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GCSE COMBINED SCIENCE: SYNERGY



Foundation Tier Paper 2 Life and Environmental Sciences

Wednesday 20 May 2020 Afternoon Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- a ruler
- a protractor
- a scientific calculator
- the periodic table (enclosed)
- the Physics Equations Sheet (enclosed).

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Pencil should only be used for drawing.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided. Do not write outside the box around each page or on blank pages.
- If you need extra space for your answer(s), use the lined pages at the end of this book. Write the question number against your answer(s).
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.
- In all calculations, show clearly how you work out your answer.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 100.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- You are expected to use a calculator where appropriate.
- You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

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This question is about gases in the atmosphere.

Table 1 shows the percentage of gases in Earth's early atmosphere and in Earth's atmosphere today.

Table 1

Gas	Estimated percentage (%) in Earth's early atmosphere	Percentage (%) in Earth's atmosphere today	
Carbon dioxide	95.0	0.04	
Nitrogen	3.5	78.08	
Oxygen	0.5	20.95	
Other gases	x	0.93	

0 1.1	Which gas has the largest percentage in Earth's atmosphere today?	mark]
	Tick (✓) one box.	
	Carbon dioxide	
	Nitrogen	
	Oxygen	
0 1.2	What is value X in Table 1 ? Tick (✓) one box. 1.0% 1.5% 4.5%	mark]



0 1.3	Describe three differences between Earth's early atmosphere and Earth's atmosphere today.	
	Use Table 1 .	[3 marks]
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0 1.4	What released the gases into Earth's early atmosphere? Tick (✓) one box.	[1 mark]
	Fossil fuels	
	Sedimentary rocks	
	Volcanoes	
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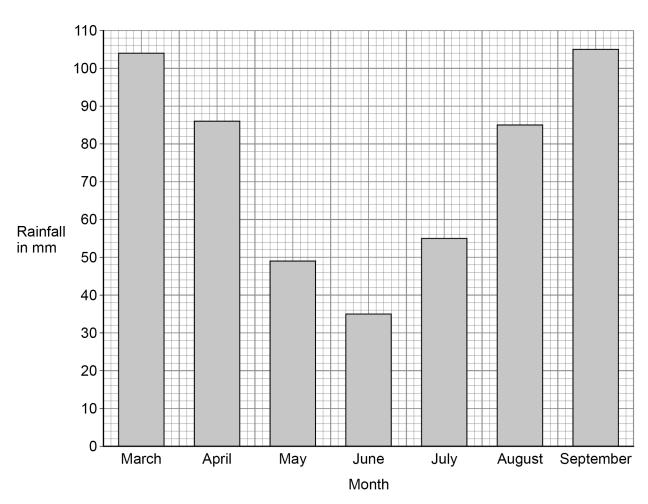


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	One of the other gases in Earth's atmosphere today is water vapour.	
0 1.5	Water can exist in three different states of matter.	
	Figure 1 shows the different states of water.	
	Figure 1	
	Melting A	
	ice water water water vapour	
	B Condensing	
	Name processes A and B .	
	A	[2 marks]
	B	
	Water vapour precipitates as rain.	
0 1.6	Name one other form of precipitation of water from the atmosphere.	
	Do not refer to rain in your answer.	[1 mark]









0 1 . 7 What was the rainfall in the month of April?

[1 mark]

Rainfall = mm

0 1.8 Describe the pattern in rainfall between March and September.

Include data from Figure 2 in your answer.

[2 marks]

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0 2	Figure 3 shows a food chain.	
	Figure 3 Algae → Crab → Loggerhead turtle → Shark	
0 2.1	Draw one line from each description to the organism in the food chain. Description Organism in the food chain	[3 marks]
	Primary consumer Algae	
	Crab	
	Shark	
	Tertiary consumer Loggerhead turtle	
0 2.2	Which word describes the total number of crabs in this habitat? Tick (✓) one box. Population Predator Species	[1 mark]



0 2 . 3	Explain what will happen to the number of loggerhead turtles if there are fewer crabs.		
	Use information from Figure 3.	[2 marks]	
		[2 IIIdIKS]	
0 2 . 4	What type of factor is a new predator?		
	Tick (✓) one box.	[1 mark]	
	Abiotic		
	Biotic		
	Control		
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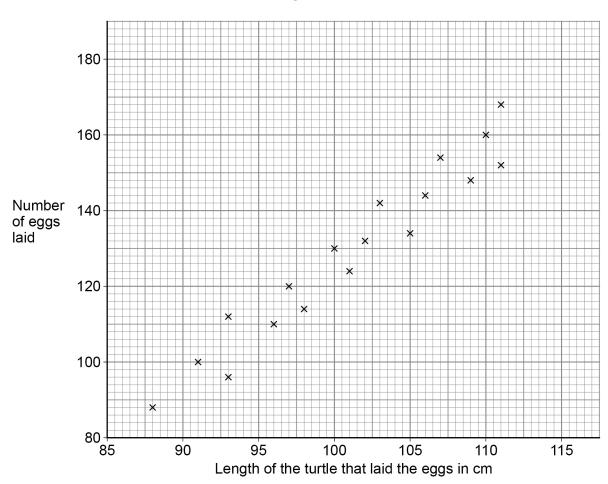
Female loggerhead turtles lay their eggs on sandy beaches.

0 2 . 5 Scientists recorded data about turtles on one beach.

Figure 4 shows:

- the number of eggs each turtle laid
- the length of the turtle that laid the eggs.

Figure 4



Describe the trend in the data on Figure 4	ł.
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[1 mark]



0 2 . 6	Female loggerhead turtles return to the same beach each year to lay their eggs.
	Global warming is causing the sea level to rise.
	Explain the effect that sea levels rising might have on the number of loggerhead turtles. [2 marks]
	Greenhouse gases are one cause of global warming.
0 2 . 7	Methane is a greenhouse gas.
	The concentration of methane in the atmosphere was:
	• 720 arbitrary units in 1840
	1872 arbitrary units in 2018.
	How many times greater was the concentration of methane in the atmosphere in 2018 than in 1840?
	[1 mark]
	Number of times greater =
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0 2.8	Which two human activities cause an increase in greenhouse gases in the atmosphere?		Do not write outside the box
	and damosphere.	[2 marks]	
	Tick (✓) two boxes.		
	Burning wood on a fire		
	Planting trees in new areas		
	Switching off lights in the home		
	Travelling by aeroplane		
	Using wind turbines to generate electricity		13



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0 3	Diabetes is a condition where the concentration of sugar in the blood can become too high.	Do not write outside the box
0 3.1	Which chemical decreases the concentration of sugar in the blood? [1 mark] Tick (✓) one box.	
	Glucose Glycogen	
	Insulin	
0 3.2	Which organ monitors and controls the concentration of sugar in the blood? [1 mark] Tick (✓) one box.	
	Kidney	
	Pancreas Stomach	



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0 3 . 5	Decreasing sugar in the diet can help prevent Type 2 diabetes. Give one other health benefit of eating less sugar.	[1 mark]
	Mass of sugar =	g
0 3.4	Calculate the mass of sugar in a 30 g serving of cereal B . Use your answer from Question 03.3 .	[1 mark]
	25% of 11 g =	g
0 3.3	Calculate 25% of 11 g	[2 marks]
	 cereal A contains 11 g of sugar cereal B contains 25% less sugar than cereal A. 	
	A company produces two breakfast cereals. In a 30 g serving:	



0 3 . 6

Taking regular exercise can improve health.

Table 2 shows how walking quickly or running may reduce the risk of developing different medical conditions.

The greater the percentage reduction in risk, the less chance there is of developing the medical condition.

Table 2

Medical condition	Percentage (%) reduction in risk of developing the medical condition		
medical containen	Walking quickly	Running	
Coronary heart disease	9.3	4.5	
Diabetes	12.3	12.1	
High cholesterol	7.0	4.3	

Compare the effects of walking quickly with the effects of running on the medical conditions given in Table 2.

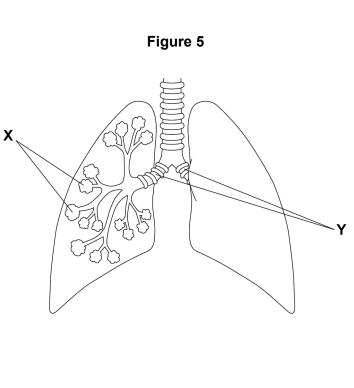
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0 4 . 2	Name X and Y sho	wn in Figure 5 .			
	Choose answers fr	om the box.			[2 marks]
	alveoli	arteries	bronchi	capillaries	neurones
	x				
	Υ				
0 4.3	Structure X has ad	aptations for effi	cient gas excha	ange.	
	Give one adaptation	on of structure X .			[1 mark]

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Figure 6 shows a person using a peak flow meter.

Figure 6



Peak flow is how quickly air can be breathed out of the lungs.

Table 3 shows the peak flow of four students.

Table 3

Student	Peak flow in arbitrary units
A	470
В	515
С	260
D	420



	Asthma is a condition that causes the muscles in the walls of the airways to o	contract.
0 4.4	What effect will the contracting muscles have on the size of the airways? Tick (✓) one box. Lengthen the airways Narrow the airways Stretch the airways Widen the airways	[1 mark]
0 4.5	Which student in Table 3 is most likely to have asthma? Tick (✓) one box. A B C D	[1 mark]
0 4.6	Table 3 shows that each student has a different peak flow. Suggest two factors that may affect peak flow. Do not refer to asthma in your answer.	[2 marks]
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A student measured her breathing rate before exercise and after exercise.

Table 4 shows the results.

Table 4

	Breathing rate in breaths per minute
Before exercise	15
After exercise	41

Explain the effect of exercise on breathing rate.	[2 marks]

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0 5	This question is about contrace	eption.
0 5.1	Draw one line from each metho	od of contraception to how the method works. [3 marks]
	Method of contraception	How the method works
		Uses hormones to stop the egg maturing
	Condom	
		Prevents sperm from reaching the egg
	IUD (intrauterine device)	
		Prevents the embryo from implanting
	Oral contraceptive pill	
		Slows down the production of sperm
0 5.2	Which method of contraception Tick (✓) one box.	can protect against sexually transmitted diseases? [1 mark]
	Condom	
	IUD	
	Oral contraceptive pill	
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0 5.3	The oral contraceptive pill has to be taken every day to be effective.	
	Suggest one reason why a woman taking the oral contraceptive pill may become pregnant.	
	[1 ma	ark]
0 5 . 4	Surgical sterilisation is another method of contraception.	
	Suggest one disadvantage of surgical sterilisation compared with taking the oral contraceptive pill.	
	[1 ma	ark]
0 5.5	Suggest two reasons why a man and a woman in a sexual relationship might choose to the use contracention	se
	not to use contraception.	
	Do not refer to surgical sterilisation in your answer. [2 mar	ks]
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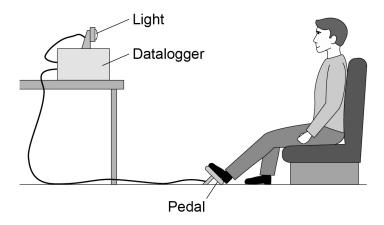


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Four students investigated their reaction times.

Figure 7 shows the equipment the students used.

Figure 7

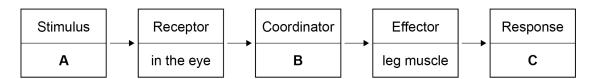


This is the method used.

- 1. Place one foot on the pedal.
- 2. When the light turns on, press the pedal as quickly as possible.
- 3. Record the time shown on the datalogger.
- 4. Repeat steps 1 to 3 another three times.
- 5. Repeat steps 1 to 4 with each student.

Figure 8 shows information about the coordination of the action in this investigation.

Figure 8





25 What is stimulus **A** in **Figure 8**? 0 6 . 1 [1 mark] Tick (✓) one box. Chemical Light Sound 0 6 . 2 What is coordinator **B** in Figure 8? [1 mark] Tick (✓) one box. Brain Sensory neurone Synapse 0 6 . 3 What is the response C in Figure 8? [1 mark] Question 6 continues on the next page

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Table 5 shows the results for each student.

Table 5

Ctudont	Student age	Reaction time in seconds			
Student	in years	Test 1	Test 2	Test 3	Test 4
A	11	0.74	0.72	0.71	0.71
В	14	0.80	0.79	0.78	0.76
С	15	0.85	0.84	0.83	0.82
D	16	0.87	0.86	0.99	0.84

0 6.4	Draw a ring around the anomalous result for student D in Table 5 .	[1 mark]
0 6.5	What should the students do with the anomalous result?	[1 mark]
0 6.6	Suggest what might cause an anomalous result in this reaction time investigat	tion. [1 mark]



0 6 . 7	Give two conclusions about reaction time from the results in Table 5 .	box
	[2 marks]	
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0 6 . 8	Suggest two ways the investigation could be improved to produce valid results. [2 marks]	
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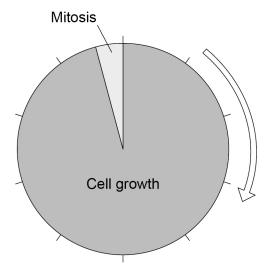
0 7	A plant shoot is made of several tissues.	
0 7.1	What is a tissue? Tick (✓) one box.	[1 mark]
	A group of organs with one function	
	Cells with a similar structure and function	
	The organ systems in an organism	
0 7.2	What is the name of the tissue at the growing tip of a plant shoot? Tick (✓) one box.	[1 mark]
	Meristem Phloem Xylem	
0 7.3	Plant cells divide by mitosis so that the plant can grow.	
	Give one other reason plant cells divide by mitosis.	
	Do not refer to growth in your answer.	[1 mark]



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Figure 9 shows a cell cycle.

Figure 9



0 7.4	Which two processes happen during	cell growth in the cell cycle?	[2 marks]
	Tick (✓) two boxes.		[Z marks]
	The chromosomes are copied		
	The chromosomes separate		
	The cytoplasm divides in two		
	The nucleus divides		
	The organelles increase in number		
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In mitosis and meiosis cells divide to produce new cells.

Cell division by meiosis produces gametes.

Figure 10 shows a cell dividing by mitosis and a different cell dividing by meiosis.

Figure 10

Cell dividing by mitosis

Cell dividing by meiosis

Chromosome

Chromosome

Describe how the cells produced by mitosis are different from the cells produced by meiosis.

Use information from Figure 10.

 [3 marks]



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0 7.6

A scientist investigated cell division in the growing tip of a plant shoot.

The scientist recorded data at different distances from the tip of the shoot.

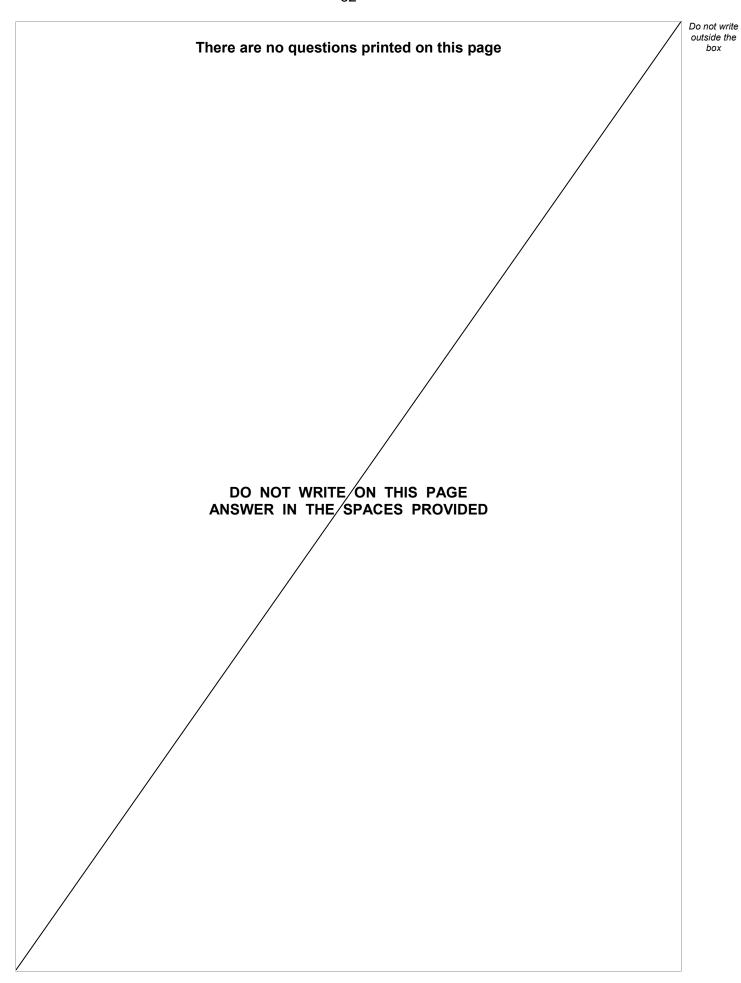
Table 6 shows the results.

Table 6

Distance from shoot tip in mm	Mean cell length in µm	Percentage (%) of cells dividing
5	22	13
10	23	9
20	39	4
30	77	0
40	116	0

Give two conclusions from the data in Table 6 .			
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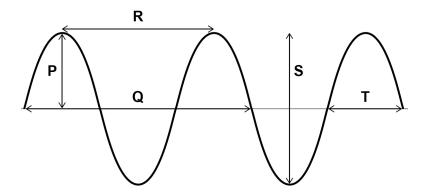
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0 8 Figure 11 shows a transverse wave.

Figure 11



0	8		1	Which arrow shows the amplitude of the wave
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[1 mark]

Tick (✓) one box.

0 8.2 Which arrow shows the wavelength of the wave?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) one box.

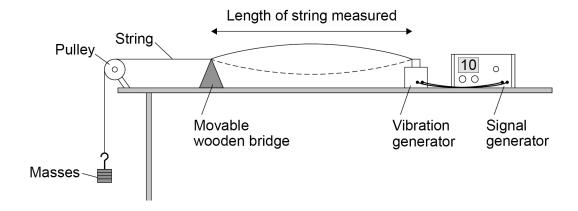
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A teacher demonstrated waves on a string.

Figure 12 shows the apparatus used.

Figure 12



This is the method used.

- 1. Switch on the signal generator and vibration generator so the string vibrates up and down.
- 2. Move the wooden bridge until a clear wave pattern is formed between the wooden bridge and the vibration generator.
- 3. Use a metre rule to measure the length of the string between the wooden bridge and the vibration generator.
- 4. Record the frequency of the wave from the signal generator.
- 5. Record the number of loops in the wave pattern. The wave pattern shown in **Figure 12** has one loop.
- 6. Change the frequency on the signal generator until a new wave pattern is formed.
- 7. Repeat steps 4 to 6.

0 8 . 3 Give **one** control variable in this demonstration.

[1 mark]



0 8 . 4	The length of the string between the vibration generator and the wooden br about 1.5 m	idge was	
	The teacher used a metre rule to measure the length of the string.		
	Suggest two reasons why making an accurate measurement was difficult.		
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Table 7 shows the results.

Table 7

Frequency in Hz	Wave pattern on 1.50 m string ←	Number of loops in wave pattern	Wavelength in m
10		1	3.00
20		2	1.50
30		3	1.00
40		4	0.75
50		5	x

0 8 . 5	Give one conclusion about frequency and wavelength from the data in Tab	ole 7. [1 mark]
0 8 . 6	Each loop of the wave pattern is the length of half a wavelength.	
	Determine wavelength X in Table 7 .	[2 marks]
	Wavelength X =	m



0 8.7	Calculate the period of the wave when the frequency was 30 Hz	Do not write outside the box
	Give your answer to 2 significant figures.	
	Use the Physics Equations Sheet. [3 marks]	1
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	Period (2 significant figures) =s	11

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- 0 9 Plants absorb light to photosynthesise.
- **0 9**. **1** Complete the word equation for photosynthesis.

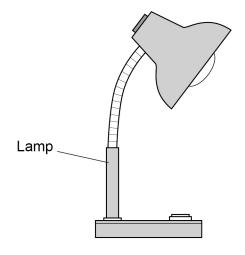
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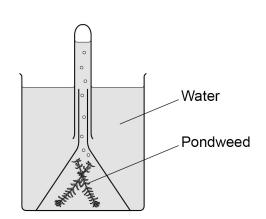
+ water ——— + glucose

Light intensity affects the rate of photosynthesis.

Figure 13 shows some of the equipment used to measure the rate of photosynthesis.

Figure 13







0 9.2	Describe a method to investigate the effect of light intensity on the rate of photosynthesis.	
	Use the equipment in Figure 13 and other laboratory equipment.	[6 marks]
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Algal cells photosynthesise.

Scientists investigated the effect of light intensity on algal cells.

The algal cells were placed in different light intensities.

Table 8 shows the number of extra algal cells after two days.

Table 8

Light intensity in lux	Number of EXTRA algal cells after two days
0	no extra cells
250	1.00 × 10 ⁶
500	1.65 × 10 ⁶
750	2.15 × 10 ⁶
1000	2.40 × 10 ⁶
1250	2.50 × 10 ⁶
1500	2.50 × 10 ⁶

0 9.3	The initial number of algal cells was 200 000
	Calculate the total number of algal cells after two days when the light intensity was 500 lux
	[2 marks]
	Total number of algal cells =



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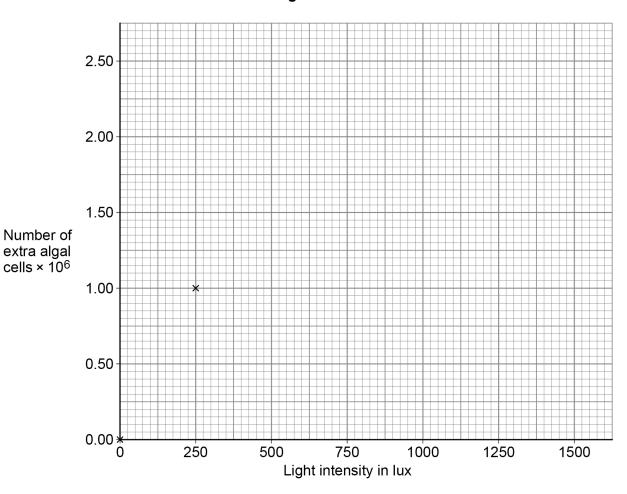
Plot the data from Table 8 on Figure 14.

The first two points have been plotted.

Draw a line of best fit.

[3 marks]

Figure 14



0 9. **5** Give **two** conclusions from the results.

Use information from Table 8.

[2 marks]

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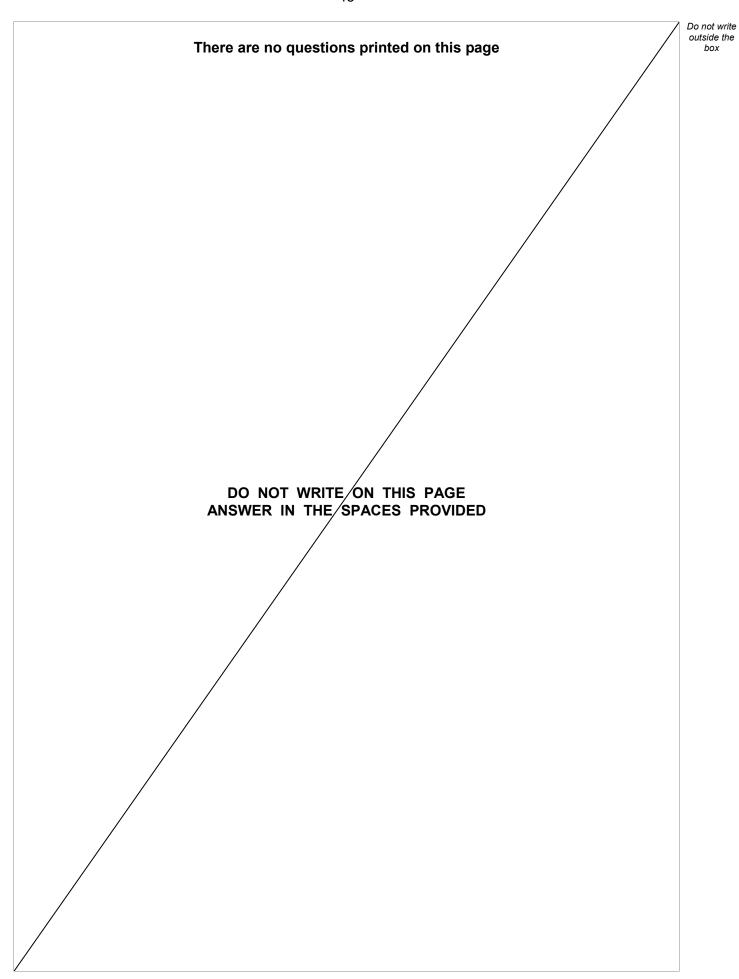
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0 9.6	Explain how an increase in temperature from 20 °C to 25 °C would affect the number of algal cells. [2 marks]	Do not write outside the box
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