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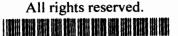
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READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

- 1. This paper consists of THREE questions. Answer ALL questions.
- 2. Write your answers in the spaces provided in this booklet.
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Answer ALL questions.

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- 1. Specimen A is a transverse section through a dicotyledonous leaf. (a)
 - Observe Specimen A under the low power of a microscope and do a labelled plan (i) drawing of the section, in the box below.

[6 marks]

Select a tissue layer from your drawing in (a) (i) above, and comment on its role (ii) in leaf function.

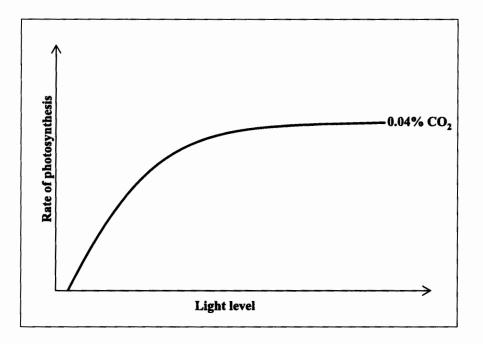
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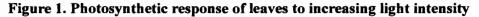
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(b) Figure 1 illustrates how the rate of photosynthesis of a leaf varies with increasing light intensity for a plant species at atmospheric CO_2 level (0.04% CO_2).





(i) On Figure 1, sketch and label a response curve to illustrate what is expected if measurements were made when the atmospheric CO₂ level is doubled.

[4 marks]

Account for differences and/or similarities between the two curves. (ii)

[3 marks]

Total 16 marks

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(a) Table 1 gives data on the average number of days to reach the peak of respiratory climacteric (which occurs at the onset of ripening) in mango fruits exposed to different concentrations

of ethylene.

Ethylene Concentration (ppm)	Time to Reach Peak of Respiratory Climacteric (days after harvest)					
0	10.0					
1	6.0 4.5					
4						
10	3.2					
20	2.5					
30	2.0					
40	2.0					

TABLE 1: ETHYLENE CONCENTRATION AND RESPIRATORY CLIMACTERIC

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Data adapted from Plant Physiol. 1962 March; 37(2): 179-189

- (i) On the grid on page 5, plot the data given in Table 1 as a line graph with ethylene concentration on the x-axis. [5 marks]
- (ii) Based on your graph in (a) (i) above, describe the effects of ethylene exposure on fruit ripening.

[3 marks]

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Discuss the importance of the information provided in (a) (ii) to the fruit industry. (iii) [4 marks]

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(b) Figure 2 shows an image of human blood.

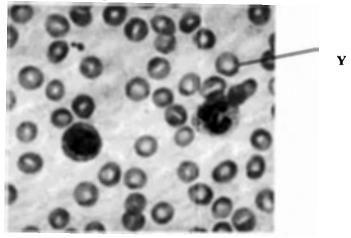


Figure 2. Image of human blood (× 10 000)

Source: http://medsci.indiana.edu/histo/images/bld_smr1.jpg

(i)	Identify the structure labelled Y in Figure 2.
	[1 mark]
(ii)	State the main function of Y , and comment on ONE structural characteristic that makes Y well suited for its function.
	[3 marks]
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3. (a) Table 2 shows data on persons with diabetes mellitus in Latin America and the Caribbean in the year 2000.

	Mexico	Spanish Caribbean	English Caribbean	Central America
Population (× 10 ³)	91 145	25 911	5150	32 115
Total number of people with diabetes mellitus (× 10 ³)	3738.0	926.0	317.2	1192.6
Deaths related to diabetes mellitus	19 139	15 689	5555	18 770

TABLE 2: DATA ON PERSONS WITH DIABETES MELLITUSIN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN IN YEAR 2000

Source: Bulletin of the World Health Organization 2003, 81 (1) 21.

(i) Calculate the mortality rate related to diabetes mellitus (as a percentage of the population) in the English Caribbean. Show your calculations.

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(ii) Compare the mortality rates for diabetes mellitus (as a percentage of number of people with diabetes) among the four regions indicated in Table 2.

[4 marks] Discuss TWO risks factors for Type 2 diabetes.

[4 marks]

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(iii)

Describe how pulse rate is typically measured. (i) [2 marks] You have to design an experiment to study the immediate effects of physical (ii) exercise on pulse rate. Outline the procedure for your experiment.

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[4 marks]

Total 16 marks

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IF YOU FINISH BEFORE TIME IS CALLED, CHECK YOUR WORK ON THIS TEST.





(b)