

Cell structure: practice questions

7 questions • 18 marks • mark scheme at the back

For Cambridge IGCSE Biology 0610 (and 0970, which has the same content). **Supplement** is Extended content, only examined on Papers 2 and 4.

Name

Total / 18

1 Which structure is found in a plant cell but not in an animal cell? [1 mark]

- A. ☐ Nucleus
- B. ☐ Ribosome
- C. ☐ Chloroplast
- D. ☐ Mitochondrion

2 Describe three ways in which a plant cell differs from an animal cell. [3 marks]

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3 Which statement about the DNA in a bacterial cell is correct? [1 mark]

- A. ☐ It is enclosed in a nucleus.
- B. ☐ It is circular and lies free in the cytoplasm.
- C. ☐ It is found only in the mitochondria.
- D. ☐ It is absent.

4 State the function of each of the following structures in a cell.

[4 marks]

Cell structures	
Structure	Function
Cell membrane	
Ribosome	
Mitochondrion	
Chloroplast	

5 Complete the table by stating the function of each specialised cell.

[3 marks]

Specialised cells	
Cell	Function
Palisade mesophyll cell	
Neurone	
Root hair cell	

6 (a) State how new cells are produced. [1] (b) Write these in order, from smallest to largest: organ, cell, organism, tissue, organ system. [1] **[2 marks]**

7 Describe what is meant by the terms tissue and organ. Give an example of each. **[4 marks]**

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Mark scheme

One mark for each point unless a maximum is given. Words in brackets are not needed for the mark.

1. [1]

C C (chloroplast) (1)

2. [3]

- plant cell has a cell wall, animal cell does not (1)
- plant cell has chloroplasts, animal cell does not (1)
- plant cell has a large vacuole (containing cell sap), animal cell does not (have a large vacuole) (1)
- allow 'cellulose' for cell wall; ignore 'plants have a cell membrane' (both have one)
- Max 3

3. [1]

B B (1)

4. [4]

- cell membrane: controls movement of substances into and out of the cell (1) allow controls what enters and leaves; ignore 'protects the cell'
- ribosome: makes proteins / protein synthesis (1)
- mitochondrion: aerobic respiration / releases energy (1)
- chloroplast: photosynthesis / absorbs light energy for photosynthesis (1) ignore 'contains chlorophyll' alone

5. [3]

- palisade mesophyll cell: photosynthesis (1)
- neurone: conduction of electrical impulses (1)
- root hair cell: absorption (of water and mineral ions) (1)

6. [2]

- (a) by division of existing cells (1)
- (b) cell, tissue, organ, organ system, organism (all in correct order) (1)

7. [4]

- tissue: a group of cells with similar structures (1)
- working together to perform a shared function (1)
- organ: a structure made up of a group of tissues (1)
- working together to perform specific functions (1)
- example of a tissue, e.g. muscle tissue / palisade mesophyll (1)
- example of an organ, e.g. stomach / heart / leaf (1)
- Max 4