

BIOLOGY – (Practical)

Dec. 2022 – 1¾ hours



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Instructions to Candidates

- (a) Write your name and index number in the spaces provided above.
- (b) Sign and write the date of examination in the spaces provided above.
- (c) Answer **all** the questions in the spaces provided.
- (d) You are required to spend the first 15 minutes of the 1¾ hours allowed for this paper reading the whole paper carefully before commencing your work.
- (e) Additional pages must **not** be inserted.
- (f) **This paper consists of 7 printed pages.**
- (g) **Candidates should check the question paper to ascertain that all the pages are printed as indicated and that no questions are missing.**
- (h) **Candidates should answer the questions in English.**

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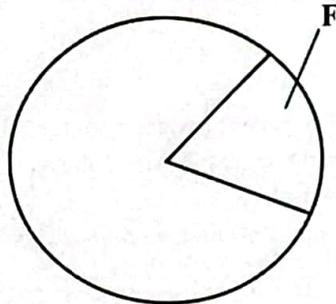


1. You are provided with the following material and apparatus:

- A prepared slide, labelled E containing the transverse section through a plant organ.
- Access to a light microscope with at least the low and medium power objective lens.

(a) Observe the section under the low power and medium power objective lens of the light microscope.

(i) Fill the portion, labelled F in the plan diagram below to show (a portion of) the structures seen under the medium power objective of the light microscope. Label the structures. (3 marks)



(ii) Calculate the magnification of the image observed under low power objective lens. (2 marks)

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(b) With reference to one observable feature, state the Class of plants from which the organ was obtained. (2 marks)

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(c) Name the plant part from which the section was obtained. (1 mark)

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(d) State two precautions one should take to ensure the safety of the slide during observation under the microscope. (2 marks)

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(c) State how each of the following parts of the light microscope contributed to clarity of the image of the section observed. (3 marks)

(i) Mirror

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(ii) Diaphragm

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(iii) Condenser

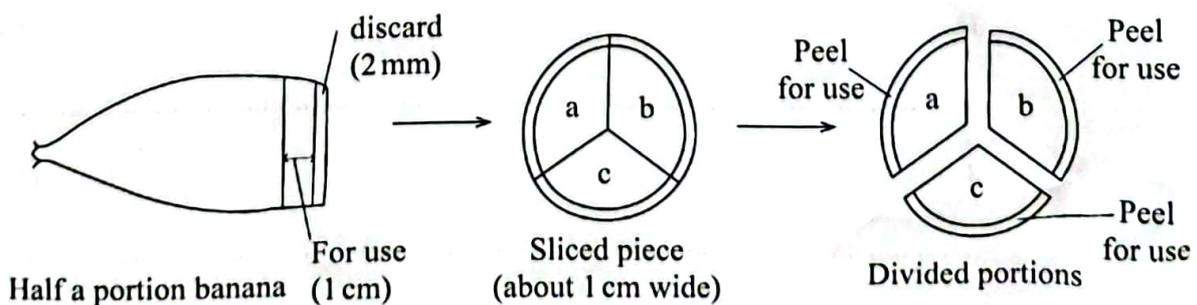
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2. You are provided with the following materials and reagents.

- Half a portion of raw banana
- 3 beakers labelled G, H and J treated as follows:
 - Beaker G contains 50 ml of dilute hydrochloric acid
 - Beaker H contains 50 ml of distilled water
 - Beaker J is empty
- Scalpel
- Spatula/pair of forceps
- A white plain paper or white tile
- Stopwatch/means of timing

When some plant tissues are exposed, enzymes on the exposed surfaces react with oxygen. Using the provided materials, investigate the enzyme-oxygen reaction using the procedure below.

- I. Slice off about 2 mm from the exposed end of the raw banana and discard the slice.
- II. Slice another piece, about 1 cm wide from the remaining banana to use in the investigation.
- III. Divide the portion obtained in (II.) above into three parts (a, b and c) as illustrated in the diagram below.



- IV. Remove the peel from portion **a**, cut the peel into three pieces and immediately drop all the three pieces into beaker **G** (containing hydrochloric acid). Obtain peels **only**, without remnants of banana flesh.
- V. Repeat procedure IV with peels from portion **b** into beaker **H** (containing distilled water) and those from portion **c** into beaker **J**.
- VI. Leave the set-up for five minutes and observe the inner surfaces of the banana peels in each beaker.

(a) (i) Record the observations made in each case. (3 marks)

G

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H

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J

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(ii) Account for the observations made in beakers **H** and **J**.

Beaker **H**

(2 marks)

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Beaker **J**

(2 marks)

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VII. Using the spatula/pair of forceps provided, remove the peels from each beaker and expose the sets of peels separately on the plain paper/white tile provided. Leave them for a further five minutes and observe.

(b) (i) Record the observations made on the peels from beakers **H** and **J**.

H

(1 mark)

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J

(1 mark)

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(ii) Account for the observations on the surfaces of peels from beakers **G** and **J** after a further 5 minutes.

G (1 mark)

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J (1 mark)

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(c) Suggest the suitable pH for the enzymes found on the surface of the banana peels. (1 mark)

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(d) Suppose the peels in set up **J** were initially boiled for 5 minutes.

(i) Suggest the observations that would have been made. (1 mark)

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(ii) Explain the observations made in (d)(i). (1 mark)

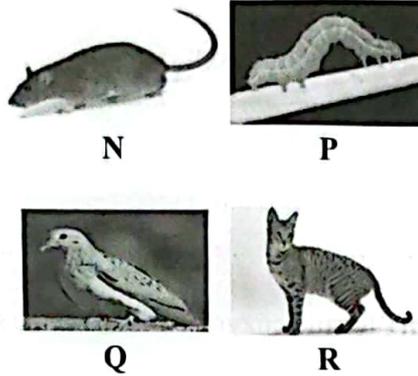
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3. You are provided with specimens labelled K and L together with photographs of organisms labelled N, P, Q and R.



Assuming the organisms are found in the same ecosystem:

(a) (i) Construct a complete food web that includes the specimens and photographs of organisms in this ecosystem. (8 marks)

(ii) From the food web, identify the longest food chain. (2 marks)

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(b) (i) Identify the organisms with the highest biomass. (1 mark)

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(ii) Give a reason for your answer in (b)(i) above. (1 mark)

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(c) Other than feeding, explain how the organism represented in photograph **R** benefits from specimen **K**. (1 mark)

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