

Biology Paper 1 — Rote Learning

Cell Biology	
Define diffusion	Net movement of particles from high to low concentration down a concentration gradient
Define osmosis	Net movement of water across a partially permeable membrane from high to low water concentration
Define active transport	Movement against a concentration gradient using energy from respiration
Mitosis	Produces two genetically identical daughter cells
Magnification	Image size \div real size
Eukaryotic cell	Has nucleus and membrane-bound organelles
Prokaryotic cell	No nucleus, DNA free in cytoplasm
Animal cell	Nucleus, cytoplasm, membrane, mitochondria, ribosomes
Plant cell	Nucleus, cytoplasm, membrane, mitochondria, ribosomes, cell wall, chloroplasts, permanent vacuole

Organisation	
Levels of organisation	Cells \rightarrow tissues \rightarrow organs \rightarrow organ systems \rightarrow organism
Enzyme	Biological catalyst
Active site	Region where substrate binds
Denature	Change shape so substrate no longer fits
Amylase	Starch \rightarrow sugars
Protease	Proteins \rightarrow amino acids
Lipase	Lipids \rightarrow fatty acids + glycerol
Arteries	Carry blood away from heart
Veins	Carry blood to heart
RBC	Carry oxygen (haemoglobin)
WBC	Defend against pathogens
Platelets	Blood clotting

Infection & Response	
Pathogen	Microorganism that causes disease
Virus reproduction	Inside host cells
Phagocytes	Engulf pathogens
Lymphocytes	Produce antibodies
Antitoxins	Neutralise toxins
Vaccination	Dead/inactive pathogen stimulates immunity
Antibiotics	Kill bacteria only

Bioenergetics	
Photosynthesis (word)	Carbon dioxide + water \rightarrow glucose + oxygen
Limiting factors	Light, carbon dioxide, temperature
Aerobic respiration	Glucose + oxygen \rightarrow carbon dioxide + water
Anaerobic (animals)	Glucose \rightarrow lactic acid
Anaerobic (yeast)	Glucose \rightarrow ethanol + carbon dioxide

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Homeostasis & Response	
Homeostasis	Regulation of internal conditions (e.g. body temperature)
Receptor	Detects stimulus (e.g. light receptors in eye)
Coordinator	Processes information (e.g. brain)
Effector	Carries out response (e.g. muscle contracts)
Reflex action	Automatic response (e.g. hand pulled away)
Reflex pathway	Receptor → sensory → relay → motor → effector
Synapse	Junction between neurones
Across synapse	Chemical signal crosses
Hormone	Chemical messenger (e.g. insulin)
Insulin	Lowers blood glucose

Reproduction	
Sexual reproduction	Fusion of gametes (e.g. sperm + egg)
Asexual reproduction	One parent, identical offspring (e.g. bacteria)
Gametes	Sperm and egg
Fertilisation	Fusion of nuclei
Embryo	Early stage (e.g. fertilised egg)
Menstrual cycle	28 days
Ovulation	Day 14, caused by LH
Oestrogen	Builds uterus lining
Progesterone	Maintains lining

Ecology	
Ecosystem	Community and environment (e.g. pond)
Habitat	Where organism lives (e.g. forest)
Population	Same species (e.g. rabbits)
Community	All species (e.g. plants + animals)
Abiotic factors	Non-living (e.g. temperature, light, water)
Biotic factors	Living (e.g. predators, competition, disease)
Producer	Makes food (e.g. plant)
Consumer	Eats organisms (e.g. fox)
Prey	Organism eaten (e.g. rabbit)
Carnivore	Eats animals (e.g. fox)
Herbivore	Eats plants (e.g. cow)
Omnivore	Eats both (e.g. human)
Herbicide	Kills plants (e.g. weed killer)
Pesticide	Kills pests (e.g. insect spray)
Biodiversity	Variety of species (e.g. rainforest)

Inheritance & Evolution	
Gene	Section of DNA (e.g. eye colour)
Allele	Different version (e.g. blue/brown)
Homozygous	TT or tt
Heterozygous	Tt
Genotype	Genetic makeup (e.g. Tt)
Phenotype	Physical trait (e.g. tall)
Variation	Differences in same species (e.g. height)
Natural selection	Variation → best survive → reproduce → pass on genes

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Atomic Structure	
Charge of proton	+1
Charge of neutron	0
Charge of electron	-1
Relative mass of proton	1
Relative mass of neutron	1
Relative mass of electron	1/1836
Atomic number	Number of protons
Mass number	Protons + neutrons
Neutrons	Mass number – atomic number
Isotope	Same element with same number of protons but different neutrons
Group	Column (same outer electrons)
Period	Row (same number of shells)
Group 1 trend	Reactivity increases down the group
Group 7 trend	Reactivity decreases down the group
State symbols	(s), (l), (g), (aq)

Key Calculations	
Relative formula mass (RFM)	Sum of atomic masses
Concentration (g/dm³)	Mass ÷ volume
1 dm³ in cm³	1000 cm ³

Bonding & Structure	
Ionic bonding	Transfer of electrons (metal + non-metal)
Covalent bonding	Sharing of electrons (non-metal + non-metal)
Metallic bonding	Positive ions in sea of delocalised electrons
Ionic structure	Giant ionic lattice
Simple covalent	Molecules with weak intermolecular forces
Giant covalent	Strong bonds throughout structure
Diamond	Each carbon forms 4 bonds
Graphite	Each carbon forms 3 bonds, layers, free electrons
Fullerene examples	C60, carbon nanotubes
Why ionic conduct	Ions free to move when molten or dissolved
Why metals conduct	Delocalised electrons

Chemical Changes & Energy	
Acid + metal	Acid + metal → salt + hydrogen
Acid + base	Acid + base → salt + water
Group 1 reaction	Metal + water → metal hydroxide + hydrogen
Group 7 reaction	Halogen + metal → salt
pH scale	0–14 (7 neutral)
Electrolysis	Breaking compounds using electricity
Cathode	Negative electrode
Anode	Positive electrode
Exothermic	Releases energy
Endothermic	Takes in energy

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Rates of Reaction	
Rate of reaction	Speed at which reactants form products
Collision theory	Particles must collide with enough energy
Activation energy	Minimum energy needed
Increase temperature	Particles move faster → more collisions
Increase concentration	More particles → more collisions
Increase surface area	More exposed particles (e.g. powder)
Catalyst	Speeds up reaction, not used up (e.g. enzymes)
Reversible reaction	Reaction can go both directions
Equilibrium	Forward rate = backward rate

Organic Chemistry	
Crude oil	Mixture of hydrocarbons
Hydrocarbon	Contains hydrogen and carbon only
Fractional distillation	Separates crude oil into fractions by boiling point
Alkane	Saturated (single bonds) e.g. methane
Alkene	Unsaturated (double bond) e.g. ethene
Complete combustion	Produces carbon dioxide + water
Incomplete combustion	Produces carbon monoxide or carbon (soot)
Cracking	Breaks long hydrocarbons into shorter ones
Polymer	Large molecule made from small units

Chemical Analysis	
Pure substance	Single element or compound
Formulation	Mixture designed as a useful product (e.g. paint)
Chromatography	Separates mixtures
R_f value	Distance substance ÷ distance solvent
Test for hydrogen	Squeaky pop
Test for oxygen	Relights glowing splint
Test for carbon dioxide	Limewater turns cloudy
Test for chlorine	Bleaches damp litmus paper

Atmosphere & Resources	
Atmosphere composition	78% nitrogen, 21% oxygen, small CO ₂
Greenhouse gases	Carbon dioxide, methane
Global warming	Increase in Earth's temperature
Pollutants	Carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, particulates
Finite resource	Limited supply (e.g. fossil fuels)
Renewable resource	Replaced naturally (e.g. water)
Potable water	Safe to drink
Waste water treatment	Removes solids and microbes
Life cycle assessment	Environmental impact of product
Reduce reuse recycle	Ways to conserve resources

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Energy	
State the energy stores	Thermal (internal), kinetic, gravitational potential, elastic potential, chemical, nuclear, magnetic, electrostatic
What is chemical energy?	Energy stored in chemical bonds
Give 3 examples of chemical energy	Fuel, food, batteries
What is efficiency?	How much useful energy is transferred
Energy cannot be	Created or destroyed
Renewable energy	Will not run out
Non-renewable energy	Will run out

Electricity	
Symbol and unit of current	I, amperes (A)
Symbol and unit of potential difference	V, volts (V)
Current	Flow of charge
Potential difference	Energy transferred per unit charge
Resistance	Opposition to current flow
Series circuit	Same current everywhere
Parallel circuit	Same voltage across components
Mains electricity	230 V, AC, 50 Hz
Live wire colour	Brown
Neutral wire colour	Blue
Earth wire colour	Green and yellow

Particle Model	
States of matter	Solid, liquid, gas
Solid particles	Close together, vibrate in fixed positions
Liquid particles	Close together, move past each other
Gas particles	Far apart, move randomly
Density	Mass per unit volume
Internal energy	Total kinetic + potential energy of particles
Temperature increase means	Particles gain kinetic energy
Change of state on graph	Horizontal line (temperature constant)

Atomic Structure	
Alpha radiation stopped by	Paper or skin
Beta radiation stopped by	Thin aluminium
Gamma radiation stopped by	Thick lead or concrete
Penetration order	Alpha (low), beta (medium), gamma (high)
Ionising power	Alpha (high), beta (medium), gamma (low)
Half-life	Time for half the nuclei to decay
Background radiation	Radiation always present
Example of background radiation	Radon gas from rocks
Uses of radiation	Medical tracers, radiotherapy

Physics Paper 2 — Rote Learning

Forces	
Force	Push or pull on an object
Contact force	Objects touching (e.g. friction)
Non-contact force	No contact (e.g. gravity)
Weight	Force due to gravity (e.g. object falling)
Resultant force	Overall force on object
Balanced forces	No change in motion
Unbalanced forces	Cause acceleration
Stopping distance	Thinking + braking distance
Terminal velocity	Constant speed when forces balance

Magnetism	
Magnet	Produces magnetic field
Poles	North and south
Like poles	Repel
Opposite poles	Attract
Magnetic field	Region where force acts
Field lines	Show direction of field
Electromagnet	Magnet made by current (e.g. crane)
Increase electromagnet strength	More current, more coils, iron core

Waves	
Wave	Transfer of energy without transfer of matter
Transverse wave	Oscillations perpendicular (e.g. light)
Longitudinal wave	Oscillations parallel (e.g. sound)
Amplitude	Height of wave (e.g. loudness)
Wavelength	Distance between peaks
Frequency	Number of waves per second
Electromagnetic waves	Travel at speed of light
Order (highest → lowest frequency)	Gamma → X-ray → ultraviolet → visible → infrared → microwave → radio
Order (longest → shortest wavelength)	Radio → microwave → infrared → visible → ultraviolet → X-ray → gamma
Radio	TV and radio signals
Microwaves	Cooking and satellites
Infrared	Heaters and thermal imaging
Visible light	Seeing
Ultraviolet	Sterilising and tanning
X-rays	Medical imaging
Gamma rays	Cancer treatment

Electromagnetism	
Motor effect	Force on current in magnetic field
Fleming's left hand rule	Thumb = force, First finger = field, Second = current
Step-up transformer	Increases voltage
Step-down transformer	Decreases voltage
National Grid	Uses cables, pylons and transformers to transfer electricity
Why high voltage used	Improves efficiency so less energy lost as heat