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BIOLOGY 2C

(ACTUAL PRACTICAL C)

(For Both School and Private Candidates)

Time: 2:30 Hours

ANSWERS

Year: 2013

Instructions

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

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1(a) Use the chemicals and reagents provided to identify the food substances present in solution A. Tabulate your work as shown in the following Table:

Food tested: Starch

Procedure: Add a few drops of iodine solution to solution A

Observations: A blue-black coloration appears

Inference: Starch is present

Food tested: Reducing sugars

Procedure: Add Benedict's solution to solution A and heat in a water bath

Observations: A brick-red precipitate forms

Inference: Reducing sugars are present

Food tested: Proteins

Procedure: Add Biuret solution to solution A and shake gently

Observations: A purple or violet coloration appears

Inference: Proteins are present

Food tested: Lipids

Procedure: Mix solution A with ethanol, shake, then add water

Observations: A milky white emulsion forms

Inference: Lipids are present

1(b) State the function of each food substance identified in 1(a).

Starch: Provides long-term energy through breakdown into glucose.

Reducing sugars: Provide quick energy due to rapid absorption.

Proteins: Used for body growth, repair of tissues, and production of enzymes.

Lipids: Store energy, provide insulation, and form structural components of cells.

1(c) To each food substance identified in 1(a), name at least two sources in which it has been extracted.

Starch: Maize and rice

Reducing sugars: Honey and ripe bananas

Proteins: Eggs and beans

Lipids: Groundnuts and milk

1(d)(i) One of the food substances identified in 1(a) is very important for child development. Mention one disease which can develop when the diet provided to a child lacks that food substance.

Protein is very important for child development. A deficiency can lead to Kwashiorkor.

1(d)(ii) State the symptoms of a disease mentioned in (d)(i).

Kwashiorkor symptoms include swollen belly, stunted growth, thinning hair, skin lesions, and muscle wasting.

2(a) Using a hand lens, study the specimens carefully and:

(i) Identify each specimen by its common name.

B₁: Tapeworm

B₂: Earthworm

B₃: Spider

(ii) Name the Kingdom and Phylum/Division in which each specimen B₁, B₂ and B₃ belongs.

B₁: Kingdom Animalia, Phylum Platyhelminthes

B₂: Kingdom Animalia, Phylum Annelida

B₃: Kingdom Animalia, Phylum Arthropoda

(iii) State four advantages of specimen B₃.

- Controls pests by feeding on insects
- Serves as food for other organisms in food chains
- Helps in ecological balance as predator
- Produces silk useful in scientific studies and applications

(iv) Draw a well labeled diagram of specimen B₃.



2(b) Study carefully specimen B₁ and B₂ then:

(i) State four observable differences between B₁ and B₂.

- B₁ has a flat body while B₂ has a cylindrical body
- B₁ lacks segmentation while B₂ is segmented
- B₁ has suckers while B₂ lacks suckers
- B₁ is a parasite while B₂ is a free-living organism

(ii) State the habitats of specimen B₁, B₂ and B₃.

B₁ lives in the intestines of humans or animals (parasitic).

B₂ lives in moist soil or under decaying matter (terrestrial).

B₃ lives in dark corners, under stones or tree bark (terrestrial).