

Table 8.1 shows the total number of plant species, the total number of insect species and the number of habitats in three areas, **A**, **B** and **C**.

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area	total number of plant species	total number of insect species	number of habitats
A	6	5	1
B	15	23	4
C	362	70	12

(a) Identify the area with the highest biodiversity.

Give reasons for your choice of area.

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(b) Identify the area that is likely to be affected the most if the environment changes.

Give a reason for your choice of area.

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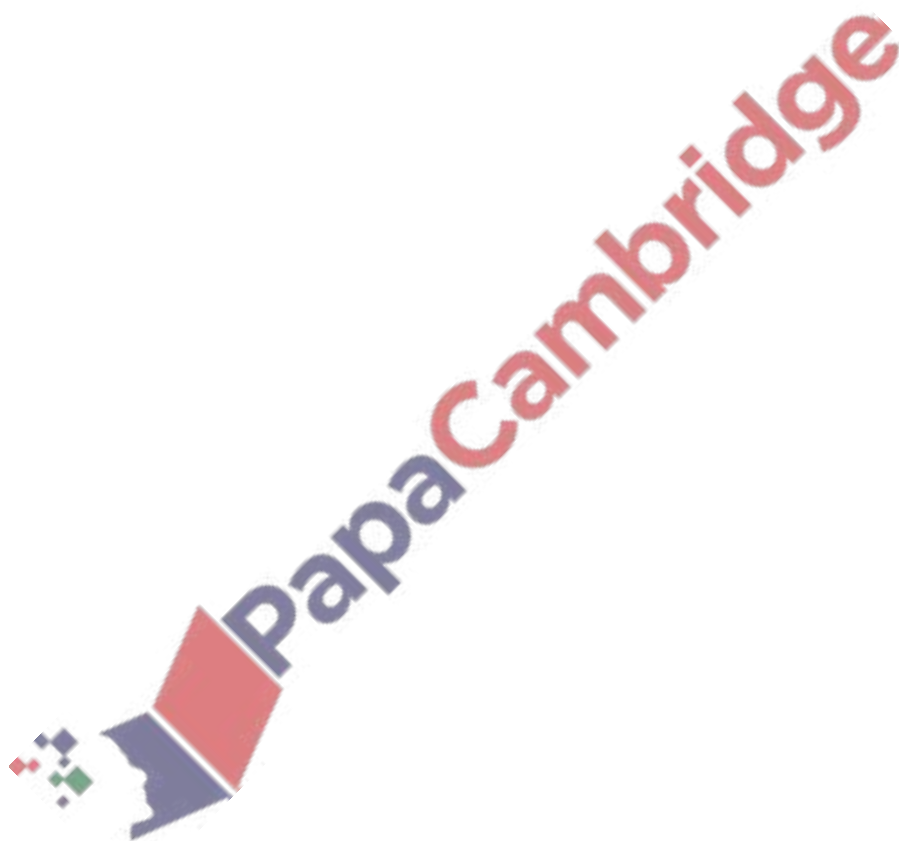
(c) State **one** reason why it is important to conserve biodiversity in **all** three areas.

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(a) Fig. 1.1 is an electron micrograph showing a cross-section of a myelinated neurone.



Fig. 1.1

Name **A** and **B**.

A

B

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(b) Explain what is meant by saltatory conduction **and** describe its effect on the transmission of a nerve impulse.

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(a) Define the term *ecosystem*.

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(b) State the term used to describe:

the functional role of a species within an ecosystem

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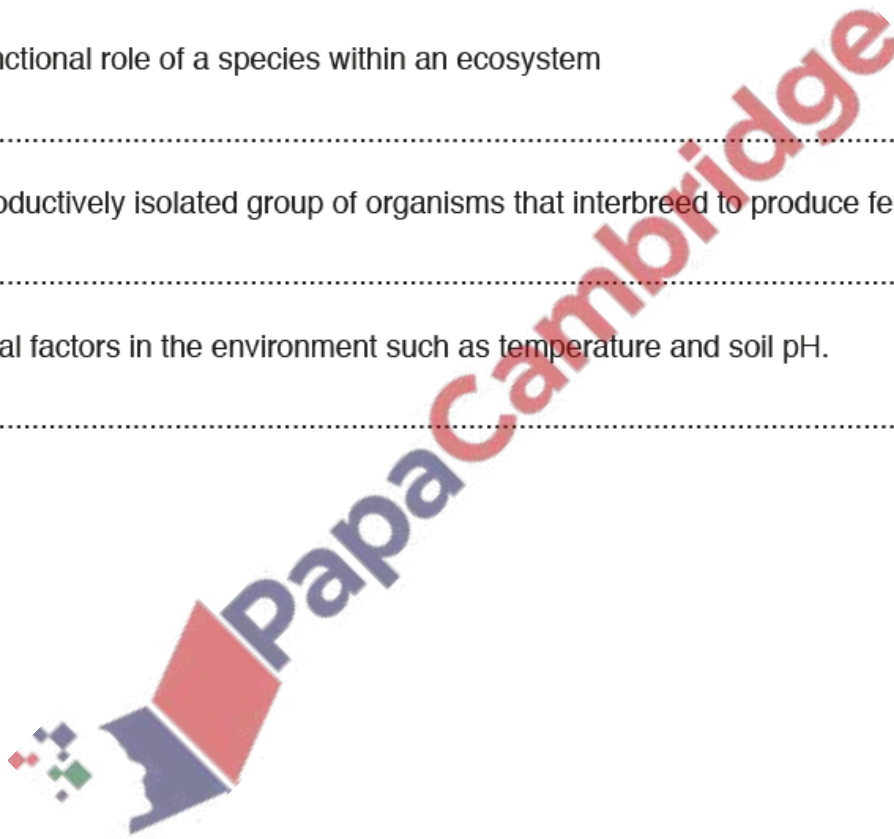
a reproductively isolated group of organisms that interbreed to produce fertile offspring

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physical factors in the environment such as temperature and soil pH.

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The passage below outlines one method used by a student to estimate the population size of an animal species.

Complete the passage by using the most appropriate scientific term or terms.

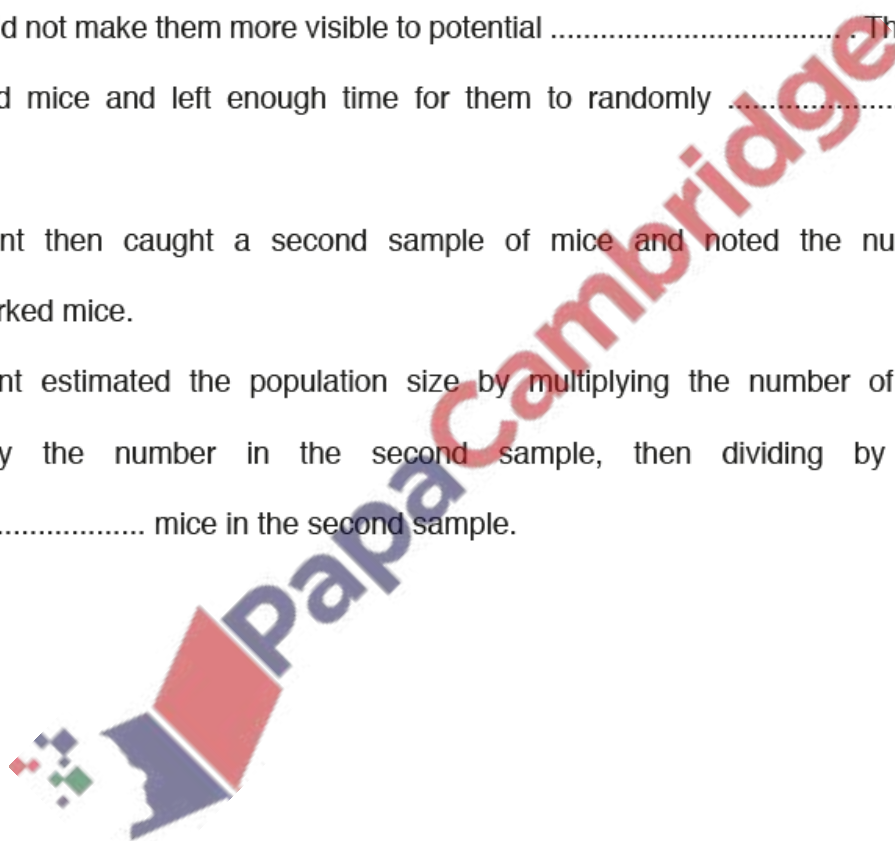
A student estimated the population size of an animal species using the mark-release-..... technique. This can only be used for animals such as mice.

The student caught a sample of mice using humane traps. The student then marked the mice in a way that did not them. For example, the mark did not make them more visible to potential The student released the marked mice and left enough time for them to randomly with the population.

The student then caught a second sample of mice and noted the numbers of marked and unmarked mice.

The student estimated the population size by multiplying the number of mice in the first sample by the number in the second sample, then dividing by the number of mice in the second sample.

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(ii) Explain what this value for Simpson's Index of Diversity shows about the diversity of the pond.

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