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20. **Assertion (A):** Decomposers help in recycling of nutrients between living and non-living components of ecosystem. [1]

Reason (R): Decomposers help in decomposing dead bodies of organisms and return various nutrient elements to their source viz soil, water and air.

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Section B

21. Apart from the organic compounds, where else do we find carbon? [2]
Mention the form in which it is available there and also its percentage.

22. Name the most suitable method of raising a banana plant. Is this mode of reproduction sexual or asexual? List three advantages of growing plants by such a method. [2]

23. Describe the structure of human kidney. [2]

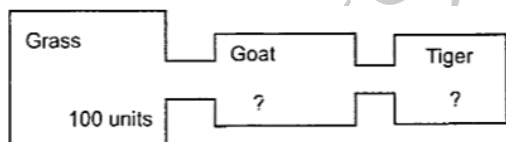
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i. What is double circulation?

ii. Why is the separation of the right side and the left side of the heart useful? How does it help birds and mammals?

24. An object of size 7.0 cm is placed at 27 cm in front of a concave mirror of focal length 18 cm. At what distance from the mirror should a screen be placed, so that a sharp focussed image can be obtained? Find the size and the nature of the image. [2]

25. Given below is an energy flow diagram. Study it carefully and answer the following questions: [2]



- a. How much energy (in units) will pass from grass to goat?
b. How much energy (in units) will pass from goat to tiger?
c. Which law operates during the transfer of energy from grass to goat to tiger?

OR

Give scientific terms for the following-

(a) The process of eating and being eaten.

(b) The relationship between abiotic and biotic component.

(c) Increasing concentration of a non biodegradable substance, such as a toxic chemical, in the tissues of organisms at successively higher levels in a food chain.

26. When is a person said to have developed cataract? How is the vision of such a person restored? [2]

Section C

27. In a chemistry laboratory, students were instructed to set up three experiments, details of which are given below: [3]

Experiment No.	Set up details

1.	2 iron nails in a cork capped test tube + Tap water immersing the nails +
2.	2 iron nails in a cork capped test tube + Boiled water immersing the nails + Oil on top of water layer.
3.	2 iron nails In a cork capped test tube + Cotton wool on top of the iron nails + Granules of calcium chloride on cotton wool.

Indicate the changes observed in the nails kept in all the three setups, with reasons.

28. i. Which types of metals can be obtained in their pure form by just heating their oxides in air? Give one example. [3]
- ii. Consider the reaction given below used to obtain Manganese metal in pure form:
 $3\text{MnO}_2(\text{s}) + 4\text{Al}(\text{s}) \longrightarrow 3\text{Mn}(\text{l}) + 2\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3(\text{s}) + \text{Heat}$
- a. What type of reaction is it?
- b. What is the role of aluminium in this reaction?

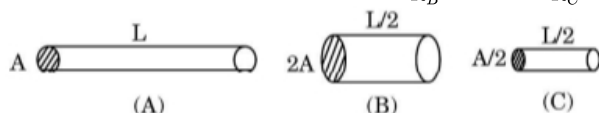
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You are given a hammer, a battery, a bulb, wires and switch.

- (a) How would you use them to distinguish between samples of metals and non metals?
- (b) Assess the usefulness of these tests to distinguish between metals and non-metals.
29. Why the leaf is boiled in alcohol for a few minutes using a water bath in an experiment to show that sunlight is necessary for photosynthesis? [3]
30. A red-eyed individual is crossed with a white-eyed individual to produce F_1 progeny with red eyes. When F_1 individuals are intercrossed, F_2 progeny is formed with both red as well as white-eyed individuals. [3]
- a. How is the dominant trait identified?
- b. What are recessive traits?
- c. If 12 individuals are produced in F_2 generation, then how many white-eyed individuals would be obtained?
- Calculate the ratio of red-eyed individuals to white-eyed individuals.

31. A student wants to project the image of a candle flame on a screen 80 cm in front of a mirror by keeping the candle flame at a distance of 20 cm from its pole. [3]
- i. Which type of mirror should the student use?
- ii. Find the magnification of the image produced.
- iii. Find the distance between the object and its image.

32. i. In the following figure, three cylindrical conductors A, B and C are shown along with their lengths and areas of cross-section. If these three conductors are made of the same material and R_A , R_B and R_C be their respective resistances, then find (a) $\frac{R_A}{R_B}$, and (b) $\frac{R_A}{R_C}$. [3]



- ii. If the conductor A is made of copper and the conductor C is made of constantan (alloy of copper and nickel), then which one of the two will have more electrical resistance and why?
33. A household uses the following electric appliances: [3]
- i. The refrigerator of rating 400 W for 10 h each day and Two electric fans of rating 80 W each for 6 h daily.

ii. Six electric tubes of rating 18 W each for 6 h daily.

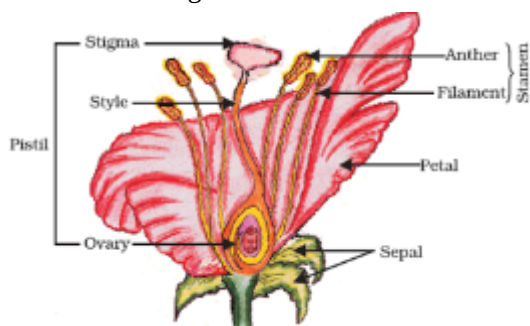
Calculate the electricity bill for the household for the month of June, if the cost of electrical energy is Rs 3 per unit.

Section D

34. a. Why does carbon show catenation to maximum extent? List two reasons. [5]
b. Draw electron dot structures of (i) ethane, and (ii) ethene.
c. An organic compound A (molecular formula $C_2H_4O_2$) is used for preserving pickles and gives hydrogen gas with sodium metal.
i. Identify A, and
ii. Write its structural formulae.

OR

- i. Name the compound formed when ethanol is heated at 443 K in the presence of conc. H_2SO_4 and draw its electron dot structure. State the role of conc. H_2SO_4 in this reaction.
ii. What is hydrogenation? Explain it with the help of a chemical equation. State the role of this reaction in industry.
35. The labelled diagram of a flower is shown below: [5]



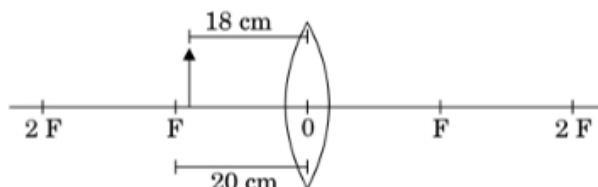
Using the above diagram, answer the following questions:

- Where is the egg cell present in a flower?
- Which part of the flower produces pollen grains?
- What is the difference between a uni-sexual and a bisexual flower?
- What happens when a pollen grain falls on the stigma of the carpel?
- How a zygote is formed in a flower?

OR

Why do we call pituitary gland as the master gland? Where is it located and what are its functions?

36. a. Complete the following ray diagram: [5]



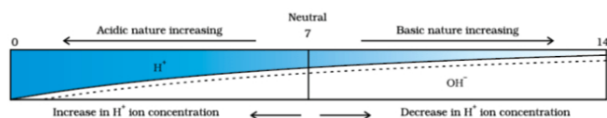
- Find the nature, position and size of the image formed.
- Use lens formula to determine the magnification in this case.

OR

One-half of a convex lens is covered with a black paper. Will this lens produce a complete image of the object? Verify your answers experimentally. Explain your observations.

Section E

37. A scale for measuring hydronium ion in a solution is called the pH scale. The pH of a neutral solution is 7. A value of less than 7 on the pH scale represents an acidic solution. As the pH value, increases from 7 to 14 it represents OH⁻ ion concentration in solution i.e a basic solution. [4]



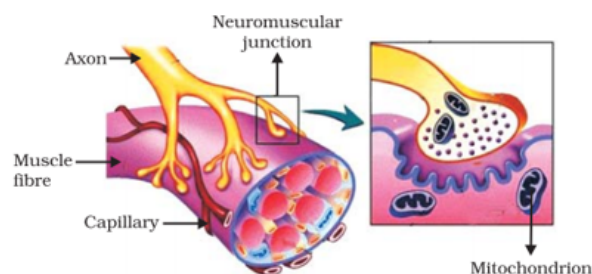
- What is the pH range of the Human Body? (1)
- The strength of acid and bases depends on which factor? (1)
- If the pH of soil X is 7.5 while that of soil Y is 4.5, then which soil should be treated with powdered chalk to adjust its pH? (2)

OR

Tooth decay starts when the pH of the mouth is lower than which pH? (2)

38. **Read the following text carefully and answer the questions that follow:** [4]

In animals, control and coordination are provided by nervous and muscular tissues. Touching a hot object is an urgent and dangerous situation for us. We need to detect it and respond to it. How do we detect that we are touching a hot object? All information from our environment is detected by the specialised tips of some nerve cells. These receptors are usually located in our sense organs, such as the inner ear, the nose, the tongue, and so on. So gustatory receptors will detect taste while olfactory receptors will detect the smell. This information, acquired at the end of the dendritic tip of a nerve cell sets off a chemical reaction that creates an electrical impulse. This impulse travels from the dendrite to the cell body, and then along the axon to its end. At the end of the axon, the electrical impulse sets off the release of some chemicals. These chemicals cross the gap, or synapse, and start a similar electrical impulse in the dendrite of the next neuron. This is a general scheme of how nervous impulses travel in the body. A similar synapse finally allows the delivery of such impulses from neurons to other cells, such as muscles cells or glands.



- Why does the flow of signals in a synapse from axonal end of one neuron to dendritic end of another neuron take place but not in the reverse direction? (1)
- From where the electrical impulse travels? (1)
- Name the chemical which released at the end of axon to transmit the signal to the other neuron. (2)

OR

What happens at the synapse between 2 neurons? (2)

39. **Read the following text carefully and answer the questions that follow:** [4]

A student fixes a sheet of white paper on a drawing board using some adhesive materials. She places a bar magnet in the centre of it and sprinkles some iron filings uniformly around the bar magnet using a salt sprinkler. On tapping the board gently, she observes that the iron filings have arranged themselves in a particular pattern.

- What makes iron filings arrange in a definite pattern?
- Draw a diagram to show this pattern of iron filings.

iii. How is the direction of magnetic field at a point determined using the field lines? Why do two magnetic field lines not cross each other?

OR

How are the magnetic field lines of a bar magnet drawn using a small compass needle? Draw one magnetic field line each on both sides of the magnet.

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