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Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9–1)

Biology  
PAPER 2  
Higher Tier

Total Marks
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Time: 1 hour 45 minutes

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**YOU MUST HAVE**

**Calculator, ruler**

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**Diagram Booklet**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

**Answer ALL questions.**

**Answer the questions in the spaces provided in this Question Paper – there may be more space than you need.**

**Calculators may be used.**

**Any diagrams may NOT be accurately drawn, unless otherwise indicated.**

**You must show all your working out with your answer clearly identified at the end of your solution.**

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## **INFORMATION**

**The total mark for this paper is 100.**

**The marks for EACH question are shown in brackets – use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.**

**In questions marked with an *ASTERISK* (\*), marks will be awarded for your ability to structure your answer logically, showing how the points that you make are related or follow on from each other where appropriate.**

## **ADVICE**

**Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.**

**Try to answer every question.**

**Check your answers if you have time at the end.**

**Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.**

**Some questions must be answered with a cross in a box ☒. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ~~☒~~ and then mark your new answer with a cross ☒.**

- 1 (a) Bloodworms in a pond indicate that the water is polluted.**
- (i) Which species also indicates that the water is polluted?  
(1 mark)**

- ☐ **A fertiliser**
- ☐ **B lichen**
- ☐ **C stonefly**
- ☐ **D sludgeworm**

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**(ii) Bloodworms have a high level of haemoglobin in their blood.**

**Give a reason why this helps them survive in polluted water.  
(1 mark)**

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**(iii) Carbon dioxide diffuses from the body of the bloodworm into the water.**

**Give TWO factors that affect the rate of diffusion.  
(2 marks)**

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**(b) Look at Figure 1 for Question 1(b) in the Diagram Booklet. It shows part of a diseased rose plant from a garden.**

**Explain what Figure 1 indicates about the air quality in the garden.  
(2 marks)**

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- 2 (a) Look at Figure 2 for Question 2(a) in the Diagram Booklet. It shows xylem and phloem from the stem of a plant.**
- (i) Living cells in phloem use energy to transport sucrose.**

**Which organelles release energy in living cells?  
(1 mark)**

- ☐ **A vacuoles**
- ☐ **B mitochondria**
- ☐ **C nuclei**
- ☐ **D ribosomes**

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**(ii) Describe TWO features of the structure of xylem vessels that can be seen in Figure 2.  
(2 marks)**

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**(b) A scientist investigated how the flow of air affected the rate of transpiration in a plant.**

**A fan was used to change the flow of air.**

**The volume of water taken up by the plant was measured.**

**Look at Figure 3 for Question 2(b) in the Diagram Booklet. It shows the results of this investigation.**

**(i) Explain why switching on the fan caused a change in the volume of water taken up by the plant.  
(3 marks)**

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**(ii) Give ONE reason why the volume of water taken up by the plant was also measured when the fan was not switched on.  
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- (iii) Calculate the rate of water uptake from 8 minutes to 10 minutes when the fan was switched on. (2 marks)**

**Use the equation**

**rate of water uptake =**

$$\frac{\text{volume of water taken up}}{\text{time taken}}$$

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\_\_\_\_\_ mm<sup>3</sup> per minute

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**3 (a) Look at Figure 4 for Question 3(a) in the Diagram Booklet. It shows a cross-section of an artery and a vein.**

**(i) Explain ONE difference between the artery wall and the vein wall shown in Figure 4.  
(2 marks)**

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**(ii) Name ONE structure that is found  
in veins but not found in arteries.  
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**(b) A human body has  $5\text{ dm}^3$  of blood.**

**At rest 20% of the blood travels to the muscles.**

**During exercise 60% of the blood travels to the muscles.**

**(i) Calculate the volume of blood travelling to the muscles during exercise.  
(2 marks)**

**\_\_\_\_\_  $\text{dm}^3$**



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- (ii) Explain ONE reason why there is an increase in blood flow to muscles during exercise.  
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- 4 A student investigated the width of leaves on nettle plants growing in two areas next to a woodland: area A and area B.**

**The woodland caused area A to be in the shade.**

**The student measured the maximum width of leaves on five plants from each area.**

**The student always measured one leaf from the fourth pair of leaves.**

**Look at Figure 5 for Question 4(a) in the Diagram Booklet. It shows a nettle plant.**

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**(a) Give ONE reason why the student  
always measured a leaf from the  
fourth pair of leaves.  
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**(b) Look at Figure 6 for Question 4(b) in the Diagram Booklet. It shows the results.**

**(i) Why did the student NOT include the circled width when calculating the mean for area B?  
(1 mark)**

- ☐ **A it has not been measured in millimetres**
- ☐ **B it is an anomalous result**
- ☐ **C it is a repeat result**
- ☐ **D it is the mode value**

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**(ii) Explain the difference in the mean width of leaves in the shade and those in the sunlight. (2 marks)**

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**(c) The student also studied some of the animals in areas A and B.**

**The student saw caterpillars eating the leaves of some nettles.**

**The student also saw a toad eating a large beetle.**

**Large beetles eat ladybirds.**

**Ladybirds eat caterpillars.**

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- (i) Give the food chain for these feeding relationships.  
(3 marks)**

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**(ii) Frogs also eat large beetles.**

**Look at Figure 7 for  
Question 4(c)(ii) in the  
Diagram Booklet. It shows the  
energy transferred between  
these animals.**

**Calculate the percentage  
efficiency of energy transfer from  
the large beetles to the frog.  
(2 marks)**

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- (iii) Give TWO reasons why only some of the energy in the biomass of the large beetles is transferred to the biomass of the frog.  
(2 marks)**

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- 5 (a) Bacteria in the root nodules of a leguminous plant provide the plant with nitrogen compounds.**

**The leguminous plant provides the bacteria with sugars.**

- (i) Which term describes the relationship between this leguminous plant and the bacteria?  
(1 mark)**

- ☐ **A parasitism**
- ☐ **B indigenous**
- ☐ **C biodiversity**
- ☐ **D mutualism**

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**(ii) The width of this root nodule  
is 7.5 mm.**

**Give the width in  $\mu\text{m}$ .  
(1 mark)**

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**(b) Look at Figure 9 for Question 5(b) in the Diagram Booklet. It shows part of the nitrogen cycle.**

**(i) Identify the types of microorganism involved in process X and process Y.  
(2 marks)**

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**(ii) Explain how crop rotation  
increases nitrate levels in  
the soil.  
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**(iii) Explain why increased nitrate levels in the soil improve crop yield.  
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**6 (a) The combined contraceptive pill contains artificial versions of oestrogen and progesterone.**

**(i) Explain how the combined contraceptive pill prevents pregnancy.  
(2 marks)**

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- (ii) When taken correctly, the combined pill can be over 99% effective.**

**Taking the combined pill can lead to weight gain.**

**Give ONE other disadvantage of using the combined pill as the only method of contraception.  
(1 mark)**

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**(b) Excessive weight gain and obesity increase the likelihood of developing type 2 diabetes.**

**Explain the effect of type 2 diabetes on the body.  
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**(c) A woman had unexplained weight loss and fatigue.**

**She had blood tests to investigate the cause of these symptoms.**

**Look at Figure 10 for Question 6(c) in the Diagram Booklet. It shows the results.**

**Comment on the results of these blood tests and the possible causes of the woman's weight loss and fatigue.**

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- 7 (a) A gardener read information on a gardening society website about how to use a compost bin.**

**Look at Figure 11 for Question 7(a) in the Diagram Booklet. It shows the compost bin and some of the instructions.**

- (i) Give ONE reason why the gardener thought the gardening society website was a good source of information.  
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- (ii) Give reasons why soil is added to the compost bin and why the contents are turned to add air. (2 marks)**

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**(iii) The gardener noticed the compost bin became warm a few days after vegetation was added.**

**Why did the contents of the compost bin become warm?  
(1 mark)**

- ☐ **A respiration occurred and this is an endothermic reaction**
- ☐ **B respiration occurred and this is an exothermic reaction**
- ☐ **C photosynthesis occurred and this is an endothermic reaction**
- ☐ **D photosynthesis occurred and this is an exothermic reaction**

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**(iv) The mass of the contents of the compost bin at the start was 40 kg.**

**After 60 days the mass of the contents was 32 kg.**

**Which is the rate of decay?  
(1 mark)**

- ☐ **A 1·8 kg per day**
- ☐ **B 0·66 kg per day**
- ☐ **C 0·53 kg per day**
- ☐ **D 0·13 kg per day**

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**\*(b) Explain the uses of auxins, gibberellins and ethene in the commercial production of plants and fruits.  
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- 8 The effect of different types of exercise on the heart rate of an athlete was investigated.**

**The athlete counted the number of beats in 10 seconds at the carotid artery pulse point by placing her index and middle finger on the side of her neck in the soft hollow beside the windpipe.**

**This measurement was used to calculate the heart rate.**

**The athlete exercised for 20 minutes.**

**The heart rate was recorded every 5 minutes during each type of exercise.**

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**(a) (i) State how the heart rate was  
calculated using this method.  
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**(ii) Give TWO ways of improving the method used to obtain the data needed to calculate the heart rate. (2 marks)**

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**Look at Figure 13 for Question 8(a)(iii) in the Diagram Booklet. It shows the results of this investigation.**

- (iii) Comment on the difference in the heart rates during these types of exercise.  
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**(b) Exercise increases adrenalin levels.**

**(i) State which endocrine gland  
secretes adrenalin.  
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**(ii) Explain the effect of adrenalin on liver cells during exercise.  
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**(c) After high intensity exercise, the pH of muscles can decrease from pH 7·0 to pH 6·3**

**Explain this change in pH.  
(2 marks)**

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- 9 (a) Scientists use a technique called mark and recapture to estimate animal populations in a habitat.**

**A sample of the population is captured and a harmless mark is added to each animal.**

**These animals are released and after a period of time the population is sampled again.**

**This second sample includes some recaptured animals that have marks on them.**

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**The population can be estimated  
using this equation**

**population size =**

$$\frac{\text{number marked in the first sample} \times \text{size of the second sample}}{\text{number recaptured in the second sample}}$$

**A scientist used this technique  
to determine the change in the  
population size of snails in a pond  
from March to July.**

**Look at Figure 14 for Question 9(a)  
in the Diagram Booklet. It shows  
the results.**

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- (i) Using data from Figure 14,  
calculate the difference in  
the population size from  
March to July.  
(3 marks)**

**Difference in the population size**

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**(ii) State TWO factors the scientist should control when sampling the habitat in March and July.  
(2 marks)**

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**(b) This pond is affected  
by eutrophication.**

**Explain ONE possible cause  
of eutrophication.  
(2 marks)**

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**\*(c) Reforestation has a beneficial effect on air composition and biodiversity.**

**Animal conservation projects can also have a beneficial effect on biodiversity.**

**Explain the beneficial effects of reforestation and animal conservation projects.  
(6 marks)**

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- 10 (a) When training, an athlete noticed some types of T-shirts became wetter and heavier due to sweating.

This athlete has three T-shirts, each made of a different material.

Devise a method this athlete could use to find the best T-shirt for training.  
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**(b) Athletes often eat a high protein diet.**

**(i) Which is the test and result for a food containing protein?  
(1 mark)**

- ☐ **A Benedict's reagent is used and the solution turns brick red**
- ☐ **B Benedict's reagent is used and the solution stays blue**
- ☐ **C biuret solution is used and the solution stays blue**
- ☐ **D biuret solution is used and the solution turns purple**

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- (ii) Digested protein is absorbed in the small intestine by diffusion.**

**Look at Figure 15 for Question 10(b)(ii) in the Diagram Booklet. It shows part of the small intestine.**

**Using Figure 15 and Fick's law, explain the effect of the villi on the rate of diffusion.  
(3 marks)**

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**(iii) Digested protein enters the blood as amino acids.**

**State which component of the blood transports amino acids.  
(1 mark)**

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**(c) Explain how high levels of amino acids in the blood cause a high concentration of urea in urine.  
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