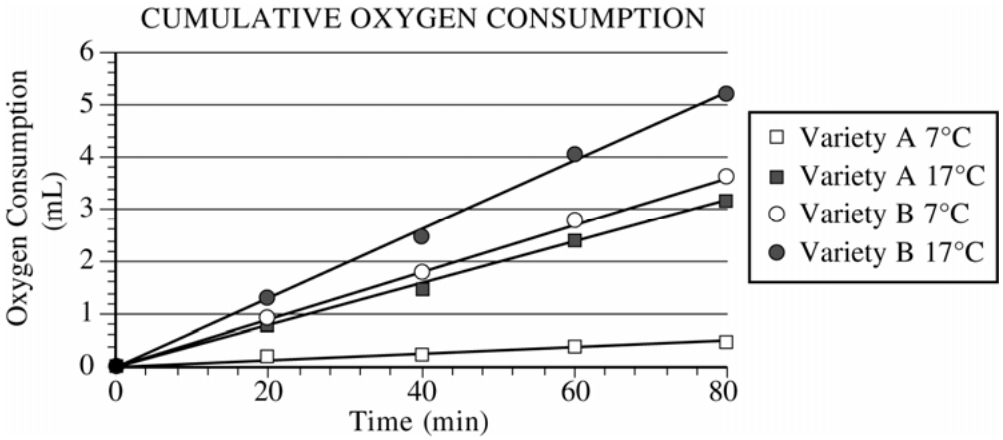
AP® BIOLOGY
2012 SCORING GUIDELINES

Question 2

An agricultural biologist was evaluating two newly developed varieties of wheat as potential crops. In an experiment, seedlings were germinated on moist paper towels at 20°C for 48 hours. Oxygen consumption of the two-day-old seedlings was measured at different temperatures. The data are shown in the graph below.



(a) **Calculate** the rates of oxygen consumption in mL/min for each variety of wheat at 7°C and at 17°C. **Show** your work (including your setup and calculation).
(3 points maximum)

- **1 point** for using the rate formula (D*y*/D*x*)
- **1 point** for using appropriate data to calculate the slope for at least three treatments
- **1 point** for giving answers in decimal format of mL/min

Note: Setup can choose <u>any</u> pair of points for the rise-over-run calculation of rate. The values used in the calculations can be greater or less than those shown in the examples below. Units of mL/min are implied by the question stem and need not be specifically shown.

Variety A at 7°C	(0.5 – 0 mL)/(80 – 0 min) = 0.0062 mL/min
Variety A at 17°C	(3.2 – 0 mL)/(80 – 0 min) = 0.040 mL/min
Variety B at 7°C	(3.6 – 0 mL)/(80 – 0 min) = 0.045 mL/min
Variety B at 17°C	(5.2 – 0 mL)/(80 – 0 min) = 0.065 mL/min

Question 2 (continued)

(b) **Explain** the relationship between metabolism and oxygen consumption. **Discuss** the effect of temperature on metabolism for each variety of seedlings.
(4 points maximum)

Explanation of relationship (1 point)

- As metabolism increases, oxygen consumption increases.
  OR,
- As metabolism decreases, oxygen consumption decreases.

Discussion (1 point per bullet; 3 points maximum)

Interpretation of graph

- General statement that increasing temperature increases metabolic rate/oxygen consumption (no specific mention of variety A or B).
  OR,
- Variety A: rate of metabolism/oxygen consumption increases with an increase in temperature.
- Variety B: rate of metabolism/oxygen consumption increases with an increase in temperature.

Comparison of varieties

- Variety B has a higher metabolism/oxygen consumption than variety A at either temperature.
- Variety B has better metabolism/oxygen consumption at lower temperatures than variety A.

Elaboration of temperature

- Kinetic energy increases with temperature.
- Enzyme reaction rates increase with temperature.
- Effects on electron transport chain (ETC)/system.

(c) In a second experiment, variety A seedlings at both temperatures were treated with a chemical that prevents NADH from being oxidized to NAD^+. **Predict** the most likely effect of the chemical on metabolism and oxygen consumption of the treated seedlings. **Explain** your prediction.
(5 points maximum)

Prediction (1 point each; 2 points maximum)

- Metabolism/respiration stops/declines/decreases/slows down.
- Oxygen consumption stops/declines/decreases/slows down.

Explanation (1 point each; 3 points maximum)

- Glycolysis/Krebs cycle/ETC will stop.
- ATP levels will drop/decline/decrease.
- Oxygen cannot accept electrons from ETC.