AQA GCSE Chemistry | 8462

SPECIFICATION POINT 4.7.3.4

DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) and other naturally occurring polymers

Past-paper questions

Tier	**Foundation**
Question groups	**1**
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2. Original question numbers and marks are retained.
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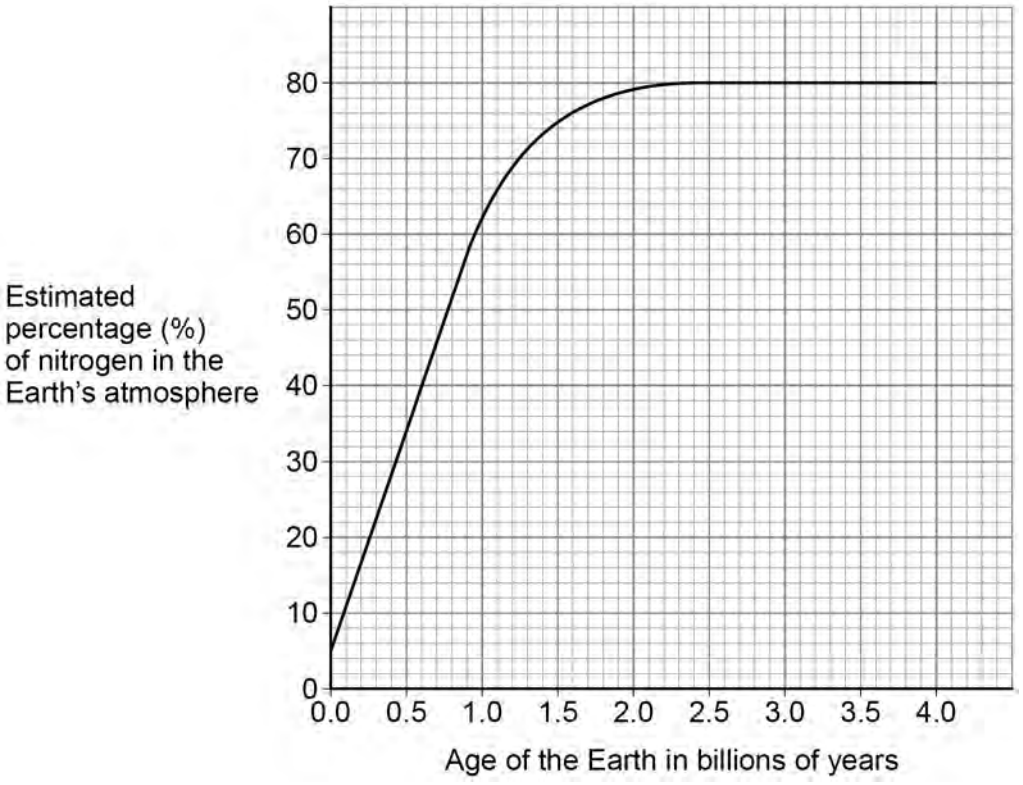
Question 01

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0 4 This question is about the Earth's atmosphere and naturally occurring polymers.

0 4 . 1 **Figure 5** shows how the estimated percentage of nitrogen in the Earth's atmosphere has changed since the Earth was formed.

Figure 5



Describe the trends shown by the graph.

Use data from **Figure 5**.

[3 marks]

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Question 01 · continued

The percentage of oxygen in the Earth's atmosphere has increased since the Earth was formed.

This is because of photosynthesis.

The word equation for the photosynthesis reaction is:

carbon dioxide + water → glucose + oxygen

0 4 . 2 What happened to the percentage of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere when photosynthesis began?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

The percentage of carbon dioxide decreased. ☐

The percentage of carbon dioxide stayed the same. ☐

The percentage of carbon dioxide increased. ☐

0 4 . 3 The photosynthesis reaction takes in energy from the surroundings.

Complete the sentence.

Choose the answer from the box.

[1 mark]

carbon dioxide	**light**	**water**

The source of the energy used in photosynthesis is _____.

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Question 01 · continued

0 4 . 4 Which **two** produce oxygen by photosynthesis?

[2 marks]

Tick (✓) **two** boxes.

- Algae ☐
- Animals ☐
- Plants ☐
- Viruses ☐
- Yeast ☐

0 4 . 5 The glucose produced during photosynthesis can form naturally occurring polymers.

Which **two** are naturally occurring polymers that can be produced from glucose?

[2 marks]

Tick (✓) **two** boxes.

- Cellulose ☐
- DNA ☐
- Poly(propene) ☐
- Protein ☐
- Starch ☐

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Question 01 · continued

DNA molecules contain two polymer chains.

A DNA molecule has a relative formula mass (M_r) of approximately 140 000 000 000

0 4 . 6 What is the approximate relative formula mass (M_r) of the DNA molecule in standard form?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

- 1.4×10^9 ☐
- 1.4×10^{10} ☐
- 1.4×10^{11} ☐
- 1.4×10^{12} ☐

0 4 . 7 What is the approximate relative formula mass (M_r) of each polymer chain in the DNA molecule?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

- 70 000 000 000 ☐
- 140 000 000 000 ☐
- 280 000 000 000 ☐
- 560 000 000 000 ☐

0 4 . 8 Complete the sentence.

[1 mark]

The shape of a DNA molecule is a double _____ .

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Question 01 · continued

0 4 . 9 How many different nucleotides are present in a molecule of DNA?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

1 ☐

2 ☐

3 ☐

4 ☐

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Turn over for the next question