Biology Topic 1: Cell Biology

| 1. Cell structure |  |  | 2. Specialised cells |  |
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|  | Keywords |  | Keywords |  |
|  | 1. Eukaryotic | A complex cell with a nucleus (e.g. animal or plant cells). | Differentiation | A stem cell turning into a specialised cell |
|  | 2. Prokaryotic | A smaller cell without a nucleus (e.g. bacterial | Stem cell | A special type of cell which can turn into other specialised cells |
|  |  | cell). | Adult stem cells | Can only produce certain types of cell -found in bone marrow |
|  | 3. Nucleus | Contains genetic |  |  |
|  | 4. Cytoplasm | Where a cells chemical | Embryonic stem cells | Can produce all types of cells controversial |
|  |  |  | Meristems | Where plant stem cells are found |
|  | 5. Cell membrane | Controls what goes into and out of a cell. | Sperm cells | Take male DNA to the egg <br> - Tail to help it swim <br> - Lots of mitochondria for energy |
|  | 6. Ribosome | Part of a cell where |  |  |
|  | 7. Mitochondria | Where aerobic respiration takes place. | Nerve cells | Carry electrical signals around the body <br> - Long to cover long distances <br> - Branches to connect to other cells |
|  | 8. Cell wall | Only found in plant cells. Made of cellulose and supports the cell. | Muscle Cells | Muscle cells contract <br> - Long so have space to contract <br> - Lots of mitochondria for energy |
|  | 9. Vacuole | Only found in plant cells. Contains cell sap. |  |  |
|  |  |  | Root hair cells | Root hair cells absorb water and minerals <br> - Long hairs <br> - Big surface area for absorption |
|  | 10. Chloroplasts | Only found in plant cells. Where photosynthesis |  |  |
|  |  | takes place. | Phloem Cells | Phloem cells transport sugars (plants) <br> - Long tubes joined end to end |
|  | 11. Plasmid | Only found in bacterial cells. A small loop of DNA. |  |  |
|  | 12. Genetic material | Long strands of genes not tightly pack in a nucleus. | Xylem cells | Xylem cells transport water (plants) <br> - Long tubes joined end to end <br> - Hollow so water can flow through |

## 3. Comparing types of microscope

## 4. Calculating magnification

| Type of <br> microscope | Advantages | Disadvantages |
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| Light microscope | 1. <br> 2.Cheaper <br> Can see colours <br> Can see live <br> specimen | 1.Lower <br> magnification |
| Electron <br> microscope | 1. <br> 2.Expensive <br> Higher <br> magnification <br> (x1000 more) | 1.Can only see <br> dead <br> specimen <br> No colour |

Parts of a microscope


| Key Terms | Function |
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| Stage | Area where specimen is placed |
| Clamps | Hold the specimen still whilst it is being viewed |
| Light source | Illuminates the specimen |
| Objective lens | Magnifies the image of the specimen |
| Eyepiece lens | Magnifies the image of the specimen |
| Course/fine <br> focus | Used to focus the specimen so it can be seen clearly |
| Revolving <br> nosepiece | Holds 2 or more objective lenses |


| 6. Cell division |  |
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| Keywords |  |
| Chromosomes | Long strands of DNA <br> containing genes. <br> Found in 23 pairs in a <br> human. |
| Cell cycle | The process the cell <br> goes through to divide. |
| Mitosis | A type of cell division <br> that creates 2 identical <br> daughter cells. |
| Therapeutic <br> cloning | Using an embryo to <br> create cells that have <br> the same genes as the <br> patient. Controversial. |

8. Transport in cells

| Keywords | Definition | Examples |
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| Diffusion | The passive movement of a substance from an areas of high concentration to an area of low concentration | - Oxygen and carbon dioxide in the lungs <br> - Perfume in a room |
| Osmosis | The movement of water molecules across a partially permeable membrane from a less concentrated solution to a more concentrated solution. | - Water uptake in plants <br> - Water absorption in the intestine |
| Active transport | Movement of a substance from a lower concentration to a higher concentration, against the concentration gradient. Uses energy. | - Mineral absorption by roots <br> - Glucose absorption by the intestine |
| Surface area to volume ratio | The surface area divided by the volume expressed as a ratio | All high <br> - Unicellular organisms <br> - Alveoli in the lungs <br> - Villi in the intestines |

## 7. Stages of mitosis



| 9. Factors that effect the rate of diffusion/osmosis |  |
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| Speed up | Slow down |
| High concentration gradient | Low concentration gradient |
| High temperature | Low temperature |
| High surface area of membrane | Low surface area of membrane |

