AQA GCSE Combined Science - Trilogy | 8464

SPECIFICATION POINT 4.3.1.2

Viral diseases

Past-paper questions

Tier	**Foundation**
Question groups	**4**
Available paper years	**2018–2023**

Using this booklet

1. Answer the questions in order and show your working.
2. Original question numbers and marks are retained.
3. Print at actual size (100%) for measuring questions.
4. Use the companion answer booklet to check your work.

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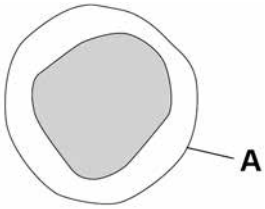
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Question 01

June 2018 | 8464/B/1F | Original Q1

0 1 **Figure 1** shows one type of white blood cell.

Figure 1



0 1 . 1 What is structure **A**?

[1 mark]

Tick **one** box.

- Cell membrane ☐
- Cell wall ☐
- Cytoplasm ☐
- Nucleus ☐

0 1 . 2 White blood cells help to defend the body against pathogens.

How do the white blood cells do this?

[3 marks]

Tick **three** boxes.

- Clone pathogens ☐
- Engulf pathogens ☐
- Produce antibiotics ☐
- Produce antibodies ☐
- Produce antitoxins ☐
- Produce toxins ☐

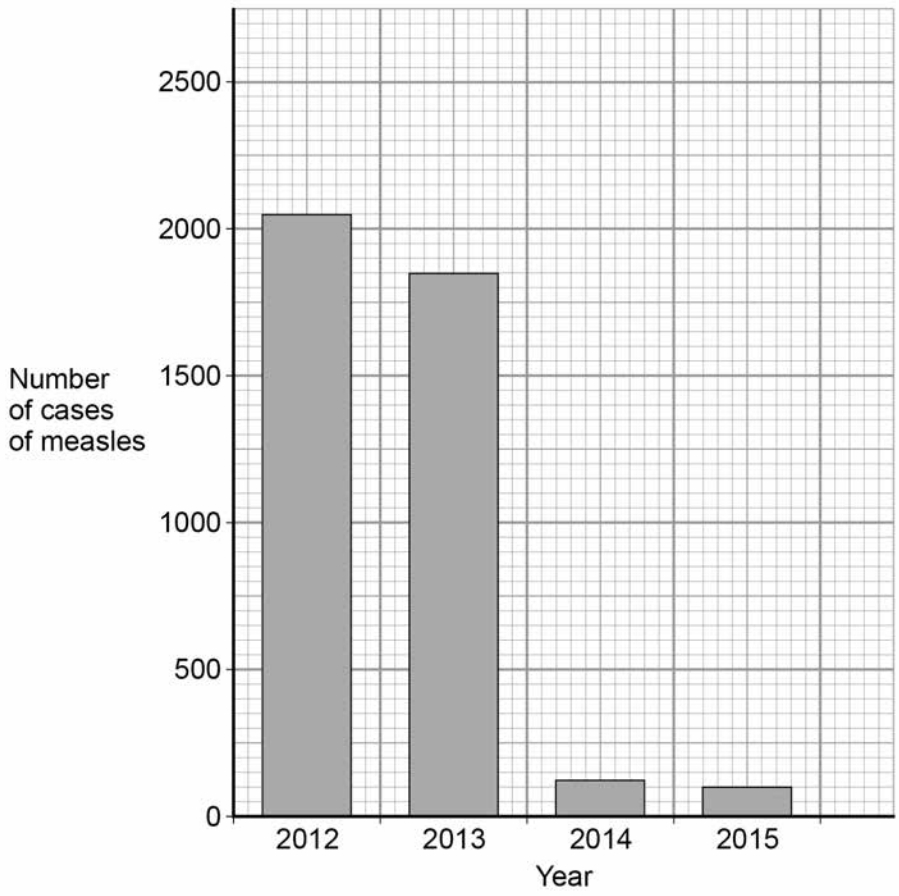
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Question 01 · continued

Measles is a serious disease. A person can die from measles.

Figure 2 shows the number of cases of measles in England and Wales between 2012 and 2015

Figure 2



0 1 . 3 Use **Figure 2** to calculate the decrease in the number of cases of measles between 2012 and 2015

[2 marks]

Answer = _____ cases

0 1 . 4 Suggest **one** reason for the decrease in the number of cases of measles between 2012 and 2015

[1 mark]

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Question 01 · continued

0 1 . 5 Antibiotics **cannot** be used to treat measles.

Suggest why.

[1 mark]

0 1 . 6 Gonorrhoea is a disease caused by a bacterium.

Gonorrhoea **can** be treated with antibiotics.

Give **one** other way to control the spread of gonorrhoea.

[1 mark]

A scientist investigated how effective different antibiotics were at killing gonorrhoea bacteria.

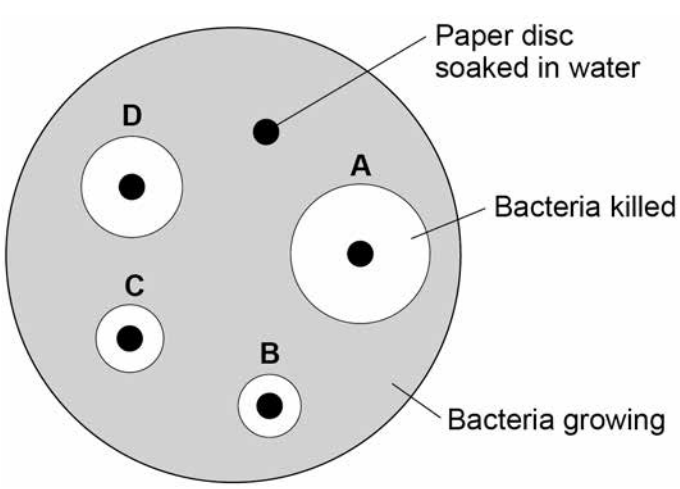
This is the method used.

1. Grow gonorrhoea bacteria on agar in a Petri dish.
2. Place one paper disc soaked in water onto the agar.
3. Place four other paper discs, each soaked in a different antibiotic, **A**, **B**, **C**, and **D**, onto the agar.
4. Use the same sized paper discs and the same concentration of each antibiotic.
5. Incubate the Petri dish for 3 days.

Figure 3 shows the scientist's results.

A clear area around the disc means the antibiotic has killed the bacteria.

Figure 3



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Question 01 · continued

0 1 . 7 Give **one** control variable the scientist used.

[1 mark]

0 1 . 8 Suggest why **one** disc was soaked in water.

[1 mark]

0 1 . 9 Which antibiotic in **Figure 3** would be the best to treat gonorrhoea?

Give a reason for your answer.

[2 marks]

Antibiotic

Reason

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Question 02

November 2020 | 8464/B/1F | Original Q4

0 4 Pathogens cause infectious diseases.

0 4 . 1 Draw **one** line from each disease to the type of pathogen that causes the disease.

[2 marks]

Disease	Type of pathogen
	Bacterium
Gonorrhoea	Fungus
Measles	Protist
	Virus

The body defends itself against pathogens in different ways.

0 4 . 2 Give **two** ways that the body prevents pathogens entering the body.

[2 marks]

1 _____

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2 _____

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Question 02 · continued

0 4 . 3 If pathogens do enter the body the immune system tries to destroy the pathogens.

Describe how the immune system defends the body against disease.

[6 marks]

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Question 02 · continued

0 4 . 4 Give **one** reason why antibiotics cannot be used to treat HIV infections.

[1 mark]

0 4 . 5 Give **two** ways to prevent the spread of HIV.

[2 marks]

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0 4 . 6 Some people with a HIV infection develop AIDS.

Some people with AIDS may die from a different type of infection, such as a chest infection.

Why do people with AIDS die from a different type of infection?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

HIV damages the immune system. ☐

Pathogens enter the body more easily. ☐

People with AIDS are immune to HIV. ☐

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Question 03

November 2021 | 8464/B/1F | Original Q2

0 2 Antibiotics are used to treat bacterial infections.

0 2 . 1 Which substance is used as an antibiotic?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

- Aspirin ☐
- Digitalis ☐
- Penicillin ☐

Gonorrhoea and chlamydia are two sexually transmitted infections.

Gonorrhoea and chlamydia infections can be treated with antibiotics.

0 2 . 2 Give **one** symptom of gonorrhoea.

[1 mark]

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Question 03 · continued

A scientist investigated which antibiotics were most effective at treating gonorrhoea and chlamydia.

This is the method used.

1. Grow gonorrhoea bacteria in a Petri dish.
2. Prepare four different antibiotic solutions, **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**, of the same concentration.
3. Cut four filter paper discs to the same size.
4. Soak each paper disc in a different antibiotic solution.
5. Put the four paper discs into the Petri dish.
6. Repeat steps 3 to 5 using a Petri dish with chlamydia bacteria growing in it.
7. Keep both Petri dishes at 25 °C for 3 days.

0 2 . 3 Give **two** control variables used in this investigation.

[2 marks]

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2 _____

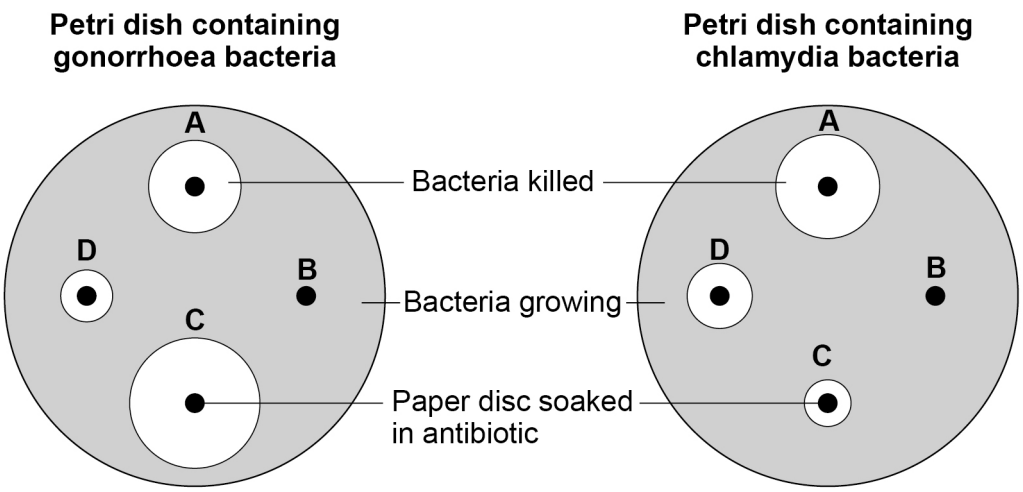
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Figure 2 shows the results.

A clear area around a paper disc is where the antibiotic has killed the bacteria.

Figure 2



0 2 . 4 Which antibiotic did **not** kill either type of bacterium?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

A ☐ **B** ☐ **C** ☐ **D** ☐

0 2 . 5 Which antibiotic would be the most effective to treat a person with a **gonorrhoea** infection?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

A ☐ **B** ☐ **C** ☐ **D** ☐

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Question 03 · continued

0 2 . 6 Which antibiotic would be the most effective to treat a person who had both gonorrhoea **and** chlamydia infections?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

A ☐ **B** ☐ **C** ☐ **D** ☐

0 2 . 7 Antibiotics **cannot** be used to treat HIV infections.

Suggest **one** reason why.

[1 mark]

Fungi can cause an infection of the fingernails and toenails.

Fungal nail infections can spread from one person to another person.

0 2 . 8 Some people go to nail salons to have their nails shaped and painted.

Suggest **one** way workers in nail salons can reduce the risk of infections being spread.

[1 mark]

0 2 . 9 Suggest **one** reason why fungal infection of toenails is more common than fungal infection of fingernails.

[1 mark]

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Question 04

June 2023 | 8464/B/1F | Original Q6

0 6 Communicable and non-communicable diseases are major causes of ill health.

0 6 . 1 Which disease is a **non-communicable** disease?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

AIDS ☐

Cancer ☐

Gonorrhoea ☐

Malaria ☐

Obesity is a risk factor for many non-communicable diseases.

0 6 . 2 Give **one** non-communicable disease that obesity is a risk factor for.

Do **not** refer to the diseases given in Question **06.1** in your answer.

[1 mark]

0 6 . 3 National policies are used to help people who are obese to lose weight.

One national policy is to reduce the amount of sugar added to food and drinks.

Suggest **one other** national policy that could help people to lose weight.

[1 mark]

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Question 04 · continued

0 6 . 4 Body mass index (BMI) is one measure of obesity.

BMI is calculated using the equation:

$$\text{BMI} = \frac{\text{body mass in kg}}{(\text{height in m})^2}$$

Table 4 shows how BMI is used to describe an adult's BMI category.

Table 4

BMI	BMI category
<18.5	Underweight
18.5 to 24.9	Healthy weight
25.0 to 29.9	Overweight
>29.9	Obese

A person is 1.64 m tall and has a mass of 69 kg.

Determine the **BMI category** for this person.

Use the BMI equation and **Table 4**.

[3 marks]

The person's BMI category is _____

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Question 04 · continued

Scientists investigated the effect of smoking and of BMI on the birth mass of babies.

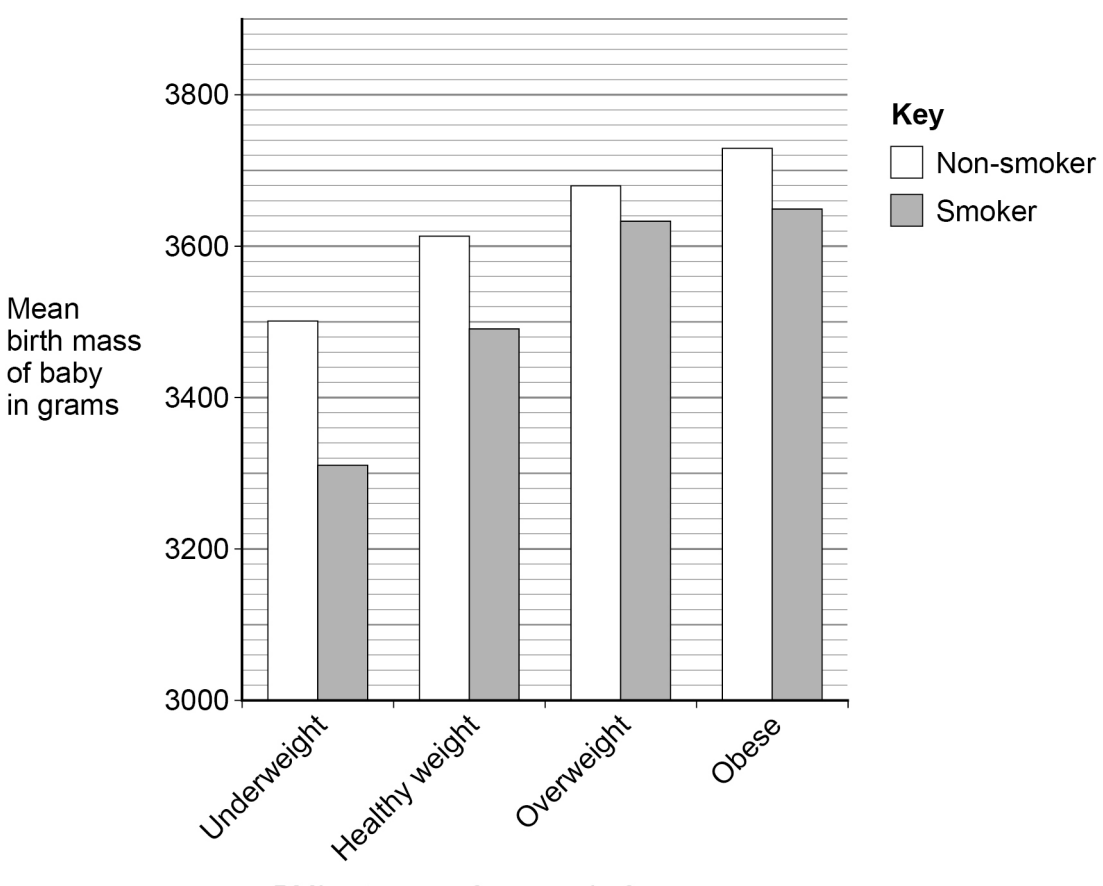
Women's BMI categories were determined before the women became pregnant.

0 6 . 5 Suggest why BMI categories were determined **before** the women became pregnant.

[1 mark]

Figure 9 shows the results.

Figure 9



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Question 04 · continued

0 6 . 6 Give **two** conclusions that can be made from **Figure 9**.

[2 marks]

1 _____

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2 _____

_____

0 6 . 7 Measles is a communicable disease.

A virus causes measles.

Describe how the measles virus is transferred from person to person.

[2 marks]

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Question 04 · continued

Athlete's foot is a communicable disease.

A fungus causes athlete's foot.

The athlete's foot fungus infects the skin on feet.

0 6 . 8 Scientists estimate that 17% of the UK population have athlete's foot.

The estimated UK population is 67 961 900

Calculate how many people are estimated to have athlete's foot.

[2 marks]

Estimated number of people with athlete's foot = _____

0 6 . 9 Athlete's foot fungus grows in moist conditions.

Suggest **one** way a person could reduce their chance of catching athlete's foot.

[1 mark]

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