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1 hour 15 minutes

You must answer on the question paper.

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INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen. You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
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- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
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- You should show all your working and use appropriate units.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
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1 The sinoatrial node (SAN) and the atrioventricular node (AVN) have an important role in the control of the cardiac cycle. The timing of atrial and ventricular systole and diastole must be controlled so that blood passes through the heart efficiently.

(a) Fig. 1.1 is a summary of blood flow through the **right** side of the heart during one cardiac cycle. Three boxes in Fig. 1.1 are **not** complete.

Complete boxes **3**, **5** and **7** in Fig. 1.1 using **only** the terms **systole** and **diastole**.

1 blood arrives at the heart in the superior vena cava and inferior vena cava

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2 blood passes into the right atrium

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3 atrial .....

ventricular .....

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4 blood is forced into the right ventricle

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5 atrial .....

ventricular .....

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6 blood leaves the right ventricle to enter the pulmonary arteries

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7 atrial .....

ventricular .....

Fig. 1.1

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(b) Impulses sent out by the SAN pass to the AVN, where there is a short delay.

With reference to Fig. 1.1, explain why it is important for the control of the cardiac cycle that there is a short delay at the AVN after impulses have been sent out by the SAN.

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(c) Changes in blood pressure occur in the heart during the cardiac cycle. These changes cause the opening and closing of the bicuspid and tricuspid (atrioventricular) valves and the aortic and pulmonary (semilunar) valves.

Explain how blood pressure changes:

- cause the **opening** of the **tricuspid** valve
- cause the **opening** of the **pulmonary** valve
- help the flow of blood through the heart.

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2 Fig. 2.1 is a photomicrograph of a longitudinal section (LS) through a root tip. Two different regions are visible:

- the root apical meristem
- the root cap.

Cells in the root cap synthesise a gel-like, sticky secretion known as mucilage, which is important in reducing friction between soil and the growing root. It is composed mainly of polysaccharides and also contains some amino acids and enzymes.

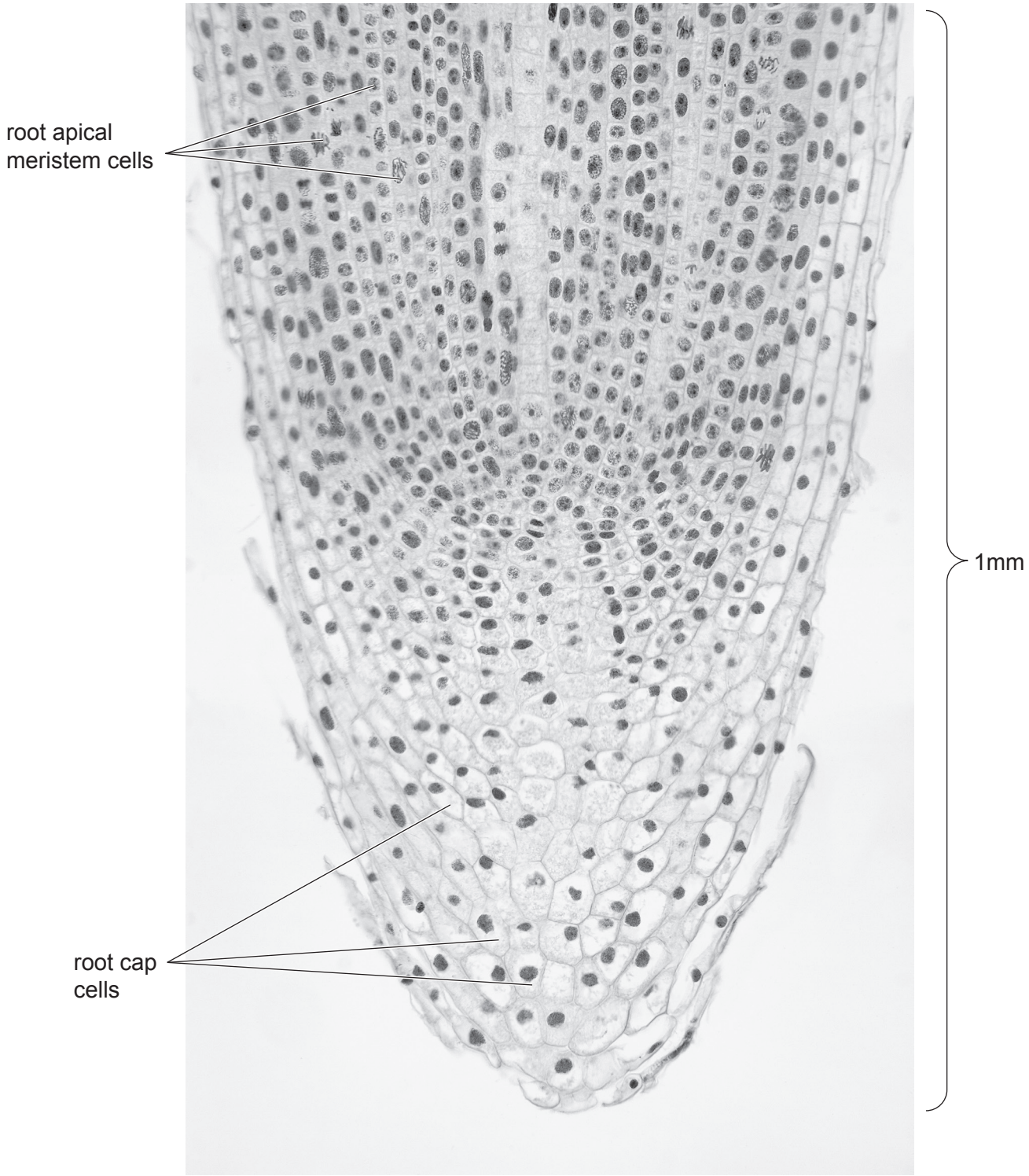

Fig. 2.1

(a) Describe **three** differences, **visible** in Fig. 2.1, between root apical meristem cells and root cap cells.

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(b) Mucilage acts as a glue to bind tiny soil particles together, forming small clumps close to the root. These small clumps help to maintain the soil water around the root tip and prevent the loss of water.

With reference to the cohesive **and** adhesive properties of water, suggest **and** explain how the formation of small clumps of soil helps to maintain the soil water around the root tip.

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(c) Enzymes present in mucilage catalyse the breakdown of organic compounds in the soil. This increases the presence of mineral ions in the soil.

State the term used to describe enzymes that act **outside** the cells that synthesise them.

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(d) The polysaccharides and amino acids present in the mucilage are a source of nutrients for soil microorganisms that live in the area surrounding the root. Some of these microorganisms can break down soil compounds to release mineral ions.

(i) Explain what is meant by a polysaccharide.

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(ii) The soil microorganisms use amino acids to synthesise proteins. All of the twenty different amino acids that are present in proteins have the same general structure.

Draw the general structure of an amino acid in the space provided **and** use this drawing to explain how it is possible to have many different amino acids.

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(iii) Mineral ions are usually present in the soil in very low concentrations. The action of mucilage enzymes and soil microorganisms can help to increase the presence of mineral ions.

Root hair cells are specialised for the uptake of these mineral ions **and** for the absorption of water from the soil.

Suggest **and** explain how the presence of mineral ions in the root hair cell can **increase** the absorption of water by the root hair cells.

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3 Cells of the immune system respond to the presence of non-self antigens.

(a) Outline the features of non-self antigens.

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(b) Four different types of cells of the immune system are shown in Table 3.1.

Complete Table 3.1:

- use a tick (✓) if the description applies to the named cell of the immune system
- use a cross (✗) if the description does **not** apply.

Table 3.1

description of cell	**cell of the immune system**			
	B-lymphocyte	**plasma cell**	**T-helper cell**	**T-killer cell**
able to go through a number of cell cycles (clonal expansion)				
main role is to secrete cytokine during an immune response				
present during a **primary** immune response to a virus				

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(c) The cell cycle can be divided into different parts.

Complete sentences **A**, **B** and **C** to provide more information about the mitotic cell cycle.

A The part of the cell cycle that occurs immediately after mitosis is

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B The part of the cell cycle in which the S phase occurs is

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C The main event that occurs during the S phase is

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4 *Trypanosoma brucei* is a unicellular organism that causes the infectious disease known as sleeping sickness. Insects known as tsetse flies pass on the organism from infected people to uninfected people when male and female tsetse flies feed on human blood.

(a) Fig. 4.1 is a transmission electron micrograph of the form of *T. brucei* found in human blood.

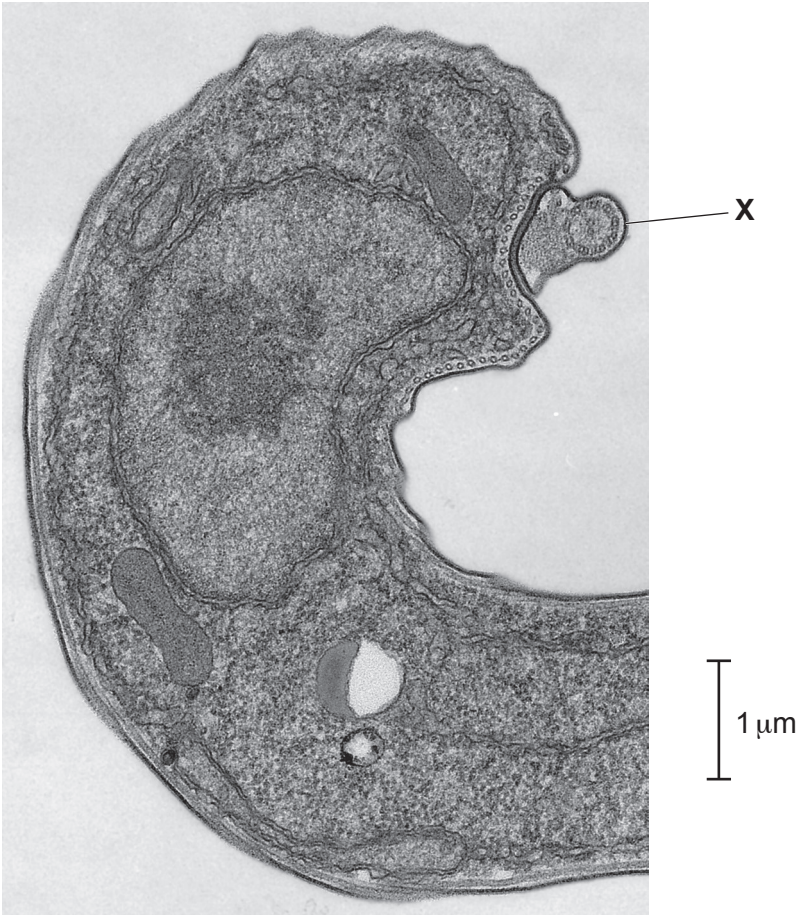

Fig. 4.1

(i) Draw an arrow on Fig. 4.1 to indicate the location in the cell where ribosomal RNA (rRNA) and proteins are assembled to make ribosomal subunits. [1]

(ii) With reference to Fig. 4.1, explain how the structure labelled **X** provides evidence that *T. brucei* is motile (able to move).

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(iii) With reference to Fig. 4.1, explain whether *T. brucei* is a eukaryote or prokaryote.

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(b) Malaria is an infectious disease caused by organisms belonging to the genus *Plasmodium*.

(i) State the term used to describe an organism that causes disease.

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(ii) Name **one** of the species of *Plasmodium* that causes malaria.

Plasmodium ..... [1]

(c) Outline the similarities **and** differences between the modes of transmission of malaria and sleeping sickness.

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5 Nucleotide and nucleoside analogues are therapeutic drugs that have a similar structure to nucleotides or nucleosides of RNA and DNA.

A nucleoside is composed of a nitrogenous organic base (base) and a pentose sugar.

(a) The names of the bases present in RNA and DNA nucleotides can be abbreviated using a single letter. These are shown in Table 5.1.

Complete Table. 5.1 by stating:

- the name of each base
- whether the base is a purine **or** pyrimidine
- whether the base is present
  - **only** in an RNA molecule (write **RNA** in the table)
  - **only** in a DNA molecule (write **DNA** in the table)
  - in RNA **and** in DNA molecules (write the word **both** in the table).

Table 5.1

base	name of base	purine or pyrimidine	present in RNA, DNA, or both
A			
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(b) Abacavir is an analogue drug used in the treatment of some viral diseases. It enters a cell infected by a virus and is metabolised to the analogue carbovir triphosphate.

Fig. 5.1 shows the molecular structure of abacavir and carbovir triphosphate.

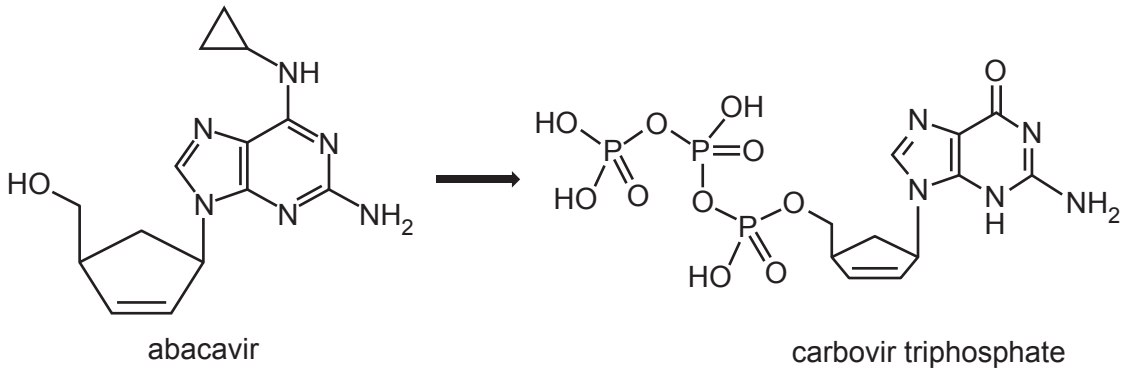

Fig. 5.1

Carbovir triphosphate can be inserted into an elongating polynucleotide chain instead of a nucleotide. This interferes with the action of DNA polymerase during the synthesis of viral DNA.

(i) With reference to Fig. 5.1, explain whether carbovir triphosphate will replace a purine or a pyrimidine nucleotide in the elongating polynucleotide chain.

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(ii) With reference to Fig. 5.1 **and** the action of DNA polymerase, suggest why the conversion of abacavir to carbovir triphosphate increases the chance of the analogue being added to the viral polynucleotide chain.

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(iii) Suggest **and** explain how carbovir triphosphate interferes with the action of DNA polymerase **and** how this may prevent the synthesis of viral DNA.

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6 The Weibel Lung model was developed after an extensive study of the gas exchange system. The model includes detailed measurements of airway diameters (lumen diameters of the airways). In the model, different parts of the gas exchange system are identified with a generation number, as outlined in Fig. 6.1.

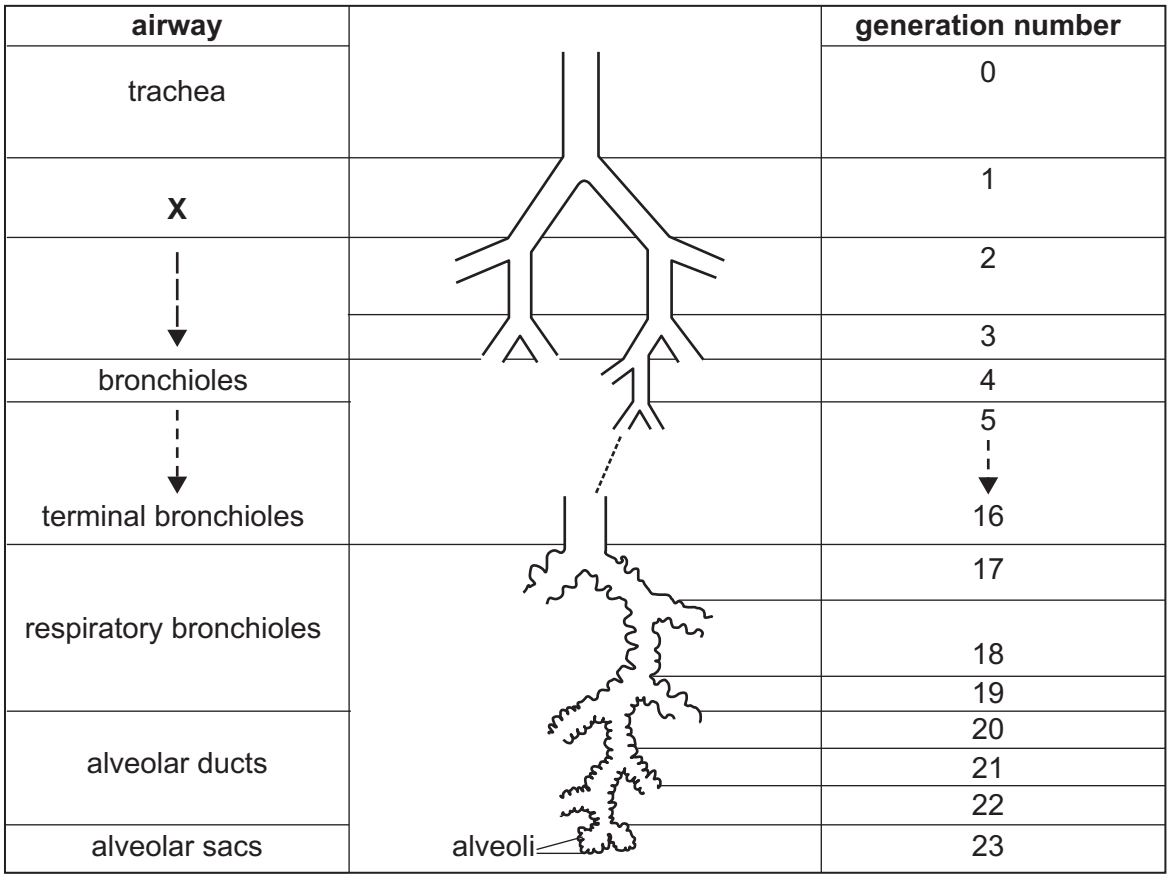

Fig. 6.1

(a) The Weibel Lung model describes how each airway divides into two.

Name the airways in generation 1, labelled **X** in Fig. 6.1, that branch from generation 0.

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(b) The airways are well supplied with blood. However, the airways from generation 0 to generation 16, shown in Fig. 6.1, are **not** able to carry out gas exchange.

Suggest why the airways from generation 0 to generation 16 are **not** able to carry out gas exchange.

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(c) High-resolution computed tomography (HRCT) is an imaging technique that is used to obtain measurements of airway diameters in people with a pulmonary (lung) disease. Regular, repeated imaging must be avoided because it involves exposure to harmful radiation.

Scientists researched the use of a different technique, HP gas MRI, that does **not** involve harmful radiation. Two types of MRI image, known as projection and multi-Slice, were used to obtain measurements of airway diameters.

Fig. 6.2 shows the results of the HP gas MRI study compared with the Weibel Lung model, for generations 0 to 5. The Weibel Lung model was used as a standard reference for airway diameters.

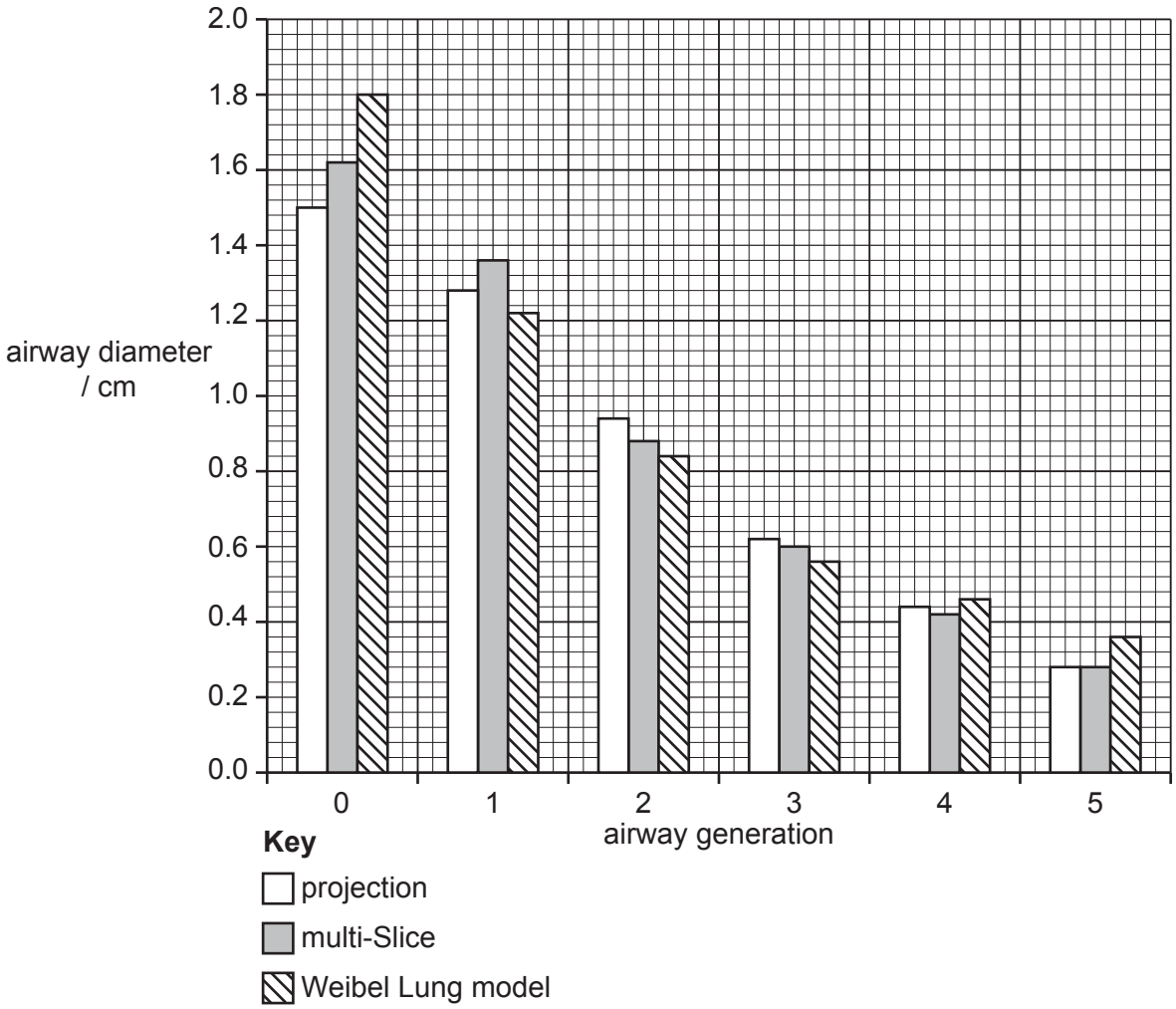

Fig. 6.2

(i) State the relationship shown in Fig. 6.2 between airway diameter and airway generation for the Weibel Lung model data.

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(ii) With reference to the data in Fig. 6.2, explain whether HP gas MRI could be a useful alternative to HRCT in obtaining airway diameter measurements.

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