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**BIOLOGY**

**5090/23**

Paper 2 Theory

**October/November 2010**

**1 hour 45 minutes**

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

No Additional Materials are required.

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Write in dark blue or black pen.  
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**Section A**

Answer **all** questions.  
Write your answers in the spaces provided on the Question Paper.

**Section B**

Answer **all** the questions including questions 6, 7 and 8 **Either** or **8 Or**.  
Write your answers in the spaces provided on the Question Paper.  
Write an **E** (for Either) or an **O** (for Or) next to the number 8 in the Examiner's grid below to indicate which question you have answered.

You are advised to spend no longer than one hour on Section A and no longer than 45 minutes on Section B.  
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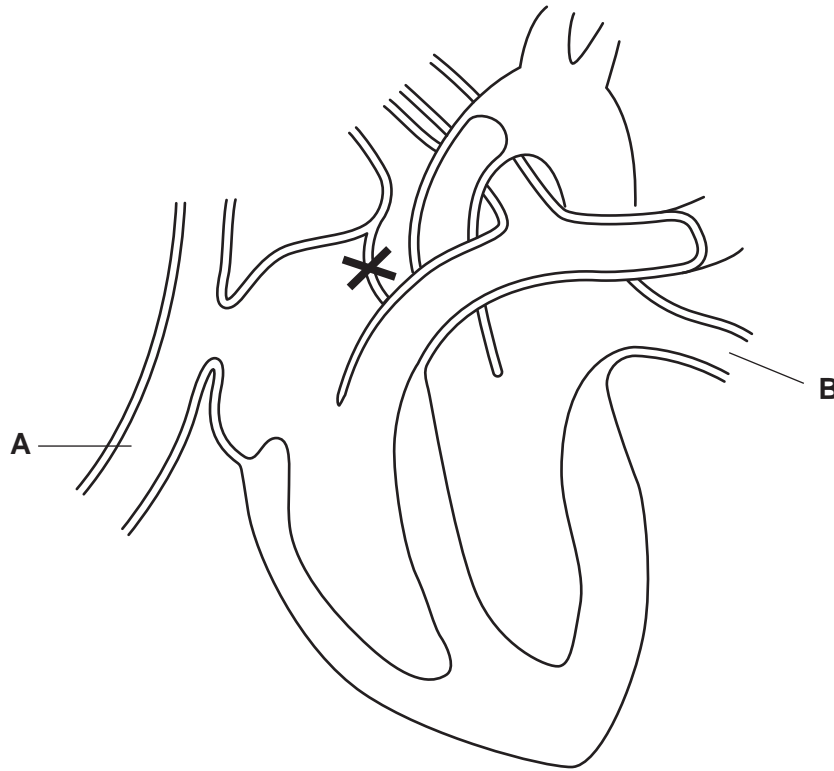


**Section A**

Answer **all** the questions in this section.

Write your answers in the spaces provided.

- 1 Fig. 1.1 shows a vertical section through a human heart. The valves have not been shown.



**Fig. 1.1**

- (a) Identify structures **A** and **B** in Fig. 1.1.

**A** .....

**B** .....

[2]

- (b) Complete Fig. 1.1 by drawing the valves to show how they control the direction of blood flow through the heart. [4]

- (c) On Fig. 1.1, draw arrows to show the direction of blood flow into, through and out of the heart. [2]

Some people have a condition known as 'a hole in the heart'. This allows a connection between the left and right atrium at point **X** in Fig. 1.1.

- (d) Suggest two problems this might cause.

1. ....

2. .... [2]

- 2 Similar crops were grown on the same farm over a five-year period. Fig. 2.1 shows the effect on the number of insects present on the crops when an insecticide was used in each of the five years.

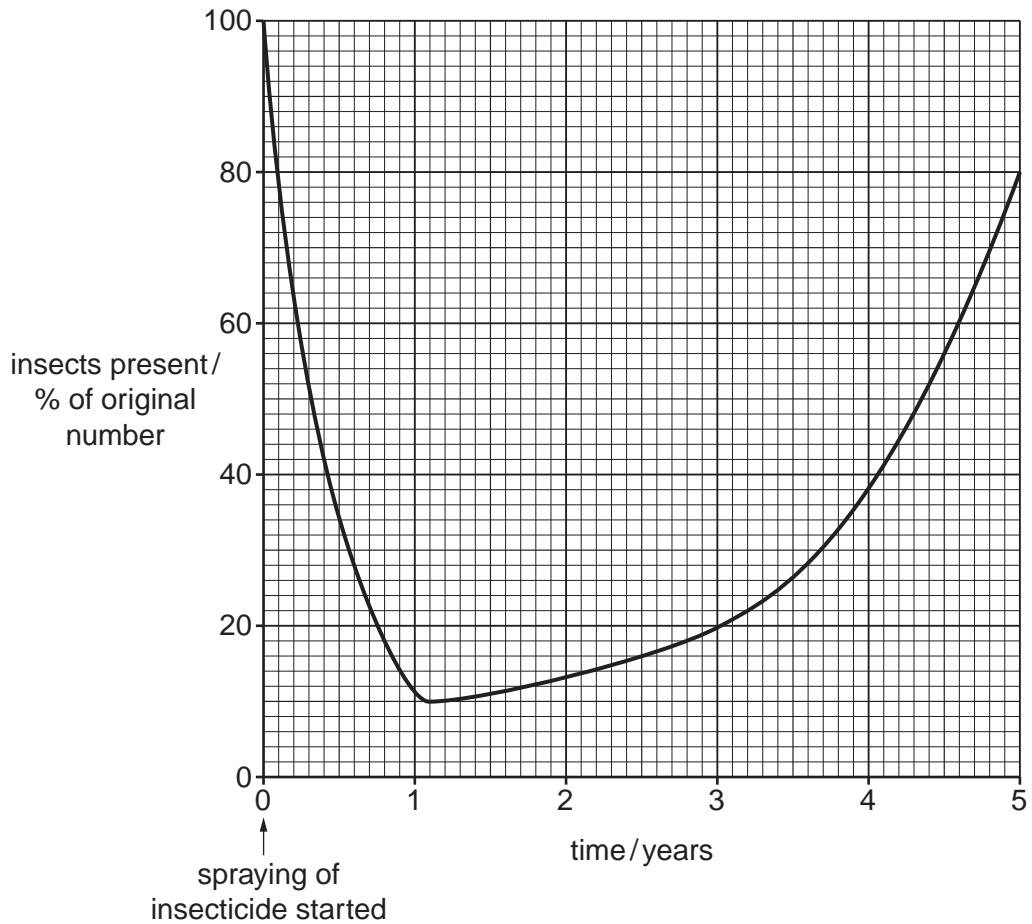


Fig. 2.1

- (a) State **one** way an insect might be
- (i) helpful to the crops .....
  - (ii) harmful to the crops. ....[2]
- (b) Explain why the percentage of insects began to rise in the second year until almost reaching its original level.

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(c) Suggest three methods of improving the yield from the crops without the use of insecticide.

- 1. ....
- 2. ....
- 3. ....[3]

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3 Fig. 3.1 shows a water plant, bladderwort, that lives under water in a small lake. The bladderwort traps then digests small water animals such as water fleas.

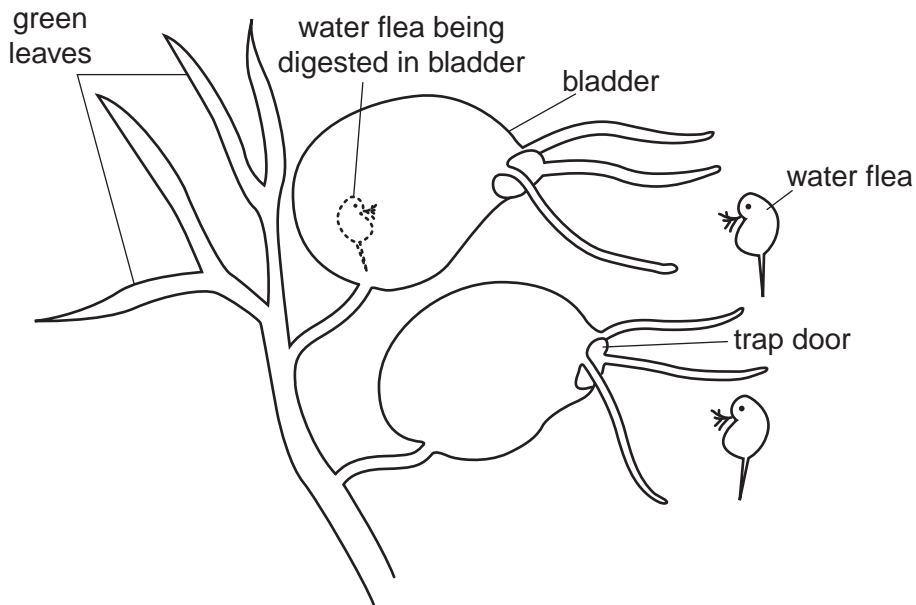


Fig. 3.1

(a) (i) State the process by which the plant is likely to obtain its carbohydrates.

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(ii) Suggest how the raw materials for this process are made available to the plant.

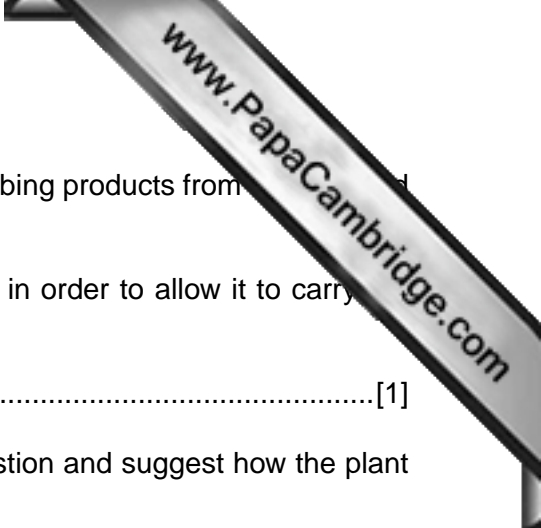
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The plant is able to supplement its nitrogen requirements by absorbing products from water fleas.

**(b) (i)** Name an enzyme the plant must produce in its bladder in order to allow it to carry out this process.

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**(ii)** Name the chemicals absorbed by the bladder after digestion and suggest how the plant uses them.

*name* .....

*use* .....

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**(c)** State the form in which nitrogen-containing chemicals are absorbed by a plant growing on land.

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- 4 In some tropical plants, such as a mangrove, seeds have already germinated before they leave the parent plant.  
 Fig. 4.1(a) shows, in section, one of these germinated seeds still attached to the stem of its parent plant.  
 Fig. 4.1(b) shows a growing seedling after it has left the parent plant.

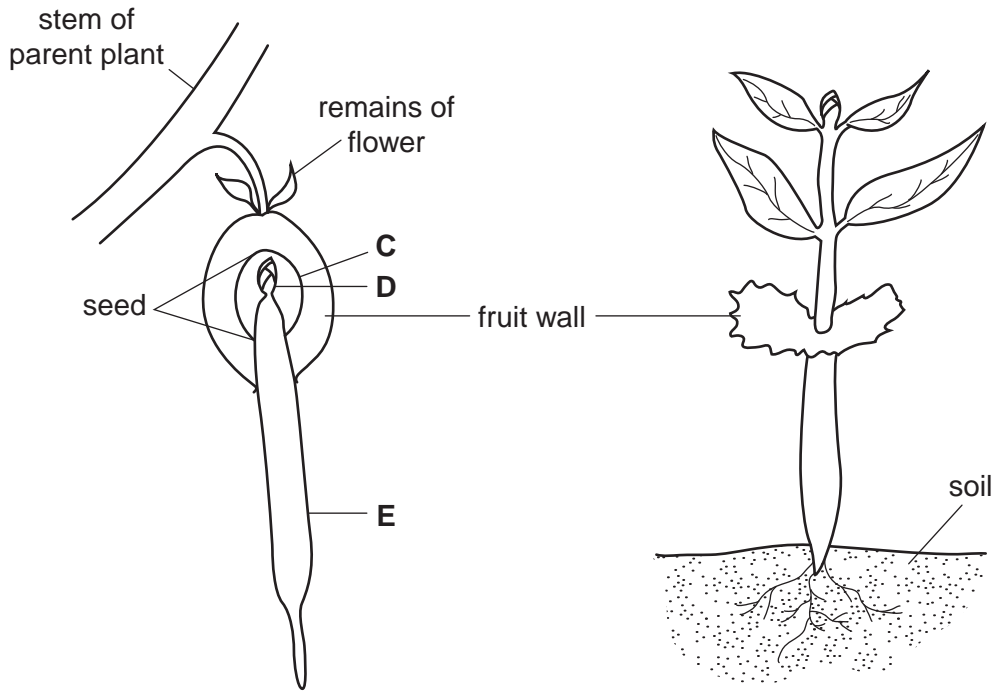


Fig. 4.1(a)

Fig. 4.1(b)

- (a) (i) Identify the structures **C** and **D** in Fig. 4.1(a).

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**D** .....

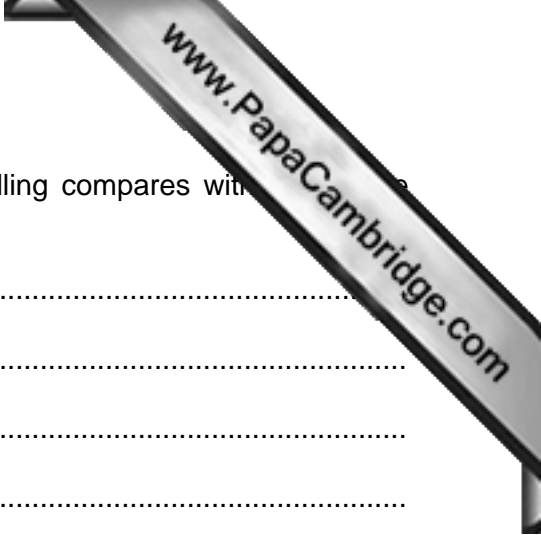
[2]

- (ii) State the part of the embryo from which structure **E** has developed.

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- (b) The air temperature is suitable for germination of the seed on the parent plant. Suggest how the embryo obtains the **other** requirements for germination.

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(c) Suggest and explain how the genetic make-up of the seedling compares with the parent plant.

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**Section B**

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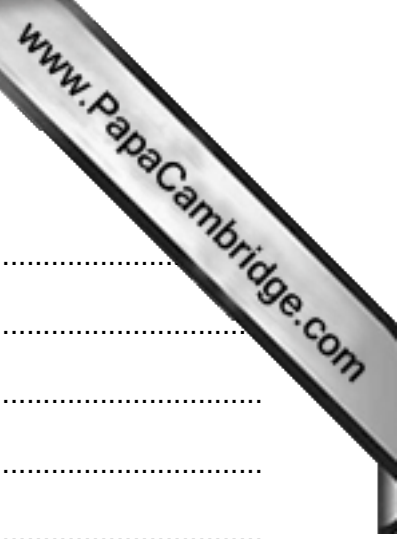
6 (a) Explain what is meant by a *hormone*.

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(b) Give an example of a hormone and describe how it is involved in maintaining constant conditions within the human body.

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7 (a) Describe the characteristics of bacteria.

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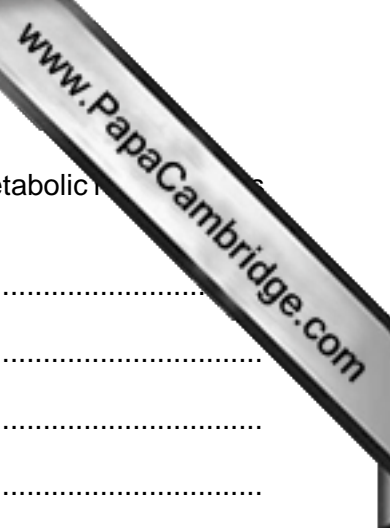
(b) Explain how bacteria can be used in biotechnology to manufacture a useful product.

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8 Or Describe how a developing fetus in the uterus obtains and uses its metabolic nutrients and gets rid of its waste products.

Dotted lines for writing the answer.

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