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# **GENERAL SCIENCE PAPER 1**

## **ANSWERS**

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### SECTION A: BIOLOGY

1. Transport of food materials/oxygen/carbon IV oxide/hormones/urea/mineral salts;  
Protection/defence;  
Regulation of body temperature; thermoregulation (3 marks)
2. (a) Provides energy; (needed to combine carbon IV oxide/carbon dioxide and water molecules)  
(b) Glucose;  
(c) It is broad with cusps for chewing/crushing/grinding; (3 marks)
3. (a) Arthropoda; Rej Anthropoda, Arthropod  
Insecta; Rej insect  
(b) Carbon IV oxide/carbon dioxide; acc.symbol. (mark the 1<sup>st</sup> two)  
Water; acc. symbols  
Energy;  
Any two (4 marks)
4. (a) Liver cirrhosis;  
Hepatitis;  
(b) Maintains a constant internal environment for optimal physiological processes; (3 marks)
5. Internal volume of the bell jar will increase as pressure decreases; air rushes through glass tube into balloons; the balloons inflate/fill with air; volume & pressure must be mentioned. (3 marks)
6. (a) A – Cortex;  
B – Pyramid;- Rej. pyramind  
C – Medulla;  
(b) Urinary bladder; not only bladder (4 marks)
7. (a) Solving environmental problems (e.g. food shortage, poor health, misuse of natural resources) /entry into careers (e.g. public health, medicine, veterinary practices)/development of scientific skills, including planning, observing, recording, classifying and analyzing;  
(b) (i) -Build new cells/repair damaged tissues;  
(ii) -prevent vitamin deficiency diseases/they are coenzymes;  
(iii) -Medium for reactions/solvent/give cells shape/transport/maintaining constant body temperature; (4 marks)
8. (a) Cell membrane;  
Cytoplasm;  
Nucleus;  
(b) Magnification of specimen  
=eye piece lens magnification x objective lens magnification  
=10 x 40  
=x 400; (4 marks)
9. Water would move out of the cell into the surrounding solution/ sodium chloride solution; down a concentration gradient; hence cells shrink/ become plasmolysed; (3 marks)
10. (a) Sugar;  
Amino acids;  
(b) Loss of water from aerial parts of a plant by evaporation; Leaves (3 marks)

## SECTION B: CHEMISTRY

11. Add water to dissolve sodium sulphate.  $\sqrt{1}$   
 Filter to separate lead (II) sulphate as residue and sodium sulphate as filtrate.  $\sqrt{1}$   
 Evaporate the filtrate to concentrate  $\sqrt{1/2}$  it. Cool to obtain crystals of sodium sulphate  $\sqrt{1/2}$ .  
 Dry the crystals with filter paper. (3 marks)
12. A – Air Hole  $\sqrt{1}$   
 B – Jet  $\sqrt{1}$  (2 marks)
13. D,  $\sqrt{1}$  Reason is F is basic  $\sqrt{1/2}$  while D is acidic.  $\sqrt{1/2}$
14. (a) White solid is formed  $\sqrt{1}$  (2 marks)  
 (b)  $2\text{Mg}_{(s)} \rightarrow \text{O}_{2(g)} \rightarrow 2\text{MgO}_{(s)}$   $\sqrt{1}$  (2 marks)
15. (a) Gas G is insoluble in water.  $\sqrt{1}$   
 (b)  $\text{Ca}_{(s)} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}_{(l)} \rightarrow \text{Ca}(\text{OH})_{2(aq)} + \text{H}_{2(g)}$   $\sqrt{1}$   
 (c) G is used as a fuel in balloon  $\sqrt{1}$  hardening of oils/raw materials in production of HCl. (3 marks)
16. (a) (i) K  $\sqrt{1}$   
 (ii) H  $\sqrt{1}$   
 (b) J and L;  $\sqrt{1}$  have the same atomic numbers but different atomic masses.  $\sqrt{1}$  (4 marks)
17. (a) Halogens  $\sqrt{1}$   
 (b) Trend 1,  $\sqrt{1}$  Electrons are being added to the same energy level and yet there is increase in nuclear charge  $\sqrt{1}$  making the atomic radius to shrink across the period.  $\sqrt{1}$  (4 marks)
18. (a) N  $\sqrt{1}$   
 (b) (i) Q  $\sqrt{1}$   
 (ii) P  $\sqrt{1}$  (3 marks)
19. (a) See the diagram.  $\sqrt{1}$  (electron on the left side).  
 (b) The anode becomes smaller.  $\sqrt{1}$   
 This is because it dissolves.  $\sqrt{1}$  (3 marks)
20. (a) Inability of water to lather easily with soap.  $\sqrt{1}$   
 (b) (i)  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or  $\text{MgCO}_3$   $\sqrt{1}$   
 (ii) It wastes fuel.  $\sqrt{1}$  (3 marks)
21. (a) Calcium Chloride or Calcium Oxide.  $\sqrt{1}$   
 Iron (III) Chloride is deliquescent. Therefore the drying agent prevents hydration of the salt.  $\sqrt{1}$   
 (b) Pass Chlorine gas through the apparatus to drive out air.  $\sqrt{1}$  (3 marks)
22. The level of the water will not change since all the oxygen will have been used up.  $\sqrt{1}$   
 (1 mark)

## SECTION C: PHYSICS

23. Volume of 30 drops =  $40 - 25 = 15 \text{ ml}$  ✓  
 $1 \text{ drop} = \frac{15}{30} = 0.5 \text{ ml}$  ✓

24. Volume =  $25 - 19 = 6 \text{ cm}^3$  ✓  
 $\rho = \frac{m}{v} = \frac{48}{6} = 8 \text{ g/cm}^3$  ✓

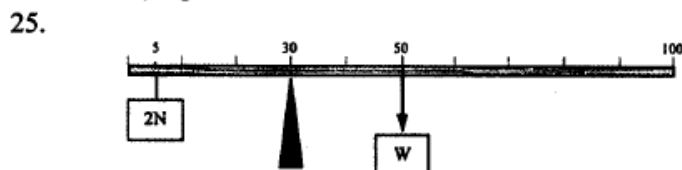


Figure 1

$$W \times 20 = 2 \times 25 \quad \checkmark$$

$$W = \frac{2 \times 25}{20} = 2.5 \text{ N} \quad \checkmark$$

$$W = mg$$

$$M = \frac{2.5}{10} = 0.25 \text{ kg} \quad \checkmark$$

26. Smoke particles are hit randomly ✓ by the molecules of air ✓ moving randomly.
27. F. contracts more than ✓ E hence becomes shorter ✓ than E.
28. The wind mill rotates, air around the flame becomes less dense ✓ when heated and rises pushing the wind mill.
29. (a) The cross-sectional area of the tip of the pin ✓ is much smaller than the pin head.  
Hence for the same force of the thumb, pressure is higher ✓ at the pin point.
- (b) Pressure in liquids =  $\rho hg$   
For constant pressure, ✓ when h increases  $\rho$  must decrease since g is constant.
30. (a)  $L = 1.8 \text{ mm}$
- (b) Wire will be longer ✓ than the original length because the force had exceeded the elastic limit.

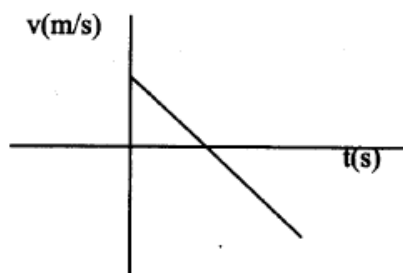


Figure 2

✓ V starts at a point drops down to zero and to negative.  
✓ straight line of negative gradient.

31.  $40 - 5 = 35 = \text{resultant force.}$

from  $f = Ma$

$$35 = 5a \quad \checkmark^1$$

$$a = \frac{35}{5} = 7 \text{ m/s}^2. \quad \checkmark^1$$

32. (a) (i) Greatest height = 10m.  $\checkmark^1$

(ii)  $mgh = \text{P.E} \quad \checkmark^1$

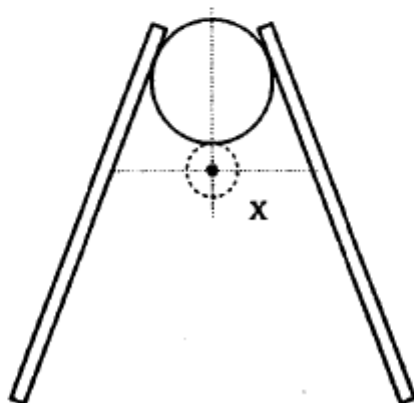
$$M = \frac{20}{100} = 0.2 \text{ kg} \quad \checkmark^1$$

(b) Kinetic energy at highest point = 0.

33.  $W = u = 6000 \text{ N} \quad \checkmark^1$

A floating body displaces its own weight of the fluid in which it floats.  $\checkmark^1$

34. (a)



Allow approximate  
value of X

Figure 3

(b) Increase the wheel base  $\checkmark^1$  / base area.