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KENYA CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION (KCSE)

231/2 BIOLOGY (MARKING SCHEME)

Paper 2

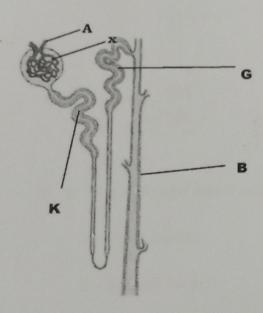
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Section A

1) a. Osmosis

b. Water rises in cavity with salt crystals; salt crystals are moistened by cell sap making a strong solution; salt solution is more concentrated than cell sap; these cells lose water to salt solution by osmosis; the cells become more concentrated drawing water from neighboring cells; water moves from cell to cell up to cells in contact with the water C i) the salt solution will not risk

ii) Boiling kills cells // Denatures cell membrane; thus osmotically inactive

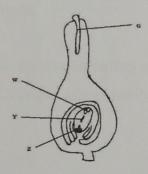


2) a) A-Efferent arteriole//vessel // blood vessel; venule B-Collecting tubule

b) X-Afferent arteriole is wider than efferent arteriole; this creates high pressure leading to ultrafiltration;

K-At proximal convoluted tubule all glucose, amino acids , some water and mineral salts; are actively selectively reabsorbed (against concentration gradient using energy)

- c) -Numerous mitochondria to provide energy for reabsorption
 - Micro villi to increase surface area for reabsorption
 - -Long to provide a large surface area
 - Coiled to provide a large surface area //speed for more time // efficient ,reabsorption
 - Numerous blood capillaries for efficient transport
- 3) 1) Stamen ripens earlier before stigma
 - ii) Development of fruit without fertilization



b) i) W - Antipodal cells // antipodals

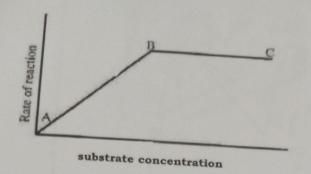
Y – Polar nuclei;

Z - Egg cell //ovum;

ii) -Secretes enzymes that digest the stigma // ovary tissue // style

-Offer passage for male nuclei to ovum and polar nuclei // embryo

c) Gibberellin



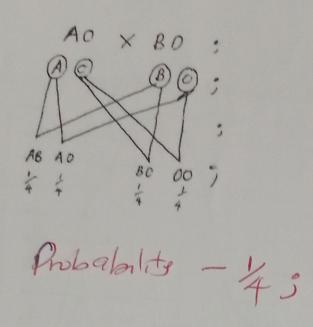
4) a) i) A and b

-Rapid increase in rate of reaction; more enzymes active sites available ;for a large number of substrate molecules

ii) B and C

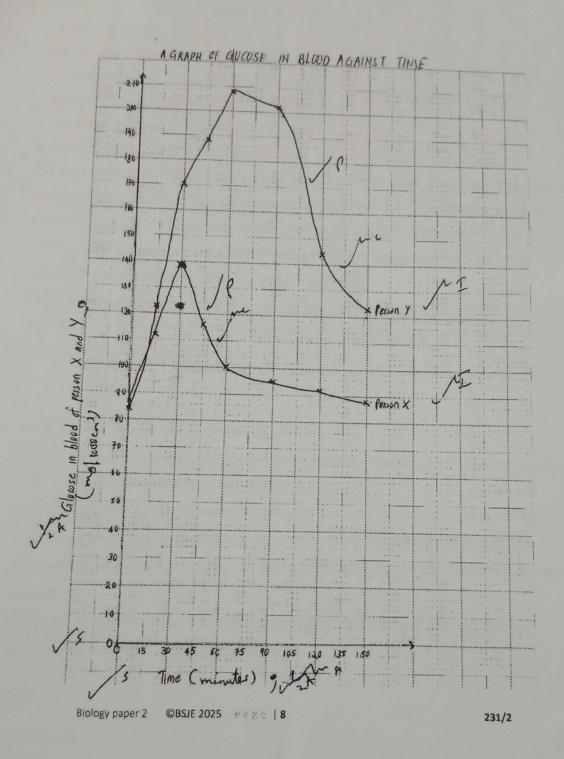
-Rate of reaction constant; all active sites occupied // enzyme-substrate in equilibrium

- b) Raise the concentration of enzymes;
- c) pH ; Temperature; inhibitors// cofactors//metabolic poison// coenzyme
- 5) a) AO; BO
 - b) •



- c) -sex; reg Gender
 - -ABO blood group system
 - Ability to roll tongue
 - Free // attached ear lobe
 - Presence// absence of hair in nose // ear pinna
 - -Finger print
 - -Ability to test PTC// phenylthiocarbamide
 - -Wing length in drosophila/ size of abdomen in drosophila

SECTION B(40 marks)



b) X-124+3//124-3

- e) -Person X is capable of regulatory glucose
 - -Person Y is likely to be diabetic
- d) X- insulin released (by islets of larger

-excess glucose converted to glycogen (in liver)

Y-insulin is not released; thus the decline

- -is due to glucose being released in urine
- e) ATP//Adrenosinetriphosphate
- f) Blood flowing around the gut temperature is lowered; Blood temperature is detected by hypothalamus; efferent impulses denerated; (to skin) Anterioles// superficial blood vessels constrict; blood does not reach close to the surface of skin and heat is retained; erector- pilli muscles contract; hair stands trapping hair, retaining heat; sweat glands stimulated less; less sweat produced retaining heat;

Extra heat is produced; by an increase in metabolic rate through contraction of skeletal muscles producing heat; Adrenal metabolic secrete Adrenaline, which increases metabolic activities producing heat

- 7) a)- When blood vessel is cut// injured;
 - -Platelets// thrombocytes// damaged tissue// wound sustained are exposed to air;
 - -They release thrombokinase// thrombo plastin;
 - -An enzyme that activates the conversion of prothrombin; to thrombin; in the presence of calcium ion//Ca2+; vitamin k is needed for the formation of prothrombin;
 - -Thrombin converts fibringen; to fibrin; which forms a mesh // network across the wound?
 - -The clot so formed prevents excessive bleeding; and entry of disease agents// pathogens// microbes // microorganisms
 - b) example

Asthma // hay fever//acc Any specified correct example

Def:-An allergic reaction is a hypersensitive response; to an antigen by the body immune system; the body's immune system responds by over producing antibodies; against harmless antigens; the antigen —antibody reaction occurs on the surface of the body cells; which bursts/open; and release histamine

- -Histamine causes inflammation / itching/ breathing difficulties /swelling//pain// constriction of bronchi // dilation of capillaries// excessive secretion of mucus // anaphylaxis// diarrhea // vomiting /// coughing // sneezing:
- -Which damages the body ;Allergic people are hypersensitive to materials like dust //pollen grains // some foods//some drugs// some pollutants// spores// feathers // fur// strong perfumes . etc

Acc. allergen; - reaction;

Dust; - Breathing system;

Food; - stomach;

Max 10

- 8) 1. Conjunctiva is a thin //transparent// tough ; to allow light pass through //to protect eye ball
 - 2. Sclerotic layer made of fibres // fibrins: maintain shape of eyeball // protect eye;
 - 3. Cornea is transparent //curve; refract light rays //allow light to pass through ;
 - 4. Choroid black pigment; to prevent internal reflection of light in the eye has blood vessels; that supply O2 / nutrients to eye// remove waste from eye;
 - 5. Retina has cones and rods; for color vision// bright light vision// low light vision
 - 6. Blind spot has no cones and rods; place where optical nerve leaves or enters the eye;
 - 7. Yellow spot// fovea has a high concentration of cones; for accurate vision // visual acquity
 - 8 Optical nerve has nerve fibre// sensory neuron; for transmission of impulses to brain;
- 9. Lens biconvex// elastic // transparent ; to refract light rays// adjust to focus oc faror near objects// allow light to pass

- 10. Cilliary body has muscle fibres; contracts and relax to change shape / curvature of lens // cilliary body is glandular; produces aqueous humour;
- 11. Suspensory ligaments .elastic; Hold lens in position // attach lens to cilliary body
- 12. Iris has radial and circular muscles; which control size of pupil
- 13. Pupil, hole at centre of iris; light passes into the eye
- 14. Aqueous humour, fluid; oxygen / nutrients pass to cornea // lens; maintains shape of eye ball// refracts light rays;// transparent; passage// refracts light
- 15 Viterous humour, fluid; maintains shape of the eye// refracts light rays; transparent; passage of light.