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02.2	What is a protease?		[1 mark]
	Tick one box.		
	Amino acid		
	Carbohydrate		
	Enzyme		
	Hormone		
02.3	Which two organs secrete prot	eases?	[2 marks]
	Tick two boxes.		
	Liver		
	Pancreas		
	Salivary glands		
	Stomach		
02.4	What organ secretes lipase?		[1 mark]
	Tick one box.		
	Liver		
	Pancreas		
	Salivary glands		
	Stomach		
02.5	Why could a pH probe be used	to measure lipase action?	[2 marks]
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03.1 Complete each sentence used the correct words from the box.

[3 marks]

different	iation DNA	mitosis gamete	genes fatty acid	chromosome Is
Many genes make	e up each		·	
Genes are made f	rom		<u> .</u>	
Each time a cell di	vides by		, it must	copy each
chromosome.				





03.2	Which of the following structures found within cells is the smallest?	[1 mark]
	Tick one box.	
	Glucose	
	Mitochondria	
	Nucleus	
	Ribosomes	
03.3	Root tips are often used to studying mitosis.	
	Suggest a reason why.	[1 mark]
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03.4	Root tips could be used to clone plants.	
	What is a benefit of this technique?	[1 mark]
	Tick one box.	
	Crop species with disease resistance can be cloned	
	Crop species can be genetically engineered to have disease resistance	
	Rare species will continue to grow in the wild	
	Rare species will be disease resistant	
03.5	Human stem cells may be used to cure diseases.	
	Give a source of human stem cells.	[1 mark]
03.6	Give one reason why people might object to using human stem cells.	[1 mark]
03.7	Human stem cells can be cultured in a similar way to culturing bacteria.	
	Both require aseptic techniques.	
	Suggest why passing an inoculating loop through a flame is important before transferring bacteria to an agar plate.	[1 mark]
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03.8	A type of bacteria divides every 20 minutes.	
	A colony of the bacteria has 100 cells.	
	Calculate how many cells there would be after 1 hour.	[2 marks]



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Temperature in ^o C	Rate of chloride ion uptake in mg/h			
0	1			
10	12			
20	28			
30	26			
40	0			

Give two control variables from the investigation.

[2 marks]



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Describe what happens to the rate of uptake as the temperature of the water increases	
Use the information from Table 1 .	[2 m
The student concluded that chloride ions are absorbed into a carrot by active transport.	
Do you agree with this conclusion? Give a reason for your answer.	[2 m
The student noticed that the water was more orange in the higher	
temperatures. Explain why this occurred.	[2 m

05 Figure 3 shows a cross-section of a leaf.



05.2 Identify the organelle where photosynthesis occurs.



[2 marks]

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Tick one box.	
Nucleus	
Chloroplast	
Ribosome	
Mitochondrion	

05.3 Which of the following are required for photosynthesis?

Tick **two** boxes.

Light	
Water	
Oxygen	
Glucose	

05.4 A student investigated how the carbon dioxide concentration affected the rate of photosynthesis in pondweed.

Figure 4 shows the apparatus they used.



Suggest how the student could have measured the rate of photosynthesis. [2 marks]

05.5 Give **one** control variable for the investigation.

[1 mark]

05.6 The student collected the following results.

Table 2





Percentage concentration of carbon dioxide	Rate of photosynthesis
0.00	0.00
0.01	25.00
0.02	28.00
0.03	32.00

Plot the data from Table 2 on the axes in Figure 5.

Draw a line of best fit.

[3 marks]



05.7 The student stated that 0.03% was the best concentration for photosynthesis.Do you agree with this conclusion?Explain your answer.

[2 marks]



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Describe how gardeners may increase the concentration of carbon dioxide within a glasshouse.	events photosynthesis from occurring at a faster rate?	[1 m
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Describe what antibodies do.	scribe what antibodies do.	[2 ma
The malaria pathogen destroys red blood cells.	e malaria pathogen destroys red blood cells.	
Describe the effect this would have on an infected person.	scribe the effect this would have on an infected person	[2 ma



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06.6 Figure 6 shows the number of red blood cells in people who had been vaccinated and those who had not received the vaccine in small area with a high rate of malaria infection.





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07.1	Skunk cabbage is a plant. In winter, it melts the snow around it due to the processes occurring in its mitochondria.	
	Give a valid conclusion that explains this observation.	[1 mark]
	Tick one box.	
	Aerobic respiration releases heat energy	
	Aerobic respiration requires heat energy	
	Photosynthesis releases heat energy	
	Photosynthesis stores energy as heat	
07.2	What is required for aerobic respiration?	[2 marks]
	Tick two boxes.	
	Carbon dioxide	
	Glucose	
	Oxvgen	
	Water	
07.3	×25 000. They record the length of the image as 25 mm.	
	Calculate the actual length of the mitochondrion.	
	Give the unit.	[2 marks]
	Use the equation:	
	actual length = $\frac{\text{image length}}{\text{magnification}}$	
	Actual length:	
	Unit:	
07.4	In the absence of oxygen, skunk cabbage produces the same substances as	

yeast when they respire.





	respiration.	[2 marks]
	1	
	2	
07.5	The products of anaerobic respiration are used in food production.	
	Name a food that is produced using yeast.	[1 mark]
07.6	Give one difference between a yeast cell and a plant cell.	[1 mark]

08 Figure 7 shows a diagram of the mammalian heart.



08.1	Which blood vessel carries oxygenated blood coming from the lungs? Circle one answer.					[1 mark]
	w	х	Y		z	
08.2	The heart has a number o	f valves.				
	Describe the role of valve	т.				[2 marks]
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08.3	ensuring that they collect	valid data.	the effect of ex	ercise on puis	se rate,	[6 marks]



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O8.4 A student investigated the effect of age on the resting pulse rate of adults. They measured the resting heart rate of nine different people. Their results are shown in Table 3.

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A a a	Resting pulse rate (beats per minute)			
Age	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3	Mean
25–34	65	72	80	72.3
35–44	74	80	80	
45–54	96	88	92	92.0

Table 3

Calculate the mean resting pulse rate for the 35-44 year old age group. Write this value in **Table 3**.

[1 mark]

Describe th	e trend between resting pulse rate and ag	e.	[2 ma
Person 3 in	the age group 25–34 did some light exerci	ise and their pulse rate	
Calculate th	eir new pulse rate.		[2 m

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Explain why t	[3 marks]	
A student inv digestion by a	estigated the effect of temperature on the rate of starch amylase.	
They used iod	line solution to test for the presence of starch.	
What colour	would the iodine solution change to if starch was present?	[1 mark
	Figure 8	
	trate of starch digestion	
	temperature (°C)	

09.3 Explain why it is important that starch is digested.

09.4	Starch is an example of a carbohydrate.		
	Carbohydrates are a source of energy.		
	Which of the following can be caused by a diet th the person needs?	at is higher in energy than	[1 mark]
	Tick one box.		
	Cervical cancer		
	Obesity		

[2 marks]

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	Tooth decay		
	Type 1 diabetes		
09.5	Bile is another substance secret	ed by the digestive system.	
	Which organ produces bile?		[1 mark]
	Tick one box.		
	Pancreas		
	Gall bladder		
	Liver		
	Stomach		
09.6	Give the property of bile that all	lows it to neutralise the stomach acid.	[1 mark]

09.7 Bile also emulsifies fats, increasing the rate of their digestion.

A slimming company claims to have made a drug that stops the gall bladder from secreting bile.

It states that 80% of the ten women lost weight whilst taking this drug for one month.

Evaluate the claim made by the company and decide whether the company should be allowed to sell this drug.

[6 marks]

End of questions