

3.8 GENERAL SCIENCE (237)

3.8.1 General Science Paper 1 (237/1)

SECTION A: BIOLOGY (34 marks)

Answer ALL the questions in this section in the spaces provided.

- 1 (a) Name **one** example of an organism in the kingdom *monera*. (1 mark)
- (b) State **one** function for each of the following parts of a light microscope:
- (i) coarse adjustment knob; (1 mark)
- (ii) diaphragm. (1 mark)
- 2 (a) **Figure 1** represents a mammalian heart.

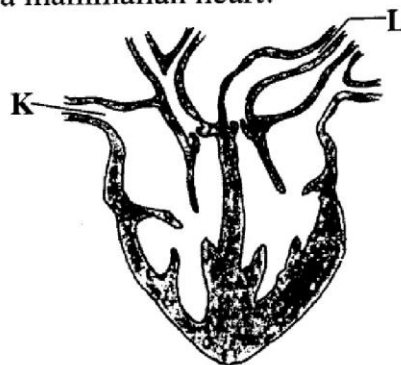


Figure 1

On the figure, draw arrows to show the direction of flow of blood in vessels labelled **K** and **L**. (2 marks)

- (b) Students carried out an experiment in which two strips of cobalt chloride paper were clipped one on the upper surface and the other on the lower surface of a leaf of a terrestrial plant. The experimental set-up was left for sometime.
- (i) On which side of the leaf did the cobalt chloride paper change colour faster? (1 mark)
- (ii) Give a reason for your answer in (b) (i) above. (1 mark)

- 3 **Figure 2** illustrates a set-up that was used to demonstrate a process that takes place when animal cells are placed in a hypertonic solution.

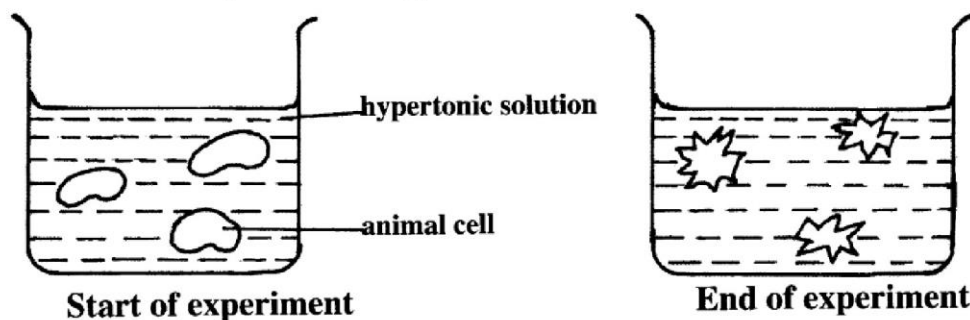


Figure 2

- (a) Describe the shape of the cells at the end of the experiment. (1 mark)

- (b) Explain the observation made at the end of the experiment. (2 marks)
- 4 (a) State **two** factors that determine energy requirements in human beings. (2 marks)
- (b) Distinguish between autotrophic and heterotrophic nutrition. (2 marks)
- 5 (a) State **two** differences between aerobic and anaerobic respiration. (2 marks)
- (b) Name the branch of biology that deals with the study of relationships between organisms and their environment. (1 mark)
- 6 (a) State **two** features in lungs that make them suitable for gaseous exchange. (2 marks)
- (b) State **one** symptom of asthma. (1 mark)
- 7 (a) **Figure 3** represents a transverse section of a mammalian skin.

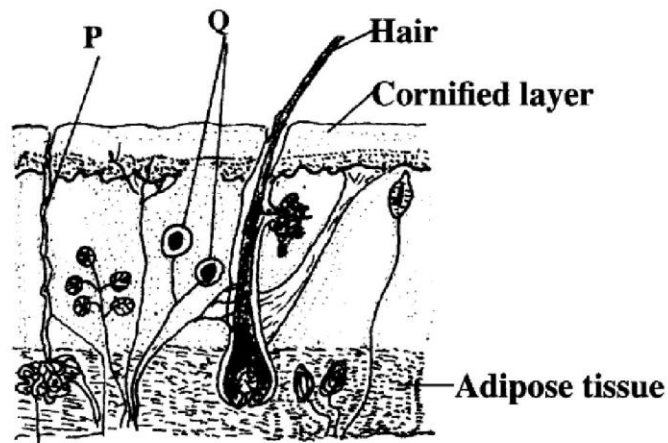


Figure 3

Name the structures labelled **P** and **Q**.

- (i) **P** (1 mark)
- (ii) **Q** (1 mark)
- (b) Explain how the kidney regulates the amount of water in the body. (2 marks)
- 8 (a) State **two** ways of controlling liver cirrhosis. (2 marks)
- (b) What is excretion? (1 mark)
- 9 (a) State the meaning of the following terms:
- (i) tissue; (1 mark)
- (ii) cell. (1 mark)
- (b) State **one** importance of scientific naming of organisms. (1 mark)

- 10 (a) State ways by which mineral salts and water are absorbed into the root hairs of plants.
- (i) Mineral salts; (1 mark)
- (ii) Water. (1 mark)
- (b) Explain how one can determine if a food substance contains proteins. (2 marks)

SECTION B: CHEMISTRY (33 marks)

Answer ALL the questions in this section in the spaces provided.

- 11 Table 1 shows the pH values of solutions P, Q, R and T.

Table 1

Solution	P	Q	R	T
pH	9	6	11	2

- (a) State the observations made when both blue and red litmus papers are dipped into solution P. (1 mark)
- (b) Name the type of reaction that occurs when solution R reacts with solution T. (1 mark)
- 12 (a) Given the following reagents; lead (II) oxide, dilute nitric (V) acid and sodium sulphate solution, describe how a student can prepare a sample of lead (II) sulphate. (3 marks)
- (b) State **one** use of calcium sulphate salt. (1 mark)
- 13 Figure 4 shows a set-up that was used to investigate the properties of some of the components of air.

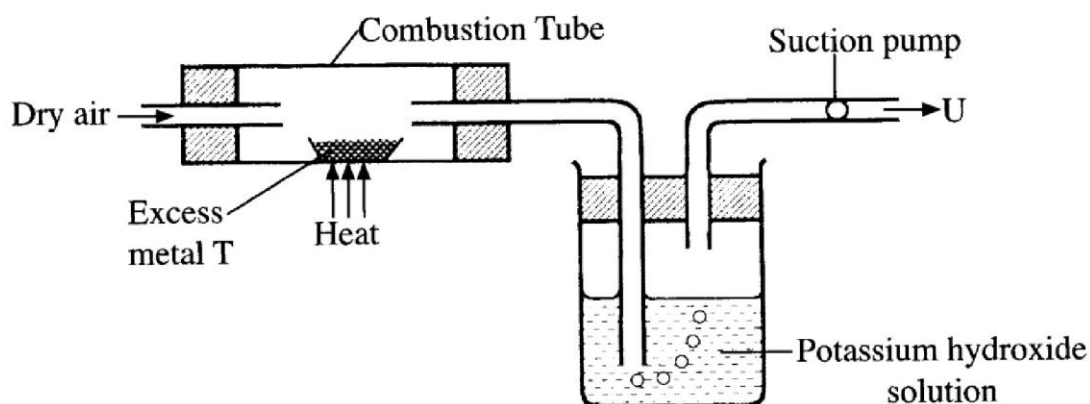


Figure 4

- (a) Metal T is in group two of the periodic table. Write the formula of the product formed in the combustion tube. (1 mark)

(b) State the role of potassium hydroxide solution. (1 mark)

(c) Identify the main gas in U. (1 mark)

14 (a) An atom of element D has a mass number of 19 and 10 neutrons.

(i) Write the electron arrangement of the atom. (1 mark)

(ii) In which period does element D belong? (1 mark)

(b) A compound has a formula X_2Y_3 . In which group of the periodic table does X belong? (1 mark)

15 The elements L, M and N are in the same group. Study **Table 2** and answer the questions that follow. The letters are not the actual symbols of the elements.

Table 2

Element	Atomic number	Atomic radius (nm)	First ionization energy in kJmol^{-1}
L	4	0.089	900
M	12	0.136	736
N	20	0.174	590

(a) (i) Explain why the atomic radius of N is larger than that of L. (1 mark)

(ii) Arrange the elements in order of reactivity starting with the **least** reactive. (1 mark)

(b) Why does the 1st ionisation energy of the elements decrease down the group? (2 marks)

16 (a) A student used the apparatus in **Figure 5** to separate liquids L_1 and L_2 .

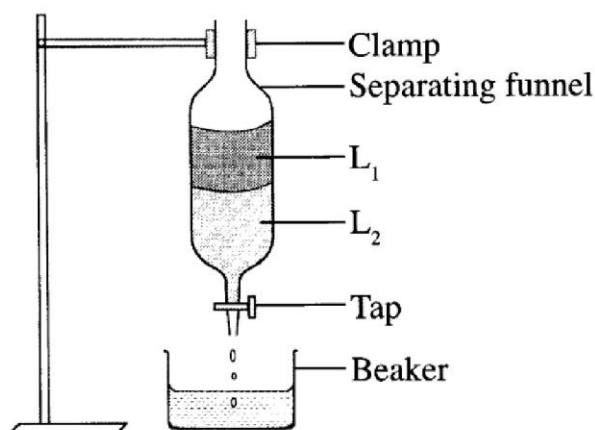


Figure 5

State **two** physical properties that enabled liquids L_1 and L_2 to be separated.

(2 marks)

(b) What precaution should be taken to ensure complete separation of the two liquids? (1 mark)

17 (a) Explain why diamond is the hardest substance. (2 marks)

(b) State **one** use of diamond. (1 mark)

18 The set-up shown in **Figure 6** was used by a student to investigate the effect of electric current on zinc nitrate crystals.

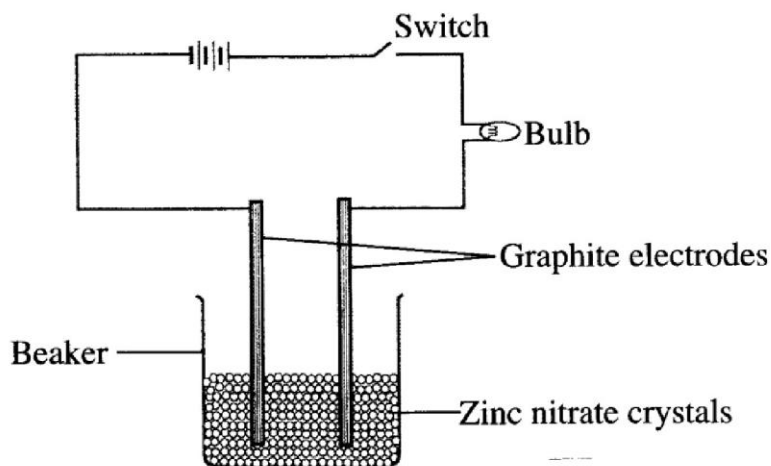


Figure 6

(a) When the switch was put on, the bulb did not light. When water was added into the beaker, the bulb lit. Explain. (2 marks)

(b) Identify the ions that were attracted to the cathode. (1 mark)

19 (a) Describe how temporary hard water is formed. (2 marks)

(b) State **one** advantage of drinking hard water. (1 mark)

20 Study the set-up shown in **Figure 7** and answer the questions that follow.

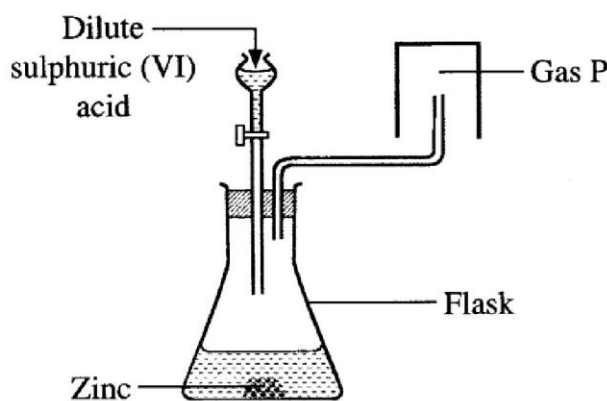


Figure 7

(a) Write an equation for the reaction that occurs in the flask. (1 mark)

(b) Explain why the gas is collected as shown in the set-up. (1 mark)

(c) State **one** commercial use of gas P. (1 mark)

21 State **two** physical properties that are used to determine purity of a substance. (2 marks)

SECTION C: PHYSICS (33 marks)

Answer ALL the questions in this section in the spaces provided.

22 A stopwatch used to time a falling object started 0.20 s after the start button was pressed. The time recorded was 3.22 s, determine the time of the fall. (2 marks)

23 Describe adhesive forces. (2 marks)

24 It was observed that a partially inflated balloon becomes fully inflated as it rises. Explain this observation. (2 marks)

25 Fine chalk dust particles are suspended in water then observed through a microscope. The particles are observed to move in a random manner. Explain this observation. (2 marks)

26 Name **two** types of thermometers. (2 marks)

27 Explain why a metallic seat inside a room feels cooler than a wooden seat in the same room. (2 marks)

28 Ventilation holes in a room are placed at a higher level than the doors and windows. Explain how they work to keep the room ventilated. (2 marks)

29 (a) Define the term displacement as used in linear motion. (1 mark)

(b) **Figure 8** represents a displacement-time graph of a body in motion.

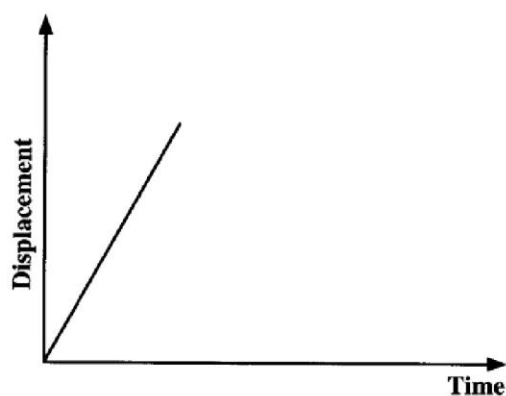


Figure 8

Describe the motion of the body. (2 marks)

- 30 **Figure 9** shows a set-up that was used to determine the weight (w) of a wooden plank.

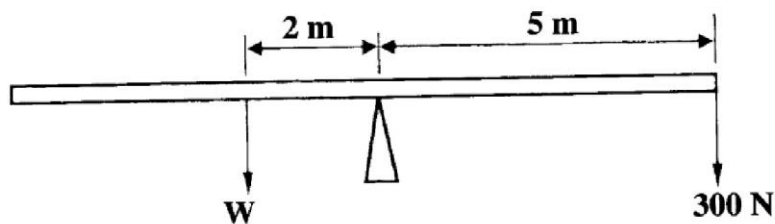


Figure 9

- Calculate the value of w . (3 marks)
- 31 A cork with a narrow tube through it is used to seal a conical flask full of water at 0°C . The water level in the tube is above the cork. The flask is held vertically and lowered into hot water. Explain what is observed. (2 marks)
- 32 State the energy changes that take place when a stone is thrown vertically upwards, reaches the highest point then starts falling. (2 marks)
- 33 A student observed that a string extended by 3 cm when supporting a load of 4.5 N. Determine its spring constant. (3 marks)
- 34 Define the term **centre of gravity**. (1 mark)
- 35 A bag of maize at the back of an open pick-up slides backward when the pick-up suddenly starts moving forward. Explain the reason why this happens. (2 marks)
- 36 A piece of steel sinks in water. Explain how it can be made to float. (3 marks)