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BIOLOGY

Paper 3

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Instructions to candidates

- Write your name, class and index number in the spaces provided above.
- Sign and write the date of examination in the spaces provided above.
- Answer ALL questions in the spaces provided.
- Additional pages **MUST NOT** be inserted.
- You are required to spend the first 15 minutes of the 1 3/4 hours reading the whole paper carefully before commencing your work.
- Candidates will be penalized for incorrect spellings especially of technical terms.

For Examiner's Use Only:

Question	Maximum Score	Candidate's Score
1	14	
2	11	
3	15	
Total score	40	

This paper consists of 6 printed pages.

Candidates should check the question paper to ascertain that ALL the pages are printed as indicated and NO questions are MISSING

- 1) You are provided with solutions X, Y and Z. Z is the same as Y except that Z has been boiled.

Label three test-tubes A, B and C

Into the test-tube labeled A add 1ml of solution X

Into the test-tube labeled B add 1ml of X and 1ml of Y

Into the test-tube labeled C add 1ml of X and 1ml of Z

- a) Withdraw two drops from test-tube A and place on a white tile. Add two drops of iodine solution. Repeat the procedure with the contents in test-tubes B and C. Record your observations in the table below. (3mks)

Test tube	Observations	Conclusions
A		
B		
C		

Place the three test-tubes labeled A, B and C in a water bath at 37°C.

Ensure that the temperature of the water bath does not fall below 35°C or exceed 38°C. Leave the set up for 40 minutes.

- b) After 40 minutes, test the contents of each of the test-tubes labeled A, B and C following the procedure in (a) above. Record your observations in the table below. (3mks)

Test tube	Conclusions	observations
A		
B		
C		

c) Account for the results at the end of the experiment in the test tube labeled:
(i) B (1 mark)

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(ii) C (1mark)

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(d) (i) Suggest the identity of solution Y.
(1mark)

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(ii) Give two reasons for your answer in (d) (i) above. (2 marks)

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(e) (i) Name two areas in which the process being investigated in this experiment takes place in the human body. (2 marks)

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f) State the importance of the process being investigated above to germinating maize seeds.

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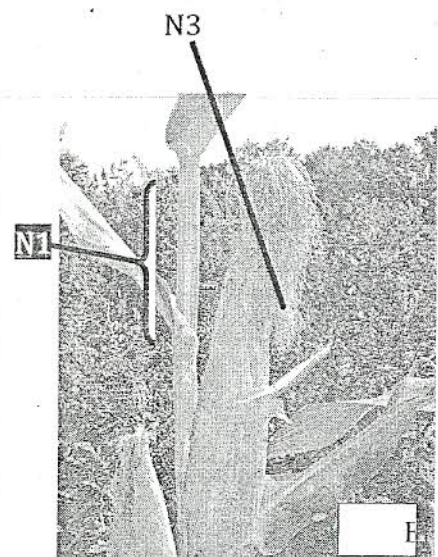
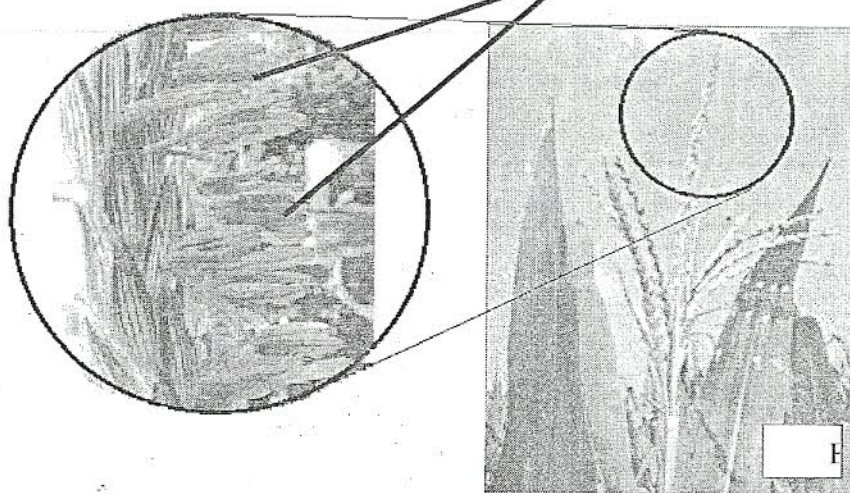
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2) The photographs below are of flowers from a species of plants; *Zeamais*. Flowers E1 and E2 are from the same plant species. N2



a) Identify the flowers type in photograph E1 and E2.

{2

marks}

b) E1 E2

c) Name the part labeled;

{3

marks}

N1. N2. N3.

d) Suggest the likely agent of pollination of *Zeamais*. {1 mark}

e) From observable features ONLY, explain how *Zeamais* flower(s) is/are adapted to the agent of pollination named in (d) above. {2 marks}

i.

ii.

f) Name the type of germination exhibited by seeds obtained from *Zeamais*. (1 mark)

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g) Calculate the magnification shown in flower E1. {2 marks}

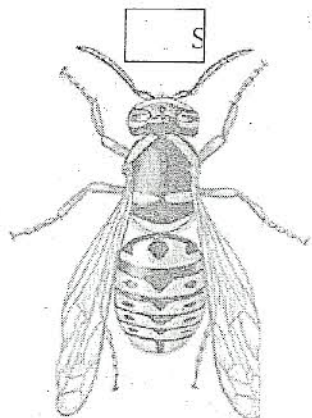
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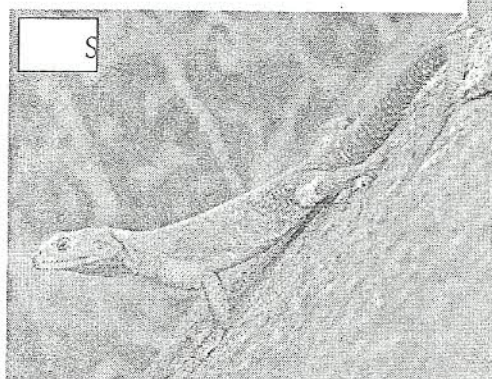
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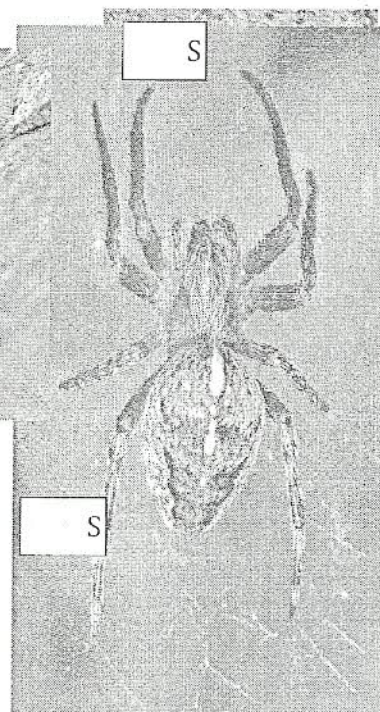
3) Study the specimens below and answer the questions that follow.



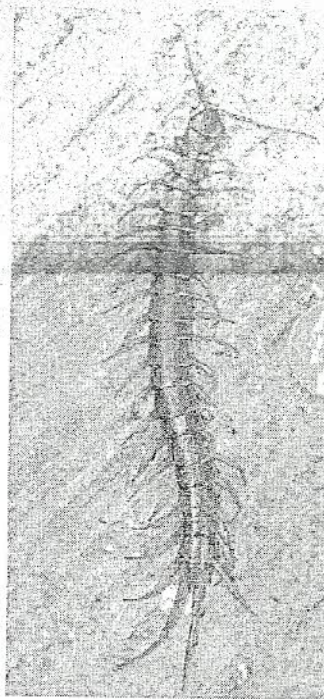
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- a) Using the above specimens, construct a reasonable food chain containing the first five trophic levels. {1

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- b) From the food chain, identify the organism with the least biomass. Explain your answer

{2 marks}

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- c) State two observable differences between S2 and S4.

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mark}

d) Classify the following organisms in the taxa below.

{3marks}

Specimen	Kingdom	Phylum	Class
S2	Animalia		
S3	Animalia		
S4	Animalia		

e) State TWO differences between Specimen S3 and S5.

{2

marks}

i.

ii.

f) State any THREE similarities between Specimen S1 and S6.

{3

marks}

i.

ii.

iii.

g) State the role of the following in the life cycle of SI. {2 marks}

(i) juvenile

hormone.....

(ii) Moulting

hormone.....

Confidential

Each candidate will require the following

- 4 test-tubes
- 1 measuring cylinder capable of measuring 1ml
- 10ml of solution X
- 10ml of solution Y
- 10ml of solution Z
- 300 – 400ml of water
- 1 test-tube rack
- means of timing in minutes (a wrist watch or a wall clock visible to all candidates)
- A thermometer (0 – 110⁰c)
- A source of heat (water bath)
- A tripod stand
- A wire gauze
- A white tile
- Means of labeling

- Test-tube holder
- A dropper
- Preparing solutions X, Y and Z

Solution X: To be prepared on the morning of the examination.

To prepare 1 litre of solution X, take 200g of soluble starch and add it to 1 litre of water.

Solution Y: To be prepared on the day before the exam.

To prepare 1 litres of solution y, take 100g of diastase enzyme dissolve in 1 litre of distilled water.

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