

39 The hybridoma method is used for the production of monoclonal antibodies.

Which two types of cell are used in this method?

- A** stem cell and B-lymphocyte
- B** stem cell and T-lymphocyte
- C** tumour cell and B-lymphocyte
- D** tumour cell and T-lymphocyte

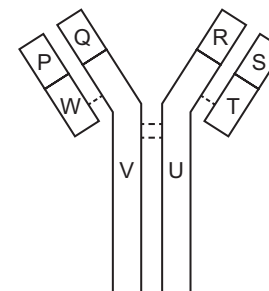
40 What describes a non-specific immune response?

- A** activation of killer T-lymphocytes by infected cells
- B** cloning of B-lymphocytes to form plasma cells
- C** ingestion of a bacterial cell by a neutrophil
- D** recognition of antigens on the cell surface of macrophages

39 Which molecule could be a self antigen?

- A** a viral capsid protein
- B** a phospholipid in a viral envelope
- C** a toxin released by a pathogen
- D** a glycoprotein on the surface of a macrophage

40 The diagram shows an antibody molecule with some parts labelled.



Which row is correct about the parts that form an antigen-binding site and have identical amino acid sequences?

	form an antigen-binding site	have identical amino acid sequences
A	P and Q	R and S
B	Q and V	P and S
C	R and S	U and V
D	U and V	Q and R

39 Four different treatments were tested in a human volunteer during a year. One of these treatments was a vaccine.

The treatments were injected into the volunteer and blood samples were taken after two weeks. The samples were analysed to obtain a cell count for four types of cell.

The results are shown in the table.

Which treatment was the vaccine?

(Assume the volunteer's baseline blood cell count was the same before each treatment.)

	cell count / cells per cm ³			
	monocytes	neutrophils	plasma cells	macrophages
A	250	180	450	230
B	500	190	220	240
C	260	450	240	250
D	250	190	230	550

- 6 (a) A student studied the structure of a mammalian heart.

The student took a photograph of the left side of a dissected heart as shown in Fig. 6.1.

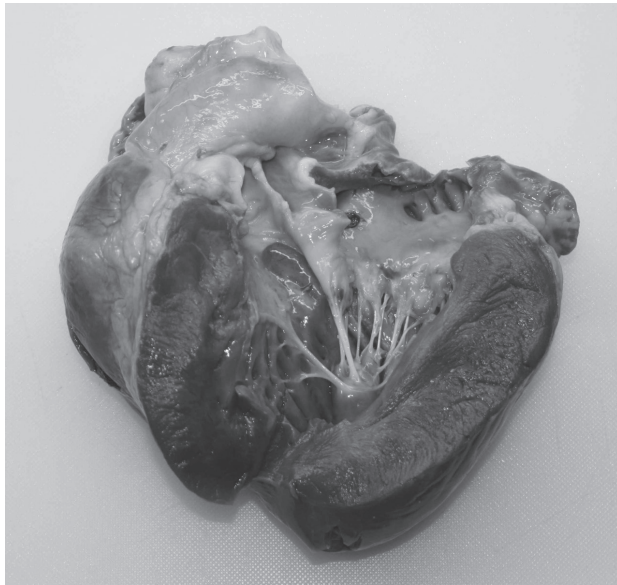


Fig. 6.1

Identify **two** features of the left side of the heart visible in Fig. 6.1 **and** explain how each feature is adapted to the function of the heart.

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- (b) Cardiac muscle is described as myogenic. This means the electrical activity controlling the rhythm of a regular heartbeat begins within the muscle tissue of the heart.

Describe how electrical activity within the heart controls each heartbeat.

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- (c) Tissue fluid is formed from blood plasma as it flows through capillaries.

Fig. 6.2 is a diagram of a capillary and some adjacent tissue cells in a capillary network.

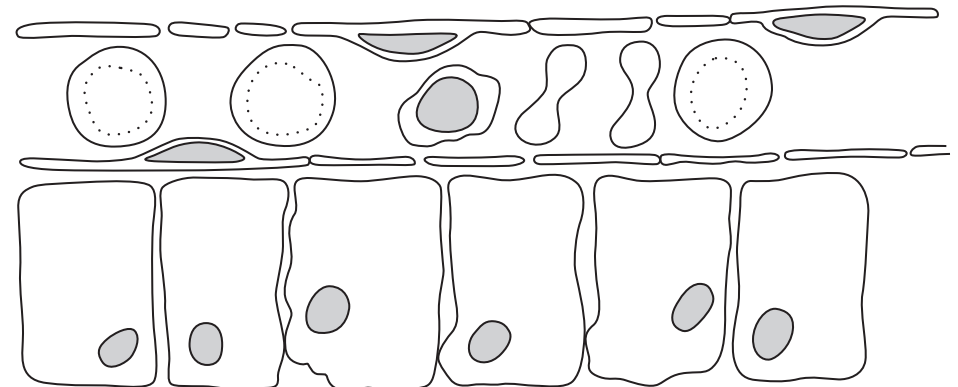


Fig. 6.2

- (i) Describe **two** functions of tissue fluid.

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Explain why only some of the T-lymphocytes in the child respond to the measles vaccine.

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(b) State the term given to an organism that causes diseases such as cholera, malaria and TB.

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Ring cells are one stage in the complex life cycle of *Plasmodium* that are found within red blood cells. Fig. 2.1 is a scanning electron micrograph showing two ring cells, surrounded by the membrane of a red blood cell, which has just lysed (burst).

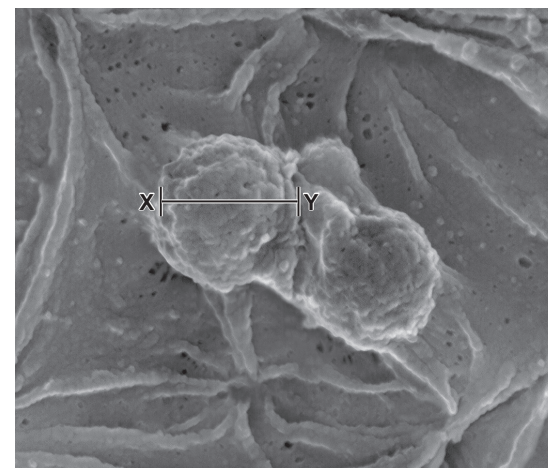


Fig. 2.1

Give your answer to 3 significant figures.

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- (ii) Describe how *Plasmodium* is transmitted from a person with malaria into the blood stream of an uninfected person.

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- (d) In a person with malaria, phagocytes destroy infected red blood cells. The phagocytes respond to the presence of particular molecules in the outer phospholipid bilayer of the cell surface membrane.

The cell surface membrane of a healthy, uninfected red blood cell shows an uneven distribution of types of phospholipid making up the bilayer (membrane asymmetry). For example, most of the phospholipid phosphatidylserine (PS) is located in the inner layer, facing the cytoplasm.

- (i) After a red blood cell is infected, a much higher proportion of PS is found in the outer layer of the cell surface membrane, facing blood plasma.

Suggest how the presence of PS in the outer layer can cause a response in a phagocytic cell.

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- (ii) Suggest why some **uninfected** red blood cells in a person with malaria can also be destroyed by phagocytic cells.

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- (e) Research has shown that *Plasmodium* uses cholesterol from the cell surface membrane of the red blood cell it has infected.

- (i) Suggest why cholesterol is needed by *Plasmodium*.

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- (ii) The use of cholesterol by *Plasmodium* causes a decrease in the quantity of cholesterol in the cell surface membrane of the red blood cell.

Outline how a decrease in cholesterol could affect the cell surface membrane of the red blood cell.

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- (f) To achieve membrane asymmetry, which is an essential feature of a healthy cell, the red blood cell needs a supply of ATP and must maintain a very low concentration of calcium ions (Ca^{2+}) within the cytoplasm.

Table 2.1 shows details of three membrane enzymes that are involved in the movement of phospholipids between the inner and outer layers.

Table 2.1

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PS = phosphatidylserine
 PE = phosphatidylethanolamine
 PC = phosphatidylcholine

} type of phospholipid

enzyme	enzyme action
flippase	hydrolyses ATP and moves PS and PE from the outer to the inner layer
floppase	hydrolyses ATP and moves PC from the inner to the outer layer
scramblase	after binding Ca^{2+} , randomly moves PS, PE and PC between layers

A healthy red blood cell has most PS and PE located in the inner layer and most PC located in the outer layer.

- (i) Phospholipids can occasionally move between layers without the action of an enzyme, so the continued activity of flippase and floppase is needed.

With reference to Table 2.1, explain why the action of the enzymes flippase and floppase involves the hydrolysis of ATP.

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- (ii) Blood plasma has a higher concentration of Ca^{2+} than the cytoplasm of red blood cells.

Suggest **one** way in which a red blood cell can have a very low concentration of Ca^{2+} when blood plasma has a higher concentration of Ca^{2+} .

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- (iii) The concentration of Ca^{2+} within the red blood cell increases when the cell is infected with the malarial parasite. This leads to the loss of membrane asymmetry.

With reference to Table 2.1, suggest **and** explain how membrane asymmetry is lost when the concentration of Ca^{2+} within the red blood cell increases.

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