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COMMON ASSESSMENT TASK

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MARKS :50

TIME: 1 Hour

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INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

Read the following instructions carefully before answering the questions.

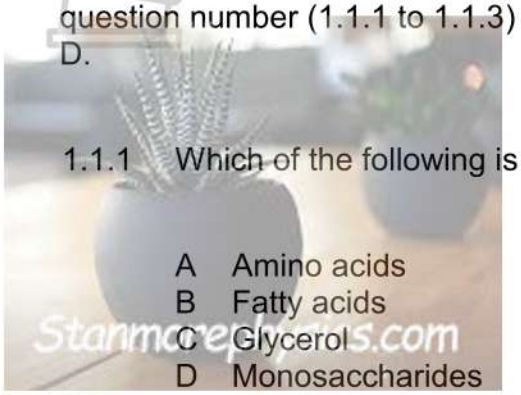
1. Answer ALL the questions.
2. Write ALL the answers in the ANSWER BOOK.
3. Start the answers to each question at the top of a NEW page.
4. Number the answers correctly according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
5. Present your answers according to the instructions of each question.
6. Do ALL drawings in pencil and label them in blue or black ink.
7. Draw diagrams, tables or flow charts only when asked to do so.
8. The diagrams in this question paper are NOT necessarily drawn to scale.
9. Do NOT use graph paper.
10. You may use a non-programmable calculator, protractor and a compass.
11. Write neatly and legibly.

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SECTION A

QUESTION 1

1.1 Various options are provided as possible answers to the following questions. Choose the correct answer and write only the letter (A to D) next to the question number (1.1.1 to 1.1.3) in your ANSWER BOOK, for example 1.1.4 D.



1.1.1 Which of the following is a monomer of proteins?

A Amino acids
B Fatty acids
C Glycerol
D Monosaccharides

1.1.2 The role of a centrosome during mitosis is to…

A connects two chromatids.
B split and move to opposite poles.
C produce two daughter cells.
D introduce genetic variation.

1.1.3 Below is a list of importances of mitosis

(i) Repairs damaged / worn out cells/ tissues
(ii) Responsible for formation of gametes
(iii) Allows reproduction
(iv) Provide cells with energy

Which ONE of the following is CORRECT combination of the importance's of mitosis?

A (i), (iii), (iv) only
B (i), (ii) ,(iii), (iv)only
C (i), (iii) only
D (i), (iv) only (3x2) (6)

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1.2 Give the correct **biological term** for each of the following descriptions. Write only the term next to the question number (1.2.1 to 1.2.5) in your ANSWER BOOK.

1.2.1 Part of microscope that helps to bring the specimen into focus

1.2.2 Phase in mitosis where chromosomes are arranged at the equator

1.2.3 The movement of water molecules from high concentration of water molecules to low concentration of water molecules

1.2.4 Site of protein synthesis

1.2.5 Chemical used to test for starch

(1x5) **(5)**

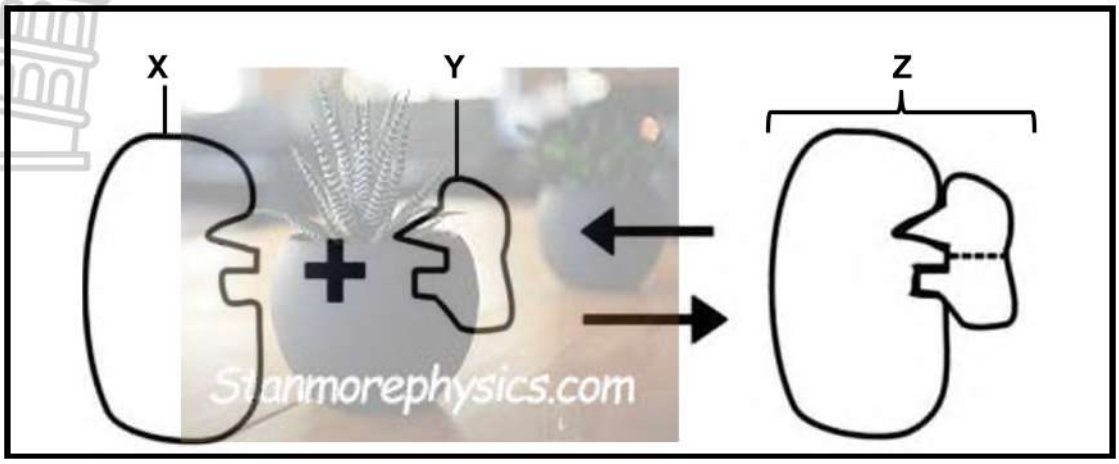
1.3 Indicate whether each of the statements in COLUMN I applies to **A ONLY**, **B ONLY**, **BOTH A AND B or NONE** of the items in COLUMN II. Write **A only**, **B only**, **both A and B,** or **none** next to the question number (1.3.1 to 1.3.2) in the ANSWER BOOK.

	COLUMN I	COLUMN II
1.3.1	Treatment for cancer	A: Chemotherapy B: Physiotherapy
1.3.2	Joins two chromatids together	A: Centrosome B: Centromere

(2x2) **(4)**

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1.4 The diagram below shows a property of an enzyme



1.4.1 Identify:

(a) Structure **Y** (1)

(b) Structure **Z** (1)

(c) The type of model shown in the diagram (1)

1.4.2 Give the LETTER and NAME of the part that will not be used up in a chemical reaction (2)
(5)

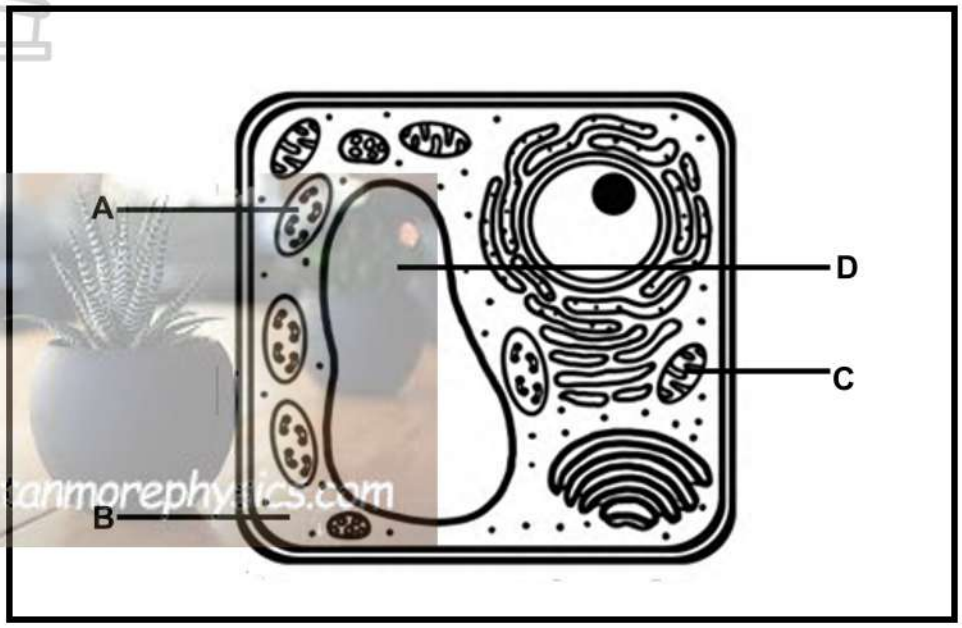
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SECTION B

QUESTION 2

2.1 The diagram below shows a plant cell



2.1.1 Identify part **C** (1)

2.1.2 State ONE function of part **B** (1)

2.1.3 Identify TWO visible features in the diagram that are not typical of animal cells. (2)

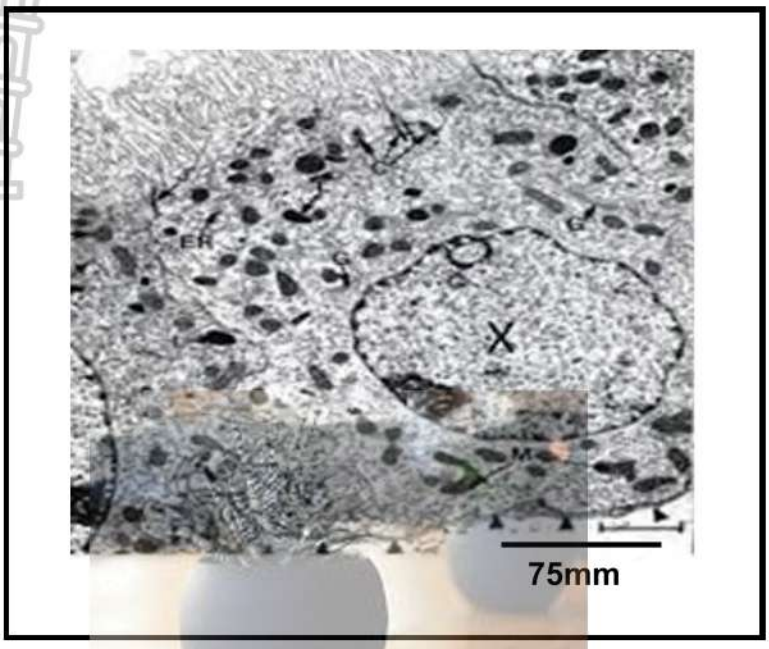
2.1.4 Explain:

(a) the effect to the plant cell if part **D** become smaller (4)

(b) how the number (quantity) of part **A** will benefit this plant cell (2)
(10)

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2.2 The diagram below a micrograph of a nucleus



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2.2.1 State TWO functions of part **X** /nucleus (2)

2.2.2 Calculate the actual size of part **X** in micrometres (1mm = 1000µm).

The measured size of the image using a ruler is 75mm and the electron microscopic magnification is 2000x, using the formula:
Actual size = measured size ÷ magnification.
Show ALL calculations

(3)
(5)
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QUESTION 3

3.1 Amylase is an enzyme that hydrolyses(breaks down) starch into maltose (sugar) in humans

Kelvin conducted an investigation to determine the effect of temperature on amylase breaking down sugar

The procedure of the investigation:

- a solution of amylase was mixed with starch suspension
- the mixtures were kept in test tubes at different temperatures for 15 minutes
- the results were recorded in the table below

Temperatures (°C)	Units of sugar (arb.)
10	10
20	36
30	65
40	90
50	30
60	9

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3.1.1 Identify the independent variable of the above investigation (1)

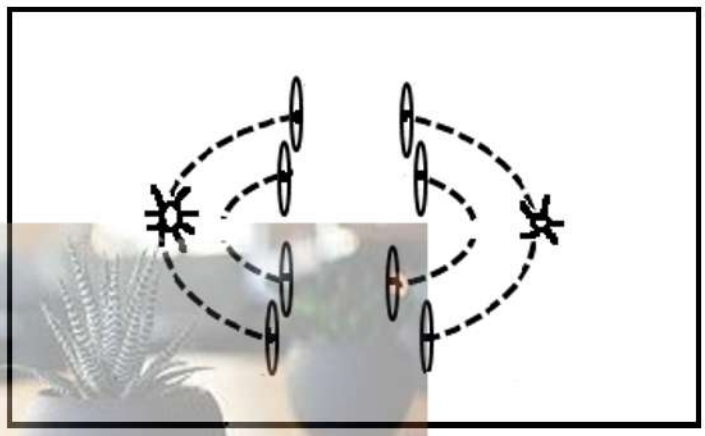
3.1.2 Give the optimum temperature for amylase activity (1)

3.1.3 Explain your answer in QUESTION 3.1.2 (2)

3.1.4 Draw a line graph to represent the data in the table above (6)
(10)

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3.2 The diagram below shows a phase in mitosis



3.2.1 Identify the phase of mitosis shown above (1)

3.2.2 Describe the events that are taking place in the phase mentioned in QUESTION 3.2.1. (3)

3.2.3 State how many chromosomes will be present at the end of this cell division (1)

(5)

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TOTAL SECTION B: 30

GRAND TOTAL: 50

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