SMART-EXAM-RESOURCES

CAMBRIDGE LOWER SECONDARY CHECKPOINT PRACTISE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Subject: Biology Topic: Ecosystem

Topic: Environmental Change and Extinction Set-1

1 Fig. 7.1 shows a food web.

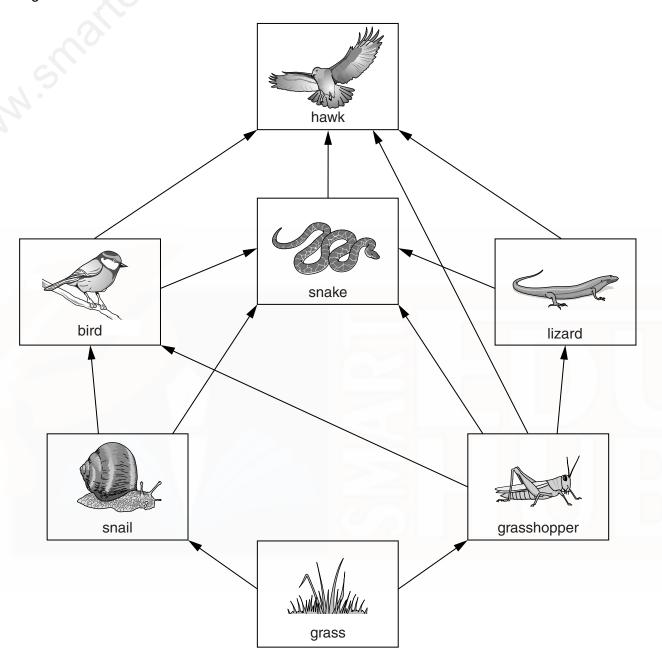


Fig. 7.1

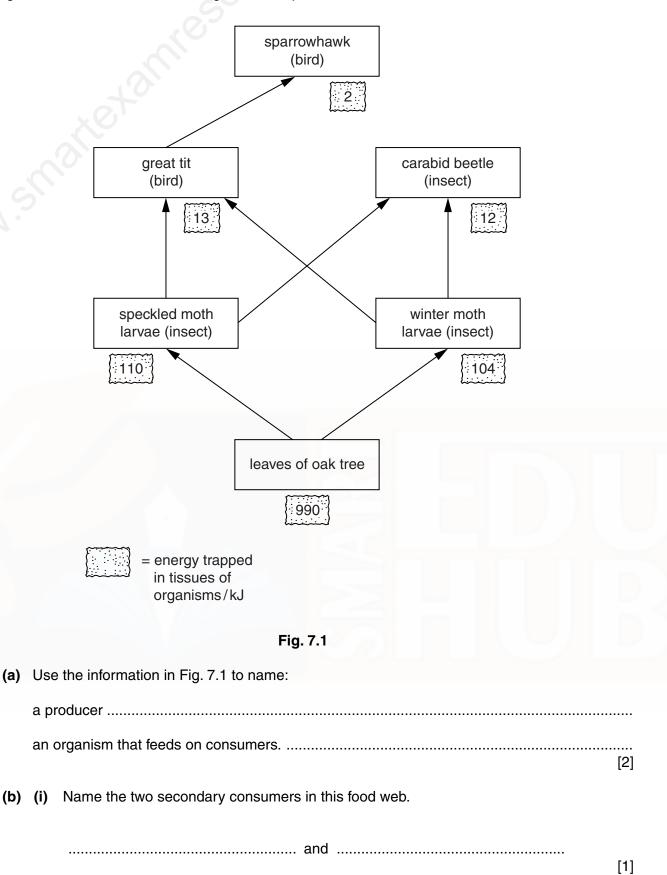
(a)	State what the arrows on Fig. 7.1 represent.					
	[1]					

(b)	Use the information in Fig. 7.1 to give:
	the name of a producer,
	the name of a secondary consumer,
	the number of herbivore species present,
	the number of carnivore species present.
	[4]

	1	the number of herbivore species present,		
	1	the number of carnivore species present		
M	ARK	SCHEME:		[4]
, N	(a)	direction of energy transfer/flow/movement (through the food web);	[1]	
	(b)	grass;		
		bird/snake/lizard;		
		2;		
		<u>4</u> ;	[4]	



2 Fig. 7.1 shows some of the feeding relationships in an oak woodland.



(d)	Some sparrowhawks have not been able to produce young because their eggs have only very thin shells. The tissues of these female sparrowhawks were found to contain high concentrations of insecticide.									
	Sparrowhawks do not eat insects.									
	Suggest how high concentrations of insecticide could have built up i sparrowhawks. Refer to Fig. 7.1 in your answer.									
			[3]							
(a	oak tree/leaves of oak tree;									
	carabid beetle/great tit/sparrow hawk;	[2]								
(b	carabid beetle and great tit;	[1]								
(C	insecticide is persistent/not broken down;									
	larvae contain insecticide;									
	great tits consume many larvae;									
	(idea of) insecticide passes up chain;									
	hawks consume many great tits;									
	so insecticide becomes concentrated; max [3]								

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ii)	State two of the main benefits to plants of decomposition.		[1]
,	1		
	2		
			[2]
1AI	RK SCHEME:		
fu	ngi/bacteria/saprophyte/saprotroph;	max [1]	
	upplies minerals/mineral ions/fertilisers/nitrates/phosphates to oil;		
re	leases carbon dioxide to the atmosphere;		
he	eats the soil;	max [2]	
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Fig. 4.1 shows the organisms in a woodland food chain.

The numbers written below each organism show the relative amount of energy at each trophic level in the food chain.

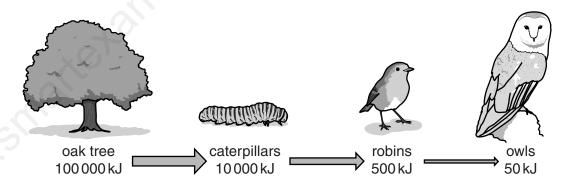


Fig. 4.1

(a)	(i)	State what the arrows in Fig. 4.1 represent.
	(ii)	Suggest why the arrows are different sizes.
		[1]
(b)	Stat	te the amount of energy that passes from the producers to the first consumers in Fig. 4.1.
		kJ [1]
(c)	Nar	ne two carnivores shown in Fig. 4.1.
		and[1]
(d)	Onl	y 10% of the energy in the robins passes to the owls.
	Des	scribe what happens to the other 90% of the robins' energy.
		[2]

[Total: 6]

(ii) (b)	they represent different amounts of energy AW; 10 000 kJ;	[1]	
(c)	robin + owl;	[1]	must have both either order
(d)	lost to the surroundings as heat; used during metabolism e.g. respiration (of food)/movement/ keeping warm; not all eaten;	max [2]	
		[Total: 6]	



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(a) Fig. 7.1 shows the relationships between some organisms in part of an ecosystem.

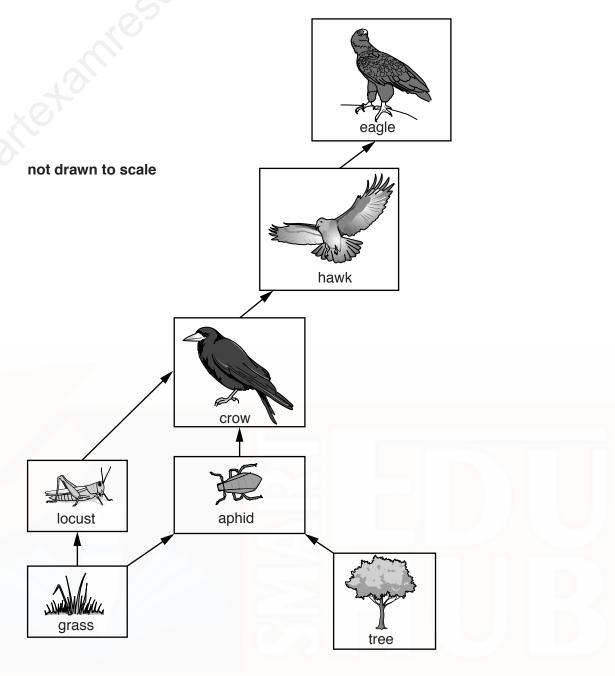


Fig. 7.1

	produces, and the hawks and eagles eat the finches.	
	Add this information to Fig. 7.1.	[3]
(ii)	Suggest and explain two changes that might occur if the eagles in this ecosystem died	out
	change	

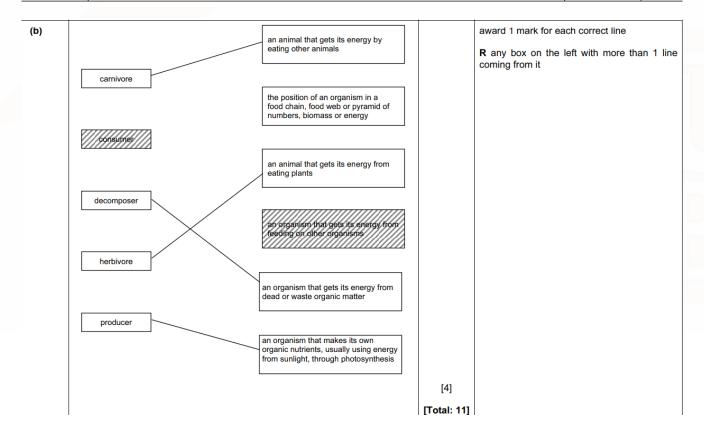
Finches are another organism in this ecosystem. These birds eat the seeds that the tree

(i)

explanation	
The boxes on the left contain the names	of types of organisms found in a food web.
The boxes on the right contain definition	s of these types of organisms.
Draw a line from each box on the left to	the box on the right that states its definition.
One example has been done for you.	
	an animal that gets its energy by eating other animals
carnivore	
	the position of an organism in a food chain, food web or pyramid of numbers, biomass or energy
consumer	
	an animal that gets its energy from eating plants
decomposer	
	an organism that gets its energy from feeding on other organisms
herbivore	
	an organism that gets its energy from dead or waste organic matter
producer	
	an organism that makes its own organic nutrients, usually using energy from sunlight, through photosynthesis

[Total: 11]

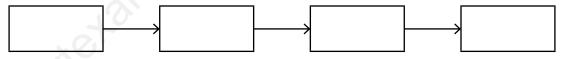
(a) (i)	finch (in a box) above level of tree and grass;		
	arrowed line from tree to finch; R if no arrow head/arrow head in wrong direction/extra incoming line		
	two <u>arrowed</u> lines from finch to hawk and eagle; R if no arrow heads/arrow heads in wrong direction/extra outgoing line	[3]	
(a) (ii)	increase in hawks ; as not eaten (by eagles/no predators/AW);		
	increase in hawks; decrease in, everything eaten by the hawk/decrease in finch/crow;		
	decrease in crows/finches; as more hawks to eat them;		
	increase in finches; as fewer eagles to eat them;		
	increase in aphids and locusts; as fewer crows to eat them;		
	any logical suggestion; with reason;	max [4]	



Some students observed a number of organisms in a habitat.

They saw that beetles eat plants, snakes eat frogs and frogs eat beetles.

(a) Write out a food chain linking these organisms. Write your answers in the boxes.



MARK SCHEME:

	l					l
(a)	plant	beetle	frog	snake;	[1]	



[1]

The list of words and phrases is about the relationships of organisms with one another and with their environment.

	carnivore d	ecomposer	ecosystem	food chain
food web	herbivore	population	producer	pyramid of numbers
	pyrar	nid of biomass	trophic level	

Table 7.1 shows a list of definitions of some of these words and phrases.

Match each definition with one word or phrase from the list. Write your answers in Table 7.1.

Each word may be used once, more than once or not at all.

Table 7.1

definition	matching word or phrase
an animal that gets its energy by eating other animals	
a network of interconnected food chains	
an organism that makes its own organic nutrients by photosynthesis	
the position of an organism in a food chain	
an animal that gets its energy by eating plants	
a group of organisms of one species, living in the same area at the same time	
a unit containing all of the organisms and their environment, interacting together, in a given area	
a diagram which shows the quantities of organisms involved in a set of feeding relationships	

[8]

[Total: 8]

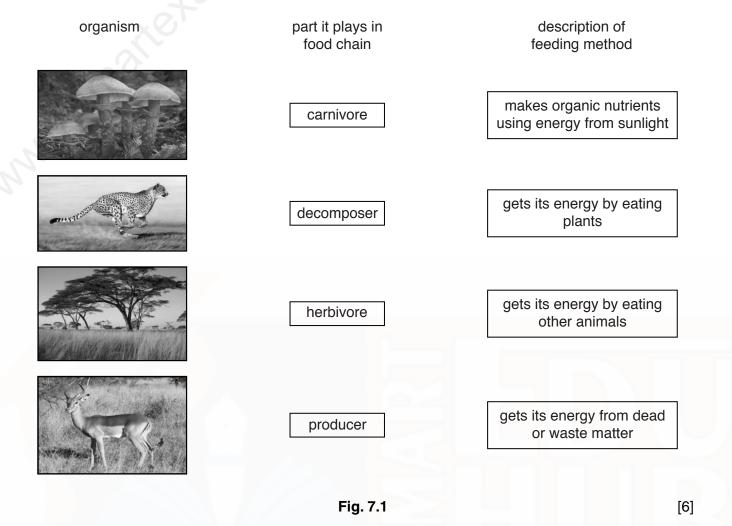
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definition	matching word or phrase		
an animal	carnivore;		
a network	food web;		
an organism	producer;		
the position	trophic level;		
an animal	herbivore;		
a group of	population;		
a unit of	ecosystem;		
a diagram which	pyramid of numbers;	[8]	
		[2]	L



(a) Fig. 7.1 shows four organisms in a food chain, the part each organism plays in the food chain 8 and a description of how it feeds. These are not in the correct order.

Draw **one** straight line from each organism to the part it plays in the food chain.

Draw **one** straight line from each part played in the food chain to its description.



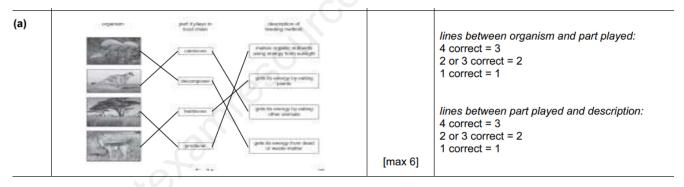




Fig. 3.1 shows a food web from the African grasslands.

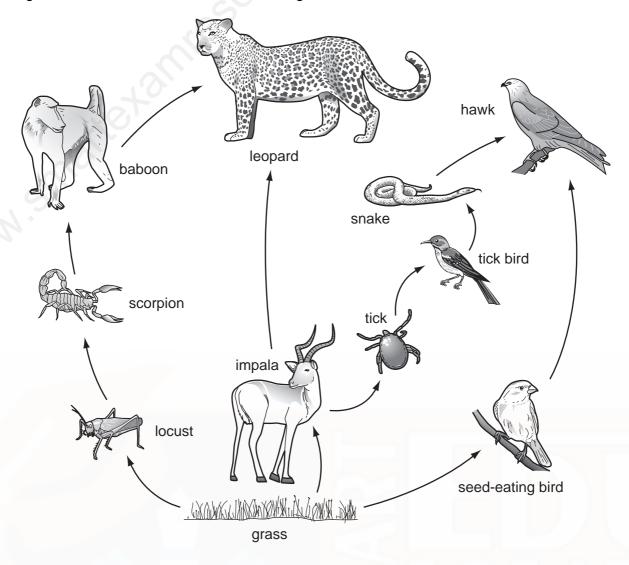


Fig. 3.1

(a) (i) Name an organism from this food web that is a

	ightarrow $ ightarrow$ $ ightarrow$ $ ightarrow$ leopard	[1]
(ii)	Using information only from Fig. 3.1, complete the food chain.	
	producer	[1]
	tertiary (third level) consumer	[1]
	primary consumer	[1]

(c)	In some years a plague of locusts occurs.		
	Predic	ct and explain what could happen to the population of baboons when this occurs.	
	•		
		[4]	
M	ARK	SCHEME:	
(a)	(i)	(primary consumer) locust / impala / seed eating bird;	[1]
		(tertiary consumer) baboon / tick bird;	[1]
		(producer) grass;	[1]
	(ii)	grass = locust = scorpion = baboon =; (must relate to food chain of six organisms because there are 6 levels)	[1]
		(mast relate to rece enamer or ent organisms possesses and a reverse)	
(c)	1.	lots of locusts as food for scorpions / many locusts and food;	
	2.	more scorpions survive / scorpion population increases;	
	3.	more food for baboons;	
	4.	baboon numbers increase; (points 1-4 ORA)	

10 Fig. 5.1 shows a food web.

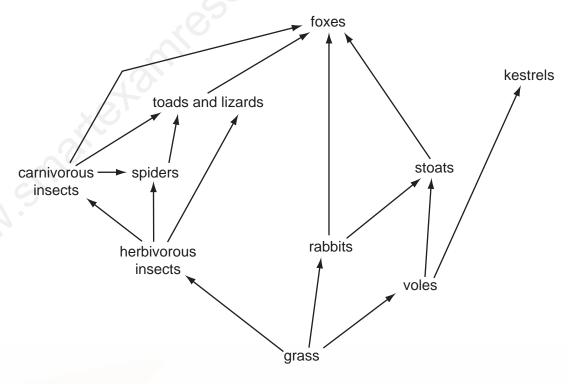
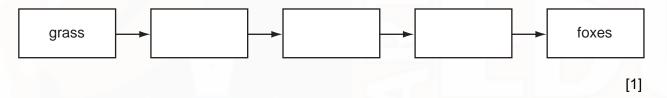


Fig. 5.1

Complete the food chain from this food web.



(ii) Complete each column of Table 5.1 by naming two appropriate organisms from the food web. Some organisms could occur in more than one column.

Table 5.1

consumer	carnivore	herbivore	

[3]

(a) (i)

[1]

(ii) consumer

Any two animals in web;

carnivore

Any two from - carnivorous insect, spider, fox, toad, lizard, stoat, kestrel;

herbivore

Any two - from herbivorous insect, vole, rabbit;

Each correct column – 1 mark [3]

