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Max. Marks: 80

(Science Paper 3)

ICSE Board Class X Exam (2024) Answers & Solutions

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Read the following instructions very carefully and follow them:

- (i) Duration for the Test is 2 hours.
- (ii) Maximum Marks for Section-A and B is 40 each.
- (iii) The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets [].
- (iv) **Section A** is compulsory. Attempt all questions from this section.
- (v) Attempt any four questions from Section B.
- (vi) Use of calculator is not permitted.
- (vii) It is mandatory to use Blue/Black ballpoint pen to write the answer.



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SECTION-A (40 Marks)

(Attempt all questions from this Section.)

S	Seled	ect the correct answers to the questions from the given options.							
(i)	Dup	Duplicated chromosomes are joined at a point termed						
		(a)	Centrosome	(b)	Centromere				
		(c)	Centriole	(d)	Chromatid				
A	۹ns۱	wer ((b)			[1]			
(ii)	The	process of conversion of ADP to ATP	during p	hotosynthesis is called				
		(a)	Photolysis	(b)	Phagocytosis				
		(c)	Photophosphorylation	(d)	Polymerisation				
A	Ansv	wer ((c)			[1]			
(iii)	The process in which water is lost from the margins of strawberry leaves is							
		(a)	Osmosis	(b)	Imbibition				
		(c)	Diffusion	(d)	Guttation				
A	۹ns۱	wer ((d)			[1]			
(iv)	The	hormone that affects urination is						
		(a)	Adrenaline	(b)	Vasopressin				
		(c)	Oestrogen	(d)	Thyroxine				
ļ	۹ns۱	wer ((b)		75	[1]			
(v)	Whi	ch one of the following helps in the op	ening of	stomata?				
		(a)	Cobalt ions	(b)	Potassium ions				
		(c)	Magnesium ions	(d)	Aluminium ions				
Answer (b)									
(vi)	A zygote which has Y chromosome inherited from the father will develop into a							
		(a)	Will depend on the chromosome inh	erited fro	m the mother				
		(b)	Girl	. 3					
		(c)	Either boy or a girl	dic					
		(d)	Boy						
ļ	۹ns۱	wer ((d)			[1]			
(vii)	The	ear ossicle that transports sound vibr	ations to	the inner ear:				
		(a)	Stapes	(b)	Malleus				
		(c)	Incus	(d)	Cochlea				
A	۹ns۱	wer ((a)			[1]			
(viii)	If a	person has a heart attack, what must	be done i	immediately?				
		P.	Loosen his/her clothing						
		Q.	Make him/her lie down in an airy roo	m					
		R.	Rush him/her to the hospital						
		S.	Engage him/her in a conversation						
		(a)	P and Q	(b)	P and S				
		(c)	R and S	(d)	P, Q and R				
1	۹ns۱	wer ((d)			[1]			

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(ix)	Adju	sting the focal length of the eye lens to	view ol	bjects at different distances is done by:
	(a)	Cornea	(b)	Iris
	(c)	Ciliary muscles	(d)	Sclera
Ans	wer ((c)		[1]
(x)		r friends P , Q , R and S were discussing e as follows:	the exa	amples of genetic disorders. The examples they quoted
	P.	Colour blindness and Malaria		
	Q.	Albinism and Cholera		
	R.	Haemophilia and Colour blindness		
	S.	Haemophilia and Albinism		
	Who	gave the correct examples?		
	(a)	P and Q	(b)	R and S
	(c)	P and R	(d)	Q and S
Ans	wer ((b)		[1]
(xi)	Osm	nosis takes place when there is:		
	(a)	A freely permeable membrane	(b)	A cell wall
	(c)	A selectively permeable membrane	(d)	An impermeable membrane
Ans	wer ((c)		(n)
(xii)		ale gorilla has 48 chromosomes in each rms have? 24 12	(b)	s body cells. How many chromosomes will each of the 48 16
Δne	wer ((u)	[1]
		•	em pre	epares the body for violent action against abnormal

conditions.

Reason (R): Sympathetic nervous system accelerates heartbeat.

Which of the following is correct?

- (a) Both A and R are True
- (b) A is True, R is False
- (c) A is False but R is True
- (d) Both A and R are False

[1] Answer (a)



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	(xiv)	Birth	n rate is the number of live births per thous	and	persons in:		
		(a)	1 year	(b)	2 years		
		(c)	10 years	(d)	20 years		
	Ans	wer ((a)		[1]		
	(xv)	Indu	strial Melanism was observed in:				
		(a)	Mice	(b)	Peppered Moth		
		(c)	House Flies	(d)	Crow		
	Ans	wer ((b)		[1]		
2.	(i)	Nan	ne the following:		[5]		
		(a)	Unicellular outgrowths from the epidermi	s of r	roots.		
		(b)	A defect in our eyes, in which some parts	s of tl	ne object are in focus while the other parts are blurred.		
		(c)	The tropic movement of plant parts in res	spons	se to chemicals.		
		(d)	The main nitrogenous waste formed in the	e bo	dy.		
		(e)	The process of attachment of fertilized or	vum	to the wall of uterus.		
	(ii)		ange and rewrite the terms in each ginning with the term that is underlined:	-	in the correct order to be in a logical sequence [5]		
		(a)	Australopithecus, Cro-Magnon, Homo er	ectus			
		(b)	Pupil, Aqueous humour, Retina, Vitreous	hum	nour.		
		(c)	Effector, Receptor, Motor neuron, Senso	ry ne	euron.		
		(d)	Loop of Henle, Distal convoluted tubule,	Bow	man's Capsule, Proximal convoluted tubule.		
	(e) Water vapour, Soil water, Leaves, Ascent of Sap						
	(iii)	Stud	dy the diagram given below and fill in th	ne bl	anks with suitable words. [5]		
			Split cork Wide mouth bottle KOH		Potted		
		48 h pota in su	nours to (b) the leaves. It is six to absorunlight for a few hours. The experimental	A pa b (c) leaf i	or (a), a potted plant is placed in dark for rt of a leaf is inserted into a conical flask containing from the flask. The plant is then placed is tested for starch. The part of the leaf that was inside the part of the leaf outside turns (e) in		



[5] Prothrombin, Thrombin, Fibrinogen, Albumin (a) (b) Tonsils, Glomerulus, Spleen, Lymph nodes Neutrophils, Basophils, Monocytes, Eosinophils (c) (d) Leaves, Styrofoam, Grass, Cow Dung (e) Pulmonary artery, Renal artery, Coronary artery, Hepatic artery (v) Match the items given in Column I with most appropriate ones in column II and rewrite the correct matching pairs. [5] Column I Column II (a) Leydig cells 1. Lack of thyroxine in children (b) Stoma 2. 12 pairs (c) Ova 3. Testosterone (d) Cranial nerve 4. Diffusion of respiratory gases (e) Cretinism 5. Haploid cells 6. 31 Pairs 7. Diploid cells Sol. (i) Root hair [1] (a) Astigmatism [1] (b) (c) Chemotropism [1] (d) Urea [1] [1] (e) **Implantation** Australopithecus, Homo erectus, Neanderthal man, Cro-magnon (ii) (a) [1] Aqueous humour, Pupil, Vitreous humour, Retina [1] (b) Receptor, Sensory neuron, Motor Neuron, Effector [1] (c) (d) Bowman's Capsule, Proximal convoluted tubule, Loop of Henle, Distal convoluted tubule [1] Soil water, Ascent of Sap, Leaves, Water vapour (e) [1] Photosynthesis (iii) (a) [1] [1] (b) Destarch Carbon dioxide [1] (c) (d) Colourless [1] (e) Bluish-black [1] (iv) (a) Odd term: Albumin [1/2] Category: Blood clotting factors [½] (b) Odd term: Glomerulus [½] Category: Lymphatic organs [½] (c) Odd term: Monocytes $[\frac{1}{2}]$ Category: Granulocytes $[\frac{1}{2}]$ (d) Odd term: Styrofoam $[\frac{1}{2}]$ Category: Biodegradable wastes [1/2] (e) **Odd term**: Pulmonary artery [½] Category: Blood vessels carry oxygenated blood. [½]

(iv) Choose the **odd** one out from the following terms and name the **category to which the others belong**:



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(v)		Column I		Column II			
	(a)	Leydig cells	3.	Testosterone			
	(b)	Stoma	4.	Diffusion of respiratory gases			
	(c)	Ova	5.	Haploid cells			
	(d)	Cranial nerve	2.	12 pairs			
	(e)	Cretinism	1.	Lack of thyroxine in children	[5×1=5]		
		SECTION-I	3 (40 ľ	Marks)			
		(Attempt any four que	stions f	rom this Section.)			
(i)	Ехр	and the abbreviation-NADP.			[1]		
(ii)	Mer	ntion two adaptations in roots for absorption	of wat	er from the soil.	[2]		
(iii)	Diffe	erentiate between Afferent arteriole and Effe	erent a	rteriole (diameter).	[2]		
(iv)	Give	e two examples of water pollutants.			[2]		
(v)	Ali h	nas some pea plants in his garden which ne	ed a su	ipport to grow as seen in the picture given			
)	x x x x x x x x x x x x x x x x x x x			
	(a)	Name the phenomenon depicted by the sl	hoot in	the given figure.			
	(b)	Define the above phenomenon.		10 to			
	(c)	Write the name of the part marked X.					
ol. (i)	NAE	OP stands for Nicotinamide adenine dinucle	otide p	hosphate.	[1]		
(ii)	(a)	The root hair represents a large surface a	rea in c	contact with the soil particles.			
	(b)	The root hair can penetrate between soil	article	S.	[2×1]		
(iii)	(a)	Afferent arterioles deliver blood to the glo away from the glomerulus.	merulu	s of the nephron and efferent arterioles of	arry blood		
	(b)	The average diameter of afferent arteriole pressure in the efferent arteriole is higher		-	hich blood [2×1]		
(iv)	Exa	mples of water pollutants are:					
	Che	emical wastes, heavy metals, pollutants from	n live st	ock operations, sewage, industrial wastes	s, etc.		
				(Any	two) [2×1]		
(v)	(a)	Thigmotropism			[1]		
	(b)	Thigmotropism can be defined as the move	ement	of plant part in response to stimulus of co	ntact. [1]		
	(c)	Leaf tendril.			[1]		
		e the biological term for the surgical method	of con	traception in human females.	[1]		
(i)	Give	i) State two harmful effects of acid rain on the environment.					
. (i) (ii)		e two harmful effects of acid rain on the env	vironme	ent.	[2]		
	Stat	te two harmful effects of acid rain on the envirtion two advantages of transpiration.	vironme	ent.	[2] [2]		



(v) Mohan is fond of playing basketball. His concentration is on shooting the ball into the opponent's basket as given in the picture.





- (a) Which part of the brain helps Mohan to concentrate in putting the ball into the basket?
- (b) Name the sense organ that helps to gauge the distance between the ball and the basket.
- (c) Name the part of the brain that co-ordinates all the voluntary muscles of his body.

Sol. (i) Tubectomy [1]

- (ii) Harmful effects of acid rain on the environment are:
 - (a) Acid rain water accumulates in river causing death of aquatic life.
 - (b) It damages the buildings and monuments made up of stones and metals.
 - (c) It causes damage to crops.

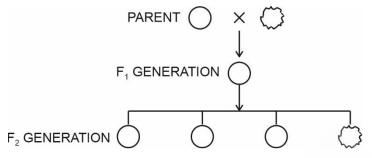
(Any two) [2×1]

(iii) The advantages of transpiration are as follows:

- (a) The absorption of water and ascent of sap to various parts of the plant body is mostly due to transpiration. Transpiration pull is responsible for mass movement of water and solutes in upward direction.
- (b) Plants receive solar energy in very large amounts for the synthesis of carbohydrates. If there is no dissipation of energy, the temperature of leaf surface would rise to a lethal level in less than two minutes. Transpiration plays an important role here. It helps in dissipation of this excess energy by evaporating water from the leaf surface and thus, helps in keeping the plant cool.
- (c) Transpiration helps in removing excess of water.
- (d) The transpiration from leaf surface draws water from the soil. This rising column of sap contains mineral salts. Thus, mineral salts are distributed to all parts of the plant.
- (e) Development of mechanical tissues, growth of root system, increasing mineral and sugar content of fruits and development of resistance are other beneficial effects of transpiration. (Any two) [2×1]
- (iv) Objectives of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan are :
 - To eliminate open defecation through the construction of household-owned toilets.
 - To establish an accountable mechanism of monitoring toilet use.
 - To spread cleanliness awareness among people and strengthening the cleanliness systems in all areas.
 - To achieve efficient solid and liquid waste management systems. (Any two) [2x1]
- (v) (a) Cerebrum helps Mohan to concentrate in putting the ball into the basket. [1]
 - (b) Eyes help to gauge the distance between the ball and the basket. [1]
 - (c) Cerebellum is the part of the brain that co-ordinates all the voluntary muscles of the body. [1]



- 5. (i) Name the type of nerve which has the fibres of both sensory and motor neurons. [1]
 - (ii) Differentiate between Australopithecus and Modern man based on body hair. [2]
 - (iii) "Birth rate in India is very high." Mention two reasons in support of the statement. [2]
 - (iv) Give the exact location of: [2]
 - (a) Pericardium
 - (b) Bicuspid value
 - (v) Given below is a schematic representation of the inheritance of the shape of seeds of garden pea. Answer the questions that follow:



- (a) Which is the dominant and recessive allele of the trait?
- (b) What does the ratio 3:1 in the F₂ generation represent?
- (c) State Mendel's Law of Dominance.
- **Sol.** (i) Mixed nerves have the fibres of both sensory and motor neurons.

- [1]
- (ii) Difference between Australopithecus and Modern man on the basis of body hair:

Australopithecus	Modern man	
Their body is covered with hair.	They have highly reduced body hair.	[2]

- (iii) "Birth rate in India is very high" due to the following reasons:
 - (a) **Illiteracy:** Most of the rural population which forms the bulk of our society are still illiterate, ignorant and superstitious. They also do not know the functioning of the human reproductive system.
 - (b) **Traditional beliefs:** Among the people from lower strata of society, children are regarded as a gift of God and a sign of prosperity. Therefore, they make no effort to avoid pregnancy.
 - (c) **Mortality rate:** Due to high infant mortality rate in our country, people from the economically weaker section think it safer to produce more children so that at least some may survive.
 - (d) **Economic reasons:** Children are considered to be helping hands to increase the family income.
 - (e) **Religious and social customs:** India is a centre of various religious and social customs, and as such most people do not accept family planning norms.
 - (f) Desire for a male child: Most Indian families still hold the view that a male child is essential for keeping up the name of the family. Further, a male child is usually a great help to the aged parents. These two reasons often contribute to getting several children before getting one son or sometimes not even that.
 - (g) Lack of recreation: Poor standard of living and poverty provide no recreation other than sex.

(Any two) [2×1]

(iv) (a) Pericardium is a double layered protective covering of heart.

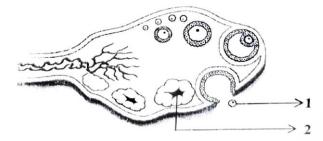
[1]

(b) Bicuspid valve is located between the left atrium and left ventricle.

[1]



- Dominant allele is R. (v) (a) $[\frac{1}{2}]$
 - Recessive allele is r. $[\frac{1}{2}]$
 - (b) The ratio 3:1 in the F_2 generation represents that 3 plants have round seeds and 1 plant has wrinkled seeds. [1]
 - Mendel's law of Dominance: In a single individual, when two different alleles of a unit factor or gene responsible for a single character are present, then one allele is dominant over the other. [1]
- 6. (i) Define the term-Diapedesis. [1]
 - Distinguish between Diabetes mellitus and Diabetes insipidus (endocrine gland concerned). [2] (ii)
 - (iii) Carbon monoxide is dangerous when inhaled in excess. Comment on the statement [2]
 - [2] (iv) The diagram given below shows a section of the human ovary.



- (a) Name the process for the release of the part labelled 1.
- (b) Write the name of the structure marked 2.
- Draw a neat, labelled diagram of a chloroplast.

[3]

Diapedesis is the process in which white blood cells come out of the blood vessels into the surrounding Sol. (i) area in case of injuries. [1]

(ii)		Diabetes mellitus	Diabetes insipidus
	(a)	It is the disorder associated with pancreas.	It is the disorder associated with posterior lobe of pituitary gland.
	(b)	It is caused due to the deficiency of insulin hormone.	It is caused due to deficiency of vasopressin hormone.

(iii) Carbon monoxide is a poisonous gas. It is produced due to incomplete combustion of fuels such as petrol and diesel. It reduces the oxygen-carrying capacity of haemoglobin in our blood.

In the presence of carbon monoxide, instead of binding with oxygen, haemoglobin combines with carbon monoxide as it has more affinity for carbon monoxide resulting in the formation of carboxyhaemoglobin which is more stable than oxyhaemoglobin (formed when oxygen combines with haemoglobin). It causes headache, nausea, dizziness and may even result in death of the person. [2]

The process is called ovulation. (iv) (a)

(v)

[1]

The structure marked 2 is corpus luteum.

[1]

[Labelled diagram- 3]

Inner membrane Outer membrane Granum Stroma Thylakoid Stromal lamellae (Fret)

Structure of chloroplast



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7.	(i)	Defi	ne the term hormone.		[1]				
	(ii)	Whi	ch parts of the ear are responsible for :		[2]				
		(a)	Static equilibrium?						
		(b)	(b) Dynamic equilibrium?						
	(iii)	Men	[2]						
	(iv)	Writ	water. [2]						
	(v)		acher drew the diagram of heart on the benesh couldn't see the diagram clearly as i	blackboard and told the students to copy in tappeared blurred to him.	t in their notebooks. [3]				
		(a)	(a) Name the defect of the eye Mahesh is suffering from.						
		(b)	b) Where is the image formed in this defect?						
		(c)							
Sol.	(i)		mones are chemical compounds which aruse to the area of action.	re synthesized at places away from where	they act and simply [1]				
	(ii)	(a)	Vestibule		[1]				
		(b)	Semicircular canals		[1]				
	(iii)	Differences between arteries and veins are :							
			Arteries	Veins					
		(a)	These are usually deep seated.	These are usually superficial.					
		(b)	Internal valves are absent.	Internal valves are present to prevent back flow of blood.					
		(c)	These carry blood away from the heart.	These carry blood towards the heart.					
		(d)	Thick walled, strong and muscular.	Comparatively thin walled and less muscular.					
		(e)	Flow of blood is very fast with jerks.	Flow of blood is slow without jerks.					
		(f)	At any time arteries contain 16% of the total blood.	64% blood of the body is present in veins.	(Any two) [2×1]				
	(iv)	Lim	itations of Ganong's potometer are :						
		(a)	The twig does not remain alive for a lon	g time.					
		(b)	It is very difficult to introduce the bubble	e.	[2×1]				
	(v)	(a)	Myopia		[1]				
		(b)	The image is formed in front of the retin	a.	[1]				
		(c)	His spectacles have concave or diverging	ng lens which is used to correct this defec	ct. [1]				
8.	(i)	Defi	ne the term ultrafiltration.		[1]				
	(ii)	Nan	ne the mineral elements required for :		[2]				
		(a)	Clotting of blood						
		(b)	Synthesis of thyroxine						



	(iii)	Men	tion two harmful effects of noise pollution.	[2]				
	(iv)	Why	are RBCs efficient in their functions through they lack nucleus and mitochondria?	[2]				
	(v)	The diagram given below represents a stage in mitosis.						
		(a)	Identify the stage given above.					
		(b)	Give one reason to support your answer in (a).					
		(c)	Mention the number of chromosomes given in the diagram.					
Sol.	(i)	The filtration of blood in glomerulus part of a nephron under high pressure is called ultrafiltration.						
	(ii)	(a)	Calcium	[1]				
		(b)	lodine	[1]				
	(iii)	Harı	Harmful effects of noise pollution are :					
		(a)	It interferes in communication.					
		(b)	It interrupts concentration of thought and disturbs peace of mind.					
		(c)	It lowers efficiency of work.					
		(d)	It disturbs sleep and leads to nervous irritability.					
		(e)	A sudden loud sound can damage ear drum. Prolonged noise can even lead to deafness.					
		(f)	Life of animals like birds gets disturbed by aircrafts landing or taking off from the airports.					
			(Any two) [2×1]				
	(iv)		ure erythrocytes lack nucleus and mitochondria so as to make space for haemoglobin. Hence r gen can be bind with haemoglobin molecules.	nore				
		Mito	chondria are absent so that oxygen is not utilised by the erythrocytes and all the oxygen is transpo	orted				
		to th	to the target organs. [2]					
	(v)	(a)	Anaphase	[1]				
		(b)	During anaphase the centromere of each chromosome splits into two, resulting into two s chromatids. It leads to the migration of daughter chromosomes towards respective poles.	ister [1]				
		(c)	8	[1]				