



Western Australian Certificate of Education Examination, 2010

Question/Answer Booklet

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES Stage 2 Please place your student identification label in this box Student Number: In figures In words

Time allowed for this paper

Reading time before commencing work: ten minutes Working time for paper: three hours

Materials required/recommended for this paper

To be provided by the supervisor

This Question/Answer Booklet Multiple-choice Answer Sheet

To be provided by the candidate

Standard items: pens, pencils, eraser, correction fluid/tape, ruler, highlighters

Special items: non-programmable calculators satisfying the conditions set by the Curriculum

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Structure of this paper

Section	Number of questions available	Number of questions to be answered	Suggested working time (minutes)	Marks available	Percentage of exam
Section One: Multiple-choice	30	30	40	30	30
Section Two: Short answer	6	6	110	120	60
Section Three: Extended answer	4	2	30	20	10
				Total	100

Instructions to candidates

- 1. The rules for the conduct of Western Australian external examinations are detailed in the Year 12 Information Handbook 2010. Sitting this examination implies that you agree to abide by these rules.
- 2. Answer the questions according to the following instructions.

Section One: Answer all questions on the separate Multiple-choice Answer Sheet provided. For each question shade the box to indicate your answer. Use only a blue or black pen to shade the boxes. If you make a mistake, place a cross through that square, do not erase or use correction fluid, and shade your new answer. Marks will not be deducted for incorrect answers. No marks will be given if more than one answer is completed for any question.

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The space provided for each question is an indication of the length of answer required.

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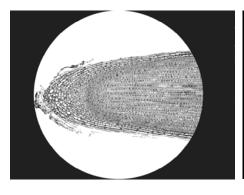
Section One: Multiple-choice 30% (30 Marks)

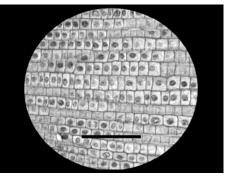
This section has **30** questions. Answer **all** questions on the separate Multiple-choice Answer Sheet provided. For each question shade the box to indicate your answer. Use only a blue or black pen to shade the boxes. If you make a mistake, place a cross through that square, do not erase or use correction fluid, and shade your new answer. Marks will not be deducted for incorrect answers. No marks will be given if more than one answer is completed for any question.

Suggested working time: 40 minutes.

- 1. The ultimate fate of solar energy added to an ecosystem is to be
 - (a) bound in chemical bonds in the bodies of decomposers.
 - (b) recycled through food chains and food webs.
 - (c) removed as food for humans.
 - (d) lost from the ecosystem.
- 2. Which of the following processes removes carbon dioxide from the atmosphere?
 - (a) photosynthesis
 - (b) anaerobic respiration
 - (c) aerobic respiration
 - (d) decomposition
- 3. Sealed jars, all the same size, were set up in the light. Each contained the same number of grasshoppers. The grasshoppers would live longest in a jar with
 - (a) grasshoppers only.
 - (b) potted plants.
 - (c) a spider.
 - (d) potted plants and a spider.
- 4. Xylem does **not**
 - (a) transport water.
 - (b) support the plant.
 - (c) respire.
 - (d) occur in vascular bundles.

Questions 5 – 6 relate to the following diagrams, which show cells in the root tip of a growing onion plant, viewed under a compound microscope. Diagram A and Diagram B are views of the same specimen using different adjustments of the microscope.





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- 5. Diagram A was the view seen when using an ocular of 10X and an objective of 10X. How was the view in Diagram B produced?
 - (a) Objective increased to 20X and ocular decreased to 5X.
 - (b) Objective increased to 40X and ocular decreased to 5X.
 - (c) The slide was irrigated with a stain to highlight the nuclei.
 - (d) The light intensity was decreased to improve contrast.
- 6. The scale bar in Diagram B is $100 \mu m$. On that basis, what is the approximate width of the total field of view in Diagram B?
 - (a) 0.1 mm.
 - (b) 0.3 mm.
 - (c) 0.6 mm.
 - (d) 0.8 mm
- 7. Phloem moves
 - (a) starches down from the leaves.
 - (b) minerals from the leaves to the roots.
 - (c) water upward to create a transpiration stream.
 - (d) sugars throughout the plant.
- 8. Despite the fact that a horse and a donkey can interbreed, they are not regarded as being of the same species because their
 - (a) structures are quite different.
 - (b) offspring have a low survival rate.
 - (c) offspring are infertile.
 - (d) chromosome numbers are different.

Questions 9 – 11 relate to the following information.

Modern biologists believe that all living organisms arise from the reproduction of other living organisms. A biologist tested this hypothesis using the following experiment. Three jars were prepared.

Jar 1 contained a piece of fresh meat and was open.

Jar 2 contained a piece of fresh meat and was sealed with a glass lid, keeping it airtight and excluding insects.

Jar 3 contained a piece of fresh meat and was sealed with fine mesh, allowing air to circulate but excluding insects.

The jars were left for one week and the meat then checked for the presence of fly maggots.

- 9. Is this experiment replicated?
 - (a) No, because there is only one jar in each treatment.
 - (b) No, because the experiment is not done under different conditions.
 - (c) Yes, because there are three jars.
 - (d) Yes, because there is meat in all three jars.
- 10. What is the dependent variable in this experiment?
 - (a) Jar 2
 - (b) presence of fly maggots
 - (c) Jar 3
 - (d) the type of meat used
- 11. Which of the following results of the experiment would **not** support the hypothesis? The maggots
 - (a) appeared in all jars.
 - (b) appeared in Jar 1 only.
 - (c) appeared in Jar 3 only.
 - (d) did not appear in any jars.
- 12. Leaf cells performing photosynthesis will most likely
 - (a) lack mitochondria but have chloroplasts.
 - (b) lack chloroplasts but have mitochondria.
 - (c) have both chloroplasts and mitochondria.
 - (d) have neither chloroplasts nor mitochondria.

The following table contains classification details of seven Western Australian fish, all from the order Perciformes.

	Order	Family	Genus	Species
Sand whiting	Perciformes	-	Sillago	ciliata
Trumpeter whiting	Perciformes	Sillaginidae	Sillago	maculata
Black trevally	Perciformes	Siganidae	Caranx	lugubris
Diamond trevally	Perciformes	-	Alectes	Indicus
Pennant fish	Perciformes	Carangidae	Alectes	ciliaris
Moon fish	Perciformes	Menidae	Mene	maculata
Papuan trevally	Perciformes	Carangidae	Caranx	papuensis

- 13. To which families do the diamond trevally and the sand whiting belong to respectively?
 - (a) Carangidae and Sillangidae
 - (b) Menidae and Carangidae
 - (c) Sillaginidae and Siganidae
 - (d) Menidae and Sillaginidae
- 14. Which two fish are most closely related?
 - (a) sand whiting and diamond trevally
 - (b) pennant fish and moon fish
 - (c) trumpeter whiting and moon fish
 - (d) diamond trevally and pennant fish
- 15. The anemone fish is immune to an anemone's stinging tentacles. By living among the tentacles, the anemone fish is protected from its predators. It also lures other unprotected fish into the anemone's stinging tentacles, where they are killed and consumed by the anemone. The relationship between the anemone and the anemone fish is an example of
 - (a) mutualism.
 - (b) commensalism.
 - (c) predation.
 - (d) parasitism.
- 16. In a parasitic relationship
 - (a) the parasite is weakened but the host is unharmed.
 - (b) the host inevitably dies as a result of the parasitism.
 - (c) the parasite benefits while the host does not.
 - (d) each parasite has several hosts.

17.	An animal has 88 chromosomes in its body cells. How many chromosomes would you
	find in one of its sperm cells?

- (a) 22
- (b) 44
- (c) 88
- (d) 176
- 18. Radioactive sugars were injected into the stem of a 2m tall tree, approximately 1m above the ground. After a few hours, you would expect to detect radioactive sugars in **only** the
 - (a) living parts of the plant.
 - (b) stem above the injection and in the leaves.
 - (c) stem below the injection and in the roots.
 - (d) parts of the plant with chloroplasts.
- 19. A scientist hypothesised that phosphate from fertiliser runoff causes algal blooms in lakes. Which of the following would be a valid test of this hypothesis?
 - (a) Ban phosphate-based fertilisers and test to determine whether water quality in a lake improved.
 - (b) Pump freshwater into a lake and test to determine whether water quality of that lake improved.
 - (c) Compare water quality in lakes where phosphate-based fertilisers are banned with that in lakes where they are not.
 - (d) Plant trees around a lake to absorb the phosphate before fertiliser runoff reaches the water.
- 20. Compared to asexual reproduction, sexual reproduction
 - (a) is a more efficient process.
 - (b) increases the population size more rapidly.
 - (c) increases variation in the offspring.
 - (d) improves the survival rate of young.
- 21. A cell's enzymes consist of
 - (a) proteins.
 - (b) carbohydrates.
 - (c) lipids.
 - (d) nucleic acids.
- 22. Binomial nomenclature means that each species has two
 - (a) copies of each chromosome.
 - (b) sexes.
 - (c) alleles of each gene.
 - (d) names.

23.	Which	of the	following	is the	chemical	compo	osition	of a	gene?

- (a) carbohydrate
- (b) lipid
- (c) DNA
- (d) protein
- 24. Which of the following organisms would have the largest surface area to volume ratio?
 - (a) elephant
 - (b) human
 - (c) ant
 - (d) mouse
- 25. The structure drawn in the figure below is a



- (a) chromatid.
- (b) centriole.
- (c) nucleotide.
- (d) chromosome.
- 26. The domestic dog has an XY system of sex determination, like humans. The total number of chromosomes in a general body cell of dog is 78. What is the total number of autosomes that occur in a general body cell in a male dog?
 - (a) 39
 - (b) 76
 - (c) 78
 - (d) 156
- 27. Which of the following animals is most likely to have its sex determined by the environment?
 - (a) an echidna
 - (b) a sea turtle
 - (c) a whale
 - (d) an elephant

- 28. What is the best definition of osmosis? Osmosis is
 - (a) diffusion of a solute across a semi-permeable membrane.
 - (b) random movement of solute molecules.
 - (c) active uptake of water molecules.
 - (d) diffusion of water across a semi-permeable membrane.
- 29. A biology student made an artificial cell using a balloon that was permeable to water but not to sucrose. The student filled the balloon with 10% sucrose solution and placed it in a tank of 5% sucrose solution. The apparatus was then left overnight. A likely outcome the next day would be that the balloon would
 - (a) gain water.
 - (b) lose water.
 - (c) gain sucrose.
 - (d) lose sucrose.
- 30. Why are sex-linked conditions more common in men than in women?
 - (a) Men receive two copies of each recessive gene at fertilisation.
 - (b) Women cannot express sex-linked characteristics.
 - (c) Men need to inherit only one copy of the recessive gene to express it.
 - (d) Women inherit only dominant alleles.

End of Section One

Section Two: Short answer 60% (120 Marks)

This section has **six (6)** questions. Answer **all** questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided in this Question/Answer Booklet. Wherever possible, confine your answers to the line spaces provided. Use a blue or black pen (**not** pencil) for this section.

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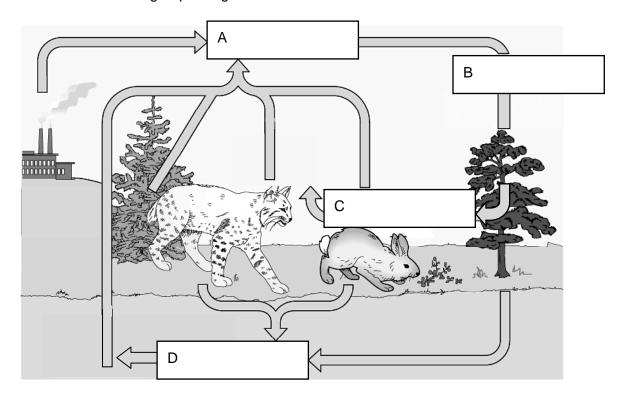
Question 31 (20 marks)

The diagram below shows a food chain for a marine community, but it does not indicate the direction of the flow of energy through the chain.

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	Plant Planktor	Animal ——— Baitfish ———Tuna ——— Shark
(a)	(i)	Place arrowheads in the diagram to indicate the direction of the flow of energy through the chain. (1 mark)
	(ii)	Name one example of the following organisms from the food chain:
		A tertiary consumer(1 mark)
		A herbivore(1 mark)
		A carnivore(1 mark)
(b)	(i)	Which group of organisms in the above food chain would have the lowest total biomass? Explain your answer. (2 marks)
	(ii)	If the total biomass of baitfish is 100 000 000 kg, what is the total biomass of the tuna? Explain your answer. (2 marks)

- (c) (i) Distinguish between the terms autotroph and heterotroph. (2 marks)

 (ii) Distinguish between the terms food chain and food web. (2 marks)
- (d) The following figure depicts the carbon cycle in a terrestrial environment. Write your answers in the corresponding boxes. (4 marks)
 - A What chemical compound is being released into the atmosphere?
 - B What process is occurring here?
 - C What group of organisms is located here?
 - D What group of organisms is located here?



Decomposer Omnivore Parasite Plant	
Parasite	(1 mark)
Plant	(1 mark)
	(1 mark)
Question 32	(20 marks)
Examine the cell drawing shown below.	
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Α	(1 mark)
В	(1 mark)
C	(1 mark)
D	

(b)	State	State and describe briefly one (1) function of each of the following cell structures:						
	Α		(0 1)					
	•		(2 marks)					
	С		(2 marks)					
(c)	Cons	sider structures B and E.						
	(i)	Name the main process occurring in structure B and write a word equathis process.	ation for (2 marks)					
	(ii)	Name the main process occurring in structure E and write a word equathis process.	ation for (2 marks)					
(d)		cate whether each of the following statements about cells is true or false a on for your answer.	ınd give a					
	(i)	A cell that has a cell wall could be from a plant or an animal. True / False Reason:	(2 marks)					
	(ii)	A cell with a vacuole must be from a plant. True / False Reason:	(2 marks)					

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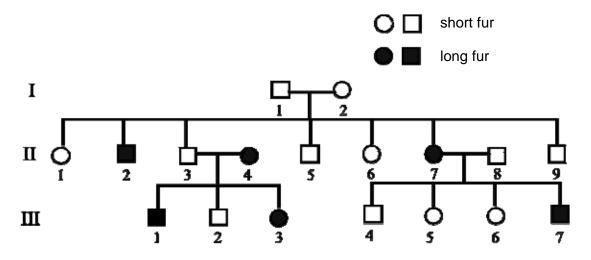
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(a)

Question 33 (20 marks)

A farmer breeds rabbits to be sold in pet shops. Like humans, the rabbits have an XY system of sex determination. Some of the rabbits have short fur, while others have long fur. Fur length in these rabbits is controlled by a single gene, where the allele for short hair, H, is dominant to the allele for long hair, h. Pedigree 1 shows the inheritance of fur length in three generations of the rabbits.

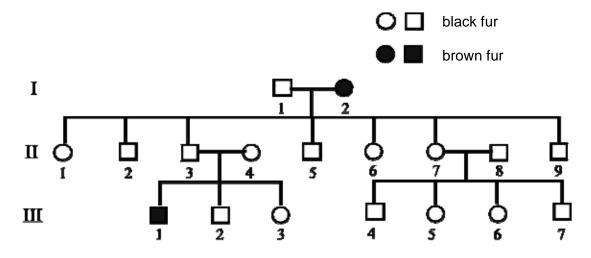
Pedigree 1: Inheritance of fur length



the gene controlling fur length in these rabbits located on an autosome or chromosome? Explain your answer. (2 m

Some of the rabbits have black fur, while others have brown. Fur colour in these rabbits is controlled by an autosomal gene, where the allele for black fur, B, is dominant to the allele for brown fur, b. Pedigree 2 shows the inheritance of fur colour in three generations of the rabbits.

Pedigree 2: Inheritance of fur colour



(b)		ify the fur colour genotypes and phenotypes of the following individuals from gree 2:						
	l2 Ph	nenotype	Genotype	(2 marks)				
	II3 Pł	nenotype	Genotype	(2 marks)				
(c)	(i)	Distinguish between the terms he	omozygote and heterozygote.	(2 marks)				
	(ii)	Distinguish between a dominant	trait and a recessive trait.	(2 marks)				

(d)

(i)	Identify two (2) individuals fror such a litter.	m Pedigree 2 that the farmer could	use to produ (2 ma
	Individual 1	Individual 2	
(ii)	Explain your reasoning by pres	senting a punnet square or similar	working. (2 ma
three		d with Individual II7 and they produ e of the litter, chosen at random, ha	as black fur?
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Question 34 (20 marks)

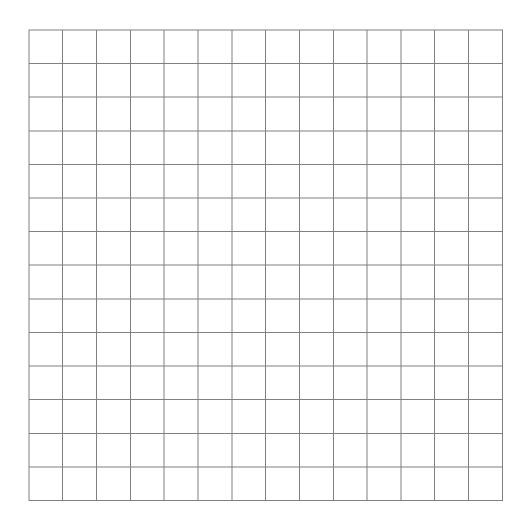
The cane toad was introduced into Queensland in 1935 to control the cane beetle. The toads multiplied and spread and have become a serious pest in New South Wales, Queensland and the Northern Territory. They have now crossed the Western Australian border.

Cane toads are toxic and one reason why they are pests is that wildlife eating them may be killed. Biologists studied this problem for the dingo, the Australian native dog, at an area in the Northern Territory where cane toads were monitored annually. The biologists recorded a trapping index for dingoes (number of dingoes caught in traps) and a trapping index for cane toads (number of cane toads caught in traps) annually. The results are shown in the table below.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7
Trapping index of cane toads	0	5	9	20	35	58	Missing data
Trapping index of dingoes	20	18	16	Missing data	0	1	0

(a) On the grid provided, plot a line graph of the trapping index of dingoes and the trapping index of cane toads against year.

If you wish to have a second attempt at this item, the grid is repeated on page 39 of this booklet. Indicate clearly on this page if you have used the second grid and cancel the working on the grid on this page. (4 marks)



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cribe the results shown in the graph.	(4 marks)
Using the graph prodict the trapping index of	
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Cane toads in Year 7	(1 mark)
	Using the graph, predict the trapping index of

Question 35 (20 marks)

A biologist wished to estimate the population size of parrots living in a strip of trees beside a golf course. He caught some parrots with a net (Sample 1), placed a coloured band on each bird's leg and then released them from where they had been caught. The following week he returned and caught more parrots (Sample 2). Some of the captured parrots had a coloured band from the first sampling and some did not. The results are shown below.

	Parrots caught		
	Sample 1	Sample 2	
Number of captured parrots without band	8	6	
Number of captured parrots with band	0	4	
Total	8	10	

From the data above the population size of the parrots can be calculated using the formula:

$$\hat{N} = \frac{n_1 \times n_2}{m}$$

where \hat{N} = the estimated population size

 n_1 = the number of parrots caught and banded in Sample 1

 $\it n_{\rm 2}$ = the total number of parrots (banded and unbanded) caught in Sample 2

m = the number of parrots caught in Sample 2 that were banded in Sample 1

(a)	Calculate the estimated population size of parrots beside the golf course. working.	Show your (4 marks)	

(2 marks)

What is meant by the term 'carrying capacity'?

(d)

(i)

(ii)	'A population will grow more rapidly once it exceeds carrying capacity.' Indicate whether this statement is true or false and explain your answer. (2 marks)
List	four (4) ways in which human activities can reduce populations of animal specie (4 ma
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Question 36 (20 marks)

The table below shows the results of an experiment in which mice learned to run through a maze. The experiment was designed to test the hypothesis that giving mice a food reward improves the speed with which they learn to run the maze. One group of 10 mice received a food reward at the end of the maze while the other group of 10 mice did not.

The table shows the time taken in minutes for mice to run the maze with and without a food reward in trials repeated over six weeks. The numbers in each cell of the table are the means for a group of 10 mice.

Week	Time taken (minutes) by mice	Time taken (minutes) by mice
	receiving a food reward	not receiving a food reward
1	23	24
2	23.5	23.5
3	20	23
4	14.5	20
5	6	19
6	5	16

(a)	For t	he experiment described, name the following:	(2 marks)
	(i)	The dependent variable.	
		The independent variable.	
	(ii)	Why did the biologists use ten mice in each group? Explain your answ	/er. (2 marks)

(i)	Suppose all the mice receiving a food reward were male and all the mice receiving a food reward were female. Would the results still be valid? Ex	
(ii)	Suppose there were 12 mice receiving food rewards and 14 mice not receive food rewards. Would the results still be valid? Explain.	2 marks
	four (4) factors (excluding sex of the mice and the number of mice used) to be controlled to ensure a valid experiment.	hat 4 marks
One:		
Two:		
Three:	:	
Four:		
(i)	What is meant by 'an experimental control'? (2	2 marks
(ii)	Is the experiment described controlled properly? Explain your answer. (2)	2 marks

(e)	(i)	Do the results of the experiment described support the hypothesis? Explain your answer. (2 marks)
	(ii)	Good experimenters are careful to ensure that their experiments are valid. Describe two (2) ways in which experimenters can increase the validity of their experiments. (2 marks)
		One:
		Two:

End of Section Two

Section Three: Extended answer 10% (20 Marks)

This section contains **four (4)** questions. You must answer **two** (2) questions. Write your answers on the lined pages provided. Each part carries ten (10) marks.

Answers may be presented in different ways, provided that they communicate your ideas effectively. You may choose to:

- present a clearly labelled diagram;
- write notes beside a clear diagram;
- write lists of points, with sentences that link them;
- write concisely worded sentences; or
- use some other appropriate way to present ideas.

Use black or blue pen or ballpoint for written answers and pencil for diagrams. Crossing out of incorrect material is acceptable and preferred to using correction fluid.

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Suggested working time: 30 minutes.

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Answer any two questions from 37 to 40.

	r on pages 29–31. When you have answered your first question, tur cate the second question you will answer on that page.	n to page
Ques	etion 37	(10 marks)
 Disea	ase and predation can be important in regulating population size.	
(i)	Distinguish between disease and predation and explain the impact that these processes has on population size.	t each of (4 marks)
(ii)	Explain whether disease is likely to be density independent or density dependent.	(3 marks)
(iii)	Explain whether predation is likely to be density independent or density dependent.	y (3 marks)
Ques	etion 38	(10 marks)
	ung is the respiratory organ of mammals. However, respiration occurs in mammals as an example, explain how	the cells.
(i)	oxygen is transported from the external environment to the body cells.	(5 marks)
(ii)	carbon dioxide is transported from the body cells to the external environ	ment. (5 marks)
Ques	stion 39	(10 marks)
The f	lower is the reproductive organ of flowering plants.	
(i)	Draw a cross-section of a flower and label all parts involved in sexual reproduction.	(6 marks)
(ii)	Indicate on your diagram where the processes of pollination, fertilisation meiosis occur.	and
	melodio occur.	(4 marks)
Ques	etion 40	(10 marks)
Micro	escopes are essential for studying cells.	
(i)	Describe how you would prepare a piece of plant tissue for study unde microscope.	r the light (5 marks)
(ii)	Describe how you would measure the diameter of the field of view and of the cells you can see using the microscope.	the size (5 marks)

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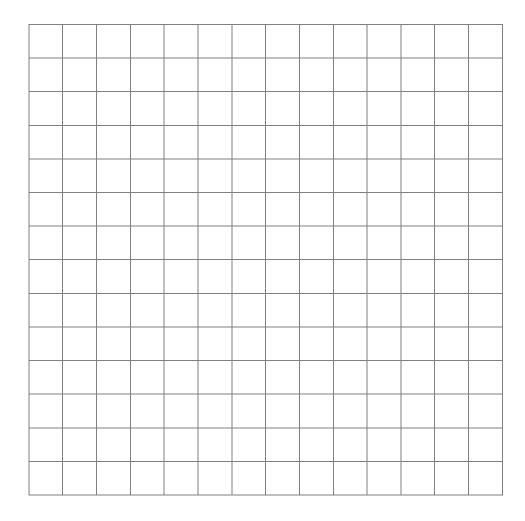
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Section Two

Question 31(d) Diagram adapted from:

Campbell, N. A., Reece, J. B., Mitchell, L. G. & Taylor, M. R. (2009). *Biology: Concepts and Connections* (6th ed.). San Francisco: Pearson/Benjamin Cummings, p. 755.

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