Course Content, Revision, Revision Guides: How to do it effectively



AQA Trilogy Combined Science

Know Your Course Content

- You are following the AQA Trilogy Science qualification, have a look at the course specification to make sure you are happy you have covered all of the content. Identify areas of weakness to address.
- Link to access course specification: https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/science/specifications/AQA-8464-SP-2016.PDF
- Combined Science Trilogy: All examinations are 1hr 15 minutes
- 8464/B/1F&H **Paper 1: Biology** 1h 15m: 16th May AM Exam
- 8464/B/2F&H **Paper 2: Biology** 1h 15m: 9th June PM Exam
- 8464/C/1F&H **Paper 1: Chemistry** 1h 15m: 22nd May AM Exam
- 8464/C/2F&H **Paper 2: Chemistry** 1h 15m: 13th June AM Exam
- 8464/P/1F&H **Paper 1: Physics** 1h 15m: 25th May AM Exam
- 8464/P/2F&H **Paper 2: Physics** 1h 15m: 16th June AM Exam

Course Content: Biology

Biology Paper 1

Cell Biology

Cell Structure (the structure and function of a typical plant and animal cell, prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells, bacterial cell structure, especially location of genetic information)

Investigating Cells (size of cells (cm, mm, µm, nm), using a microscope, calculating

magnification)

Cell Division (chromosomes, mitosis and cell cycle, stem cells and uses)

Transport in and out of Cells (diffusion, factors affecting diffusion, osmosis, active transport and comparing the processes)

Organisation

Levels of Organisation (specialised cells, tissues, organs, organ systems, enzymes in digestion, blood, blood vessels, heart, gaseous exchange)

Transport in Plants (plant tissues, water transport, translocation)

<u>Infection and Response</u>

Non-Communicable Diseases (health & disease, risk factors, diseases of the heart, cancer)

Pathogens and Disease (pathogens and disease, risk factors, disease of the heart, cancer)

Human Defences against Disease (preventing entry of pathogens, the immune system, boosting immunity (vaccinations and antibodies)

Treating Disease (Antibiotics, developing new drugs)

Bioenergetics

Photosynthesis (photosynthesis word and symbol equation, factors affecting photosynthesis, converting glucose, how reactants get into plant)

Respiration and Exercise (the importance of respiration, aerobic respiration, anaerobic respiration, exercise and respiration, metabolism)

Biology Paper 2

Homeostasis and Response

Homeostasis and The Nervous System (the importance of homeostasis, control systems, the nervous system)

Hormones and Homeostasis (the endocrine system, control of blood glucose)

Hormones and Reproduction (the sex hormones, control of menstrual cycle, reducing fertility)

Inheritance, Variation & Evolution

Sexual and asexual Reproduction (asexual reproduction, sexual reproduction and meiosis, the genome, DNA)

Patterns of Inheritance_(genetic inheritance, genetic crosses, inherited disorders, sex determination)

Variation and Evolution (variation, evolution, evidence for evolution)

Manipulating Genes (selective breeding, genetic engineering)

Classification (principles of classification, extinction, evolutionary trees)

Ecology

Ecosystems (relationships between organisms, adaptations, studying ecosystems)

Cycles and Feeding Relationships (recycling materials, feeding relationships)

Disrupting Ecosystems (biodiversity, pollution, overexploitation, conserving biodiversity)

Biology Required Practical Activities

Paper 1:

Microscopy

Enzymes

Food Tests

Photosynthesis

Osmosis

Paper 2:

Reaction Times

Ecology Field Investigations

Prioritise Areas You Need to Work On:

(General areas based on **Biology** November mock results for whole cohort)

Foundation Paper

Math Skills

- Calculating surface area
- Resolution

Ecology

- Required Practical Activity
- Biotic / Abiotic factors (ecology terminology in general)

Structure of the heart

Variables

Higher Paper

Math Skills

- Calculating populations
- Resolution

Ecology

- Required Practical Activity
- Biotic / Abiotic factors (ecology terminology in general)
- Biodiversity

Hormones & blood sugar Variables

Course Content: Chemistry

Chemistry Paper 1

Atomic Structure and The Periodic Table

Atoms, Elements, Compounds and Mixtures (atoms, elements, compounds, separating mixtures)

Atoms and the Periodic Table (scientific models of the atom, subatomic particles, isotopes and ions, electron configuration)

The Periodic Table (development of the periodic table, group 0, group 1, group 7)

Bonding, Structure and Properties of Matter

States of Matter (3 states of matter, changing states, identifying the state of a substance, state symbols)

Ionic Compounds (chemical bonds, ionic bonding, properties of ionic compounds)

Covalent Compounds (covalent bonding, small molecules, giant covalent structures)

Metals and Special Metals (graphene, fullerenes, polymers, metallic bonding, properties of metals, alloys)

Quantitative Chemistry

Conservation of Mass (the conservation of mass, relative formula mass, apparent changes in mass, concentration)

Chemical Changes

Reactivity of Metals (oxidation and reduction, reactivity series, displacement reactions, extraction of metals)

The pH Scale and Salts (the pH scale, neutralisation of acids, soluble salts from insoluble bases)

Electrolysis (electrolysis, extraction of metals, electrolysis of aqueous solutions)

Energy Changes

Exothermic and Endothermic Reactions (energy transfers, energy level diagrams)

Chemistry Paper 2

Rate and Extent

 $Rate\ of\ Reaction\ \ \ (\text{calculating the rate of a reaction, collision theory, plotting reaction rates})$

Reversible Reactions (catalysts, reversible reactions, closed systems)

Organic Chemistry

Alkanes (crude oil and hydrocarbons, fractional distillation, alkanes, burning fuels)

Cracking Hydrocarbons (cracking hydrocarbons, bromine water)

Structure & Formulae of Alkenes, Reactions of Alkenes

Chemical Analysis

Purity, formulations and chromatography. Identification of common gasses.

Chemistry of the Atmosphere:

The Earth's Atmosphere (the earth's early atmosphere, the atmosphere today, increase in oxygen levels, decrease in carbon dioxide levels)

Greenhouse Gasses (greenhouse gasses, the impact of human activities, global climate change, carbon footprints)

Using Resources

Earth's Resources (sustainable development, drinking water, waste water treatment)

Using Resources (life cycle assessment (LCA), reducing the use of resources) Corrosion and its prevention, alloys as useful metals, ceramics, polymers and composites

Chemistry Required Practical Activities

Paper 1:

Making Salts

Temperature Changes

Paper 2:

Rates of Reactions

Chromatography

Water Purification

Electrolysis

Course Content: Physics

Physics Paper 1

Energy

Energy Stores and Transfers (energy stores and systems, calculating energy changes, specific heat capacity and internal energy)

Energy Transfers and Resources (energy transfers, national and global energy resources)

Electricity

Electricity (standard circuit symbols, electric charge and current, resistance and potential difference)

Circuits and Resistance (resistors and other components)

Circuits and Power (series and parallel circuits, power in circuits)

Domestic use of Electricity (direct and alternating potential difference, mains electricity, dangers of mains electricity, power and efficiency)

Electrical Energy in Devices (energy transfers in appliances, the national grid)

Magnetism and Electromagnetism

Magnetism and Electromagnetism (magnetic poles and fields, plotting fields, electromagnetism and solenoids, electromagnetic devices)

Particle Model of Matter

Particle Model of Matter (states of matter, density, change of state and specific latent heat, particle motion and pressure in gasses)

Atomic Structure

Atoms and Isotopes (the structure of the atom, isotopes, the plum pudding model, Rutherford, Geiger and Marsden, further developments)

Nuclear Radiation (nuclear decay and radiation, alpha, beta and gamma decay, radioactive contamination)

Half Life (half-life, nuclear equations)

Physics Paper 2

Forces

Forces - Basics (scalar and vector quantities, contact, non-contact forces, gravity, resultant forces,)

Forces in Action (work done and energy transfer, forces and elasticity)

Forces and Motion (distance and displacement, speed, velocity, Newton's first law, distance-time graphs)

Forces and Acceleration (acceleration, velocity-time graphs, Newton's second law)

Terminal Velocity, Stopping and Breaking (terminal velocity, Newton's third law, stopping distance, reaction time, factors affecting breaking distance)

<u>Waves</u>

Waves and Wave Properties (transverse and longitudinal waves, properties of waves, wave speed)

Electromagnetic Waves (electromagnetic waves, refraction, reflection, ray diagrams)

The Electromagnetic Spectrum (uses and applications of electromagnetic (EM) waves, hazards of EM waves)
Loudspeakers, Induced Potential, Transformers and the National Grid

Physics Required Practical Activities

Paper 1:

Specific Heat Capacity

Resistance

I-V Characteristics

Density

Paper 2:

Force and Extension

Acceleration

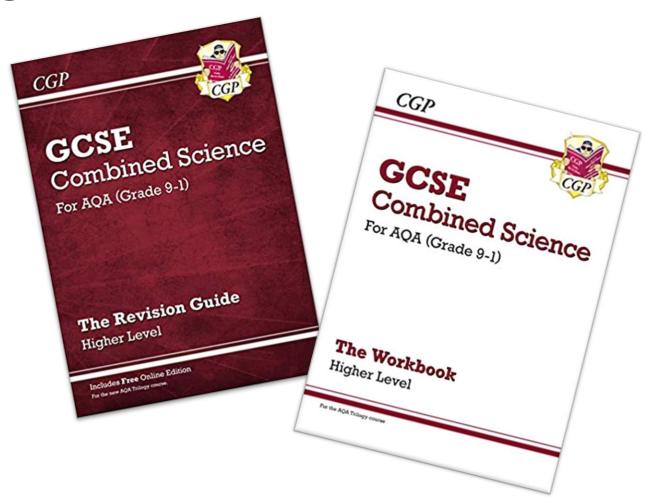
Waves

Radiation and Absorption

Revision guides and Workbooks

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If you are just reading the revision guides you are not revising....

Effective use of revision guides:

MEDIUM IMPACT

- Mind maps
- Key-words Post It
- Highlighting

HIGH IMPACT

- Flash cards
- Family and friends test

GREATEST IMPACT

 Applying the knowledge to exam questions and marking them

Medium Impact

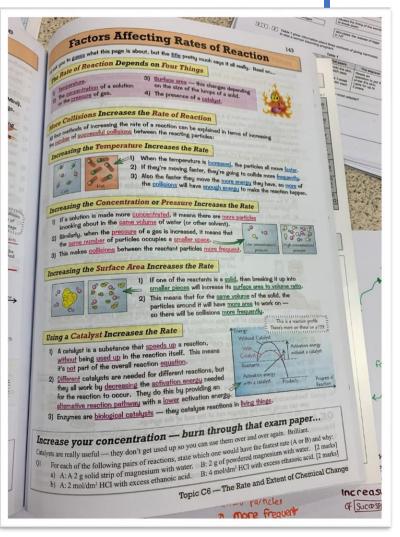
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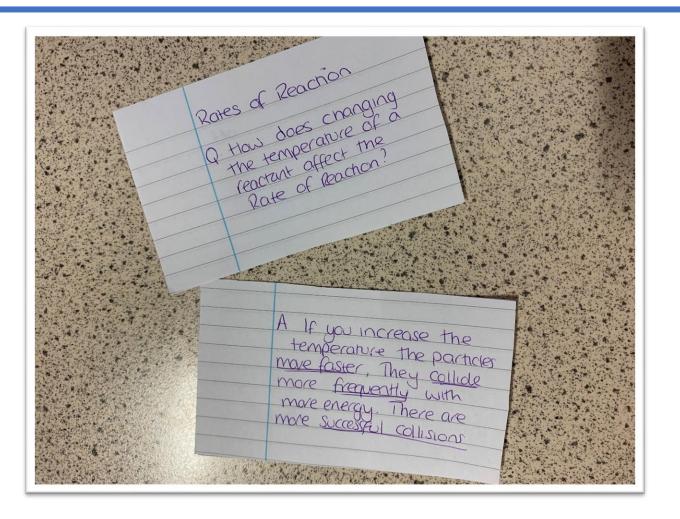
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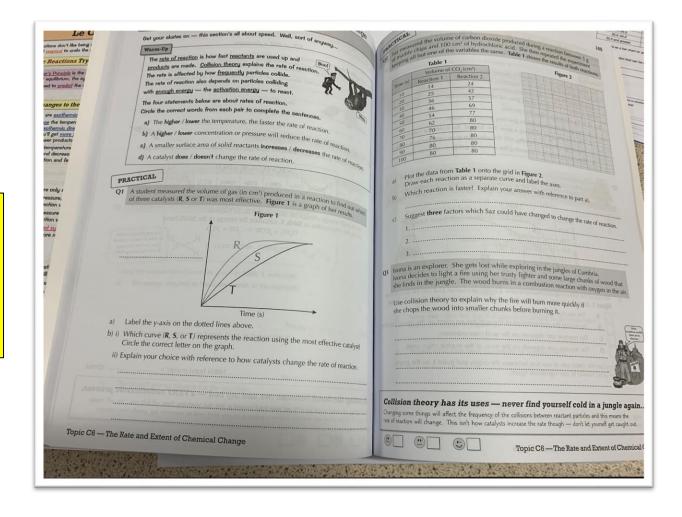
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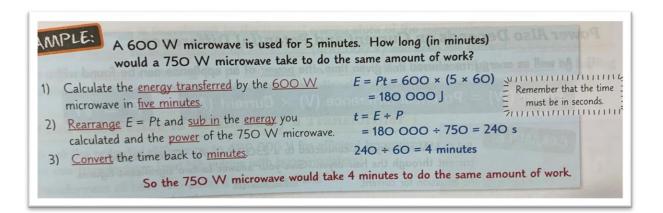
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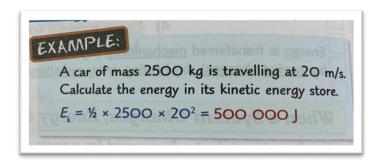
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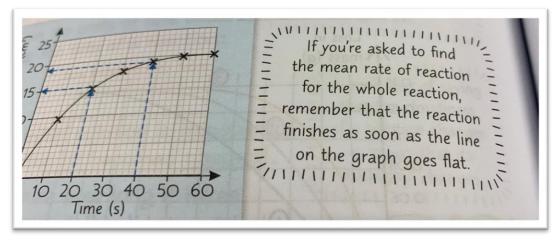
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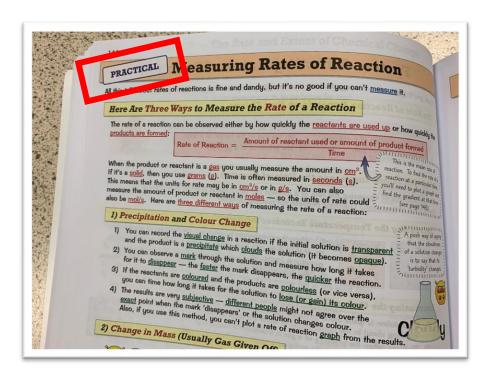
Worked Examples



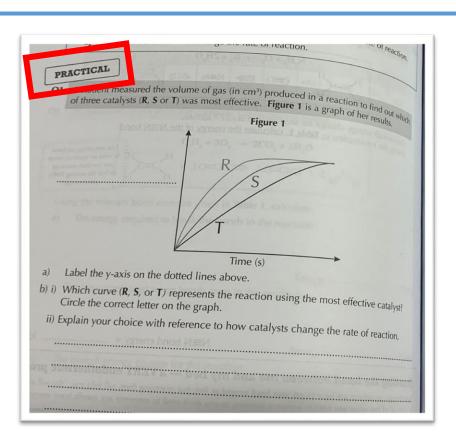
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Practicals

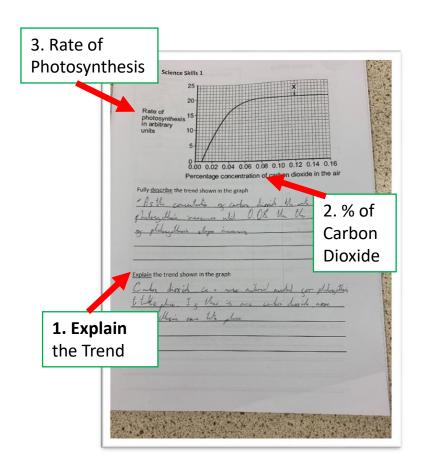


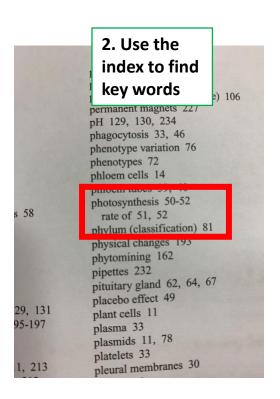
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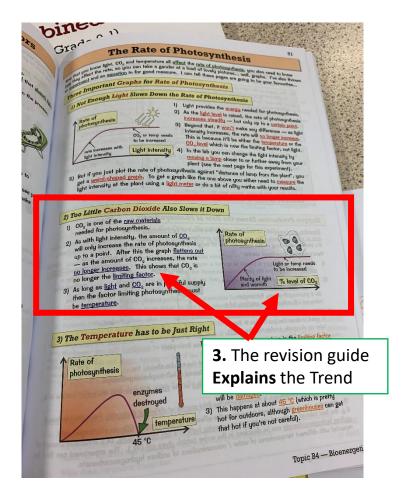


Practice Questions

Stuck on an Exam Question???





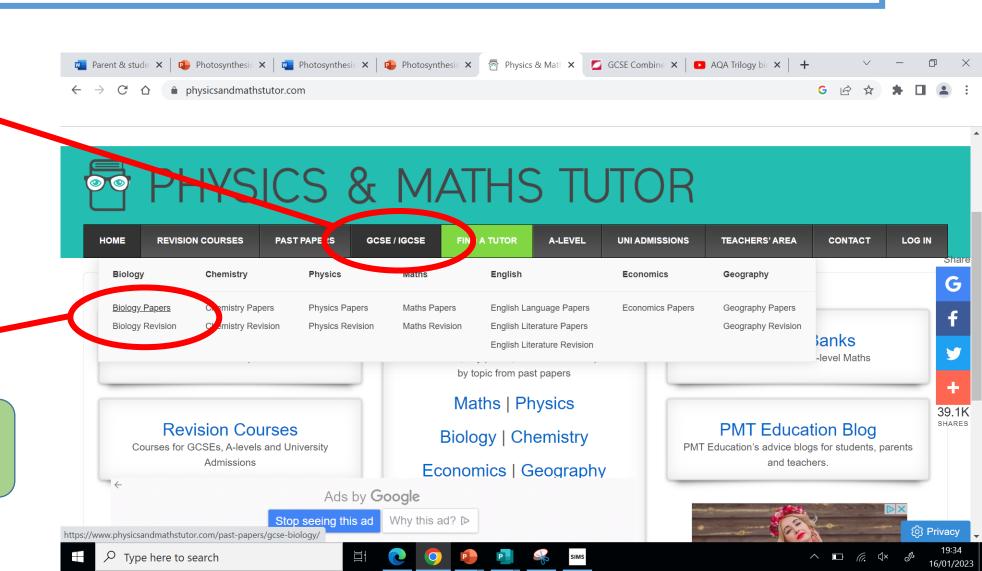


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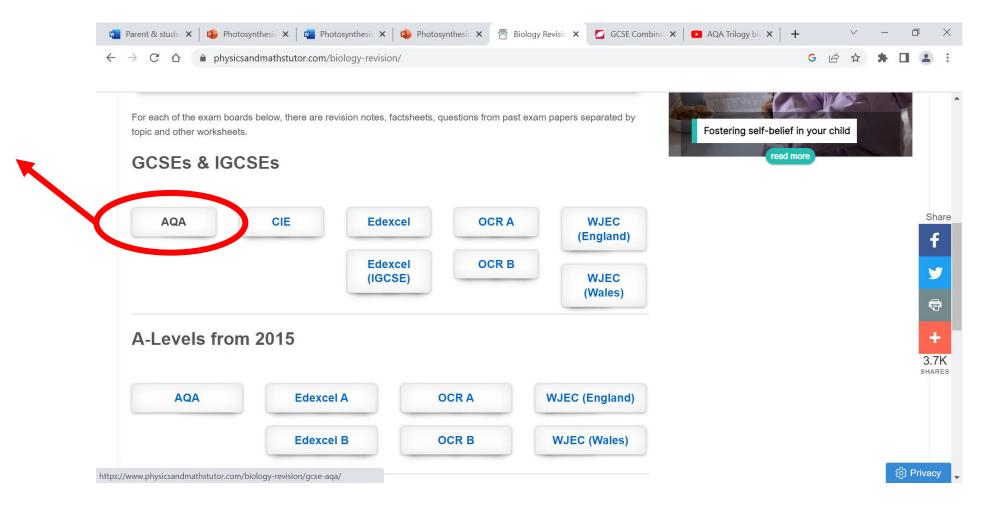
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It's a **FREE RESOURCE**



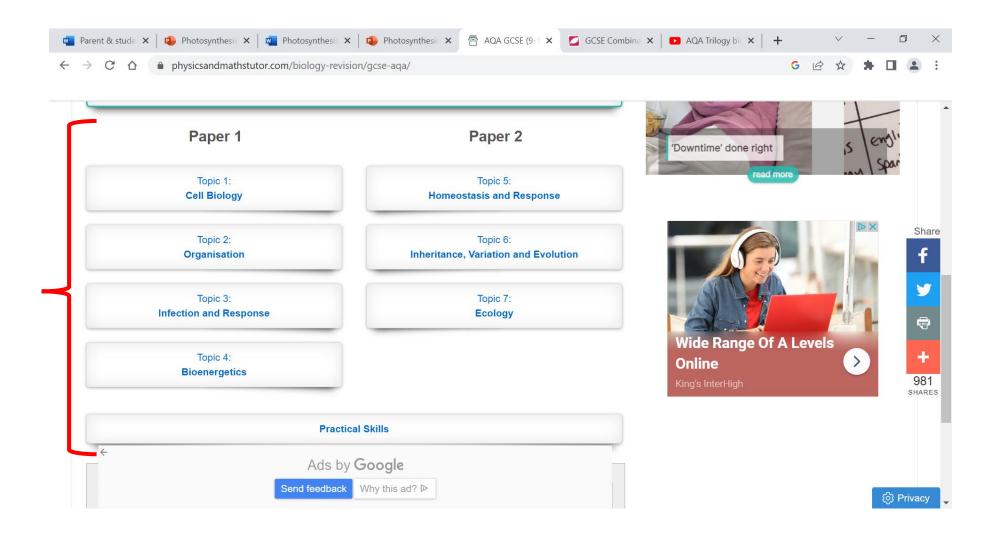
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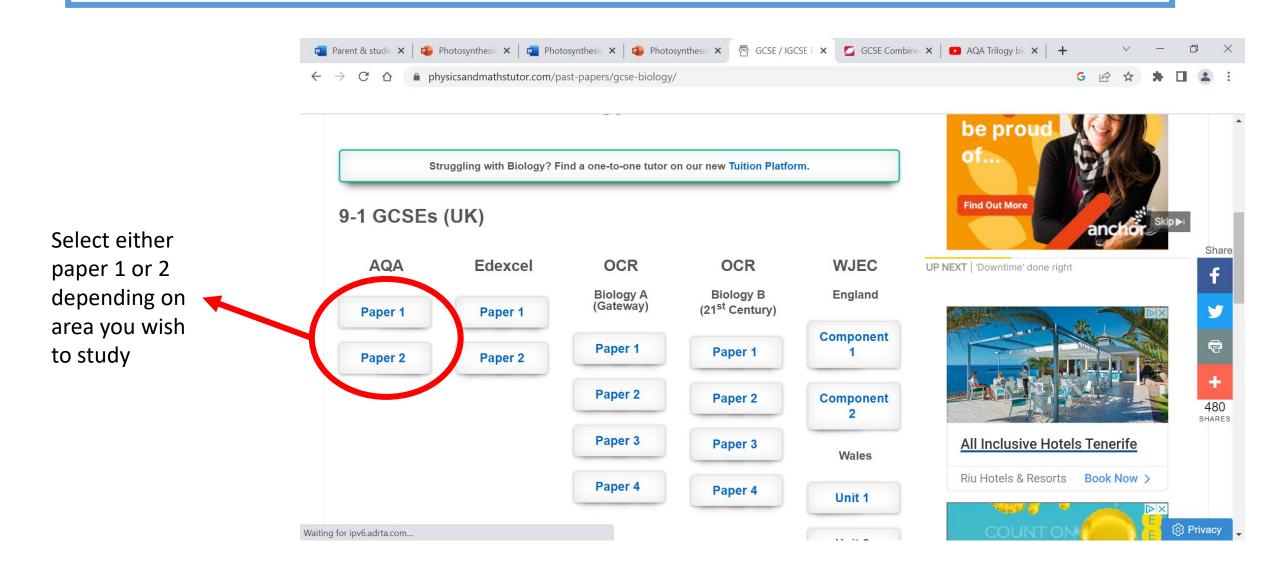


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Here you can select which ever unit you feel you need to revise, start with the areas you find the hardest and remember to ask your teacher if you need more help.

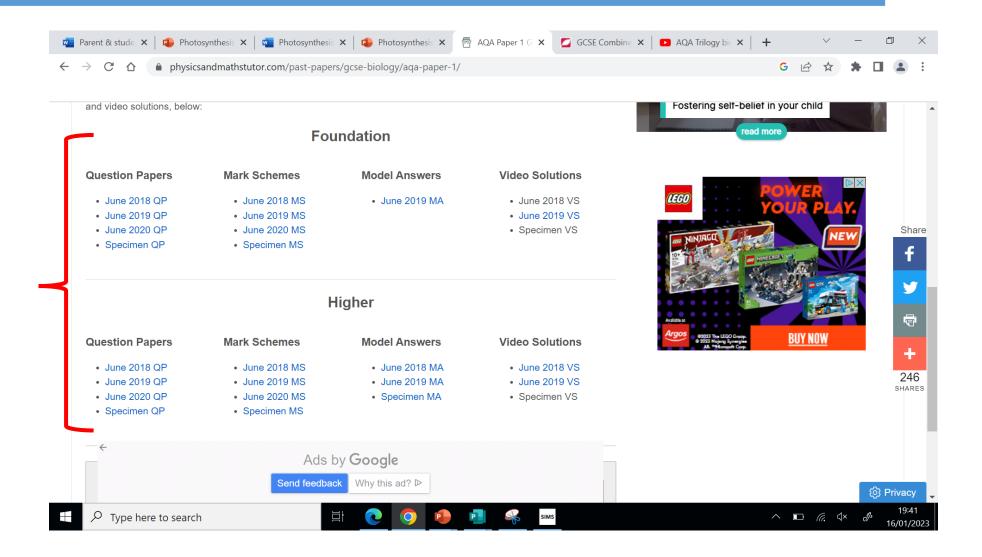


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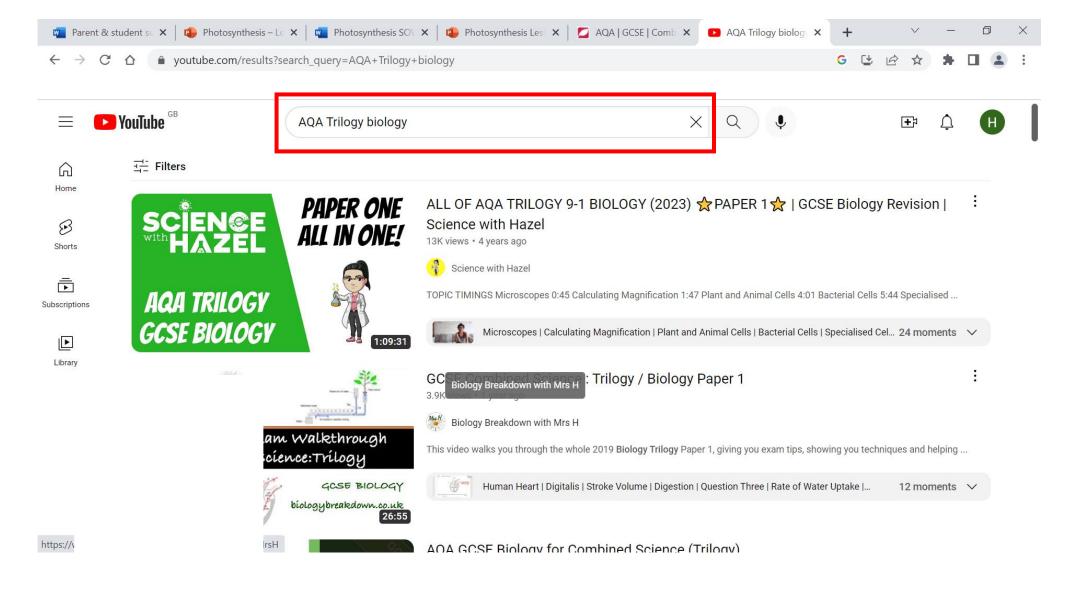


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Here you can find real examination past papers, mark schemes, model answers and video solutions, probably one of the most effective ways of revising – use the mark scheme!

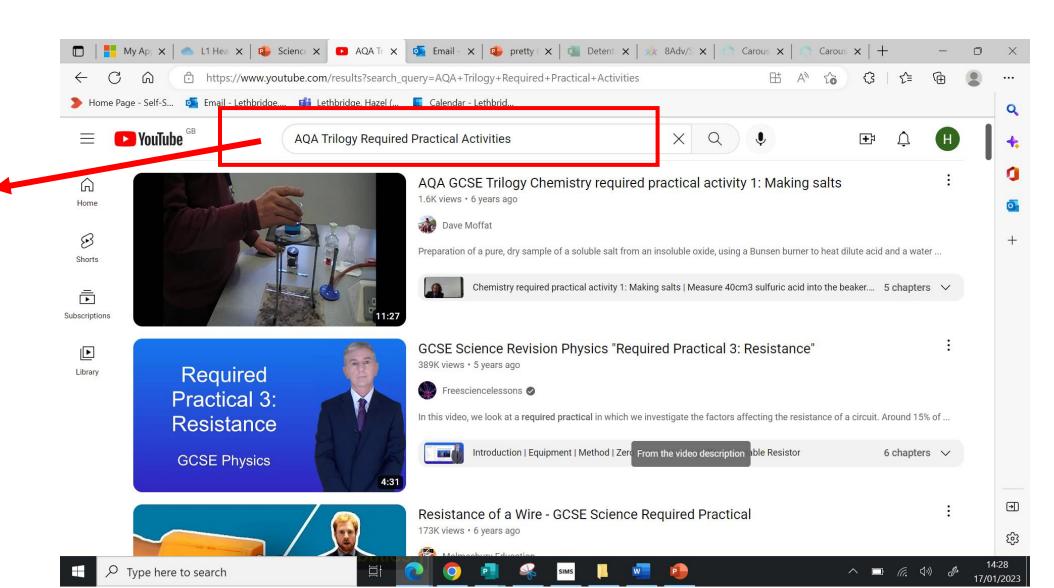


YouTube



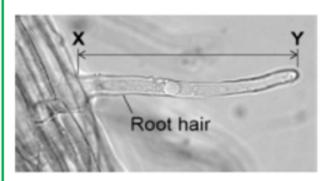
YouTube: Required Practical Activities

Understanding all of the required practical activities is essential, questions could come up on any of the required practical activities listed on the previous slides. YouTube is a great resource for this as you can see the actual experiment and have an expert talking you through the procedures, results, analysis and variables



Exam Question:

The diagram below shows a root hair viewed using a microscope.:



The root hair was viewed at a magnification of ×50

The image length of the root hair X-Y is 43 mm

Calculate the real length of the root hair in micrometres (μm).

[4 marks]

So what do we know from reading the question?

Magnification = x50

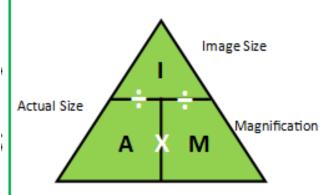
Image size = 43mm

We need to calculate the real length (the actual size)

We will need to make sure our answer is given in μm

Now, what do we need to know?

The microscopy calculation



Magnification = <u>image size</u> actual size

Image size = actual size X magnification

Actual size = <u>image size</u> magnification

Model Answer

Step One: Place the given values into the equation:

50 x <u>43</u>. actual size

[1 mark]

Step Two: re-arrange the formula to make 'actual size' the focus of the equation:

Actual size = 43

[1 mark]

50

= 0.86mm

[1 mark]

Millimetres (mm) Micrometres (ym)

1 1000
0.1 100
0.01 10
0.001 1
+ 1000

× 1000

1 millimetre (mm) = 1/1000 m or 10-3 m

1 micrometre (ym) = 1/1000 mm or 10-3 mm or 10-6 m

1 nanometre (nm) = 1/1000 ym or 10^{-3} ym or 10^{-9} m

Step Three: convert the units from mm to μ m by multiplying by 1000: 0.86 x 1000 = 860 μ m

[1 mark]

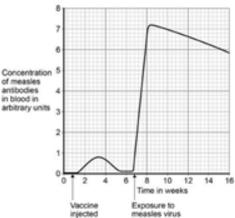
Exam Question

Measles is a serious disease. A person can die from measles. The table below shows the number of medically confirmed cases of measles in England and Wales between 2012 and 2015

Year	Number of medically confirmed cases of measles
2012	2030
2013	1843
2014	121
2015	91

One reason for the decrease in the number of cases of measles is that more children were vaccinated against the disease. Vaccinating a large proportion of the population reduces the spread of the measles virus.

The graph below shows the concentration of measles antibodies in the blood of a boy



Explain the differences between antibody production after the vaccine injection and after exposure to the measles virus.

You should include data from the graph above

[6 marks]

Now, what do we need to know?

- Measles is caused by a virus, that means we can not treat it with antibiotics.
- Vaccines allow a dead or altered form of the disease causing pathogen to be introduced into the body, which contain a specific antigen. This causes the immune system, specifically the white blood cells, to produce complementary antibodies, which target and attach to the antigen.

Model Answer

differences (after exposure to measles virus):

- greater number / higher concentration of antibodies produced
- quantitative statement, e.g. 9 times higher or 0.8 to 7.2
- antibodies produced sooner idea of immediate response
- antibodies produced guicker
- antibodies stay (in higher concentration) for longer

explanation

- white blood cells / leucocytes / lymphocytes / B cells ignore phagocytes / macrophages
- reference to previous exposure (of white blood cells) to pathogen / virus
- (white blood cells) recognise pathogen / virus / antigen
- memory cells
- production of specific / correct antibodies

Exam Question

Arteries and veins have different structures and different functions. Explain how the different structures of arteries and veins relates to their different functions [6 marks]

What do we need to know?

	Arteries	Veins
Function	Carry blood away from the heart at high pressure	Return blood to the heart at low pressure
Structure of wall	-Thick, strong -Contain muscles, elastic fibres and fibrous tissue	-Thin -Mainly fibrous tissue -Contain far less muscle and elastic tissue than arteries
Lumen	-Narrow -Varies with heartbeat (increases as a pulse of blood passes through)	Wide
Valves	(-)	(+) Prevent backflow
How structure fits function	-Strength and elasticity needed to withstand the pulsing of the blood, prevent bursting and maintain pressure wave -Helps to maintain high blood pressure, preventing blood flowing backwards	- No need for strong walls, as most of the blood pressure has been lost - Wide lumen offers less resistance to blood flow

What is the question asking us?

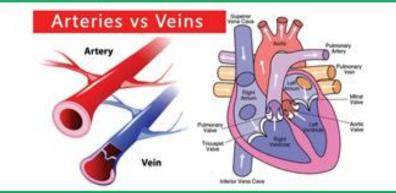
Identify the different structures.

Relate structure to function, what do they do?

What do veins and do? Wat is their job? Arteries and veins have different structures? How does this make them more efficient at carrying out their function/job?

Command word: Explain:

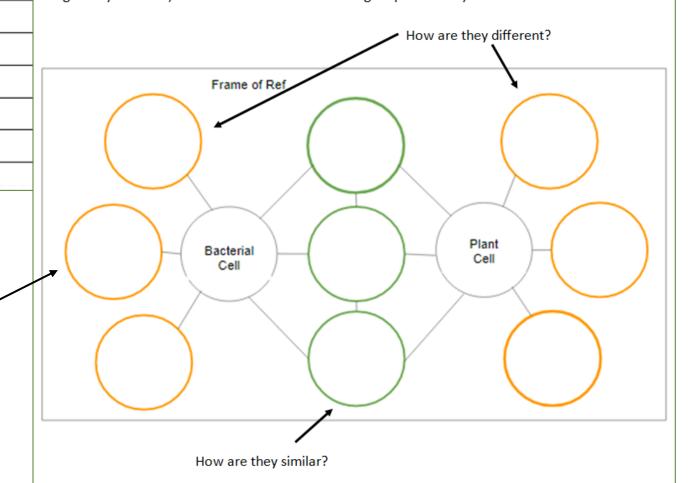
Students should make something clear, or state the reasons for something happening.



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Cells	s are the basic units of all forms of life.	
(a)	Describe four differences between a bacterial cell and a plant cell	ell.
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This information can then be used to structure your answer

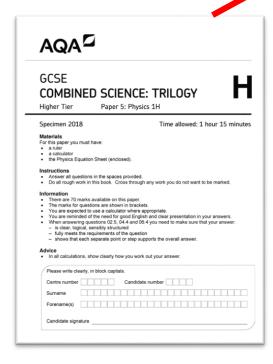


Frame of reference—add information why there are similarities and differences, e.g. why doesn't a bacterial cell have a nucleus?

Other Support Available

Ask your teacher for any past papers, we do have some physical copies available.

Practice exam papers



Revision Sessions

Wednesday 3.00pm to 4.00pm