**General Instructions:**

i. This question paper consists of 39 questions in 5 sections.

ii. All questions are compulsory. However, an internal choice is provided in some questions. A student is expected to attempt only one of these questions.

iii. Section A consists of 20 objective type questions carrying 1 mark each.

iv. Section B consists of 6 Very Short questions carrying 02 marks each. Answers to these questions should be in the range of 30 to 50 words.

v. Section C consists of 7 Short Answer type questions carrying 03 marks each. Answers to these questions should be in the range of 50 to 80 words.

vi. Section D consists of 3 Long Answer type questions carrying 05 marks each. Answers to these questions should be in the range of 80 to 120 words.

vii. Section E consists of 3 source-based/case-based units of assessment of 04 marks each with sub-parts.

**Section A**

Select and write the most appropriate option out of the four options given for each of the questions 1 - 20. There is no negative mark for incorrect response.

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<td>A single displacement reaction is represented below. PQ + R ----&gt; PR + Q Which of the following is true about the reactants and products?</td>
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(a) A  
(b) B
2. Some types of chemical reactions are listed below.
- decomposition
- combination
- displacement
- double displacement

Which two of the following chemical reactions are of the SAME type?
P) AgNO₃ + NaCl → AgCl + NaNO₃
Q) Mg + 2 HCl → MgCl₂ + H₂
R) CH₄ + 2 O₂ → CO₂ + 2 H₂O
S) 2 KOH + H₂SO₄ → K₂SO₄ + H₂O

(a) P and Q
(b) Q and R
(c) R and S
(d) P and S

3. Neetu has two test tubes containing dilute hydrochloric acid and dilute sodium hydroxide solution, but they are not labeled.

Adding which of the following solutions to the test tubes will help her visually identify the acidic and basic solution?

(a) only vinegar
(b) only baking soda
(c) only sodium chloride
(d) either vinegar or sodium chloride

4. Sonia has aqueous solutions of three salts, sodium acetate, sodium chloride and ammonium chloride in three test tubes. The test tubes are not labeled.

On checking, she finds the pH of the solutions to be 4.6, 7.0 and 8.9.

Which of the following correctly matches the salts with their respective pH?

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(a) A
(b) B
Galvanisation is a process of coating iron articles with a layer of zinc to prevent the iron from rusting. The iron is protected even if the zinc coating is scratched and iron is exposed.

Which of the following is true about how zinc prevents the rusting of iron?

P) A galvanised iron article does not undergo oxidation.
Q) The zinc coating prevents contact of iron with air.
R) Zinc undergoes corrosion more easily than iron.

(a) only P
(b) only Q
(c) only P and Q
(d) only Q and R

During purification of a metal by electrolysis, what happens at the negative electrode?

(a) Metal ions lose electrons to become neutral atoms.
(b) Neutral metal atoms gain electrons to become ions.
(c) Neutral metal atoms lose electrons to become ions.
(d) Metal ions gain electrons to become neutral metal atoms

Metals are lustrous and shine especially when their freshly cut surfaces are exposed.

Salma cut pieces and compared the lustre of the freshly cut surfaces of the following metals. aluminium, sodium, copper, iron

The freshly cut surface of which of these metals is likely to lose its lustre first on exposure to air?

(a) aluminium
(b) sodium
(c) copper
(d) iron

Which of the following statements is TRUE about the uptake of water in plants?

(a) It occurs all the time due to diffusion.
(b) Water enters the roots due to osmosis.
(c) At night when transpiration is low, roots do not take up water.
(d) The movement of water from roots to leaves is bidirectional.

9 Oxygen saturation levels refer to the extent haemoglobin is bound to oxygen. As altitude increases, the atmospheric pressure decreases.

Which of the following graphs correctly represents the oxygen saturation levels as altitude increases?

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(a) P
(b) Q
(c) R
(d) S

10 Which of the following method/s are useful to prevent fertilisation even when ovulation occurs?

P) surgical blocking of the fallopian tube
Q) copper-T
R) oral pills
S) condom

(a) only P
(b) only Q and R
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| (c) only P, Q and S  
(d) only Q, R and S |   |   |   |
| 11 In cattle, having horns is a recessive trait (h) to not having horns (H). When cattle with horns are crossed with cattle that do not have horns, the number of offspring having horns was equal to those not having horns. Which of the following is MOST LIKELY to be true?  
(a) Both parents are homozygous dominant.  
(b) One parent is homozygous dominant.  
(c) Both parents are heterozygous.  
(d) One parent is heterozygous. | 1 |   |   |
| 12 Patient X was suffering from a pancreatic condition due to which the pancreas was not functioning adequately. Which of the following is a doctor likely to suggest to such an individual?  
(a) including a large amount of protein in the diet  
(b) eating a diet with low-fat content  
(c) eating only carbohydrates  
(d) including only liquid foods | 1 |   |   |
| 13 When an object was kept at position X in front of a concave mirror, an enlarged and virtual image was formed. Which among the following identifies 'X' correctly?  
(a) anywhere between the centre of curvature and principal focus  
(b) anywhere between the pole and principal focus  
(c) exactly at the centre of curvature  
(d) exactly at the principal focus | 1 |   |   |
| 14 The face of the moon that is visible to us is called as the near side and the face of the moon which is invisible to us is called as far side.  
What colour would the sky appear to an astronaut standing on the "far side" of the Moon and why?  
(a) blue, as the Moon's atmosphere scatters sunlight just like Earth  
(b) white, as the Moon's surface reflect all the light that falls on it  
(c) black, as there is no atmosphere on Moon to scatter sunlight  
(d) black, as sunlight does not fall on the far side of the Moon | 1 |   |   |
| 15 Plants receive energy from the Sun which they utilise for several processes.  
The energy utilized for which of the following plant processes gets transferred to the next trophic level that consumes plants? | 1 |   |   |
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<td>(a) only growth</td>
<td>(b) only respiration</td>
<td>(c) only transport of substances and reproduction</td>
<td>(d) all - growth, photosynthesis, respiration and transport of substances</td>
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<td>The action of which among the following is crucial to the formation of ozone?</td>
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<td>(a) humans</td>
<td>(b) sunlight</td>
<td>(c) carbon dioxide</td>
<td>(d) chlorofluoro carbons</td>
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**Question No. 17 to 20 consist of two statements – Assertion (A) and Reason (R). Answer these questions selecting the appropriate option given below:**

a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
b) Both A and R are true, and R is not the correct explanation of A.
c) A is true but R is false.
d) A is false but R is true.

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<td>Assertion (A): Zinc oxide can be reduced to zinc metal on heating with carbon.</td>
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<td>Reason (R): Carbon is less reactive than zinc.</td>
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<td>Assertion (A): Variations always provide a survival advantage to an organism.</td>
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<td>Reasons (R): Variations can be caused due to incorrect DNA copying.</td>
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<td>Assertion (A): Iron filings scattered around a straight current carrying conductor in a plane perpendicular to the length of the conductor, arrange themselves in concentric circles.</td>
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<td>Reason (R): Magnetic field has both magnitude and direction.</td>
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<td>Assertion (A): Omnivores receive 10% of their energy from the trophic level below them.</td>
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<td>Reason (R): An omnivore is always in the trophic level just above herbivores.</td>
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**Section B**

Question No. 21 to 26 are very short answer questions

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<td>(a) Write the balanced chemical equation for the reaction that is prevented by storing potassium metal under kerosene.</td>
<td>(b) Identify the type of chemical reaction that is prevented.</td>
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<td>Ravi cultivated mustard, a plant with bisexual flowers, on his farm. His plants were diseased due to a gene defect and therefore had reduced yield. Ravi removed the stamens from the diseased plants and also planted fresh disease-</td>
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free mustard plants where he removed the pistils.

How will Ravi’s strategy help in improving the yield of mustard?

23 A plant X was enclosed in a glass jar with some lizards. A similar plant Y was enclosed in another glass jar but without lizards. Both the jars are kept under the same light conditions for a few hours. Which plant is likely to photosynthesize more and why?

OR

Proteinuria is a condition in which significant amounts of protein can be detected in urine. Which process in the nephron is likely to be affected causing proteinuria? Justify.

24 Search mirrors are mirrors that are used to look for hidden objects underneath the cars as shown. The hidden objects can be easily spotted as the mirror provides a wider field of view.

(a) What type of mirrors are generally used to make search mirrors?  
(b) With the help of a ray diagram describe the nature of image formed by the type of mirror identified in (a).

25 Ramya wants to measure the current flowing through the circuit shown below.

![Circuit Diagram]

Which among the four ammeters can she use for the same? Show your calculations.

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OR

A helical coil whose length is greater than its diameter is connected to a battery as shown below.

(a) How does the magnetic field at point P compare with the magnetic field at point Q? Justify your answer.

(b) State one way in which the strength of the magnetic field inside a current carrying helical coil can be changed?

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26  Shown below are two food pyramids.

- The pyramid representing the land ecosystem is traditional with producers being greater in mass than primary consumers and so on. Sometimes, in aquatic ecosystems, an inverted pyramid exists. Here, the total mass of producers (phytoplankton) is much smaller than the top consumers (big fishes).

(a) Which level is likely to have the most amount of energy in such an aquatic ecosystem? Give a reason to support your answer.
(b) Such aquatic ecosystems are not considered to be sustainable. Justify this statement.

Section C

Question No. 27 to 33 are short answer questions

27 Equal sized bars of aluminium and iron are exposed to the environment as shown below.

Which of them is likely to corrode till the level marked by the line FIRST? Justify your answer.

28 The electronic configuration of some elements is given in the table below.

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<td>R</td>
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<td>2, 8, 2</td>
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<td>U</td>
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(a) Identify any two pairs of elements that will react to form compounds by a transfer of electrons.
(b) Write the molecular formula of the compounds formed by the pairs of elements identified in (a).

OR

A metal X is obtained from its chloride salt by exposure to sunlight.

(a) In which section of the reactivity series of metals- top, middle or bottom, is it likely to be placed? Justify your answer.
(b) Identify the type of reaction the chloride salt of metal X undergoes on exposure to sunlight.
29. In animals, hormones can be secreted by one organ and can act on multiple organs. Justify this statement by explaining the effect of a single animal hormone on three organs.

30. If two pea plants having round and green seeds (RRGg) are crossed, identify the percentage of the following with respect to the F1 generation:
   (a) gametes having both the round and yellow seed traits
   (b) offspring having the same genotype as the parents
   (c) offspring having the same phenotype as the parents

31. Absolute refractive indices of two media P and Q are $1.33$ ($n_P$) and $2.52$ ($n_Q$) respectively. The speed of light in medium P is $2 \times 10^8$ m/s.
   (a) What would be the speed of light in medium Q ($V_Q$)?
   (b) If the angle of incidence for a ray of light travelling from medium P to Q is $0^\circ$, then what will be the path of light in the medium Q?

32. Kaveri conducted an experiment to study the energy efficiency of different bulbs. She connected a bulb A having a resistance of 100 ohms to a 240 V power supply in a laboratory.
   (a) How much energy will be consumed by the bulb, if it is kept ON for 4 hours each day for a week? Express your answer in kJ.
   (b) Kaveri connects another similar bulb B in series with bulb A and connects the combination to a 240 V supply. Will there be any change in the brightness with which bulb A glows now? Explain mathematically.

33. (a) Vijaya connects three bulbs P, Q and R in series with a battery in two different ways using identical conducting wires as shown below. She notices that in case I all three bulbs glow but in case II only the bulbs P and R continue to glow. What could be the reason for the bulb Q to not glow in case II? Explain.

![Case I and Case II diagrams]

(b) Two resistances when connected in parallel give a combined resistance of $10/3$ ohms. When the same two resistors are connected in series, the combined resistance becomes 15 ohms. Calculate the individual resistance of each resistor.
### Section – D

**Question No. 34 to 36 are long answer questions.**

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| 34 | A carbon compound P has six carbon atoms and twelve hydrogen atoms.  
(a) Is P a saturated or unsaturated carbon compound. Justify your answer by drawing the structural formula.  
(b) Describe a test that can be used to determine if compound P is saturated or unsaturated.  
(c) Name the products that are formed on burning compound P in an excess of air.  
**OR**  
A carbon compound P is found to be neutral when tested with red and blue litmus. A gas, that burns with a 'pop' sound, is produced when a metal reacts with carbon compound P.  
(a) Write the chemical equation for the reaction.  
(b) The carbon compound P is heated with concentrated sulphuric acid to produce carbon compound Q.  
(i) Write the chemical equation for the reaction.  
(ii) Describe the type of flame that Q produces on combustion.  
(c) What is likely to be observed on heating compound P with ethanoic acid with an acid as catalyst? Write the chemical equation for the reaction. |
| 35 | (a) Certain specialised cells in animals called stem cells have the ability to divide and differentiate into different cell types. This helps in the replacement of a damaged organ.  
Name and explain two methods of asexual reproduction that are similar to stem cells and occur mostly in multicellular organisms.  
(b) Identify TWO pairs of reproductive organs in males and females that are functionally similar to each other. Justify.  
**OR**  
(a) Sagar saw a beautiful rose and smelled it. As he was smelling it, he happened to touch a thorn and pull his hand away.  
State TWO differences and similarities each in the way the nervous system performs the two actions.  
(b) Are all involuntary actions reflex actions? Justify. |
| 36 | Savera passed a beam of white light through a series of equilateral prisms as shown. |
(a) What colour(s) will be seen on the screen?
(b) Copy the diagram above and draw the beam entering Prism 1 and emerging from Prism 3 and falling on the screen.
(c) Name all the processes that takes place when the beam of light enters the Prism 1 and emerges from Prism 3.

**OR**

(a) Rupal suffers from myopia. Where would the image form in her eye?
(b) Name the type of lens that is generally used to correct myopia.
(c) Rupal underwent cataract surgery and her eye lens was replaced with an artificial lens with a fixed focal length, made of a plastic material, silicone. State one likely visual disadvantage that Rupal is likely to experience as compared to a person who has normal eyesight.
(d) Identify the parts of the eye labeled in the diagram from the descriptions given below by writing the labels as your answer.

(i) It helps in changing the focal length of the lens.
(ii) It causes most of the refraction of the light entering the eye.
(iii) It controls the amount of light entering the eye.
(iv) It acts as a screen on which the image is formed.
### Question 37

Given below is a four carbon skeleton of a hydrocarbon compound.

![Carbon Skeleton]

(a) Fill in the hydrogen atoms/bonds to form:
   (i) a saturated hydrocarbon
   (ii) an unsaturated hydrocarbon

(b) If the four-carbon skeleton is of a straight chained alkene, draw the structures of all the possible compounds.

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### Question 38

Ram and Asha were a married couple. They had four children - one of these children had sickle cell anemia whereas the other four children did not show symptoms. Ram and Asha did not show symptoms of sickle cell anemia. The trait for sickle cell anaemia is not linked to the sex chromosomes.

(a) Is this disease caused by a dominant or recessive trait? Why?
(b) If the child that had sickle cell anemia got married to a person without a mutation in the sickle cell anaemia gene, what percentage of their children would have sickle cell anaemia? Show the cross.

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OR

Identify the genetic composition of the sickle cell anaemia trait in Asha and Ram and use that to predict the genetic composition in the other four children who did not show symptoms that Ram and Asha had.
Four resistors, a voltmeter and a battery are connected in a circuit as shown below.

(a) What is the net resistance in the circuit?
(b) How much potential difference will the voltmeter connected across the resistor $R_4$ measure?

**OR**

What is the power dissipated by the resistor $R_1$?
(c) If $R_3$ is removed, will the net current in the circuit increase or decrease or remain the same? Justify your answer.