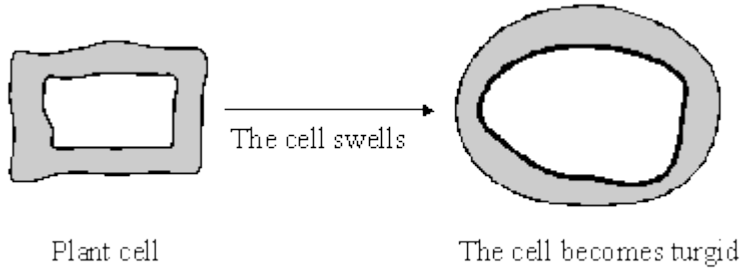


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(a) The diagrams show what happens to the shape of a plant cell placed in distilled water.



(i) Explain why the cell swells and becomes turgid. Name the process involved.

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(2)

(ii) Give **one** feature of the cell wall which allows the cell to become turgid.

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(b) Describe the change which will occur if a piece of peeled potato is placed in a concentrated sugar solution and explain why this change occurs.

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(3)

(Total 6 marks)

Mark schemes

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(a) (i) water (molecules) enter(s) (the cell)

or water (molecules) pass(es) through the (semi-permeable) cell membrane

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by osmosis

or because the concentration of water is greater outside (the cell than inside it the vacuole)

accept because of the concentration gradient provided there is no contradiction

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(ii) any **one** from

(it is) elastic

(it is) strong

(it is fully) permeable (to water)

or water can pass through it

do not credit semi-permeable

do not credit cell membrane is semi-permeable

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(b) (the piece of) potato shrinks

or loses its turgor

or becomes flabby

or becomes flaccid

or plasmolysis occur

or cytoplasm pulls away from the cell wall

(because) concentration of sugar

or because concentration of water

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(solution) is greater than concentration inside the cell / vacuole

inside the cell / vacuole is greater than concentration (of water) outside

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water is drawn out of the cell

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