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BIOLOGY 3A

(ACTUAL PRACTICAL A)

(For Both School and Private Candidates)

Time: 2:30 Hours

ANSWERS

Year: 1998

Instructions

1. This paper consists of three questions.
2. Answer all questions.

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1. Open up the abdominal cavity of specimen S₁ in the usual way. Carefully move the bulk of the visceral contents to your left and rearrange the parts with minimum disturbance to fully display them.

(a) (i) Draw a large and neat diagram of the dissection.

Include the following:

- Liver
- Stomach
- Pancreas
- Small intestine (duodenum, jejunum, ileum)
- Large intestine (colon, caecum, rectum)
- Gall bladder
- Mesentery
- Hepatic portal vein

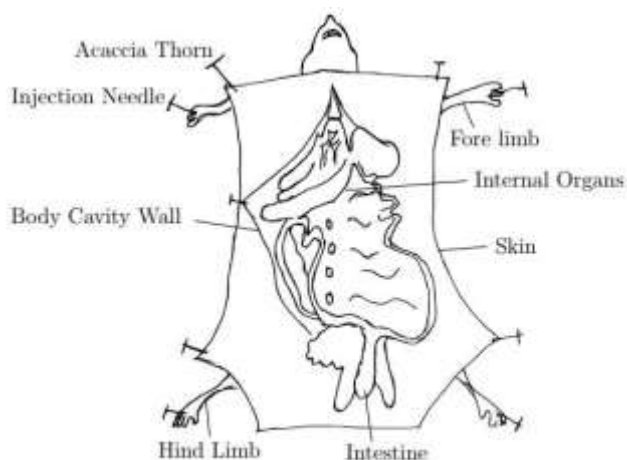


Figure 5.7: A labeled diagram of a rat dissection

- Villi (if close-up)

(ii) Using letters A – I, label on the diagram the organs/structures concerned with the functions below:

Label | Function | Biological name

- A -----> Temporary storage of food -----> Stomach
 B -----> Exocrine and endocrine secretion -----> Pancreas
 C -----> Final digestion and absorption of soluble nutrients -----> Ileum
 D -----> Transport of products of digestion to the liver -----> Hepatic portal vein
 E -----> Active absorption of water -----> Colon
 F -----> Production of bile -----> Liver
 G -----> Reception of chyme -----> Duodenum
 H -----> Temporary storage of undigested food remnants -----> Rectum
 I -----> Microbial breakdown of cellulose -----> Caecum

(iii) Give the biological names of structures A – I.

(Provided above)

(b)(i) What two products of digestion are transported by structure D?

- Glucose
- Amino acids

(ii) Mention two other roles of each of structures A and F.

Structure A (Stomach):

- Initiates protein digestion with pepsin
- Mixes food with gastric juices to form chyme

Structure F (Liver):

- Detoxifies harmful substances
- Stores glycogen and vitamins

(c) LEAVE YOUR DISSECTION PROPERLY DISPLAYED FOR ASSESSMENT

2. (a) Mr. Weakhead wrongly labelled the food solutions. Design experiments to correctly identify each solution using:

- Benedict's solution
- Dilute HCl
- NaOH
- Saliva (collected properly)

| Food Substance | Procedure | Observation | Inference |
|----------------|--|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| A | Add Benedict's directly and boil Hydrolyse with HCl, neutralize with NaOH, then add Benedict's and boil | No change | Not glucose Brick-red precipitate |
| B | Add Benedict's and boil | Brick-red precipitate | Glucose |
| C | Add NaOH + CuSO ₄ (Biuret test) | Purple colour | Protein |
| D | Add iodine solution | Blue-black colour | Starch |

(b)

(i) Why was it necessary to rinse the mouth before collecting saliva?

To remove any food particles or sugars that might alter test results.

(ii) Why was saliva used in your experiment?

Saliva contains salivary amylase which breaks down starch into maltose.

(c)(i) Name the hormone involved:

Insulin

(ii) In what form is the food substance stored?

As glycogen

(iii) Where in the body is it stored?

In the liver and muscles

3. (a) (i) Identify each specimen by genus name:

S₂ -----> Zea

S₃ -----> Allium

(ii) Name Kingdoms and Phyla:

Zea:

Kingdom -----> Plantae

Phylum -----> Angiospermophyta

Allium:

Kingdom -----> Plantae

Phylum -----> Angiospermophyta

(iii) Two observable features that distinguish S₂ and S₃:

- Leaf venation: S₂ has parallel veins, S₃ has netted veins

- Root structure: S₂ has fibrous roots, S₃ has tap root

(b)(i) Provide floral diagram and formula for specimen S₄:

Floral formula:

Br, actinomorphic, bisexual

K(3) C(3) A(6) G(1) superior

(ii) Give the family name:

Liliaceae

(iii) Where exactly is the female gametophyte in S₄?

Inside the ovule within the ovary

4.

(a) Specimens S₅ and S₆ belong to the same Kingdom as you. Observe their features carefully.

(i) What is the lowest level of the classification hierarchy shared by you and the 2 animal specimens?

Class level

(ii) Name the classes to which specimens S₅ and S₆ belong.

S₅ -----> Mammalia

S₆ -----> Aves

(iii) In what kind of habitats would you expect to find specimens S₅ and S₆?

S₅ -----> Terrestrial habitats (e.g., forests, grasslands)

S₆ -----> Aerial or arboreal habitats (e.g., trees, open sky, woodlands)

(iv) Identify any two observable features which adapt each specimen to its habitat.

S₅ (Mammal):

- Fur/hair for insulation
- Well-developed limbs for movement on land

S₆ (Bird):

- Feathers for flight
- Beak adapted to feeding style

(b) Examine the external features of specimens S₇ and S₈.

(i) Give the common name for each specimen.

S₇ -----> Stamen

S₈ -----> Pistil (Carpel)

(ii) What is the importance of specimen S₇ to angiosperms?

S₇ (Stamen) produces pollen grains which are male gametes necessary for fertilization

(iii) Draw and label specimen S₈ to show its external features.

