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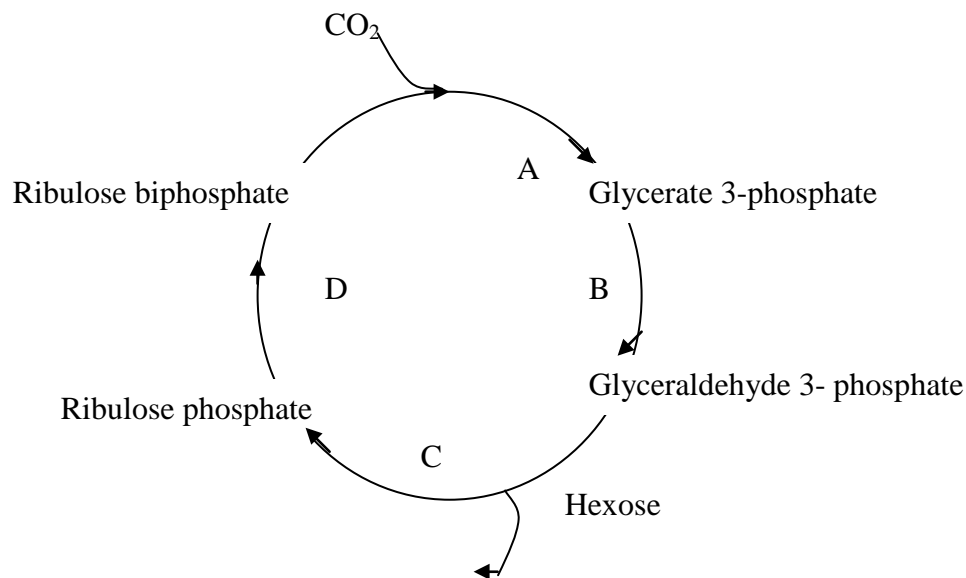
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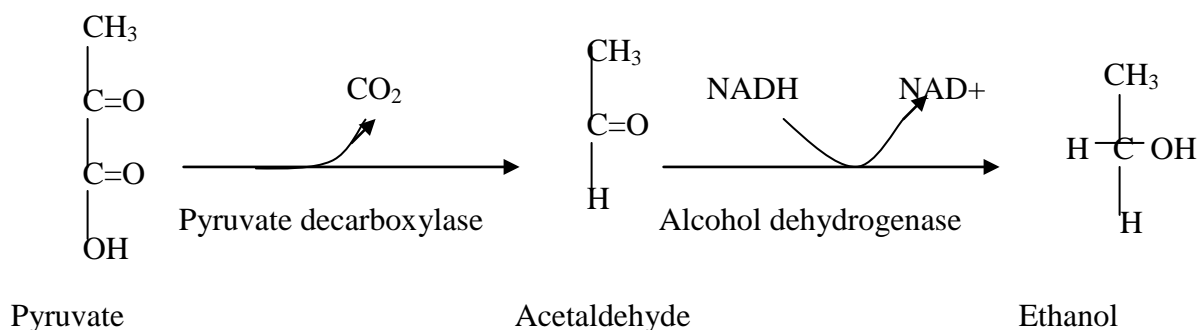
**This question paper consists of 16 printed pages.**

- 1 Which molecule is made up of or contains glucose molecules?
- A Fructose
  - B Cellulose
  - C Ribonucleic acid
  - D Deoxyribonucleic acid
- 2 Which statement **best** explain the polarity of water?
- A The angle between hydrogen atoms is  $104.3^\circ$ .
  - B Oxygen is more electronegative than hydrogen.
  - C Hydrogen is covalently bonded to oxygen to form water.
  - D Polar compounds with partial charges tend to dissolve in water.
- 3 Which organelle, in an animal cell, is spherical in shape and bounded by a single membrane?
- A Lysosome
  - B Ribosome
  - C Microbody
  - D Mitochondrion
- 4 Which of the following is **most** important function of epithelium tissue?
- A Secretion
  - B Protection
  - C Absorption
  - D Transportation
- 5 Which statement is **true** of transcription?
- A It begins with ATG and ends with TAG.
  - B The sense strand is used as a template.
  - C The DNA polymerase is used to synthesis DNA.
  - D It uses 70s ribosome in prokaryote and 80s ribosome in eukaryote.
- 6 Which statement is **true** of non-competitive inhibitor ?
- A Its mode of action is reversible.
  - B It binds directly to enzyme at the active site.
  - C Its binding to enzyme lowers the activation energy.
  - D Its inhibitory effect can be reduced by increasing the substrate concentration.

- 7 Which plants that Rubisco binds with both carbon dioxide and oxygen ?
- A  $C_3$  plants
  - B  $C_4$  plants
  - C CAM plants
  - D  $C_4$  and CAM plants
- 8 The rate of photosynthesis of a fresh water plant is measured by different colours spectra. Which of the following is the correct order of colour that gives an increasing rate of photosynthesis?
- A Blue- Red-Orange-Yellow-Green
  - B Blue-Green-Yellow-Orange-Red
  - C Green-Yellow-Orange-Red-Blue
  - D Green -ed-Blue-Yellow-Orange
- 9 Which of the following molecules contains the most energy?
- A ATP
  - B Glucose
  - C Sucrose
  - D Starch

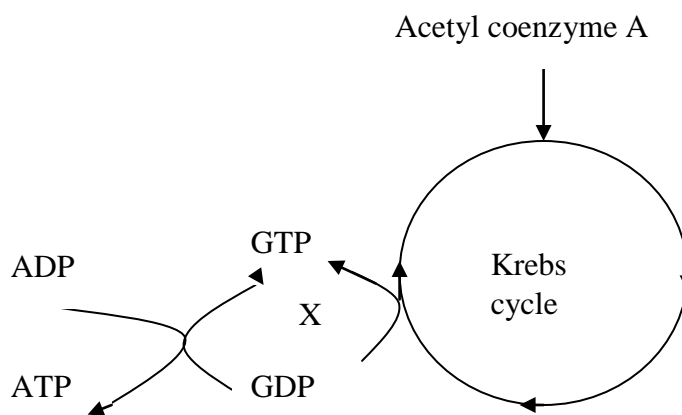


- 10 The diagram above shows the stages in the dark reaction. At which stage is the reduced NADP reoxidised?



11 The diagram above shows the conversion of pyruvate to ethanol during anaerobic respiration. Which of the following allows glycolysis to continue?

- A The regeneration of  $\text{NAD}^+$
- B The regeneration of  $\text{NADH}$
- C The release of carbon dioxide
- D The addition of yeast to ethanol

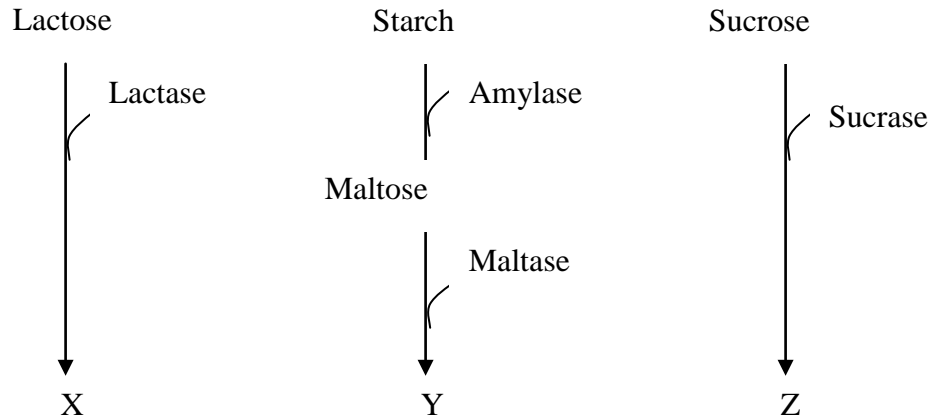


12 The diagram above shows the Krebs cycle. What is process X ?

- A Phosphorylation
- B Oxidation of GTP
- C Oxidative Phosphorylation
- D Substrate level phosphorylation

13 Which is an example of saprophytic organism?

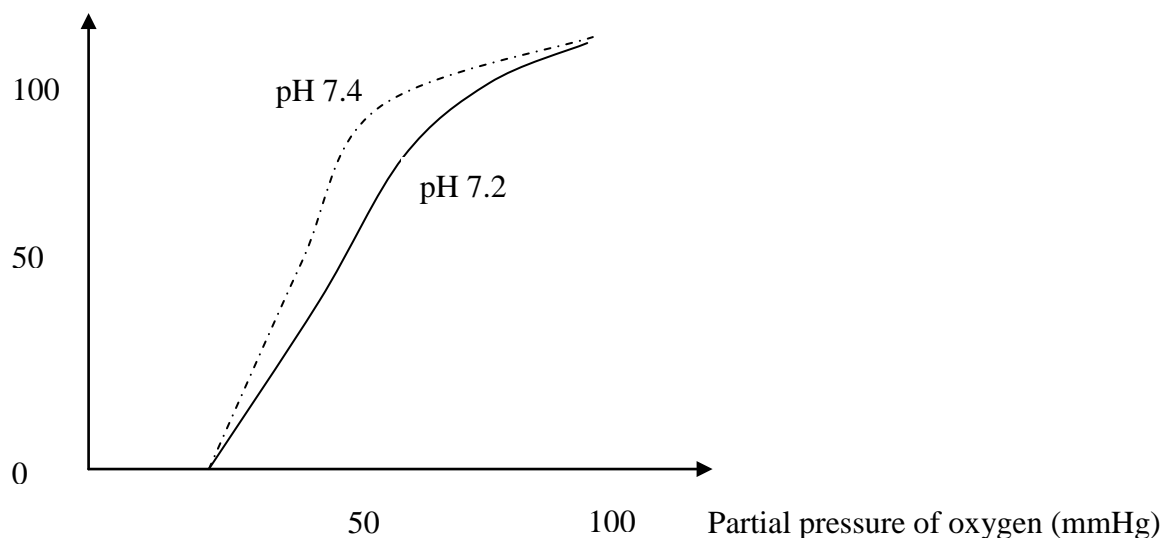
- A *Mucor* sp.
- B *Taenia* sp.
- C *Rafflesia* sp.
- D *Periplaneta* sp.



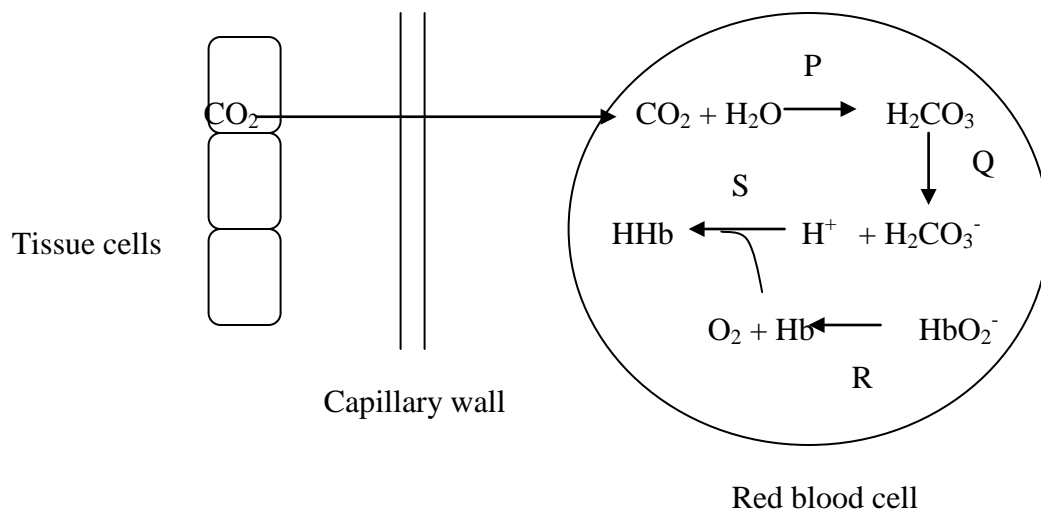
- 14 The diagram above shows the digestion of lactose, starch and sucrose. What are the substances X,Y and Z?

	X	Y	Z
A	Glucose and glucose	Glucose and fructose	Glucose and galactose
B	Glucose and fructose	Glucose and galactose	Glucose and glucose
C	Glucose and galactose	Glucose and fructose	Glucose and glucose
D	Glucose and galactose	Glucose and glucose	Glucose and fructose

Percentage of oxygen saturation (%)



- 15 The graph above shows the oxygen dissociation curves for two values of pH. Which statement about the curve is **true**?
- A The increase in pH is due to vigorous activities.
  - B The increase in pH causes the curve to shift to the right.
  - C The percentage of oxygen-saturated haemoglobin decreases when pH increases.
  - D The shifting of the curve to the right is due to an increase in concentration of blood carbon dioxide.



- 16 The diagram above shows the diffusion of carbon dioxide from respiring cells into the blood involving steps P,Q,R and S. Which step requires carbonic anhydrase to proceed to the next?
- A P
  - B Q
  - C R
  - D S
- 17 What is the volume of air that can be forced out following the deepest possible inspiration?
- A tidal volume
  - B vital capacity
  - C residue volume
  - D expiratory reserve volume
- 18 Which response occurs when a person loses a lot of blood?
- A A decrease in renin secretion
  - B An increase in the secretion of sodium ions
  - C An increase in the production of angiotensin
  - D A decrease in the production of aldosterone

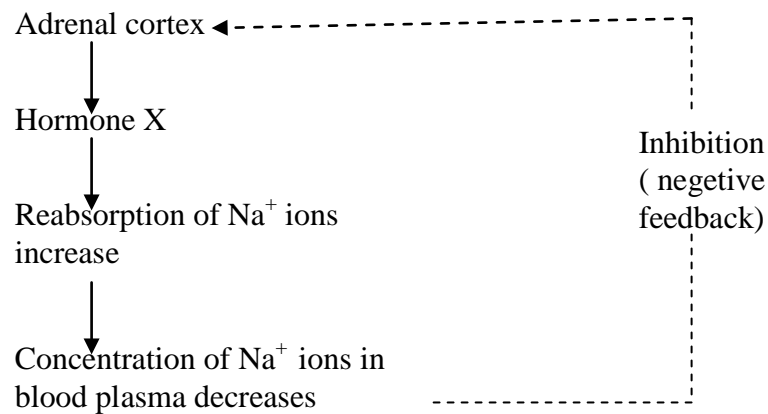
- 19 Which condition causes the closing of a stoma?
- A The influx of potassium ions into the guard cells
  - B The increase in the concentration of glucose in the guard cells
  - C The decrease in the concentration of carbon dioxide in the guard cells
  - D The increase in the concentration of abscisic acid when plants are exposed to stress

- 20 The biochemical pathway which converts lactate into glucose and later into glycogen in the liver is as follows.

Lactate  $\longrightarrow$  Pyruvate  $\longrightarrow$  glucose  $\longrightarrow$  glycogen

What is the pathway known?

- A Cori cycle
- B Krebs cycle
- C Calvin cycle
- D Ornithine cycle

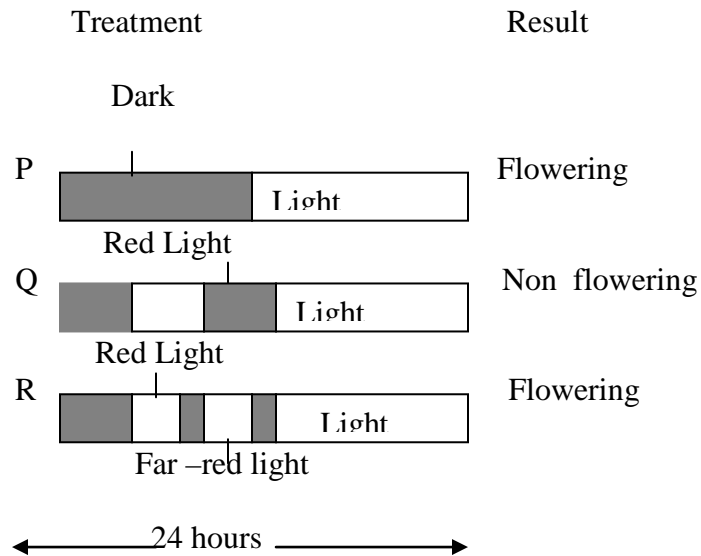


- 21 The diagram above shows the control of sodium ions level in the blood plasma. What is hormone X?
- A Adrenaline
  - B Aldosterone
  - C Angiotensin
  - D Antidiuretic

- 22 Which of the following **correctly** explains the distribution of ions on either side of the membrane of an axon in its resting state?
- A A high concentration of organic anions outside and a low concentration of  $K^+$  ions inside.
  - B A high concentration of organic anions inside and a low concentration of  $Na^+$  ions outside.
  - C A high concentration of  $K^+$  ions and organic anions outside and a high concentration of  $Na^+$  ions inside.
  - D A high concentration of  $Na^+$  outside and a high concentration of  $K^+$  ions and organic anions inside.
- 23 Where are the receptor sites for neurotransmitters situated?
- A nodes of Ranvier
  - B presynaptic membrane
  - C postsynaptic membrane
  - D membrane of the synaptic vesicles
- 24 Which statement is **not true** of auxin?
- A It stimulates the division of cell in a stem.
  - B It stimulates the elongation of coleoptile.
  - C It promotes the formation of lateral shoot.
  - D It inhibits the elongation of root at the high concentration.
- 25 Oestrogen and progesterone are used in contraceptive pills. What is the effect of this hormones on menstrual cycle?
- A Its maintain the endometrium of the uterus.
  - B Its stimulate the release of luteinising hormone.
  - C Its inhibit the production of gonadotropic hormones.
  - D Its stimulate the release of follicle stimulating hormone.



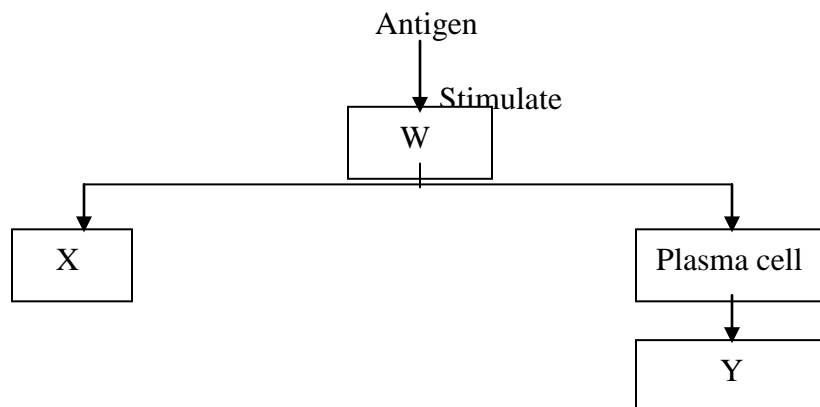
- 26 The diagram below shows the findings of an experiment on the effect of light on the flowering of a plant.



Which of the following are **true** of the plant?

- I The plant is a long day plant.
  - II The plant is a short day plant.
  - III Far-red light cancels off the action of red light.
  - IV Red light can replace the requirement of dark period.
- A I and III
  - B I and IV
  - C II and III
  - D II and IV

- 27 What do W, X and Y represent in the following simplified flow chart of the humoral response?



	W	X	Y
A	B cell	Memory B cell	Antibody
B	B cell	Antibody	Memory B cell
C	T cell	Memory T cell	Helper T cell
D	T cell	Memory T cell	Cytotoxic T cell

28 Which of the following are **true** of B cell?

- I It forms immunity through the humoral response.
  - II It forms immunity through the cell mediated mechanism.
  - III It is produced and it achieves maturity in the bone marrow
  - IV It is produced in the bone marrow and it achieves maturity in the thymus gland
- A I and II
  - B I and III
  - C II and IV
  - D III and IV

29 Which of the following is **true** of an oviparous animal?

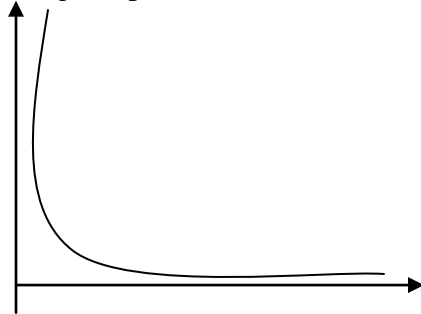
- A An individual hatches from the egg outside the female parent's body
- B An individual hatches from the egg in the uterus of the female parent
- C An individual is born before maturity and continues to develop in the sac of the female parent.
- D An individual develop in the uterus of the female parent and the embryo obtains the nutrient from the placenta.

30 The hormone which plays an important role in seed germination is

- A ethene
- B auxin
- C cytokinin
- D gibberellin

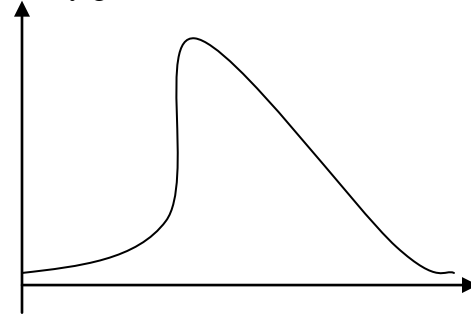
31 Which of the following is the absolute growth curve of maize plant?

Gain as percentage of previous mass



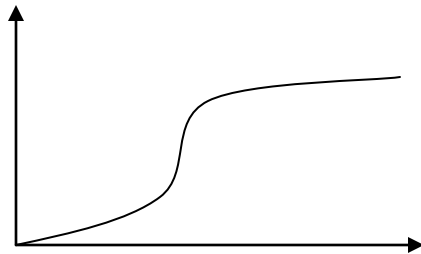
A Age/weeks

Daily gain



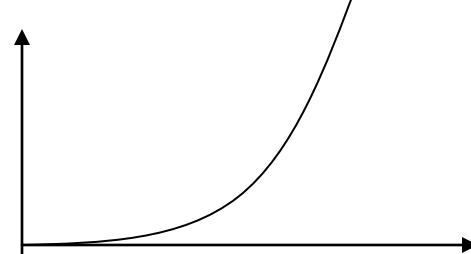
B Age/weeks

Gain as percentage of previous mass



C Age/weeks

Daily gain



D Age/weeks

32 The following are events that occur during seed germination.

- I Synthesis and secretion of enzymes
- II Activation of the aleurone layer
- III Flow of sugars to the embryo
- IV Release of gibberellin
- V Hydrolysis of starch

Which of the following is the **correct** sequence of events during seed germination?

- |   |    |     |    |     |     |
|---|----|-----|----|-----|-----|
| A | II | IV  | V  | III | I   |
| B | IV | I   | V  | II  | II  |
| C | IV | II  | I  | V   | III |
| D | V  | III | IV | II  | I   |

- 33 In a species of flowering plant,  $C^R C^R$  genotype produces red flowers,  $C^W C^W$  genotype produces white flowers and  $C^R C^W$  genotype produces pink flowers. What is the percentage of the progeny that have pink flowers if a cross is made between  $C^R C^W$  and  $C^R C^W$  ?
- A 0 %
  - B 25 %
  - C 50 %
  - D 75 %
- 34 Which of the following is the genotype of klinefelter syndrome?
- A XO
  - B XXY
  - C XYY
  - D XXX
- 35 Which of the following mutations in humans is /are trisomic?
- I Down Syndrome
  - II Turner Syndrome
  - III Thalassemia major
- A I only
  - B II only
  - C I and III
  - D II and III
- 36 Which of the following is **not true** of mutation?
- A A chromosomal mutation of the deletion type involves the deletion of a base pair from gene.
  - B Genetic disease called *cri-du-chat* syndrome is caused by a deletion in chromosome 5
  - C The deletion of two bases causes frame-shift mutation during triplet coding in transcription.
  - D Allopolyploidy is a chromosomal mutation which involves chromosome doubling caused by different genomes.
- 37 A study on 400 mice about their resistance towards a type of poison has been carried out. The resistance characteristic is controlled by a the dominant allele R. 36% of the mice population is found to be resistant towards the poison. Calculate the number of mice expected to have Rr genotype.
- A 16
  - B 72
  - C 128
  - D 256

- 38 Which of the following is **true** of repressor protein?
- A It is coded by *lac Y*.
  - B It binds with the promoter and inhibits transcription.
  - C It binds with gene that codes for  $\beta$ -galactosidase.
  - D It changes its conformation after binding with lactose
- 39 A mutation in the lactose operon occurs which causes the repressor protein not being able to bind with the operator region. Which of the following statements is **true** of the mutation?
- A  $\beta$ -galactosidase enzyme is not produced at all.
  - B  $\beta$ -galactosidase enzyme is produced continuously with or without lactose.
  - C  $\beta$ -galactosidase enzyme is produced continuously in the absence of lactose only.
  - D  $\beta$ -galactosidase enzyme is produced continuously in the presence of lactose only
- 40 Which of the following are **true** of restriction enzymes?
- I It restricts transcription.
  - II It is found in all eukaryotic cells.
  - III It acts on palindromic sequences.
  - IV It is sensitive to changes in temperature and pH.
- A I and II
  - B I and III
  - C II and IV
  - D III and IV
- 41 Which of the following are the products of the translation of the lactose operon?
- I Permease
  - II Transacetylase
  - III  $\beta$ -galactosidase
  - IV RNA polymerase
- A I, II, and III
  - B I, II and IV
  - C I, III and IV
  - D II, III and IV

42 Which of the following regarding taxa and their examples **not correct**?

- A Phylum: Chordata
- B Class: Mammalia
- C Order: Hominidae
- D Species: *sapiens*

43 Which of the following statements is **not true** of an artificial classification system?

- A The system is based on phylogenetic relationship.
- B The system can be used to construct dichotomous keys.
- C Organisms are placed into groups for specific purposes.
- D Organisms are placed into group according to their different characteristics which are arbitrarily chosen.

44 Based on the table below, match phyla of organisms to their characteristics.

	Phylum		Characteristic
I	Cnidaria	P	Body divided into head, muscular foot and visceral mass
II	Arthropoda	Q	Diploblastic body, polymorphism
III	Mollusca	R	Segmented legs, chitinous exoskeleton
IV	Nematoda	S	Body covered with thin and elastic cuticle, pseudocoelom

	I	II	III	IV
A	P	Q	S	R
B	Q	R	P	S
C	R	S	Q	P
D	S	R	P	Q

45 Which of the following energy flows in an ecosystem involves the transfer of the greatest amount of energy?

- A Plant → Herbivore
- B Plant → Decomposer
- C Herbivore → Carnivore
- D Carnivore → Decomposer

- 46 Based on the table below, match the evidence of evolution theory to its example.

<i>Evidence of evolution theory</i>				<i>Example</i>
I	Paleontology	P	Marsupial animal	
II	Geographical distribution	Q	Homolog structure	
III	Comparative anatomy	R	Fossil record	
IV	Comparative biochemistry	S	Cytochrome	
	I	II	III	IV
A	P	Q	S	R
B	P	S	R	Q
C	R	P	Q	S
D	R	Q	P	S

- 47 Carrying capacity of a population is

- A the number of individuals in a population
- B the population size when the mortality rate is more than the natality rate
- C the population size when the natality rate is more than the mortality rate
- D the population size of species which can be supported by resources available in a habitat

- 48 A total of 50 squirrels were caught from a forest, marked and released. A few days later, 40 squirrels were caught from the same region and 4 of them had marks. Estimate the population size of the squirrels in that forest.

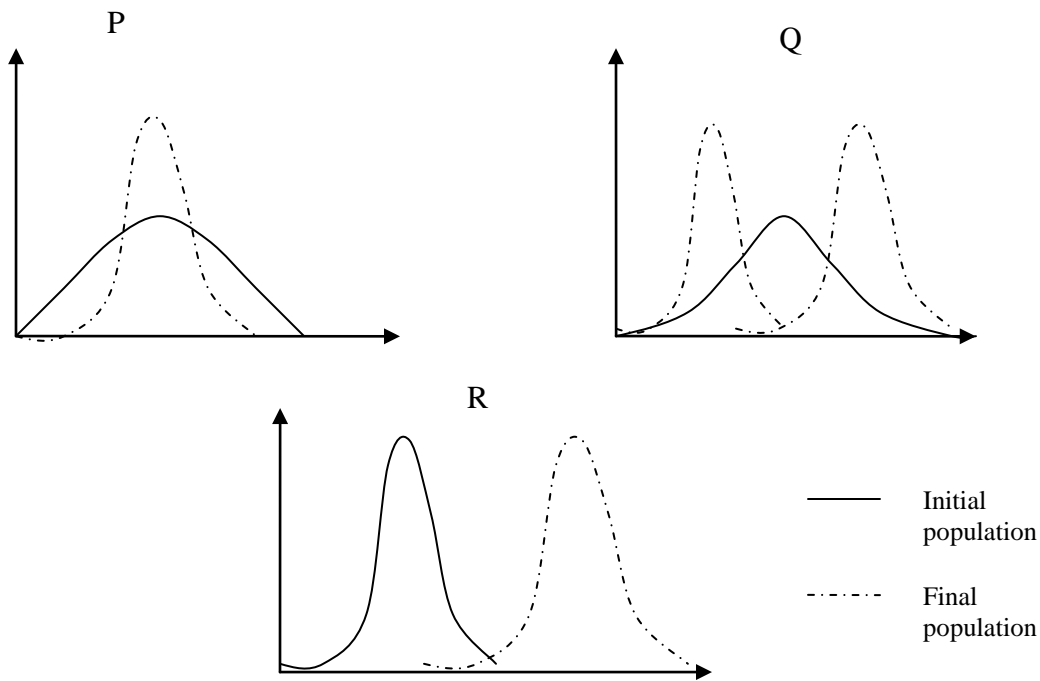
- A 160
- B 200
- C 500
- D 2000

- 49 Which of the following are **true** of an ecosystem?

- I Phytoplanktons are producers.
- II The last consumer obtains the highest energy.
- III Ecosystem is an open system with input and output of energies.
- IV Heterotrophs include herbivores, carnivores, decomposers and detritivores.

- A I and II
- B III and IV
- C I, III and IV
- D II, III and IV

50 The graphs below show the effects of three types of ecological selections.



Which of the following is correct regarding *Biston betularia* in industrial areas, human birth weight in developed countries and rabbit population in the Andes Mountains?

	<i>Biston betularia</i> in industrial areas	Human birth weight in developed countries	Rabbit population in the Andes Mountains
A	P	Q	R
B	Q	R	P
C	R	P	Q
D	R	Q	P