



Answer exam questions with information in the same order as shown below. Review related videos for elaboration and clarification on topics.

1. The Biological Molecules

1.1 Water & Temperature Control

- ❑ Water is a dipolar molecule
- ❑ Hydrogen's slightly (delta) positive & Oxygen slightly (delta) negative
- ❑ Forms Hydrogen bonds

1.2 Temperature Control

- ❑ High latent heat of vaporisation - large amount of energy required to change from liquid to gas
- ❑ Evaporation is an efficient cooling mechanism
- ❑ High specific heat capacity - large amount of energy needed to change, temperature
- ❑ Thermally stable environment for aquatic organisms
- ❑ Aquatic organisms use less energy on temperature control
- ❑ Internal temperature of organisms change slowly

1.3 Condensation & Ice

- ❑ Biological / metabolic reactions require water e.g
- ❑ Condensation and Hydrolysis reactions
- ❑ Ice is less dense than water (it floats)
- ❑ Ice provides habitat for, organisms e.g Polar Bear
- ❑ Ice insulates water below - remains liquid - organisms don't freeze

1.4 Transport:

- ❑ Water is a good solvent - Ionic compounds dissolve in water e.g. Na⁺
- ❑ Cohesion - water molecules stick together (H-bonds)
- ❑ Adhesion - water molecules stick to other things (H-bonds)
- ❑ Water columns can be pulled up xylem (cohesion-tension theory)

1.5 Translocation:

- ❑ Mass flow from source to sink
- ❑ In source/leaf sucrose actively transported into phloem (ATP against concentration gradient)
- ❑ By companion cells
- ❑ Lowers water potential of sieve tube cell and water enters by osmosis
- ❑ Increase in (hydrostatic) pressure causes mass movement towards sink/root
- ❑ In root sugars/sucrose used for respiration or converted to starch for storage



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1. [3.1.7 An Introduction To Water \(7:31\)](#)
2. [3.1.7 Water as a Solvent \(4:42\)](#)
3. [3.1.7 Water Temperature Control \(7:24\)](#)
4. [3.1.7 Water - Summary \(2:45\)](#)

2. Transport Across Membranes

2.1 Water & Temperature Control

By Diffusion

- Small nonpolar molecules
- From high concentration to low concentration

By Osmosis

- From a high water potential to a low water potential

By Facilitated Diffusion

- Channel protein - small charged molecules e.g. Na⁺
- Carrier protein - large particles e.g. glucose
- Down concentration gradient

By Active Transport

- Carrier protein
- Against concentration gradient
- Using ATP/energy (from respiration)

By Endocytosis

- Engulfing by cell surface membrane to form vesicle/vacuole
- Uses ATP

By Exocytosis

- Fusion of vesicle with cell surface membrane;
- Uses ATP



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1. [3.2.3 Transport Across Membranes - Diffusion \(11:38\)](#)
2. [3.2.3 Transport Across Membranes - Osmosis \(5:59\)](#)
3. [3.2.3 Transport Across Membranes - Active Transport & Co-Transport \(3:18\)](#)
4. [3.2.3 Transport Across Membranes - The Absorption of Glucose \(7:02\)](#)

3. Proteins

3.1 Structure Of Proteins

- Polymer of amino acids
- Joined by peptide bonds
- Formed by condensation
- Primary structure is order of amino acids
- Secondary structure is folding of polypeptide chain due to hydrogen bonding
- Tertiary structure is 3-D folding due to hydrogen bonding and ionic/disulfide bonds
- Quaternary structure is two or more polypeptide chains

3.2 How Mutation Can Create a Non-Functional Protein

- Change/mutation in base/nucleotide sequence (of DNA/gene)
- Change in amino acid sequence/primary structure (of enzyme)
- Change in hydrogen/ionic/disulfide bonds
- Change in the tertiary structure/shape
- Change in active site (enzyme) or variable region (antibody)
- Substrate not complementary/cannot bind (to enzyme/active site)
- No Enzyme-Substrate complex or Antigen-Antibody complex formed

3.3 DNA Replication

- Strands separate / H-bonds break
- DNA helicase
- Both strands act as templates
- (Free) nucleotides attach
- Complementary/specific base pairing / AT and GC
- DNA polymerase joins nucleotides (on new strand)
- H-bonds reform
- Semi-conservative replication / new DNA molecules contain one old strand and one new strand

3.4 Carbohydrate Digestion

- Amylase
- Starch to maltose
- Maltase
- Maltose to glucose
- Hydrolysis
- Of glycosidic bond

3.5 Why Are Enzymes Specific?

- Tertiary structure of enzyme (means)
- Active site is only complementary to substrate (name it if you can)
- Active site changes shape to become complementary (induced fit)
- By forming enzyme-substrate complex

3.6 Inhibitors

- ❑ Inhibitors reduce / prevent formation of ES complex

Competitive Inhibition:

- ❑ Inhibitor similar shape to substrate
- ❑ Binds to active site of enzyme
- ❑ Inhibition can be overcome by more substrate

Non-Competitive Inhibition:

- ❑ Inhibitor binds to site on enzyme other than active site
- ❑ Prevents formation of active site / changes (shape of) active site
- ❑ Cannot be overcome by adding more substrate

3.7 Protein Synthesis

Transcription:

- ❑ Strands separate / H-bonds break
- ❑ DNA helicase
- ❑ Template strand is copied to mRNA
- ❑ Free RNA nucleotides attach
- ❑ Complementary/specific base pairing eg. AU and GC
- ❑ RNA polymerase joins nucleotides (on new strand)
- ❑ Forming Phosphodiester bonds
- ❑ H-bonds reform

Translation:

- ❑ mRNA moves to ribosome in the cytoplasm
- ❑ tRNA binds to mRNA
- ❑ tRNA anticodons pair with mRNA codons
- ❑ Specific amino acid attached to tRNA
- ❑ Formation of peptide bond between amino acids



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1. [3.1.4.1 The Structure & Function Of Proteins \(7:23\)](#)
2. [3.1.4.2 Factors Affecting the Rate of Enzyme Controlled Reactions - Inhibitors \(6:45\)](#)
3. [3.1.5.2 DNA Replication \(11:02\)](#)
4. [3.3.3 Digestion and Absorption of Carbohydrates & Lipids \(8:26\)](#)
5. [3.1.4.2 Enzymes \(6:46\)](#)
6. [3.1.4.2 The Enzyme Question \(4:40\)](#)
7. [3.4.2 Protein Synthesis: Transcription \(9:44\)](#)
8. [3.4.2 Protein Synthesis: Translation \(8:56\)](#)

4. Cell Division

4.1 Meiosis

- Cell division to form gametes (eggs and sperm)
- Two divisions forming four Haploid Daughter cells
- Genetically non identical (due to crossing over and independent assortment)
- Crossing over - creates a new combination of alleles
- Independent assortment - creates a new combination of chromosomes

Prophase I:

- Nuclear membrane breaks down
- Chromosomes condense

Metaphase I:

- Homologous pairs of chromosomes line up next to each other on the equator
- Spindle attaches to chromosomes at the centromere
- Crossing over of chromatids takes place

Anaphase I:

- Homologous pairs separate - one to each pole (independent assortment)

Telophase I:

- Nuclear membranes reforms
- Cell divides (cytokinesis)

Prophase II:

- They never ask about Prophase II (assume as per Prophase I)

Metaphase II:

- Chromosomes line up on the equator
- Spindle attaches to chromosomes at the centromere

Anaphase II:

- Centromeres split
- Chromatids move to opposite poles

Telophase II:

- Nuclear membranes reforms
- Chromosomes uncoil
- Cell divides (cytokinesis)

4.2 Mitosis

- Cell division for growth and repair
- 2 Daughter cells
- Genetically Identical

Prophase:

- Nuclear membrane breaks down
- Chromosomes condense

Metaphase:

- Chromosomes line up on the equator
- Spindle attaches to chromosomes at the centromere

Anaphase:

- Centromeres split
- Chromatids move to opposite poles

Telophase:

- Nuclear membranes reforms
- Chromosomes uncoil
- Cell divides (cytokinesis)

4.3 Cell Cycle

Interphase:

- G1 - Cell grows and organelles multiply
- S - DNA Replicates
- G2 - Organelles multiply ready to divide

Cell Division:

- Mitosis or Meiosis



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1. [3.4.3 Meiosis \(12:17\)](#)
2. [3.2.2 Mitosis \(13:28\)](#)



5. The Immune System

5.1 The Immune Response

Phagocytosis:

- ❑ Phagocyte recognise antigens on bacteria as foreign
- ❑ Engulf bacteria
- ❑ Bacteria in vacuole
- ❑ lysosome fuses with / empties enzymes into vacuole
- ❑ Bacteria digested / hydrolysed
- ❑ Phagocytes present pathogens antigen (antigen presenting cell)
- ❑ Antigens on phagocyte active T-cells (T-lymphocytes)
- ❑ T-Killer cells - destroy pathogen
- ❑ T-Helper cells present antigens and active B-cells
- ❑ Clonal Selection - B-cell with required antibody divides by mitosis to form plasma cells
- ❑ antibodies are complementary to antigen (from antigen - antibody complex)
- ❑ B-cells from memory cells
- ❑ Secondary response if infected again with same antigen

5.2 Vaccines

- ❑ Vaccines contain antigens / antigens are injected
- ❑ Dead pathogens / weakened pathogens
- ❑ Clonal selection of B-cells (mitosis)
- ❑ B-cells produce antibodies
- ❑ Memory cells made/produced

- ❑ On second exposure memory cells produce antibodies / become active / recognise pathogens
- ❑ Rapidly produce antibodies / produces more antibodies
- ❑ Antibodies destroy pathogens
- ❑ Secondary Response - don't feel symptoms

5.3 Heart Disease

- ❑ Atheroma is cholesterol / plaque / lipoprotein / LDL / fatty material
- ❑ In artery wall / endothelium of artery
- ❑ Atheroma linked to blood clot / thrombosis
- ❑ Blocks coronary artery / artery supplying heart muscle / tissue / cells
- ❑ Reduces oxygen / glucose supply (to heart muscle / tissues / cells)
- ❑ (Heart muscle / tissue / cells) unable to respire / dies



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3. [3.2.4 The Immune System - T-cells & B-cells \(8:46\)](#)
4. [3.2.4 The Immune System - Antibodies, Primary & Secondary Response \(8:48\)](#)
5. [3.3.4.1 Cardiovascular Disease \(5:50\)](#)

6. Mass Transport in Animals

6.1 Control of Mammalian Heart Beat

- SAN initiates heartbeat / acts as a pacemaker
- SAN sends electrical impulses across atria causing atrial contraction
- AVN delays electrical impulses
- Allowing atria to empty before ventricles contract / ventricles to fill before they contract
- AVN sends wave of electrical impulses down Bundle of His / Purkyne fibres
- Causing ventricles to contract (from base up) / ventricular systole

6.2 Adaptations of Arteries

Elastic Tissue:

- Elastic tissue stretches under pressure/when heart beats
- Recoils/springs back
- Evens out pressure/flow

Muscles:

- Muscle contracts
- Reduces diameter of lumen/vasoconstriction/ constricts vessel
- Changes flow/pressure

Epithelium:

- Epithelium smooth
- Reduces friction/blood clots/less resistance

6.3 How is X Adapted for Efficient Gas Diffusion?

- Large surface area
- Many capillaries provide a large surface area
- (So) fast diffusion
- Thin epithelium
- (So) short diffusion distance / pathway
- (So) fast diffusion
- Ventilation / circulation
- Maintains a diffusion / concentration gradient
- (So) fast diffusion

6.4 Insects Gas Exchange & Water Loss

Gas Exchange:

- Air enters through (open) spiracles
- Through tracheae
- Diffusion gradient in trachea
- Tracheae associated with all cells/closely associated with cells
- Oxygen diffuses into cells
- Ventilation replacing air in tracheae

Water Loss:

- Body covered with (waterproof) waxy cuticle
- Spiracles are able to close

6.5 The Bohr Effect

- ❑ Increased Respiration
- ❑ Increased CO₂ in blood
- ❑ Blood becomes more acidic which lowers haemoglobin's affinity for oxygen / haemoglobin releases more oxygen / oxygen is released quicker / oxygen dissociates/ unloads more readily
- ❑ To muscles/tissues/cells
- ❑ For high/rapid respiration
- ❑ Oxyhaemoglobin dissociation curve shifts to the (Bohr - Right)

6.6 Fish Gills

- ❑ Large surface area provided by lamellae/ filaments
- ❑ Increases diffusion/makes diffusion efficient
- ❑ Thin epithelium/distance between water and blood
- ❑ Water and blood flow in opposite directions (countercurrent)
- ❑ Maintains a high concentration gradient along all of the lamellae
- ❑ As water always next to blood with lower concentration of oxygen
- ❑ Circulation replaces blood saturated with oxygen
- ❑ Ventilation replaces water (as oxygen removed)

6.7 Formation and Return of Tissue Fluid

Formation:

- ❑ High blood / hydrostatic pressure / pressure filtration
- ❑ Forces water / fluid out
- ❑ Large proteins remain in capillary

Return:

- ❑ Low water potential in capillary / blood
- ❑ Due to (plasma) proteins
- ❑ Water enters capillary / blood
- ❑ By osmosis
- ❑ Correct reference to lymph

6.8 Oxygen Loading and Unloading in Lung:

- ❑ Haemoglobin has a high affinity for oxygen and forms oxyhaemoglobin
- ❑ In red blood cells
- ❑ Oxygen loading in lungs / at high p.O₂
- ❑ Unloads/ releases O₂ to respiring cells/ tissues / at low p.O₂
- ❑ Unloading linked to higher carbon dioxide concentration



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3. [3.3.4.1 Comparing Haemoglobin in Different Organisms \(6:44\)](#)
4. [3.3.4.1 The Formation and Return of Tissue Fluid \(8:56\)](#)
5. [3.3.4.1 Blood Vessels \(5:34\)](#)

7. Methods of Studying Cells

7.1 Transmission Electron Microscope

Advantages:

- Small objects can be seen
- Wavelength of electrons shorter
- TEM has high resolution

Limitations:

- Cannot look at living cells
- Must be in a vacuum
- Must cut section / thin specimen
- Preparation may create artefact
- Does not produce colour image



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1. [3.2.1.3 Methods of Studying Cells - Cell Fraction \(6:02\)](#)
2. [3.2.1.3 Methods of Studying Cells - Microscopes \(5:36\)](#)

7.2 Cell Fractionation:

- Cell homogenisation to break open cells
- Filter to remove (large) debris/whole cells
- Use isotonic solution to prevent damage to mitochondria/organelles
- Keep cold to prevent/reduce damage by enzymes
- Centrifuge pellets formed
 - nuclei
 - chloroplasts (if present)
 - mitochondria
 - ribosomes (last)