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Question 1	Question 2	Question 3	Question 4	TOTAL
Reading Comprehension	Visual Literacy	Summary	Language Structures and Conventions	/50
/20	/10	/5	/15	

GRADE 6

ENGLISH FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE

CONTROLLED TEST

JUNE 2025

TIME: 2 HOURS

MARKS: 50

This question paper consists of 11 pages

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GRADE 6:	

INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION:

1. This question paper consists of FOUR SECTIONS:
 - QUESTION 1: Reading Comprehension (20 marks)
 - QUESTION 2: Visual text (10 marks)
 - QUESTION 3: Summary (5 marks)
 - QUESTION 4: Language Structures & Conventions in context (15 marks)
2. Read all the instructions carefully.
3. Answer ALL the questions.
4. Pay special attention to spelling and sentence construction.
5. Write neatly and legibly.

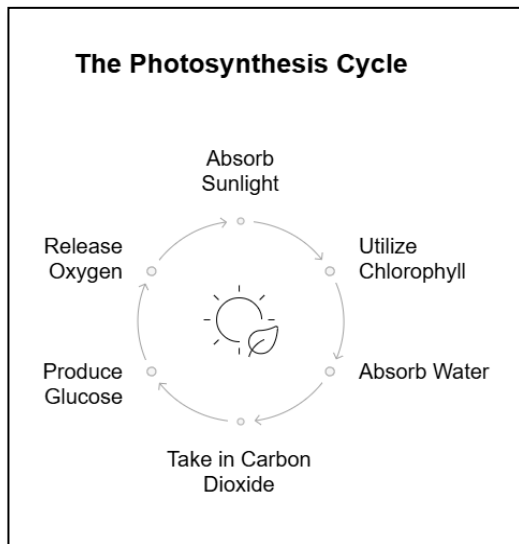
QUESTION 1: READING COMPREHENSION (20 marks)

Read the text below and answer the questions that follow.

Photosynthesis

Green plants are like little food factories! They use sunshine to make their own food. This amazing process is called photosynthesis. It's super important for all life on Earth. If there were no green plants making food, there would be no animals either.

To make food, plants need a few things: sunlight, something green inside them called chlorophyll, water they drink from the soil, and a gas from the air called carbon dioxide. Chlorophyll is mostly in the leaves, and it catches the sunlight's energy.



When the sunlight shines on the leaves, the chlorophyll uses its energy to mix the water and carbon dioxide together. This turns into sweet food, like sugar, for the plant. The plant uses some of this food to grow and stay strong, and it saves the rest. When this happens, the plant also makes a gas called oxygen, which is let out into the air for us to breathe.

Photosynthesis is really important because almost every living thing eats plants or eats animals that eat plants. Plus, the oxygen that plants make during photosynthesis is what we and other animals need to breathe to stay alive! Some tiny living things, like certain bacteria and slimy green stuff called algae, can also do photosynthesis and make their own food using sunlight.

Adapted from: <https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/photosynthesis>

Questions

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

- 1.1 What do green plants use to make their own food? (1)
- A Water and soil
 - B Air and water
 - C Animals
 - D Sunlight

- 1.2 What is the green stuff inside plants called? (1)
- A Carbon dioxide
 - B Chlorophyll
 - C Oxygen
 - D Sugar
- 1.3 Which part of the plant is responsible for absorbing sunlight? (1)
- A Flowers
 - B Leaves
 - C Roots
 - D Stem
- 1.4 What gas do plants release during photosynthesis? (1)
- A Carbon dioxide
 - B Oxygen
 - C Water
 - D Sugar
- 1.5 What gases do plants take in from the air for photosynthesis? (1)
- A Carbon dioxide
 - B Oxygen
 - C Water
 - D Sugar
- 1.6 How does photosynthesis help humans and animals? (1)
- A It provides the air they breathe
 - B It helps them to see better
 - C It makes the air hot
 - D It makes the soil wet

1.7 Besides plants, what else can make its own food using sunlight? (1)

- A Shiny rocks that get warm in the sun
- B Mushrooms growing in sunny spots
- C Air that feels warm on a sunny day
- D Some bacteria and algae

1.8 Say whether the following statements are True or False. Make a tick (✓) in the box and give a reason for your answer.

1.8.1 Photosynthesis is not important for life on Earth. (2)

True		False	
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1.8.2 Humans breathe in carbon dioxide to stay alive. (2)

True		False	
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1.9 What might happen to plants and animals if there is no sunlight for a week? (1)

1.10 Match the word in Column A with its meaning in Column B. Write the letter in the answer column. (3)

	Word	Meaning	Answer
1.10.1	Absorb	A. A sweet food that gives energy.	_____
1.10.2	Nutrients	B. To take in or soak up.	_____
1.10.3	Sugars	C. Things that living things need to grow.	_____
		D. Sunlight	_____

- 1.11 Say whether you AGREE or DISAGREE with the following statement. Tick (✓) (2)
the correct the box and give a reason for your answer.

All living things are able to make their own food.

Agree		Disagree	
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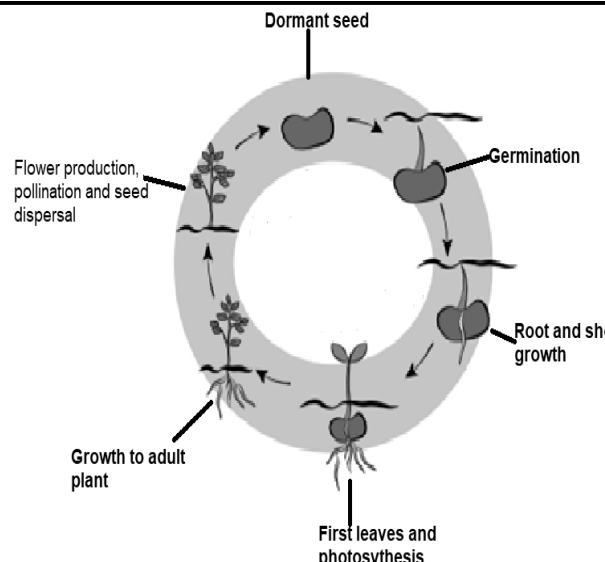
- 1.12 Where is most of the chlorophyll found in a plant? (1)

- 1.13 You are a scientist visiting a planet without sunlight. Do you think plants would (2)
be able to survive there? Why or why not?

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QUESTION 2: VISUAL TEXT (10 marks)

Read the visual text below and answer the questions that follow.



Life Cycle of a Plant

1 - Seed
A plant starts in the form of a seed. The seed acts as a food reserve for the growing plant, before it can start making its own food. The seed can stay dormant for a very long time until conditions are just right.

2 - Germination
Under the correct external conditions, a seed undergoes the process of germination - a shoot breaks through the seed casing.

3 - Root growth
Roots also begin to grow out of the seed, growing downwards into the soil. Plant roots can detect gravity, so that they know which direction to grow in, to extract water and nutrients from the soil.

4 - Shoot Growth
The shoot grows upwards and breaks through the soil to find the light.

Questions

2.1 What is the first stage in the life cycle of a plant? (1)

2.2 What is the role of the seed before the plant begins producing its own food? (1)

2.3 Name two parts of the plant that start growing after germination. (2)

2.4 What is the role of the first leaves in the young plant's life? (1)

2.5 What happens when the plant becomes fully grown? (1)

2.6 Explain the meaning of 'germination' in your own words. (2)

2.7 In which direction do roots grow and why? (2)

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QUESTION 3: SUMMARY (5 marks)

Read the following information text and summarise FIVE (5) benefits of drinking water.

Remember:

1. Your summary should be between 60-70 words long.
2. Include only the most important benefits.
3. Use your own words as far as possible.
4. Write the number of your words at the end.

The benefits of drinking water

Drinking water every day is one of the best things we can do for our bodies. Water helps us stay healthy and full of energy. When we drink enough water, our bodies can work well. We feel more awake and ready to learn or play.

Water helps keep our bodies cool, especially on hot days. It stops us from getting too hot when we run or play outside. Water also helps our skin look fresh and clean. Our skin needs water to stay

soft and smooth, especially when it is sunny and dry.

Drinking water helps move food through our bodies. This means we can go to the toilet easily and we don't get sore tummies. Water also helps our muscles and joints work better, so we can move without pain and enjoy sports or games.

Another great thing about water is that it helps us not feel tired or get headaches. When we don't drink enough, we can feel weak or moody.

Choosing water instead of a cold drink or juice helps our teeth stay strong and stops us from getting too much sugar, which can cause cavities and weight gain.

<https://www.webmd.com>

Number of words: _____

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Criteria	3 marks	2 marks	1 mark
Details	Important details are included. (5 benefits written)	Some information is missing (3-4 benefits written)	Contains only 1-2 benefits.
Paraphrase & conventions		2 marks Use own words to write a summary. 1-3 spelling, grammar, and conventions errors are found.	1 mark Does not use own words to write a summary. 4 or more spelling, grammar and conventions errors are found.

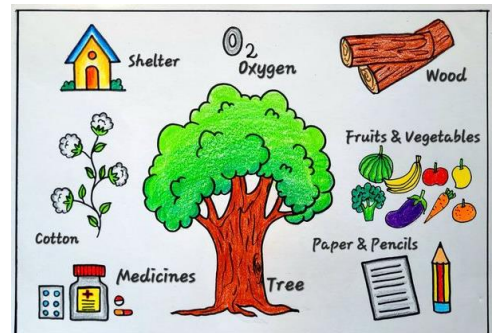
QUESTION 4: LANGUAGE STRUCTURES AND CONVENTIONS (15 marks)

Refer to the text below and answer the questions.

Why Plants Are Important

Plants are truly amazing. Their leaves clean the air by taking in carbon dioxide and giving out oxygen. Without plants, we wouldn't be able to breathe properly. Farmers grow crops that feed millions of people, and forests provide homes for countless animals.

Last year, scientists were studying how trees help cool the planet. They discovered that large forests lower temperatures by creating shade and releasing water into the air. We also use plants to make clothes, medicine, and furniture. We must protect nature and care for our environment. A plant-rich diet is not only healthy, but it also helps the planet. People are becoming more careful about what they eat. We should all do our best to grow and protect plants.



Adapted from: <https://www.britannica.com/place/Amazon-Rainforest>

Questions

4.1 Underline the possessive pronoun in the following sentence. (1)

We must protect nature and care for our environment.

4.2 Underline the reflexive pronoun in the sentence below. (1)

Some plants can even regrow themselves after being cut.

- 4.3 Write down the root and suffix of the word '**careful**'. (2)
- 4.3.1 root: _____
- 4.3.2 Suffix: _____
- 4.4 Identify the subject and object in the following sentence. (2)
- Farmers grow crops that feed millions of people.
- 4.4.1 Subject: _____
- 4.4.2 Object: _____
- 4.5 Underline the correct form of the verb within brackets. (1)
- Scientists (was/were) studying how trees help cool the planet.
- 4.6 Choose the correct determiner to complete the sentence below. (1)
- _____ animals live in the forests.
- A Carefully
- B Some
- C Grow
- D Were
- 4.7 Change the following sentence to the past continuous and future continuous tenses. (2)
- The grade 6 learners study the importance of trees.
- 4.7.1 Past continuous tense:
- _____
- 4.7.2 Future continuous tense:
- _____
- 4.8 Complete the sentence by filling in the correct preposition. (1)
- Trees help to cool the planet _____ creating shade.
- 4.9 Underline the adverb of manner in the following sentence. (1)
- People are choosing their food more carefully.

4.10 Identify the sentence type of the following sentence. (1)

Plants are truly amazing.

- A Exclamation
- B Statement
- C Command
- D Question

4.11 Underline the noun phrase in the sentence below. (1)

A plant-rich diet is not only healthy, but it also helps the planet.

4.12 Write an antonym (opposite) for the underlined word. (1)

Farmers grow healthy crops in large fields.

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