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EXAM QUESTION PACK

TOPIC 9: CONTROL SYSTEMS

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Q1.

The scientific article you have studied is adapted from articles in New Scientist.

Use the information from the article and your own knowledge to answer the following questions.

(a) Suggest why 'incredibly efficient cellular mechanisms' can increase the chance of obesity (paragraphs 4 and 5).

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(b) A larger VO_2max means more oxygen can enter a mitochondrion and therefore more energy can be released from fuel (paragraph 8).

Name **two** substances, other than oxygen, that need to enter the mitochondrion to enable energy to be released from fuel.

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(c) Describe the structure of glycogen (paragraph 11).

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(d) Using the information in paragraphs 12 to 14, explain how lowered testosterone levels may help a cyclist to race harder on successive days.

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(e) Explain why Coyle suggests that greater muscle efficiency may be linked to an increase in the percentage of **slow twitch** muscle fibres (paragraph 20).

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*(f) Suggest how 'the development of a leak in a specific class of calcium channel in muscle cells' can lead to muscle fatigue (paragraph 23).

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(g) The ACE gene codes for the synthesis of angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) (paragraph 25).

Complete the table by naming two nucleic acids involved in each of the processes described.

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Process	Two nucleic acids involved in the process
Transcription of the ACE gene	1 ..... 2 .....
Synthesis of ACE at a ribosome	1 ..... 2 .....

(h) A variant of the APOE gene could put individuals at increased risk in contact sports. DNA profiling is a technique that can be used in genetic screening.

Suggest how DNA profiling could be carried out to identify this variant of the APOE gene (paragraph 27).

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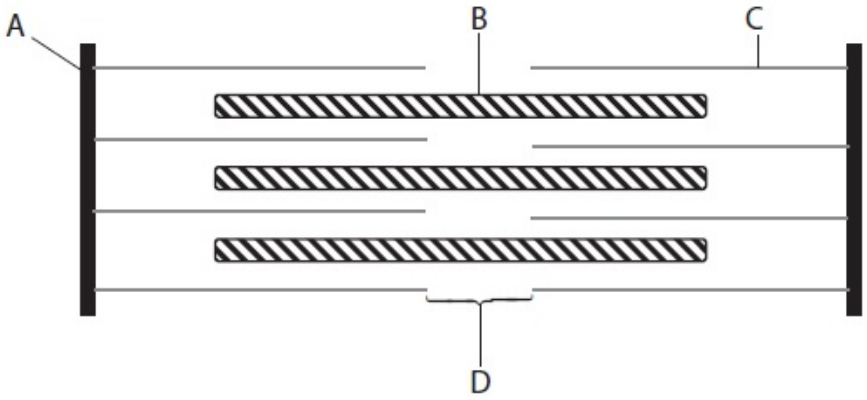
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(i) The titin gene produces a protein that attaches to myosin in a sarcomere (paragraph 30).



Place a cross (☒) in the box that identifies myosin shown in the diagram.

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☒ **A**

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☒ **C**

☒ **D**

(j) The colder the water Japanese Ama divers swim in, the higher their resting metabolic rate (paragraph 50).

Suggest and explain why this might be an advantage to these divers.

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(k) Pugh noticed the effects of climate change (paragraph 53).

Name **two** greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change. Give **one** source of each of these gases.

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(l) Using the information in paragraph 55, calculate the percentage increase in Pugh's core body temperature due to his "anticipatory thermogenesis".

Show your working.

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Answer = ... %

(Total for question = 30 marks)

Q2.

A scientist investigated the oxygen consumption of four different mammals.

The table shows the results of this investigation.

Mammal	Body mass / kg	Oxygen consumption / $dm^3\ h^{-1}$	Oxygen consumption / $dm^3\ kg^{-1}\ h^{-1}$
Shrew	0.002	0.0216	1.08×10^{1}
Cat	3	1.5	5.00×10^{-1}
Human	80	24	3.00×10^{-1}
Elephant	4000	50	

(i) Calculate the oxygen consumption of the elephant.

Convert your answer into standard form.

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Answer ..... dm3 kg^{-1} h^{-1}

(ii) Explain the relationship between body mass and oxygen consumption in these mammals.

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Q3. The scientific article you have studied is adapted from several sources.

Use the information from the article and your own knowledge to answer the following questions.

(a) The sweet potato eaten by naked mole rats (paragraph 3) is very rich in cellulose and starch.

Give **two** structural differences between cellulose and starch.

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(b) Naked mole rats show evidence of poikilothermy (paragraph 5) whilst other mammals, such as humans, maintain a nearly constant body temperature.

(i) Describe the role of the human nervous system in returning a slightly raised body temperature to its normal level.

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(ii) Explain how shivering generates heat to return a slightly reduced body temperature to its normal level.

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(c) Suggest how Buffenstein and Horsby introduced cancer-causing genes into cells from naked mole rats (paragraph 13).

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*(d) If we had to breathe the 'rank air' found in the tunnels of naked mole rats, it would leave us 'gasping for air' (paragraph 33).

Describe how the mechanism involved in the control of breathing rate in humans would respond to this 'rank air'.

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(e) Suggest how a study of the naked mole rat could help in the design of prosthetic limbs (paragraph 47).

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(f) Using the information in paragraph 48, name one hormone and state its target organ.

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(g) Suggest **two** reasons why the structure of the sperm may make it non-motile (paragraph 48).

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(h) The 'coefficient of band sharing' (paragraph 49) is a measure of the number of bands that different DNA samples have in common. The higher the coefficient the more bands the samples share. The maximum coefficient is 1.00.

Suggest why the coefficient of band sharing ranges from 0.93 to 0.99 within a colony of naked mole rats.

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(i) Suggest the importance of dispersers in naked mole rat colonies (paragraphs 50, 51 & 52).

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(j) Describe and explain **two** ways in which naked mole rats are adapted to their environment.

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Q4. The scientific article you have studied is adapted from several sources.

Use the information from the article and your own knowledge to answer the following questions.

(a) The sweet potato eaten by naked mole rats (paragraph 3) is very rich in starch. Starch can be a combination of amylose and amylopectin.

Give **two** structural differences between amylose and amylopectin.

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(b) Explain why a colony of naked mole rats is considered 'a eusocial society' (paragraph 4).

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(c) Naked mole rats show evidence of poikilothermy (paragraph 5).

(i) Explain what is meant by the term **poikilothermic**.

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(ii) Suggest how each of the following 'contribute to poikilothermic responses to changing temperature of this mammal'.

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'Lack of an insulating layer'

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'A marked reduction in sweat glands'

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(d) Suggest a mechanism that could have been used to genetically modify cells from mice with cancer-causing genes (paragraph 13).

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*(e) Whilst naked mole rats are 'impervious to chemical pain' they do feel 'acute pain such as cuts and burns' (paragraph 31).

Touching something hot, which could lead to a burn, can cause nerve impulses to travel along myelinated sensory neurones very rapidly.

Explain how myelination increases the speed of transmission of nerve impulses in a sensory neurone.

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(f) Explain how a heart attack can temporarily reduce the oxygen concentration in brain tissue (paragraph 36).

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(g) Using the information in paragraph 48, name **one** hormone **and** state its function.

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(h) Suggest how a change in the mid region of the sperm may make it non-motile (paragraph 48).

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(i) Disperser naked mole rats 'are laden with fat' (paragraph 50).

Suggest why it may be advantageous for disperser naked mole rats to have high levels of fat.

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(j) Explain the statement that 'a preference by reproductively active females for unfamiliar males is interpreted as inbreeding avoidance' (paragraph 52).

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(k) 'The naked mole rat hasn't yet had its genome sequenced' (paragraph 53).

Explain what is meant by the term **genome sequenced**.

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(l) 'With so much to offer science, it is no surprise that naked mole rats are becoming more common in labs' (paragraph 53).

Using information from the article, describe **two** adaptations of naked mole rats. For each adaptation, explain why it could be of interest in a medical research laboratory.

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(Total for Question = 30 marks)