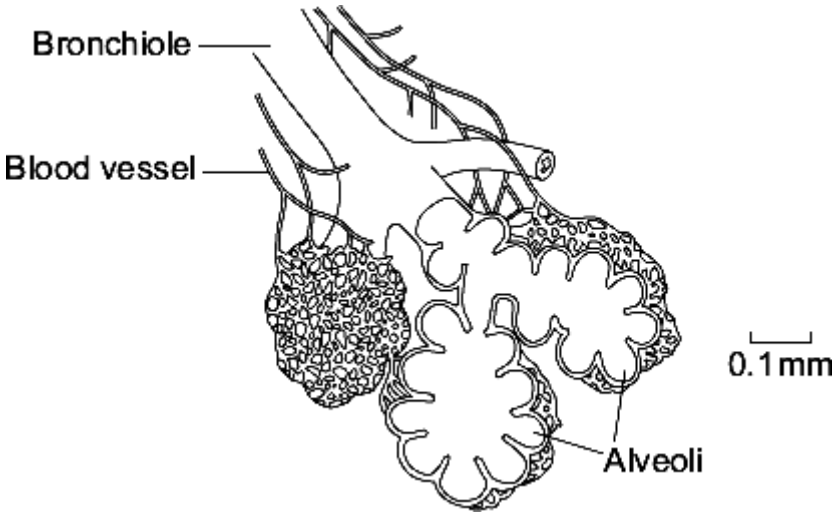
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Q3.

The human lung has about 80 million alveoli.
The diagram shows some alveoli in a human lung.



(a) Give **three** features of the alveoli that allow large amounts of oxygen to enter the blood.

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3. _____

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(3)

(b) (i) Name the process by which oxygen passes from the air into the blood.

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(1)

(ii) Breathing allows large amounts of oxygen to enter the blood.

Explain how breathing does this.

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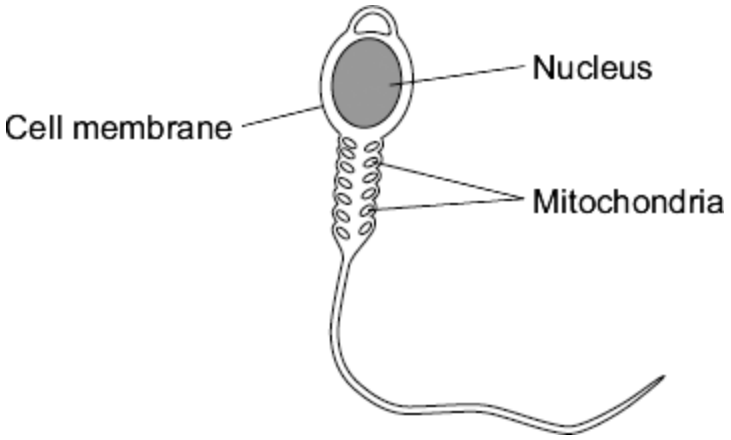
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Q4.

Cells in the human body are specialised to carry out their particular function.

(a) The diagram shows a sperm cell.



The sperm cell is adapted for travelling to, then fertilising, an egg.

(i) How do the mitochondria help the sperm to carry out its function?

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(1)

(ii) The nucleus of the sperm cell is different from the nucleus of body cells.

Give **one** way in which the nucleus is different.

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(1)

(b) Stem cells from human embryos are used to treat some diseases in humans.

Explain why.

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(2)

(Total 4 marks)

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Q5.

The pancreas is involved in digestion and controlling the internal conditions of the body.

(a) Name **two** digestive enzymes produced by the pancreas.

1. _____

2. _____

(2)

(b) Diabetes may be caused by a lack of insulin.

Part of the treatment for someone with diabetes is to pay careful attention to the diet.

(i) Give **one** symptom of diabetes.

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(1)

(ii) Give **one** way in which a diabetic may be advised to change their diet.

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(1)

(iii) How does this change in diet help the diabetic?

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(1)

(iv) State **one** other way in which the symptoms of diabetes may be treated.

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(1)

(c) Many of the cells in the pancreas contain large numbers of ribosomes.

What is the function of ribosomes in a cell?

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(1)

(Total 7 marks)

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