Answers

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Cell biology

Eukaryotes and prokaryotes

- 1 a Nucleus B; Cytoplasm C.
 - **b** Any two from: This cell has a nucleus, or prokaryotic cells do not have a nucleus; This cell has does not have a cell wall, or prokaryotic cells have a cell wall; This cell does not contain plasmids, or prokaryotic cells can contain plasmids; 'Prokaryotes can have flagella' is allowed.
 - $0.1 \times 1000 = 100 \, \mu \text{m}$
 - **d** 0.6 mm

Animal and plant cells

- Absorbs sunlight for photosynthesis -Chloroplasts; Provides strength to the cell - Cellulose cell wall; Filled with cell sap to keep the plant turgid - Permanent vacuole.
- a A cellulose cell wall; B chloroplast; C - nucleus.
 - Cells near the top of a leaf have more chloroplasts to absorb more sunlight; for photosynthesis.

Cell specialisation and differentiation

- 1 a Many mitochondria
 - Any two from: Xylem cells; Phloem cells; Muscle cells.
 - To move mucus; out of the lungs OR To move an ovum; along the fallopian tube/oviduct.
- 2 a A cell that is undifferentiated and can become any type of cell.
 - Embryo
 - Take stem cells and grow them in a laboratory; Expose cells to chemicals/hormones to make them differentiate into a type of specialised cell; Grow the specialised cells on a Petri dish so that they form tissues; Use the tissues to form the new organ.

Microscopy

1 a The cells are not plant cells; There are no visible cellulose cell walls, permanent vacuole or chloroplasts.

b Magnification =
$$\frac{5 cm}{0.5 \mu m} = \frac{50000 \mu m}{0.5 \mu m}$$

= $\times 100000$

- Higher magnification/resolution; Able to see sub-cellular structures clearly/in
- Size of image = magnification \times size of real object;
 - $= 200 \times 10;$
 - $= 2000 \, \mu m \text{ or } 2 \, mm.$

Culturing microorganisms

- Binary fission 1 a
 - b Sterilise an agar plate; Spread bacteria over the surface of an agar plate using a sterile inoculating loop; Tape down the lid of the Petri dish and store the Petri dish upside down; Grow the bacteria at 25°C.
 - Cross-sectional area = 3.142×2.5^2

 $= 3.142 \times 6.25$

 $= 19.64 \, \text{mm}^2$

Number of divisions = 24

Number of bacteria $= 10 \times 2^{24}$

= 167772160

or 1.7×10^8

Using a light microscope

- Move the lowest magnification objective lens over the specimen; Move the stage by moving the course focus, until the cells are in focus; Move the objective lens to a higher magnification, and focus using the fine focus.
 - To see the cells/tissues more clearly; different stains can be used to identify tissues/organelles.
 - ×400
- 2 а

	Number of cells after 12 hours			
	1	2	3	Mean
With mitotic inhibitor	12	10	11	11
Without mitotic inhibitor	108	110	106	108

- Any two from: Type of cells; Starting number of cells; Temperature; Volume of nutrient broth/culture medium.
- Use different concentrations of mitotic inhibitor.

Investigating the effect of antiseptics or antibiotics

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 - To prevent unwanted microorganisms from growing on the agar plate.
 - The clear area shows that no bacteria are growing there; Antiseptic D is inhibiting the growth of the bacteria.
 - Cross-sectional area = 3.142×4^2

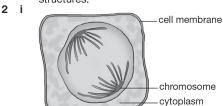
 $= 3.142 \times 16$

 $= 50.27 \, \text{mm}^2$

Mitosis and the cell cycle

G2 phase - Chromosomes are checked; S phase - Chromosomes are replicated; M phase - The cell divides into two daughter cells; Cytokinesis -Physical process of cell division.

So that when the cell divides during mitosis; each daughter cell has the correct number of sub-cellular structures.



- The replicated chromosomes are separating; to the opposite sides of the cell.
- 26 (lb)

Stem cells

- **1** B
- Any two from: Replacing/repair of cells; Growth; Used in medical research/ treatments; Meristem used in plant cloning.
- Meristem tissue; found in the shoots, roots and flowering parts of the plant.
- Stem cells can be used to make organs for transplants, so there is no waiting time for organ donors; However, there is an ethical objection to using embryos, as they could potentially grow into humans/ animals; Using stem cells in medical treatments means that the body will not reject the cells; but there is a risk of transfer of viral infection from putting stem cells into the body.

Diffusion

- 1 a Diffusion is the spreading out of the particles of any substance in solution, or particles of a gas; resulting in a net movement from an area of higher concentration to an area of lower concentration.
 - Any one from: In the lungs for exchange of oxygen/carbon dioxide; In the small intestines for the movement of the products of digestion.
- **2 a** 24:8 = 3:1;

96:64 = 3:2

= 1.5:1;

Organism B has the smallest surface area to volume ratio.

- They cannot get all the substances they need by diffusion alone; They need to increase the rate of diffusion; by increasing the surface area/ providing a short diffusion pathway.
- Extract solution from outside the Visking tubing; at regular intervals/named time interval; test for the presence of glucose. Factors - surface area, concentration gradient and diffusion thickness.

Osmosis

Osmosis is the diffusion of water from a dilute solution to a concentrated