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1 hour

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.
No Additional Materials are required.

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Write in dark blue or black pen in the spaces provided on the Question Paper.
You may use a soft pencil for any diagrams, graphs or rough working.
Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **all** questions.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

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1 Fig. 1.1 shows a section through a flower.

(a) (i) Label the diagram on the answer lines provided.

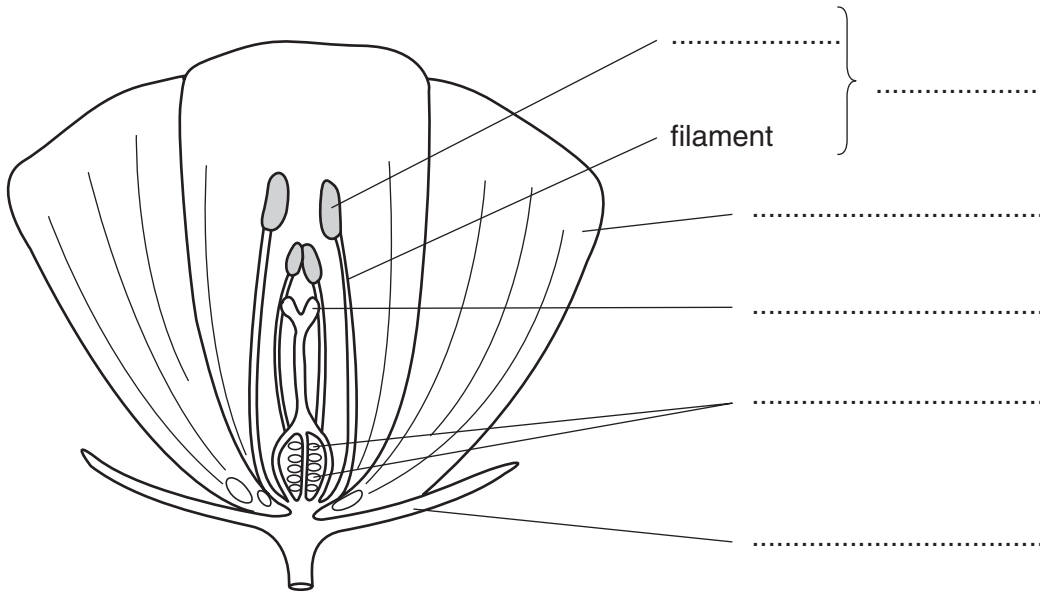


Fig. 1.1

[6]

(ii) Describe, giving practical details, how you would prepare a slide of pollen grains and examine them using a microscope.

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(b) Fig. 1.2 shows pollen grains, **A** and **B**, taken from two different plant species.

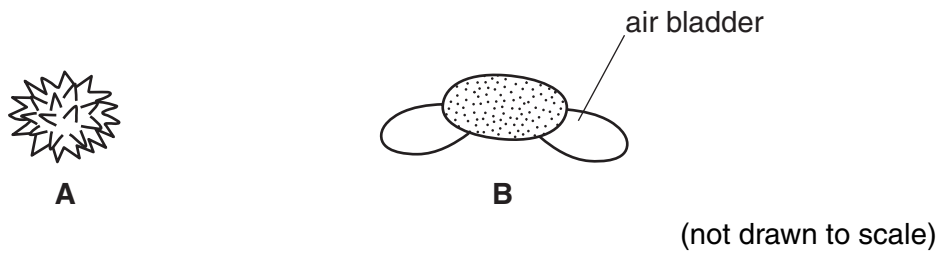


Fig. 1.2

Describe the appearance of the pollen grains, **A** and **B**, and relate the structure of each pollen grain, **A** and **B**, to its possible methods of dispersal.

A

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B

.....[2]

[Total : 12]

- 2 Fig. 2.1 shows two test-tubes, **A** and **B**, both containing water. Each test-tube also contains a length of partially permeable Visking tubing that has been sealed at both ends. The Visking tube in **A** contains a suspension of starch. The Visking tube in **B** contains a suspension of starch and saliva.

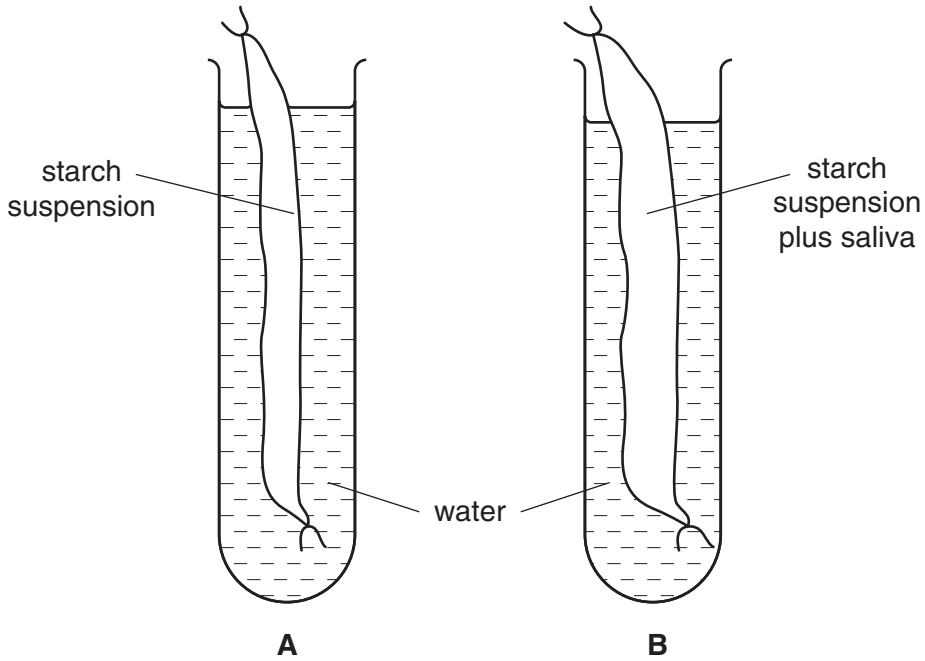


Fig. 2.1

The apparatus was left for twenty-four hours. After that time, samples of water from each test-tube and samples of solution from each Visking tube were tested for starch and reducing sugar.

- (a) Describe, giving practical details, how you would carry out a test for starch and a test for reducing sugar. State the positive result for each test.

starch test

positive result[1]

reducing sugar test

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positive result[3]

- (b) Complete Table 2.1, by predicting the results that you would expect from the experiment shown in Fig. 2.1.

Table 2.1

	A		B	
	water in test-tube	solution in Visking tube	water in test-tube	solution in Visking tube
starch				
reducing sugar				

[4]

- (c) Explain your predictions for

- (i) the solution in the Visking tube in **B**;

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[3]

- (ii) the water in test-tube **B**.

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[3]

- (d) Suggest three ways in which the experimental method used could be improved to make comparison of the results between **A** and **B** valid.

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[3]

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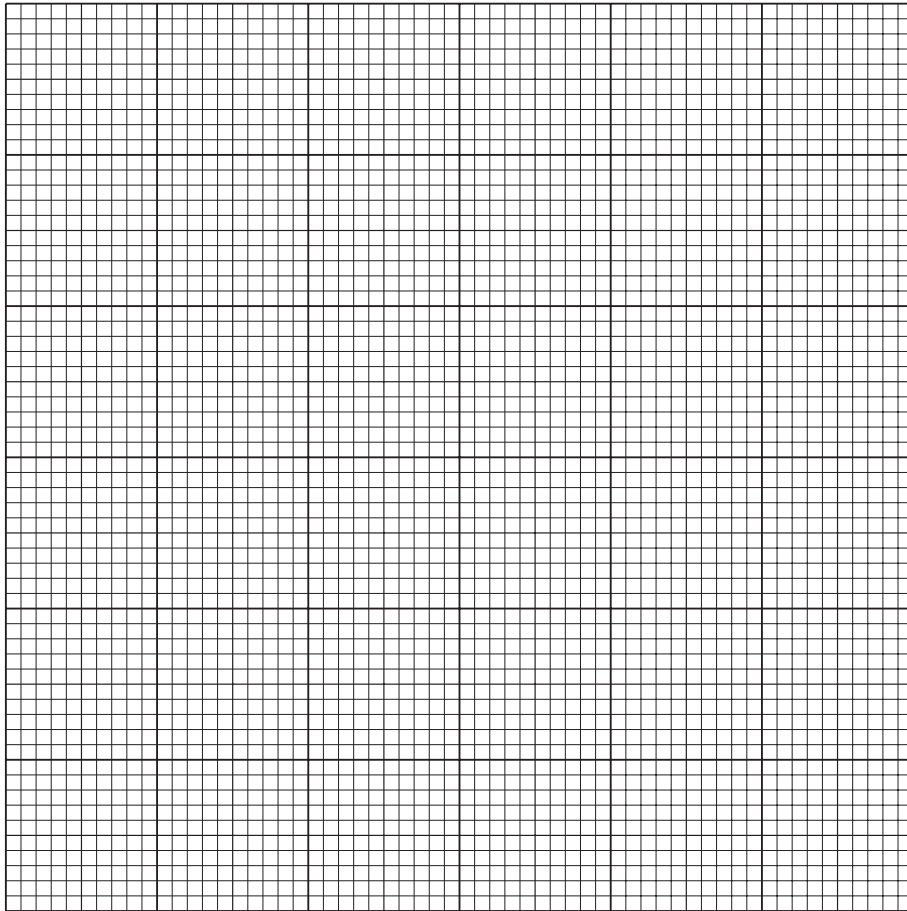
- 3** Two students carried out an experiment using two sharp needles. Student **A** held the needles with the points touching the finger tip of student **B**, so that they could be felt as two separate points. The needle points were then brought closer and closer together, until student **B** felt them as only one point. The distance between the two needle points was then noted. The procedure was repeated at 5 cm intervals from the finger tip.

Their results are recorded in Table 3.1.

Table 3.1

distance from finger tip / cm	distance between needle points / mm
0	1
5	3
10	5
15	7
20	missing result
25	14
30	16
35	17
40	20
45	22

(a) Plot a graph of their results on the grid below.



[4]

(b) One result is missing.

Use your graph to suggest what this distance might have been.

.....[1]

(c) What conclusions can you draw from the students' results?

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(d) Fig. 3.1 is a diagram drawn from a transverse section through a spinal cord.

On Fig. 3.1, draw and label the neurones involved in a reflex arc.

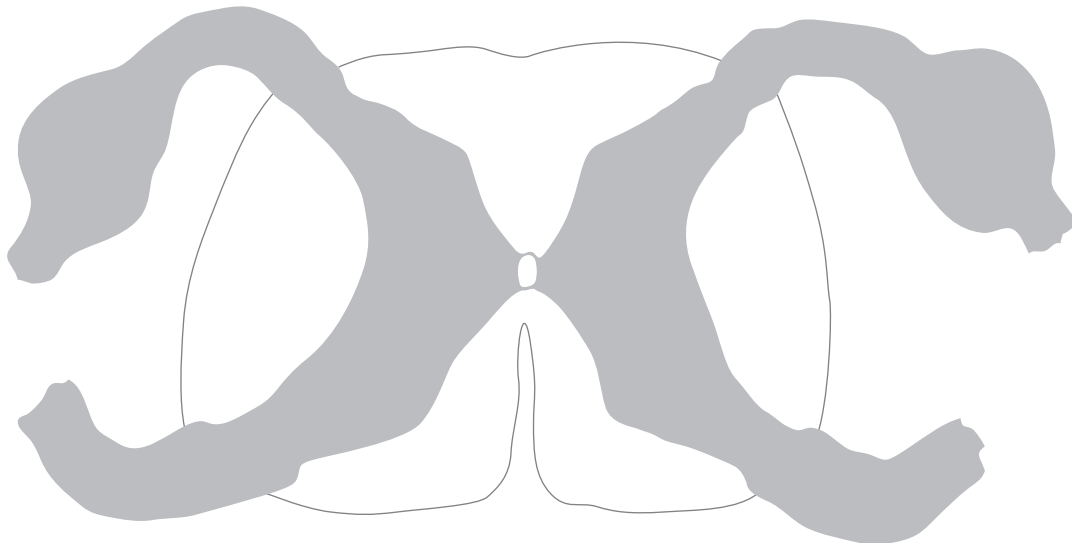


Fig. 3.1

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