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- Q.16: In the water cycle, condensation is the process of
- A. Water vapour cooling down and turning into a liquid
- B. Ice warming up and turning into a liquid
- C. Liquid cooling down and turning into ice
- D. Liquid warming up and turning into water vapour

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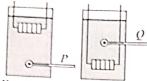


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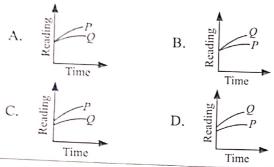
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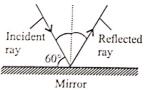
Abhay conducted an experiment to observe the variation of temperature with time in water. For that he took two identical set-ups each consisting of a container filled with water, an electric heater and a thermometer. Only the positions of the electric heater and the thermometer differ in both the set-ups.



Which of the following graphs represents the approximate variations of the readings of the thermometers, P and Q with time?



- 2. Which of the following statements are correct?
 - A nanosecond is one billionth part of a second.
 - The area under the speed-time graph on time axis is the distance.
 - (iii) Heat is exchanged between two bodies if they have different amount of heat but have same temperature.
 - (iv) In an electrical circuit, overloading occurs when a live wire is open to air.
 - (v) When a light wave and a sound wave travel from air into water, their speeds are decreased.
 - Α. (i) and (ii) only
- В. (i), (ii) and (iii) only
- (ii), (iii) and (iv) only D.
- (iii), (iv) and (v) only
- The diagram shows a ray of light reflected at a plane mirror. Which pair of the angle of incidence and angle of reflection is correct?



Angle of		Angle of
	incidence	reflection
Α.	30°	30°
В.	30°	60°
C.	60°	30°
D.	60°	60°

- A sphere, a cylinder and a thin rectangular plate, all 4. made up of same material and same mass are heated to same high temperature, then
 - Cylinder will cool fastest A.
 - Sphere will cool fastest

- Rectangular plate will cool fastest C.
- All the three will cool at the same rate. D.
- When current is passed through a conductor, the heat 5. produced in it depends upon
 - The material of the conductor I.
 - The current flowing through the conductor Π.
 - The time for which the current flows. III.
 - I and II only A.
- I and III only В.
- II and III only C.
- I, II and III D.
- Which of the following is the first sign of an approaching 6.
 - Rain accompanied by lightning A.
 - Powerful water waves В.
 - C. Cool breeze and rain
 - D. None of these
- Which of the following statements is not correct in 7.
 - It is a safety device which prevents damages to electrical circuits and possible fires.
 - Its working is based on the principle of heating B. effect of electric current.
 - If a proper fuse is inserted in a circuit it will blow C. off if current exceeds the safe limit.
 - D. None of these
- The angle of incidence for a ray of light passing through 8. the centre of curvature of a concave mirror is
 - 45° A.
- 90°
- C. 0°
- D. 180°
- Robin carried out an experiment and recorded his 9. findings in the table shown here

gs and those shown note.		
Number of batteries	Observation	
0	Bulb does not glow.	
1	Bulb does not glow.	
2	Bulb glows.	
3	Bulb glows more brightly.	
4	Bulb glows brightest.	
5	Bulb does not glow.	

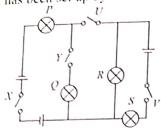
Based on the given table, which of the following best explains the observation noted with five batteries?

- Heat produced in the bulb was minimum.
- The bulb turned faulty when five batteries were В. used.
- The batteries had reached their maximum voltage. C.
- There was not enough voltage in the battery.
- The details of a 10 hour journey of a bus is given here.

Duration	Distance covered
0-2 hours	140 km
2-6 hours	x
6 – 10 hours	240 km

Given that average speed of the car is 60 km h⁻¹, what is the value of x?

- 220 km A.
- 200 km В.
- 240 km C.
- 380 km D.
- The circuit has been set up by Advi.



Which of the following pairs of switches has to be closed in order to attain the brightest light?

- X and Y
- U and VВ.
- Y and U C.
- X and VD.
- Match column I with column II and select the correct option from the given codes.

1	Column I		Column II
P.	1 solar day	(i)	1000 nanosecond
Q.	1 microsecond	(ii)	36500 days
R.	1 millenium	(iii)	8760 hours
S.	1 century	(iv)	1440 minutes
T.	1 year	(v)	1000 years
A.	P - (i), Q - (iv), R	- (v), S -	- (iii), T - (ii)
B.	P - (i), Q - (iii), R	- (ii), S	- (v), T - (iv)
C.	P - (iv), Q - (i), R	- (v), S -	(ii), T - (iii)
D.	P - (iv), Q - (ii), R	- (iii), S	- (v), T - (i)

- 13. A child is standing in front of a magic mirror. She finds the image of her head is of the same size, the middle portion of her body is bigger and that of the legs is smaller. The correct order of combinations for the magic mirror from the top to bottom is
 - Plane, concave and convex
 - Convex, concave and plane
 - Concave, plane and convex C.
 - Plane, convex and concave. D.
- A few substances are listed in the box.
 - (i) Window cleaner (ii) Washing soda (iii) Vinegar (iv) Milk of magnesia (v) Soda water (vi) Sugar solution

(vii) Soap water

Which of the following statements are correct regarding these substances?

- Solutions (i), (ii), (iv) and (vii) change the colour of methyl orange indicator to red.
- Solutions (ii), (iii) and (v) show no change in II. colour with phenolphthalein indicator.
- III. Solutions (vi) and (vii) show no change in colour of blue litmus solution.
- China rose indicator turns magenta in solutions (iii) and (v).

- III and IV only В. I and III only I, III and IV only II, III and IV only D. C.
- 15. Select the correct statement regarding the properties/ processes listed here. Corrosion
 - 11. Elasticity
 - Ι. Combustion IV. **Boiling** point III.
 - VI. Neutralisation Density V.
 - I, III and V are physical properties of substances. Α.
 - II, IV and VI are chemical changes.
 - IV and VI are exothermic changes. C.
 - All of these D.
- 16. Match column I with column II and select the correct option from the given codes.

Р. Q.	Column I Quick lime Caustic soda	(i) (ii)	Column II Sodium hydroxide Magnesium hydroxide
R. S.	Washing soda Milk of magnesia	(iii) (iv)	Calcium oxide Sodium carbonate decahydrate
A. B. C.	P - (iii), Q - (iv), R - P - (ii), Q - (iv), R - P - (iii), Q - (i), R - P - (i), Q - (iy), R -	(iii), S (iv), S	S - (1) - (ii)

- 17. Ms Rachna, a science teacher demonstrated the following activities in science lab:
 - Decomposition of sodium nitrate
 - Addition of water to quick lime II.
 - III. Addition of 10 mL of sodium hydroxide to 10 mL of hydrochloric acid of equal strength.
 - Decomposition of copper carbonate

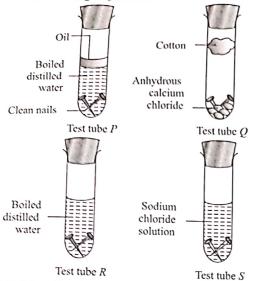
Now, read the given passage and fill in the blanks by selecting an appropriate option.

A gas which turns lime water milky is evolved in activity (i), heat is evolved in activities (ii) and absorbed in activities (iii). A gas which supports combustion is evolved in activity (iv).

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	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)
A.	Ĭ	III, IV	II, III	IV
В.	IV	II, III	I, IV	I
C.	IV	I, III	II, IV	I
D.	III	I, II	II, IV	IV

- Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?
 - Oxalic acid is used in the manufacture of washing I. soda.
 - Tartaric acid is a weak acid. II.
 - Potassium hydroxide is used for making liquid III.
 - Antacids contain aluminium or magnesium IV. hydroxides.
 - New substance formed as a result of reaction between an acidic substance and a basic substance is always a neutral salt.
 - II and III only A.
- В. I and V only
- IV only C.
- D. I, II and III only

19. To investigate the conditions for rusting, Neha performed the following experiment:



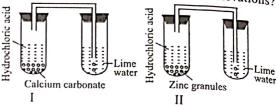
Which of the following statements is correct regarding this experiment?

- A. Iron nails rust heavily in test tube *P* as distilled water increases the process of rusting.
- B. Iron nails do not rust in test tubes Q and R as air is not present in both the test tubes.
- C. Iron nails rust heavily in test tube S as sodium chloride increases the rate of rusting.
- D. None of these
- 20. Which of the following options represents the compounds in increasing order of their pH values?
 - A. Copper sulphate, sodium carbonate, zinc sulphate
 - B. Ammonium nitrate, ammonium carbonate, potassium carbonate
 - C. Sodium carbonate, zinc sulphate, ammonium chloride
 - D. All of these
- 21. Class 7 students conducted the following experiments:
 - Shristi added potassium hydroxide solution to hydrochloric acid.
 - II. Sohail added zinc powder to copper sulphate solution.
 - III. Raina made pure crystals of copper sulphate from the impure sample of copper sulphate.

Select the correct statement regarding these experiments.

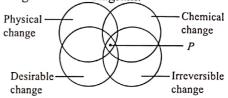
- A. Chemical change takes place in experiments II and III.
- B. Physical change takes place in experiments I and III.
- C. Physical change takes place in experiment III and chemical change takes place in experiments I and II.
- D. Chemical change takes place in experiments I, II and III.
- 22. Kanav took two test tubes marked as I and II. In test tube I, he put calcium carbonate and hydrochloric acid while in test tube II, he put zinc granules and hydrochloric acid. He passed the gas coming out from both the test tubes

through lime water. What would be his observations?



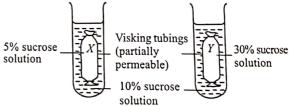
- A. The gas coming out from test tube I turned lime water milky.
- B. The gas coming out from test tube II turned lime water milky.
- C. The gases coming out from both the test tubes turned lime water milky.
- D. None of these

23. Study the given Venn diagram.

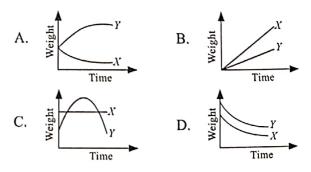


Centre point P represents

- A. Burning of kerosene in kerosene wick stove
- B. Burning of LPG in LPG stove in kitchen
- C. Burning of a candle
- D. All of these.
- 24. Select the correct statement(s).
 - I. Nitrogen gas turns lime water milky.
 - II. Photosynthesis is an irreversible chemical change.
 - III. Carbon dioxide gas is released when calcium carbonate is heated, while carbon monoxide is released when calcium carbonate is mixed with sulphuric acid.
 - IV. If a piece of copper wire is dipped in silver nitrate solution it gets coated with silver.
 - A. I and III only
- B. II only
- C. II and IV only
- D. IV only
- 25. Anita set up an experiment as shown below.



Which of the following graphs correctly represents the changes in weights of Visking tubings X and Y with time?



Match column I with column II and select the correct 26. option from the given codes.

Column I Column II (Water harvesting structures) (States) Khadin

- (a)
- Himachal Pradesh (i)
- Kuhl (b)
- (ii) Madhya Pradesh
- Bandharas (c)
- (iii) Rajasthan
- Bundhis

- (iv) Maharashtra
- (a) (ii), (b) (iii), (c) (iv), (d) (i) A.
- (a) (i), (b) (iv), (c) (iii), (d) (ii) В.
- (a) (iii), (b) (i), (c) (iv), (d) (ii) C.
- (a) (iv), (b) (ii), (c) (i), (d) (iii)
- Read the given paragraph where some of the words have been italicised and select the incorrect option regarding them.

Wool is a natural and non-biodegradable animal fibre. The wool used for production of pashmina shawl is Angora wool. Carding is the process in which fleece is removed from the body of an animal. Fleece is then thoroughly washed to remove the dust and dirt. This process is called scouring. Then the hair of different textures are sorted and burrs are removed from them. The clean wool fibres are then passed through rollers whose teeth untangle the fibres and this process is called reeling.

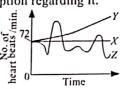
- Non-biodegradable should be replaced with biodegradable.
- Carding should be replaced with shearing. В.
- Angora should be replaced with Cashmere. C.
- The positions of scouring and reeling should be interchanged.
- Study the given table and select the correct option. 28.

Methods of reproduction	Examples
Budding	L
Spore formation	M
Fragmentation	N
Vegetative propagation	0

	L	M	N	0
A.	Spirogyra	Dahlia	Mushroom	Begonia
В.	Hydra	Rhizopus	Spirogyra	Chrysan-
				themum
C.	Spirogyra	Rhizopus	Bryophyllum	Dahlia
D.	Asparagus	Yeast	Spirogyra	Rhizopus

- 29. Most crops require a lot of nitrogen to synthesise the proteins. The bacterium Rhizobium helps some of the crops to get nitrogen. Which of the following statements is incorrect for Rhizobium?
 - It converts atmospheric nitrogen into a soluble form that the plants can absorb from soil.
 - В. It can make its own food.
 - It lives in the root nodules of leguminous plants like gram, pea, moong, etc.
 - Leguminous plants provide food and shelter to Rhizobium.

30. The given graph shows heart rates of three persons X, Y and Z under different conditions over time. Select the correct option regarding it.



- Person X is a dead person whereas persons Y and Z are suffering from different heart diseases.
- Person X is sleeping, person Y is exercising whereas person Z is having irregular heartbeat due to some heart dysfunction.
- Person X is going through a heart attack whereas person Z has healthy heart showing changes in heart rates while walking.
- None of these D.
- Refer to the given figure showing different types of blood cells in humans and select the incorrect option regarding them.



- Q lacks nucleus and is responsible for gaseous transport within human body.
- Average lifespan of R is about 120 days and their В. total count decreases in a person suffering from anaemia.
- C. R count increases in certain bacterial infections.
- P plays an important role in stopping excess blood loss from a wound on the body.
- In an experiment related to the rate of percolation of water in a soil sample, Sahil found out that it took 20 minutes for 100 mL of water to percolate through the soil sample. What is the rate of percolation of the soil sample?
 - A. 10 mL min⁻¹
- B. 5 mL min⁻¹
- 20 mL min⁻¹
- D. 30 mL min-1
- Read the given passage with a mistake and select the option that corrects it.

During the process of breathing in (inhalation), the diaphragm muscles contract and thus diaphragm becomes flat. At the same time, external intercostal muscles contract to pull the ribs downwards. This increases the volume of the chest cavity. Subsequently, the volume of lungs increases. As the air pressure in the lungs decreases, air moves into the lungs through the air passage.

- The diaphragm muscles relax and thus diaphragm A. becomes flat,
- At the same time, external intercostal muscles В. contract to pull the ribs upwards.
- C. As the air pressure in the lungs increases, air moves into the lungs through the air passage.
- D. Both A and B

Direction (Q. No. 34 and 35): Refer to the given table showing comparison between photosynthesis and respiration and answer the following questions.

		Photosynthesis	Respiration
(a)	Food	(i)	(ii)
(b)	Carbon dioxide	Taken in	Given out
(c)	Oxygen	Given out	Taken in
(d)	Energy	(iii)	(iv)

- 34. What will come at the places marked (i) and (ii) respectively?
 - A. Oxidised, synthesised
 - B. Oxidised, reduced
 - C. Synthesised, oxidised
 - D. Reduced, oxidised
- 35. What will come at the places marked (iii) and (iv) respectively?
 - A. Converted, converted
 - B. Released, converted
 - C. Stored, stored
 - D. Converted, released
- 36. Which of the following statements is/are correct?
 - (i) The hump of camel is used for storing water.
 - (ii) Red-eyed frog has developed sticky pads on its feet to help it climb trees.
 - (iii) The large beak of toucan helps it to reach the fruits and nuts which are not accessible to other animals.
 - (iv) Large and wide paws of polar bear help it to walk easily on snow.
 - A. (i) only
 - B. (i), (ii) and (iii) only
 - C. (ii), (iii) and (iv) only
 - D. (i) and (ii) only
- 37. In which of the following groups of animals, the excretory product is uric acid?
 - A. Fish, monkey and crocodile
 - B. Shark, lizard and birds
 - C. Lizard, cockroach and birds
 - D. Monkey, cow and turtle
- Read the following statements regarding wastewater treatment plant. Select the option that correctly completes any two statements.
 - (i) _____ remove large solid materials from the wastewater and allow it to go into an _____.
 - (ii) The solid waste called _____ sinks slowly at the bottom and is continuously removed by
 - (iii) The clarified water is passed into _____ which contains aerobic bacteria.
 - (iv) The suspended microbes settle down at the bottom as _____ and _____ is used as manure.
 - A. (i) Bar screens, Aeration tank; (ii) Sludge, Skimmer
 - B. (ii) Sludge, Scrapers; (iii) Aeration tank

- C. (iii) Grit and sand removal tank; (iv) Dried sludge, Activated sludge
- D. (i) Bar screens, Aeration tank; (iv) Activated sludge, Dried sludge
- 39. A thick outer ring is removed from the trunk of a tree as shown in the given figure. Which of the following is likely to be observed after several days?









40. Nikita took a twig of *Petunia* plant and dipped it in a beaker containing dissolved coloured dye safranin. She left it for 1-2 hours. Then she prepared a section of this twig and observed it under the microscope. Which of the following is correctly representing the T.S. of stem? (Note: The dark area is the place where the red colour is present.)









В.



41. Read the given paragraph and select the option that correctly fills the blanks in it.

The female silk (i) lays egg which hatches into a tiny caterpillar. It feeds on (ii) and grows. When it is ready to enter the next stage in its life cycle, it first weaves a net to hold itself by secreting a proteinaceous fibre which (iii) on exposure to air. This is the silk fibre. The silkworm covers itself completely with this fibre to form a (iv). At this stage, the larva is called a (v).

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	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)
A.	Moth	Seeds	Hardens	Pupa	Cocoon
В.	Larva	Leaves	Softens	Pupa	Cocoon
C.	Moth	Leaves	Hardens	Cocoon	Pupa
D.	Moth	Stem	Softens	Cocoon	Pupa

42. Match column I with column II and select the correct option from the given codes.

	Column I		Column II
(a)	Emergent layer	(i)	Decompositon takes
			place here
(b)	Canopy	(ii)	Thickest layer
(c)	Understorey	(iii)	The layer is hot and
			humid
(d)	Forest floor	(iv)	Trees get lot of sunlight.

(a) - (i), (b) - (iii), (c) - (iv), (d) - (ii)

A. $\frac{(a)}{(a)} = \frac{(i)}{(i)}$, $\frac{(b)}{(b)} = \frac{(i)}{(i)}$, $\frac{(c)}{(c)} = \frac{(i)}{(i)}$, $\frac{(d)}{(i)} = \frac{(i)}{(i)}$

C (a) - (iv), (b) - (ii), (c) - (iii), (d) - (i)

C. (a) - (ii), (b) - (iii), (c) - (iv), (d) - (i)

Refer to the given flow chart,

New plant is produced from vegetative part of the plant

Yes

New plant is produced from positively geotropic part of the plant

No

New plant is produced from adventitious foliar buds

Yes

S

No

R

Select the correct option regarding P - S.

A. *Q* could be *Dahlia* and sweet potato whereas *S* could be turmeric and ginger.

B. P could be maize whereas R could be Bryophyllum.

C. Q could be carrot whereas R could be Eichhornia.

D. P could be papaya whereas S could be onion.

44. In the given table, identify the correct matches of name of breed of sheep, quality of wool and state where the breed is found.

	Name of breed of sheep	Quality of wool	State where found
(i)	Lohi	Good quality wool	Rajasthan, Punjab
(ii)	Rampur Bushair	For woollen shawls	Jammu and Kashmir
(iii)	Patanwadi	Coarse wool	Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh
(iv)	Nali	Carpet wool	Rajasthan, Haryana

A. (i) and (ii) only

B. (i) and (iv) only

C. (ii) and (iii) only

D. (iii) and (iv) only

45. The breaking of rocks into smaller pieces over thousands of years is called weathering. What are the agents that cause weathering of rocks?

A. Wind and water

B. Extreme temperatures

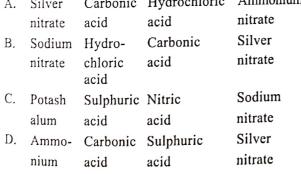
C. Living things

D. All of these

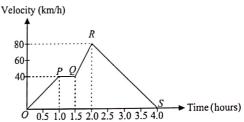
ACHIEVERS SECTION

46. Study the given table and fill in the blanks by selecting an appropriate option.

Salt		Parent acid	Uses	
<u>(i)</u>		Nitric acid	In fertilisers and explosives	
Baking soda		<u>(ii)</u>	Used in medicines and baking	
Potash alum		(iii)	Purification of water	
(iv)		Nitric acid	Developing photographic films	
	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)
Α.	Silver	Carbonic	Hydrochloric	Ammonium
	nitrate	acid	acid	nitrate



47. A truck travels on a straight road from one place to another in 4.0 hours. Its velocity-time graph during this motion is shown in the figure. The maximum acceleration during this journey is ______.



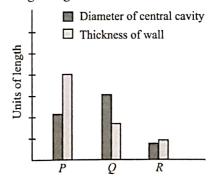
A. 140 km/h^2

B. 80 km/h^2

C. 60 km/h^2

D. 160 km/h^2

48. The given graph shows measurements of different types of blood vessels *P*, *Q* and *R*. Select the incorrect statement regarding these vessels.



A. Blood vessels of type P have valves.

B. Blood vessels of type Q distribute blood from the heart to different parts of the body.

C. R represents a capillary which forms an artery and it has thick walls.

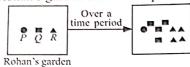
D. All of these

nitrate

49. Refer to the given figure illustrating different types of pollination in plants.



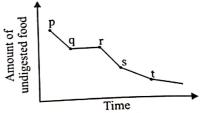
Rohan planted three different types of plants (P, Q and R) in his garden whose seeds are dispersed by explosive mechanism. The given figure shows distribution of these plants in Rohan's garden over a time period.



Select the correct statement regarding it.

- A. P undergoes process X only whereas Q and R undergo processes Y and Z only.
- B. P could be a male plant of species undergoing only process Z whereas Q and R plants could undergo any of the processes X, Y or Z depending upon the type of species.
- C. P is a plant undergoing only process Y so its population does not increase with time in the

- absence of other plant of the same species in the
- D. Plants Q and R are unisexual plants which can undergo only processes X and Y thereby assuring fertilisation and seed setting in absence of other plants of their species.
- 50. Study the given graph showing the amount of undigested food in the human digestive system over time and answer the following questions.



- (i) Which part of the digestive system does point q to point r represent?
- (ii) Which component of food is broken from point p to point q?
- A. (i) Stomach, (ii) Protein
- B. (i) Oesophagus, (ii) Starch
- C. (i) Oesophagus, (ii) Fat
- D. (i) Small intestine, (ii) Glucose

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