

CAMBRIDGE LOWER SECONDARY CHECKPOINT  
PRACTISE QUESTIONS AND MARK SCHEME

Subject: Biology Topic: Stage 8

Topic-The Respiratory System-Set-1

1 Fig. 3.1 shows the human respiratory system.

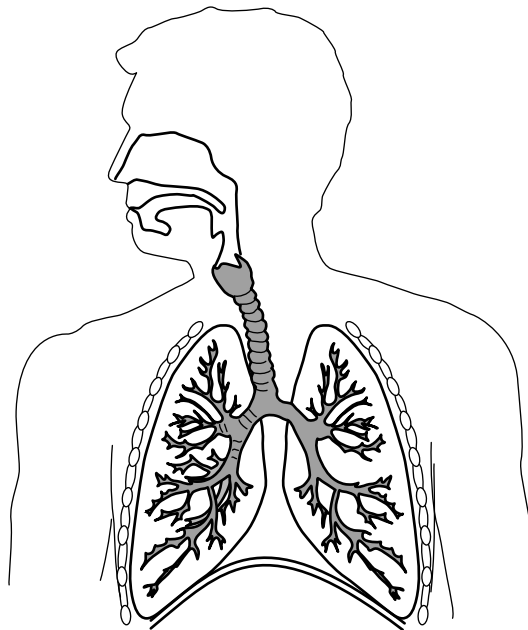


Fig. 3.1

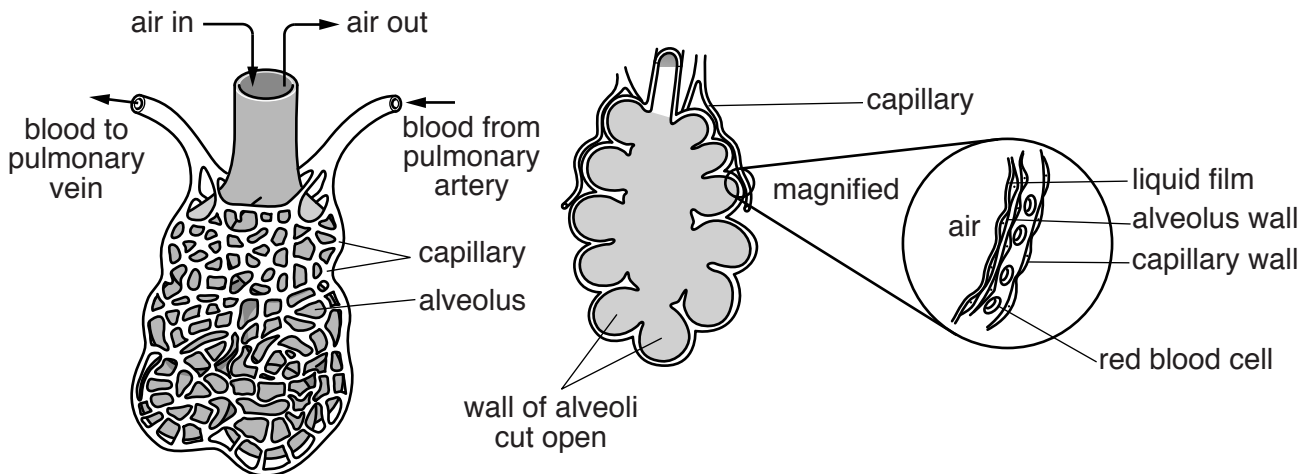
(a) On Fig. 3.1 use label lines to identify:

- a bronchiole;
- the larynx;
- the trachea.

[3]

(b) Fig. 3.2 shows:

- a group of alveoli and the capillaries surrounding them in a human lung;
- a section through this group of alveoli with most of the capillaries removed;
- a magnified section of part of the wall of an alveolus and its capillary.



group of alveoli and capillaries surrounding them  
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section through alveoli with most of the capillaries removed  
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Fig. 3.2

magnified section of the wall of an alveolus and its capillary

Use Fig. 3.2 to describe **three** features of gas exchange surfaces in animals.

feature 1 .....

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feature 2 .....

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feature 3 .....

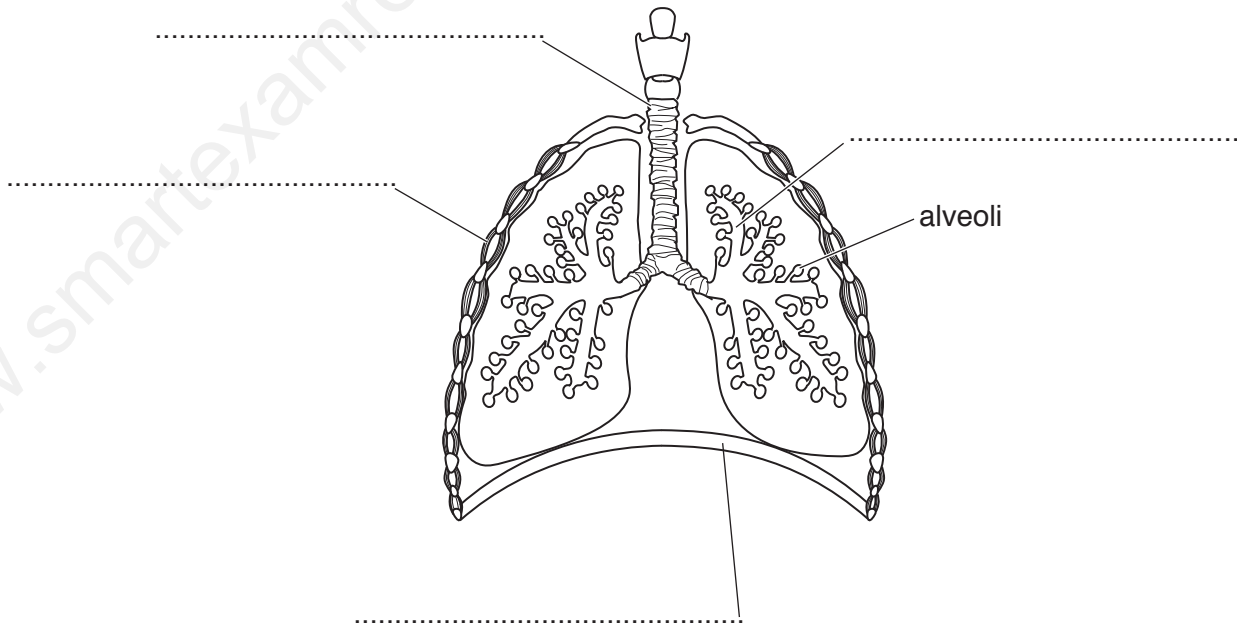
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[3]

## MARK SCHEME:

<b>(a)</b>	bronchiole ; larynx ; trachea ;	[3]	one mark for each labelled line in the correct position.
<b>(b)</b>	large surface area (per volume) ; thin / small diffusion distance ; moist / wet / liquid film ; (alveolar) wall permeable ; well ventilated / diffusion gradient maintained ; well supplied with capillaries / diffusion gradient maintained ;	max [3]	<b>A</b> answers in context applying to animals other than mammals.

**2** Fig. 6.1 shows a diagram of the gas exchange system.



**Fig. 6.1**

(a) Complete the labelling of Fig. 6.1 using the words from the list.

- bronchiole      diaphragm      intercostal muscle      trachea**

[4]

(b) Alveoli are gas exchange surfaces.

State **two** features that make alveoli good gas exchange surfaces.

1 .....

2 .....

[2]

(c) There is less oxygen in expired air than in inspired air.

(i) Describe **two other** ways in which expired air is different from inspired air.

1 .....

2 .....

[2]

(ii) State the name of a process that uses oxygen in the body.

.....[1]

(d) State an example of a cell and an organ from the gas exchange system.

cell .....

organ .....

[2]

[Total: 11]

**MARK SCHEME:**

<b>(a)</b>	bronchiole, diaphragm, intercostal (muscle), trachea labelled ;;;;	<b>4</b>	1 mark for each correct label
<b>(b)</b>	good blood supply ; thin ; ventilated ; large surface (area) ; AVP ; e.g. moist / permeable	<b>2</b>	
<b>c(i)</b>	more water vapour ; more carbon dioxide ; higher temperature ;	<b>2</b>	<b>A</b> saturated <b>A</b> warmer
<b>c(ii)</b>	(aerobic) respiration ;	<b>1</b>	<b>A</b> removal of lactic acid / oxidation <b>R</b> anaerobic respiration
<b>(d)</b>	<i>cell</i> red blood cell / ciliated cell / muscle cell / white blood cell ; <b>A</b> guard cell  <i>organ</i> lung / trachea / bronchus / bronchiole / larynx ; <b>A</b> leaf	<b>2</b>	1 mark for example of a cell / goblet cell 1 mark for example of an organ

**3** (Describe the difference between *respiration* and *breathing*.)

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..... [2]

[Total: 6]

**MARK SCHEME:**

respiration is release of energy (from sugar);

A – correct equation with ref. to energy

R – produce/make energy

breathing is moving air/gases in and out of lungs/body/OWTTE;

I – ref. to specific gases

[2]

- 4 The terms eating and breathing are often wrongly stated as characteristics of living organisms.

Breathing is often confused with respiration.

Define the term *respiration*.

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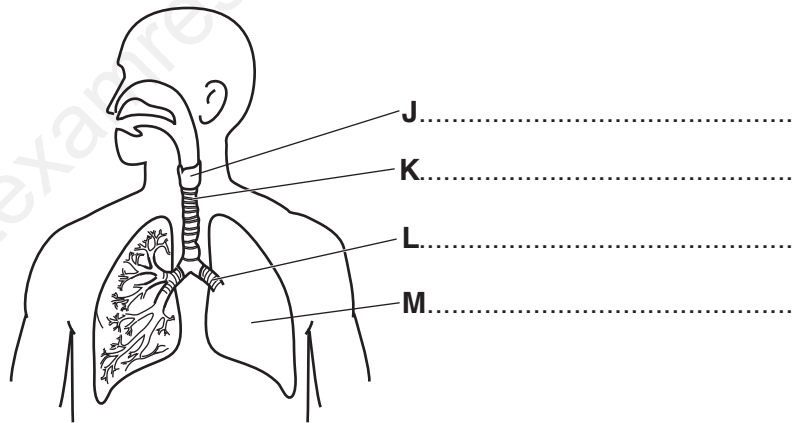
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## MARK SCHEME

1	the release energy;		
2	by the breakdown / oxidation of glucose / sugar;	[2]	A – reaction of oxygen with glucose / sugar

**6** (a) Fig. 5.1 shows the human breathing system.



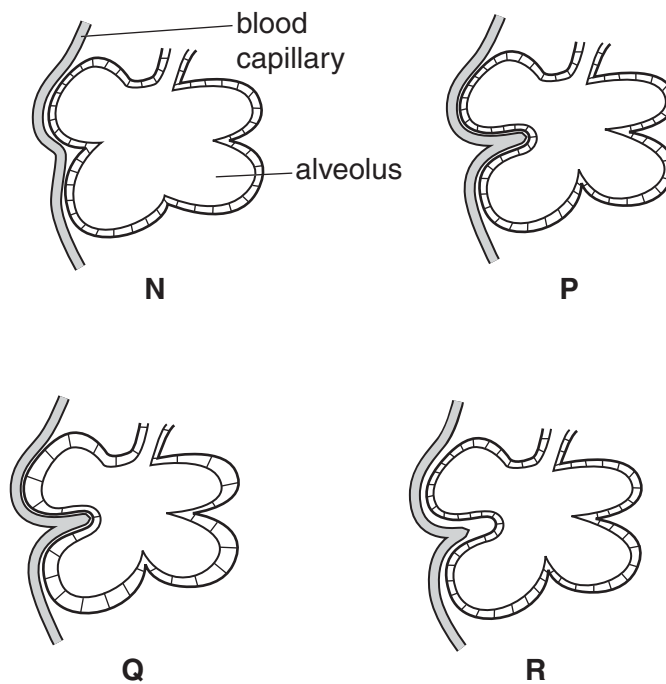
**Fig. 5.1**

Name the structures labelled **J**, **K**, **L** and **M**.

Write your answers on Fig. 5.1.

[4]

(b) Fig. 5.2 shows four sections through groups of alveoli and their blood capillaries.



**Fig. 5.2**

State which diagram, **N**, **P**, **Q** or **R**, shows the most efficient gas exchange surface.

Give **one** reason for your answer.

most efficient gas exchange surface .....

reason .....

.....

[2]

(c) (i) State the word equation for aerobic respiration in cells.

..... + ..... → ..... + ..... [2]

(ii) Respiration releases energy.

Outline **three** uses of this energy in the human body.

- 1 .....
  - .....
  - 2 .....
  - .....
  - 3 .....
  - .....
- [3]

**[Total: 11]**

**MARK SCHEME:**

(a)	<p><i>J</i> – larynx;  <i>K</i> – trachea;  <i>L</i> – bronchus;  <i>M</i> – lung;</p>	<b>4</b>	
(b)	<p><b>P</b>;  <i>idea of:</i>  large(r) surface area (than N) /  alveolar wall is thin(ner) /  small diffusion distance /  blood vessel closer to alveolar wall (than R or N) /  more rapid diffusion of gases /  thin(ner) or smaller cells than Q;</p>	<b>1</b>	
(c)	<p>oxygen <b>and</b> glucose (on LHS);  water <b>and</b> carbon dioxide (on RHS);</p>	<b>2</b>	

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Topic-The Respiratory System-Set-3

1 Fig. 8.3 shows an alveolus and an associated blood capillary.

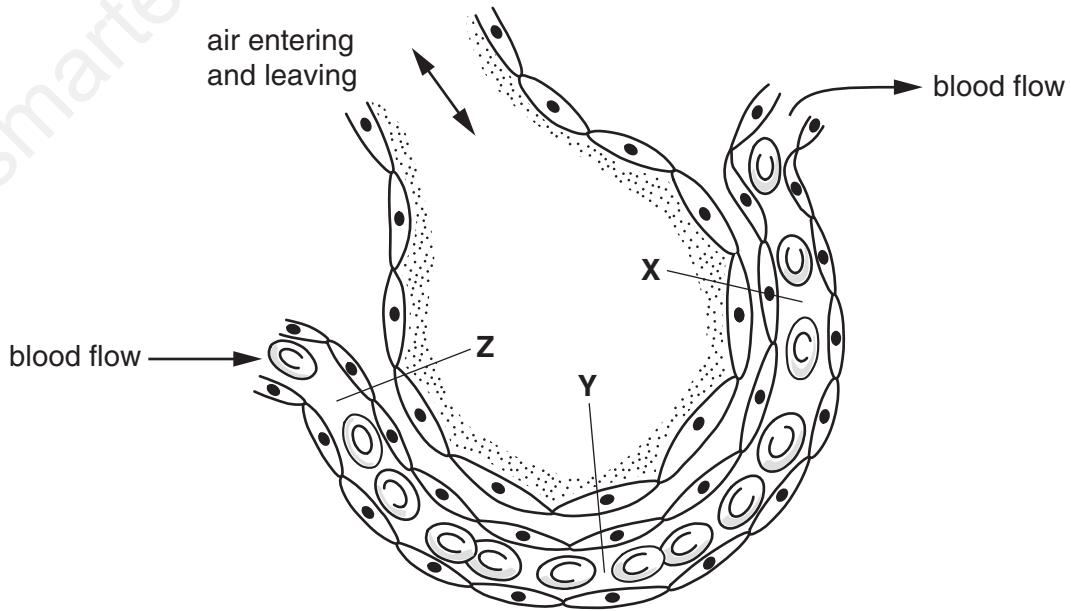


Fig. 8.3

(i) Suggest at which point, X, Y or Z, the rate of diffusion of carbon dioxide will be highest.

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.....[1]

(ii) The bronchi and bronchioles are lined with ciliated epithelium tissue and a thin layer of mucus. Describe the role of the cilia and mucus.

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.....  
.....[2]

**MARK SCHEME:**

**(i) (point) Z; [1]**

**(ii) mucus traps bacteria/dust; [2]**  
**cilia push mucus towards trachea/throat/away from lungs;**

2 Fig. 9.1 shows an alveolus in which gaseous exchange takes place.

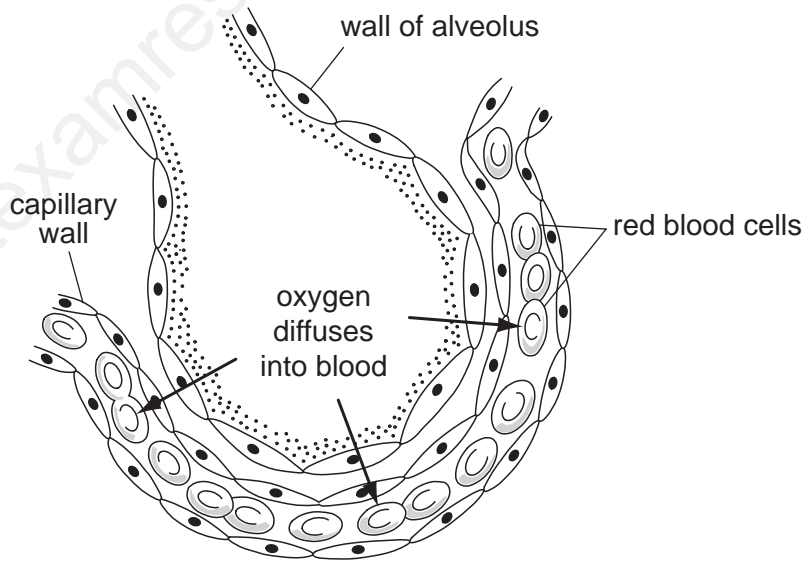


Fig. 9.1

(a) (i) Define the term *diffusion*.

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.....  
..... [2]

(ii) State what causes oxygen to diffuse into the blood from the alveoli.

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..... [1]

(iii) List three features of gaseous exchange surfaces in animals, such as humans.

1 .....  
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2 .....  
.....  
3 .....  
..... [3]

- (b) (i)** At high altitudes there is less oxygen in the air than at sea level.  
Suggest how this might affect the uptake of oxygen in the alveoli.

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.....  
..... [2]

- (ii)** In the past some athletes have cheated by injecting themselves with extra red blood cells before a major competition.  
Predict how this increase in red blood cells might affect their performance.

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.....  
..... [2]

[Total: 10]

**MARK SCHEME:**

- (a) (i)** the movement of molecules / particles / ions;  
from a higher to a lower concentration/ down concentration gradient; [2]
- (ii)** because there is a lower concentration in the blood than in the air /  
in the alveolus / ORA; [1]
- (iii)** large surface area;  
thin surface / wall / wall one cell thick; R - cell walls  
moist surface;  
rich blood supply;  
Any three – 1 mark each [3]
- (b) (i)** concentration difference / gradient between air and blood smaller / less steep;  
less / slower diffusion / diffusion rate lower;  
less oxygen absorbed;  
Any two – 1 mark each [2]
- (ii)** (more red blood cells means) more oxygen carried;  
allows greater rate of respiration (in muscles / tissues); R – ref to breathing  
leads to greater energy release;  
could allow better performance / OWTTE;  
Any two – 1 mark each [2]
- Total: [10]**

3 Fig. 2.1 shows a section through the human chest (thorax).

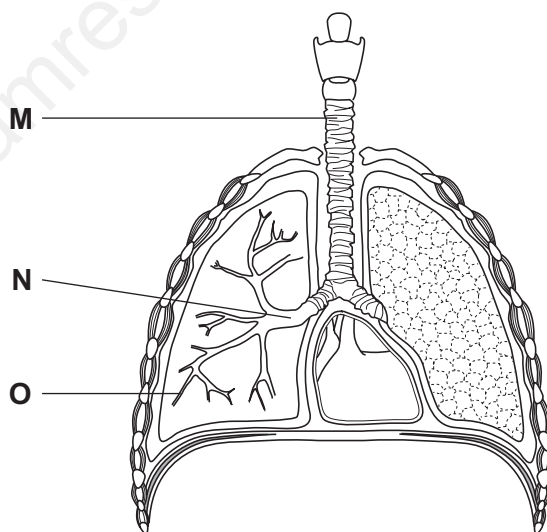


Fig. 2.1

(a) Name the structures labelled **M**, **N** and **O**.

- M** .....
- N** .....
- O** ..... [3]

(b) The breathing rates of some students were measured before they started running.

Describe how you could measure the breathing rates.

- .....
- .....
- .....
- ..... [2]

**MARK SCHEME:**

<b>(a)</b>	<b>M</b> – trachea; <b>N</b> – bronchus; <b>O</b> – bronchioles;	[3]	A – cartilage, windpipe A – bronchi, l – ref to position left/right A – alveolus / alveoli
<b>(b)</b>	observe rise and fall of chest / OWTTE; count number of inhalations in known period of time;	[2]	A – ref to breathing monitors A – 15 s to 5 mins

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Inspired air has a different composition to expired air.

Complete Table 2.1 to show how inspired air is different from expired air.

**Table 2.1**

substance	how inspired air is different from expired air
carbon dioxide	
dust particles	
oxygen	
water vapour	

[4]

**[Total: 4]**

**MARK SCHEME**

substance	how inspired air is different from expired air		
carbon dioxide	less in inspired air;		A – ORA if specify reverse comparison No credit for absolutes for oxygen, carbon dioxide, water vapour
dust particles	more in inspired air;		
oxygen	more in inspired air;		
water vapour	less in inspired air;	[4]	
		<b>[Total: 4]</b>	