

2010 KCSE QUESTIONS

PAPER 1 QUESTIONS

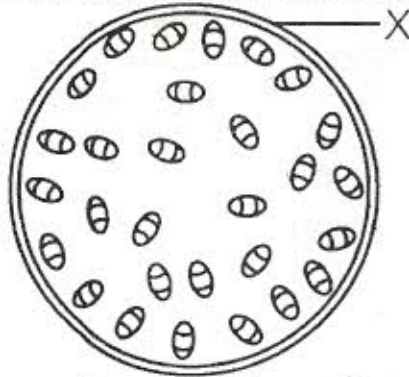
1. State the name given to the study of:

- (a) The cell
- (b) Microorganisms

(1 mark)

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2. The diagram below shows a transverse section of a plant organ.



(a) Name the plant organ from which the section was obtained.

(1 mark)

(b) (i) Name the class to which the plant organ was obtained.

(1 mark)

(ii) Give a reason for your answer in (b) (i) above.

(1 mark)

(c) Name the part labelled X.

(1 mark)

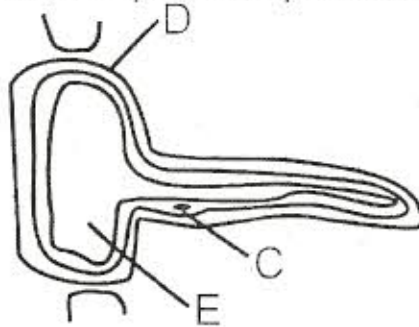
3. State the functions of:

- (a) Ribosomes;
- (b) Lysosomes

(1 mark)

(1 mark)

4. The diagram below shows a specialized plant cell.



(a) (i) Name the cell.

(1 mark)

(ii) Name the parts labeled D and E.

(2 marks)

D _____
E _____

(b) State the function of the part labeled C.

5. State **three** ways in which a respiratory surface is adapted to its function.

(3 marks)

6. State **one** function for each of the following:

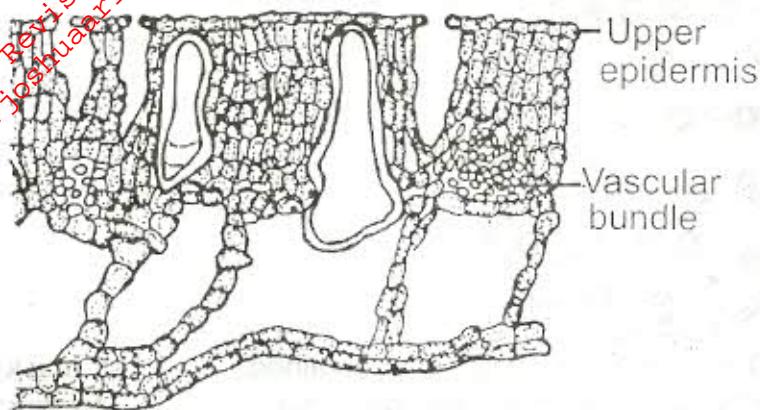
- (a) Cerebellum
- (b) Medulla oblongata

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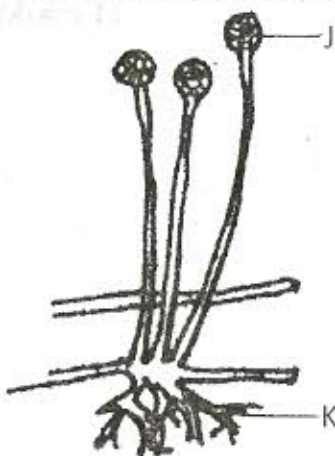
7. Distinguish between osmosis and plasmolysis. (2 marks)

8. State **three** external differences between chilopoda and diplopoda. (3 marks)
9. State **two** ways in which chloroplasts are adapted to their function. (2 marks)
10. State **two** advantages of hybrid vigour. (2 marks)
11. The diagram below shows a transverse section of a leaf.



- (a) Name the habitat of the plant from which the leaf was obtained. (1 mark)
- (b) Give **two** reasons for your answer in (a) above. (2 marks)

12. The diagram below illustrates the structure of bread mould.



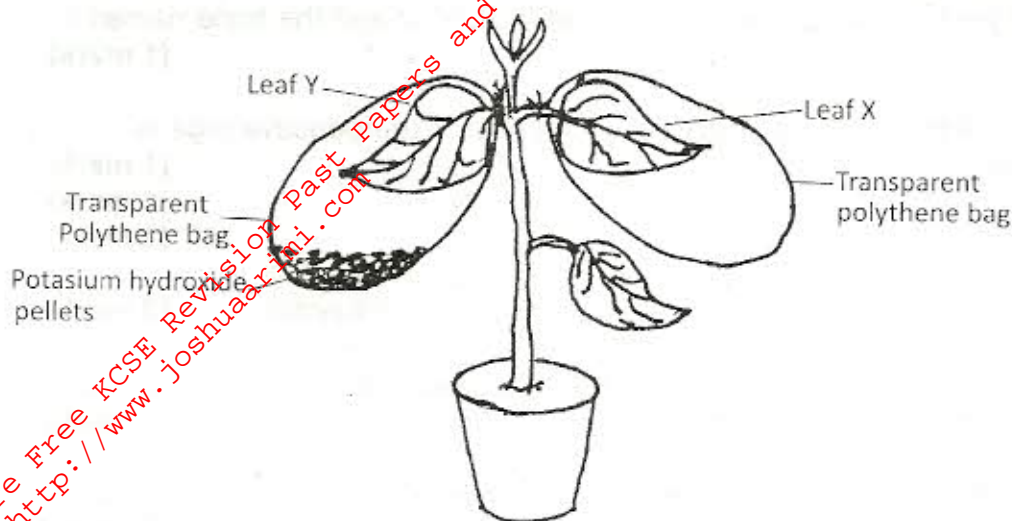
- (a) Name the part labeled J. (1 mark)
- (b) State the functions of the structure labeled K. (2 marks)

13. What is meant by the following terms?

- (a) Habitat (1 mark)
- (b) Ecosystem (1 mark)

14. Explain why it is not advisable to be in poorly ventilated room with a burning charcoal stove. (3 marks)

15. A potted plant was kept in the dark for 48 hours. Two leaves X and Y were treated as shown in the diagram below.



The experimental set-up was kept in sunlight for 6 hours after which a starch test was carried out on the two leaves.

(a) What were the results of the starch test on leaves X and Y?

(2 marks)

X _____
Y _____

(b) Give reasons for your answers in (a) above.

(2 marks)

16. What is the role of bile salts in digestion in humans?

(2 marks)

17. The following is the dental formula of a certain mammal:

$$\begin{matrix} 0 & 0 & 3 & 3 \\ i & c & pm & m \\ 3 & 1 & 3 & 3 \end{matrix}$$

(a) State the likely mode of feeding for the mammal.

(1 mark)

(b) Give a reason for your answer in (a) above.

(1 mark)

18. Give two reasons why animals have specialized organs for excretion as compared to plants.

(2 marks)

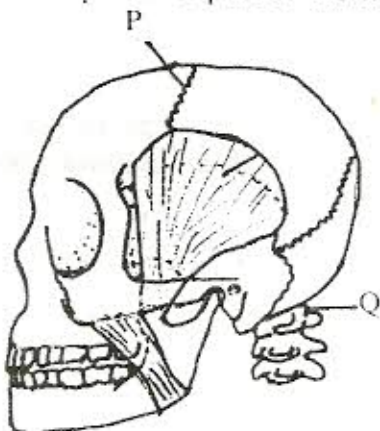
19. State the changes that occur in arterioles in the human skin during thermoregulation.

(2 marks)

20. State two advantages of internal fertilization in humans.

(2 marks)

21. The diagram below represents part of the human skeleton.



- (b) (i) Name the bone that articulates with the part labeled Q. (1 mark)
 (ii) What type of joint is formed between the part labeled Q and the bone named in (b) (i) above? (1 mark)

22. What is the function of the following structures in the human reproductive organs?

- (a) Fallopian tubes (1 mark)
 (b) Epididymis (1 mark)
 (c) Scrotal sac (1 mark)

23. Explain **three** ways in which red blood cells are adapted to their function. (3 marks)

24. (a) State **two** ideas proposed by Lamark in his theory of evolution. (2 marks)
 (b) Why is Lamark's theory not acceptable. (1 mark)

25. State **three** factors that contribute to the deceleration phase in the population curve of an organism. (3 marks)

26. State **one** survival value for each of the following in plants:

- (a) Thigmotropism in stems (1 mark)
 (b) Geotropism in roots (1 mark)

27. (a) What is meant by the term non-disjunction?
 (b) Give an example of a genetic disorder caused by:
 (i) Non-disjunction (1 mark)
 (ii) Gene mutation (1 mark)

28. State three structural differences between arteries and veins. (3 marks)

29. The diagram below represents a female cone.



- (a) Name the subdivision of the plant from which the cone was obtained. (1 mark)
 (b) Other than the presence of cones, name two other external features that identify plants in the subdivision named in (a) above. (2 marks)

30. What is meant by the term apical dominance? (3 marks)