

KS3 ASSESSMENT [BIOLOGY] BRAMHALL HIGH SCHOOL

Year 7	Acquiring	Developing	Secure	Mastered
	Is beginning to acquire the necessary knowledge for the topic(s)	Is developing the knowledge necessary to understand the topic	Understands the topic and is able to make links using the knowledge	Fully understands the topic and is able to confidently link knowledge.
Term 1a 7A Cells, Tissues, Organs and System.	Able to demonstrate a basic knowledge of cells, tissues, organs and systems including:	Able to demonstrate a growing knowledge of cells, tissues, organs and systems including:	Able to demonstrate and begin to apply an excellent knowledge of cells, tissues, organs and systems including:	Able to demonstrate and apply an extensive knowledge of cells, tissues, organs and systems including:
	Identify things as being alive or not.	Describe the life processes.	Use life processes to justify whether something is living or is non-living.	Compare life processes in a range of plants and animals.
	State the meanings of: tissue, organ, organ system.	Describe how cells, tissues, organs and organ systems are related.	Describe the functions of different tissues within an organ.	Consider the use of tissue in an organ transplant.
	Identify the basic parts of a light microscope.	Describe how to prepare a microscope slide.	Calculate total magnification using a formula.	Estimate the size of a specimen under a microscope.
	Identify a cell as an animal cell.	List the main features commonly found in animal cells.	Describe the function of the nucleus, cell membrane and cytoplasm.	Suggest reasons for differences Between animal cells in terms of their function.
	Identify a cell as a plant cell.	List the main features commonly found in plant cells.	Describe what the cell wall, permanent vacuole, chloroplasts do.	Suggest reasons for differences Between plant cells in terms of their function.



Term 1b 7A Cells, Tissues, Organs and	Identify some plant and animal organs.	Describe the functions of major organs.	Identify similarities between the functions of different organs.	Identify differences between the parts of an organ.
System.	State the meaning of organ system. 	Describe how organs work together as organ systems. 	Identify organs working together as a system. 	Compare the roles of different organ systems.
7B Sexual Reproduction in Animals	Able to demonstrate a basic knowledge of reproduction including:	Able to demonstrate a growing knowledge of reproduction including:	Able to demonstrate and begin to apply an excellent knowledge of reproduction including:	Able to demonstrate and apply an extensive knowledge of reproduction including:
	State the meaning of sexual reproduction.	Identify sperm cells and egg cells as gametes.	Describe how the fusing of gametes and their nuclei during fertilisation forms a fertilised egg cell.	cell grows into an embryo.
	Identify ways in which animals care for their offspring.	Describe how fish, birds and mammals care for their offspring.	Compare the amount of care of in fish, birds, mammals.	Explain the implications of a certain level of aftercare in different situations.
Term 2a 7B Sexual Reproduction in Animals	Identify the structures and organs in the human reproductive system.	Describe the functions of the structures and organs of the human reproductive system.	Use knowledge of the of reproductive organs to make deductions about reproductive processes.	Compare the reproductive systems of humans and other Animals.
	State the meaning of: growth, cell division.	Describe what happens during cell division.	Describe how a woman becomes pregnant after fertilisation.	Explain how identical and non- identical twins occur.
	Recall the length of pregnancy in humans.	State the meaning of:	Identify and recall the names of the structures surrounding	Describe how the developing foetus is protected inside

		foetus, gestation, umbilical cord, placenta.	the developing foetus that provide nutrition, oxygen, waste removal.	the mother.
	State the meaning of: premature baby.	Recall the names of substances in a mother's blood that may harm a developing foetus.	List the main stages of giving birth in humans.	Describe what happens during labour and birth in humans.
	Recall the length of the menstrual cycle.	Explain the purpose of the menstrual cycle.	Explain why the uterus lining is maintained if fertilisation occurs.	Describe the stages in the menstrual cycle.
	State the meaning of: puberty, adolescence.	Identify the role of sex hormones in puberty.	Identify the parts of the body that change in males and females during puberty.	Describe what happens to parts of the body during puberty.
Term 2b 7C Muscles and Bones	Able to demonstrate a basic knowledge of muscles and bones including:	Able to demonstrate a growing knowledge of muscles and bones including:	Able to demonstrate and begin to apply an excellent knowledge of muscles and bones including:	Able to demonstrate and apply an extensive knowledge of muscles and bones including:
	Recall the major bones in the human skeleton.	Describe the functions of the major bones in the human skeleton.	Relate the properties of bones to their functions.	skeleton.
	State the functions of the muscular, skeletal, locomotor and musculoskeletal systems.	Describe how muscles and bones work together to allow movement.	Classify joints as different types.	muscles contract and relax to move a bone.

Term 3a 7C Muscles and Bones	Describe the functions of the main parts of the human gaseous exchange system.	Describe how muscles attached to ribs and the diaphragm produce breathing Movements.	Describe what happens during gas exchange.	Use a knowledge of respiration and ventilation to explain why inhaled air differs from exhaled air.
	Describe the functions of red blood cells, white blood cells, plasma and platelets.	Explain how a red blood cell is adapted to its function.	Describe the route taken by blood through the heart.	Explain the oxygenation levels of the blood in different parts of the heart.
	State the meaning of: drug.	Classify drugs as legal, illegal, medical, recreational.	Recall the effects and side effects of some common drugs (including medicines).	Describe the effects of stimulants, depressants on reaction times.
7D Ecosystems	Able to demonstrate a basic knowledge of ecosystems including:	Able to demonstrate a growing knowledge of ecosystems including:	Able to demonstrate and begin to apply an excellent knowledge of ecosystems including:	Able to demonstrate and apply an extensive knowledge of ecosystems including:
				Describe how hybrids can be
	Define what is meant by: variation. Define the meaning of:	Identify variation between organisms of the same type and of different types.	Tell the difference between and identify examples of continuous and discontinuous variation	distinguished from species.
	ecosystem community			Explain how environmental and
	Interdependent.	Describe physical and behavioural adaptations of a range of organisms	Explain how particular adaptations increase the chances of survival.	inherited factors can cause variation.
	Describe physical and	to their habitats.		
	behavioural adaptations of a			Explain how variation can cause
	range of organisms to their habitats.	Identify the preferred physical conditions of an organism.	Explain how and why some environmental factors are related.	problems for classification.

Term 3b 7D Ecosystems	Identify examples of resources needed by more than one type of organism.	Explain why organisms are in competition in a given habitat.	Describe how the distribution of organisms is controlled by the availability of resources.	Explain how changes in a population in an ecosystem affect other populations.
	Define the meanings of: recycling, reusing, landfill.	Define feeding relationships in terms of energy flow.	Explain the gains and losses of energy from living.	Analyse data to draw pyramids of biomass.

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Term 1a 8A Food and Digestion	Recall that tests can be done for nutrients in food.	Describe the food test for (starch, protein, fats, sugar).	Interpret the results of food tests (for starch, proteins and fat).	Interpret the results of food tests (sugar).
	State what is shown on food labels.	Interpret nutrition information labels.	Use nutrition information labels to calculate the totals of different things (in a meal, in a diet), using different units.	Evaluate different types of (nutritional, advertising) labelling on foods.
	Recall the different names of the different nutrients in food and why we need food.	Describe the general uses of the nutrients by the body and how it acts as fuel for the body.	Explain how deficiency diseases are caused and their effects on health.	Justify the need for protein and other nutrients, from a variety of different sources.
	State the meaning of diabetes, obesity and balanced diet.	Describe the relationship between diet, exercise, age and energy.	information to describe a healthy diet.	Calculate and use BMIs to draw conclusions about rates of obesity.



	Recall the order in which organs of the digestive system are involved in digestion.	Describe how food is moved through the digestive system and describe the functions of the organs involved.	Explain how some bacteria are useful in the gut.	Compare the benefits and drawbacks of the presence of these bacteria.
	Use a model to describe basic enzyme action.	Describe the function of named enzymes in the human digestive system.	Use the lock-and-key hypothesis to explain how enzyme action is affected by different factors.	Describe the importance of surface area in the speed at which food can be digested by enzymes.
Term 1b 8A Food and Digestion	State what is meant by: diffusion.	Explain how the structure of villi allows efficient absorption of the soluble products of digestion.	Use a knowledge of diffusion to explain how nutrients enter the blood from the small intestine.	Explain the problems caused by diseases such as food intolerances, food allergies, coeliac disease etc.
8B Plants and their Reproduction	Recall the five kingdoms of organisms.	Describe the key characteristics of the five kingdoms into which organisms are classified.	Identify the many groups to which an organism belongs.	Use criteria to judge how good a fit a certain organism is in a certain kingdom.
	biodiversity.	Explain why preserving biodiversity is important.	Use simple calculations to compare biodiversity.	Suggest ways in which biodiversity can be improved, considering trends in calculations.
	Characteristics that vary due to Different factors.	Explain how these factors can cause variation.	Explain how these factors can cause variation of the same characteristic.	Explain how variation can cause problems for classification.
	reproduce asexually.	Describe how plants such as reproduce asexually.		Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of sexual and

	Describe the functions of the structures in flowers.	Describe the events that occur after pollination leading to fertilisation.	Explain the difference in outcomes of asexual and sexual reproduction in plants. Explain the importance of pollination for the production of foods.	asexual reproduction in plants in different conditions. Evaluate pollen grains to decide on a plant's method of pollination.
Term 2a 8B Plants and their	Describe how different fruits disperse seeds.	Explain the importance of seed dispersal.	Explain why plants try to avoid self-pollination.	Evaluate different methods of seed dispersal.
Reproduction	Recall the resources needed for germination.	Describe the life cycle of a plant.	Compare the life cycles of different plants that grow in different places.	Explain the importance of light/darkness for some seeds and their germination.
8C Breathing and Respiration	Recall what happens in aerobic respiration.	Describe how respiration can be detected	Model aerobic respiration using a word equation.	Compare burning (combustion) and respiration.
Term 2b	State the function of the lungs	Describe what happens during gas	Use a knowledge of respiration	Use a pressure model to explain
8C Breathing and Respiration			inhaled air differs from exhaled air.	Ventilation
	Describe how breathing rate and heart rate are affected by exercise.	Describe the effects of some chemicals in tobacco smoke on the body.	Explain the changes in heartbeat and breathing rate during exercise.	Explain why exercise is recommended to [prevent, help people with] cardiovascular disease.

	State the function of the gas exchange system Recall what happens in anaerobic respiration	Explain how lungs are adapted for gas exchange Explain why anaerobic respiration happens	Model aerobic respiration with a word equation Model anaerobic respiration with a word equation	Compare the different forms of respiration
Term 3a 8D	Identify different cell structures.	Describe characteristics of the five kingdoms	Use characteristics to classify organisms.	Explain the importance of surface area to volume ratio.
Organisms	Know some conditions that microorganisms need to grow.	Describe how yeast multiply by budding.	Explain how yeast are used to make bread.	Calculate rates of growth
	Identify the basic parts of a bacteria cell.	Know why bacteria are used in yoghurt making.	Describe what the [loop of DNA, soft cell wall, flagella, cytoplasm, cell membrane and plasmids] do.	Link a microorganism's method of respiration to its use by humans.
Term 3b 8D Unicellular Organisms	Describe what happens in photosynthesis.	Explain the function of chlorophyll.	Modal photosynthesis using a word equation.	Use the word equation for photosynthesis to identify limiting factors.
	Define the word ecosystem.	Explain the importance of decomposers.	Model the recycling of carbon using a cycle	Compare the benefits of decay



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Term la 9A Genetics and evolution	topic(s) Define what is meant by species Define what is meant by: variation.	topic Describe how hybrids can be distinguished from species. Tell the difference between and identify examples of continuous and discontinuous	knowledge Identify the parents of a hybrid. Interpret information on continuous variation using normal distribution curves.	knowledge. Explain why hybrids confuse the idea of a species and make classification difficult. Investigate the variations within a species to illustrate continuous variation and
	State the base pairing rules for adenine, thymine, cytosine and guanine.	Describe the structure of a DNA molecule.	Use a model to illustrate the relationship between DNA, chromosomes, genetic information and genes.	Evaluate the role of Watson, Crick, Chargaff, Franklin and Wilkins in the discovery of the structure of DNA.
	of organisms to their habitats.	Explain how particular adaptations increase the chances of survival.	Explain how particular adaptations limit an organism's distribution,	Make predictions about how changes in factors will affect survival.
	State that the individuals in a population are likely to vary from one another genetically.	Explain how natural selection determines the survival of certain variations of adaptations within a population.	Explain how natural selection can lead to evolution.	Evaluate the contribution made to our understanding of evolution by Charles Darwin and Lamarck.

Term 1b 9D Biology transition to	State different ways in which diseases may be caused.	Identify ways in which different diseases are spread.	Explain how viruses cause disease by taking over cell function.	Compare the structures of different microorganisms
GCSE	State the function of the nervous system and recall some hormones.	Describe the functions of the human nervous system and where hormones are produced.	Use a model to explain how information is transmitted around the body	Compare and contrast different systems for transferring information around the body.
	Identify effects and side effects of some drugs.	Describe the steps taken when a new drug is tested	Explain the importance of using placebos in drug testing.	Evaluate the use of double-blind trials and placebos in drug testing.
	Identify the apparatus used for measuring distribution and abundance.	Describe how changes in a physical environmental factor affect the distribution of organisms.	Use data to estimate population size.	Predict how changes in physical factors affect population size
	Define the meaning of: osmosis.	Explain how osmosis occurs.	Identify and explain changes in cells due to osmosis.	Use surface area:volume ratio calculations to explain certain features of organisms.
Term 2a Key concepts in biology	Recall the parts of a microscope.	Calculate total magnification.	Recall what is meant by resolution.	Explain why some cell structures can be seen easily with an electron microscope but not a light microscope.
	Identify the parts of plant and animal cells	Make drawings of plant and animal cells and identify their parts.	Describe the function of sub- cellular structures	Estimate size using scale bars



Term 2b Key concepts in biology	Recall some examples of specialised cells Identify a bacterial cell	Know the function of a gamete Describe the function of common parts of bacteria	Describe how specialised cells are adapted to their function Describe why bacteria are classified as prokaryotic	Draw conclusions about a cells function from its adaptations Change numbers to and from standard form
Term 3a Key concepts in biology	State that enzymes are proteins.	Describe enzymes as biological catalysts	Give examples of enzymes and where they are found in the human body	Recall the subunits from which carbohydrates, proteins and lipids are formed.
	State what enzyme specificity means	State that an enzymes action is due to its active site	Describe the role of the active site in enzyme function	Use the lock and key model to develop explanations of enzyme activity
	Explain what is meant by the term optimum	Describe the effect of temperature on enzyme activity	Describe the effect of pH on enzyme activity	Describe the effect of substrate concentration on enzyme activity
Term 3b Key concepts in biology	State that substances can be transported by diffusion	Describe how substances are transported by osmosis	Explain how substances are transported by active transport (including the need for energy)	Calculate percentage gain and loss of mass in osmosis