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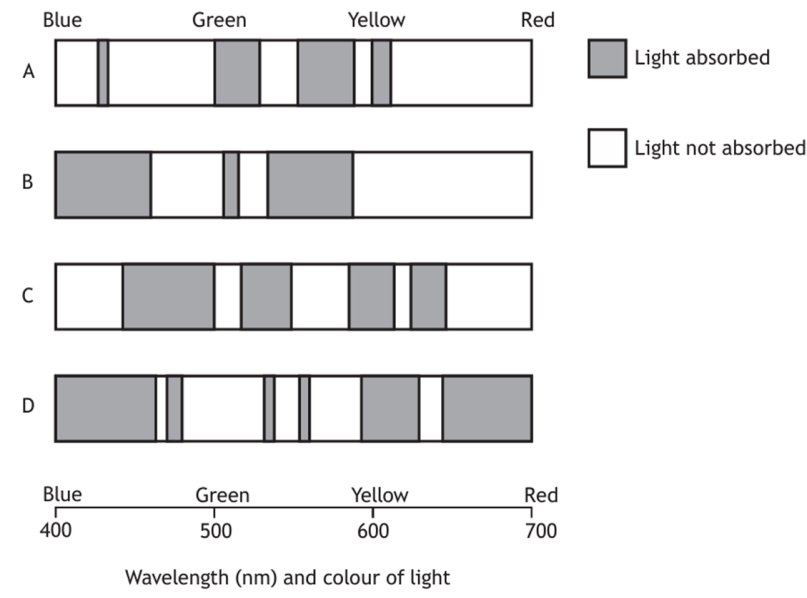
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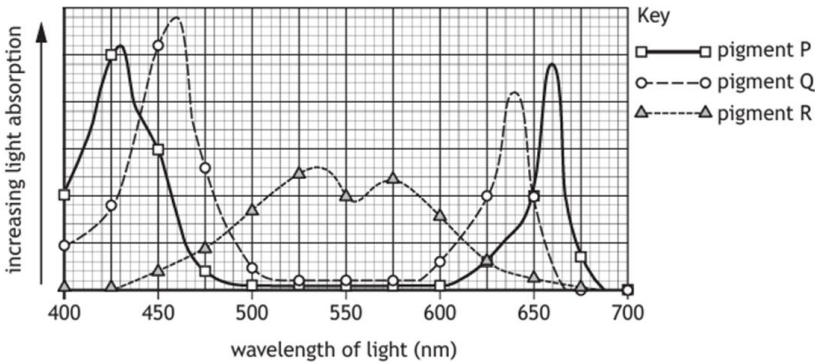
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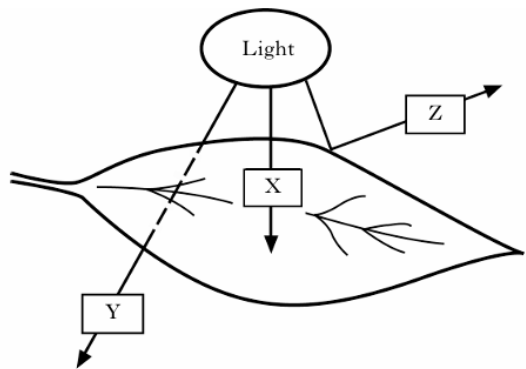
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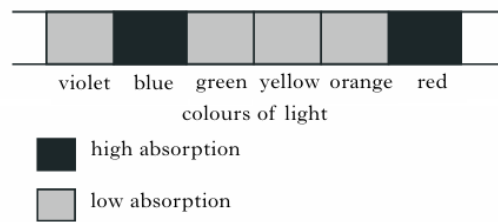
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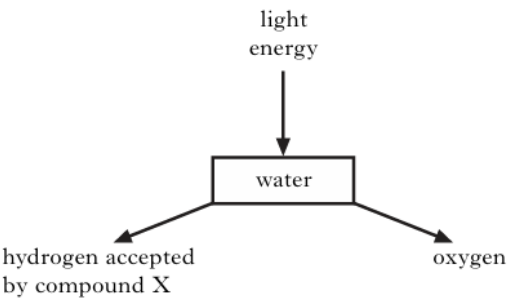
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2. The diagram below represents the absorption of different colours of light by a photosynthetic pigment.



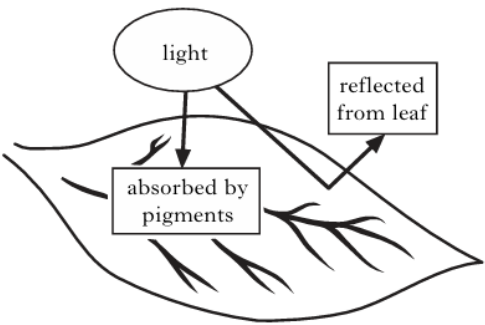
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3. The diagram below shows part of the light dependent stage of photosynthesis.



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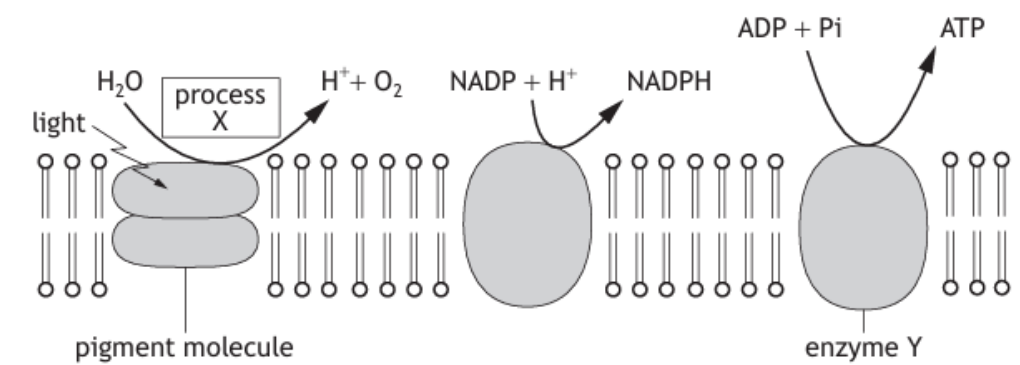
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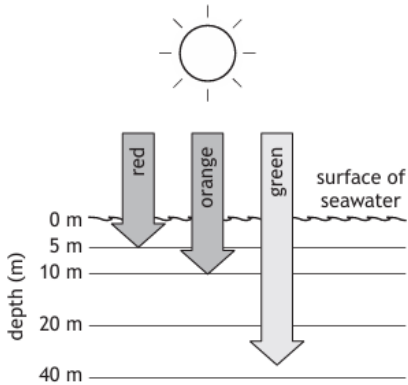
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(i) Describe the role of carotenoids.

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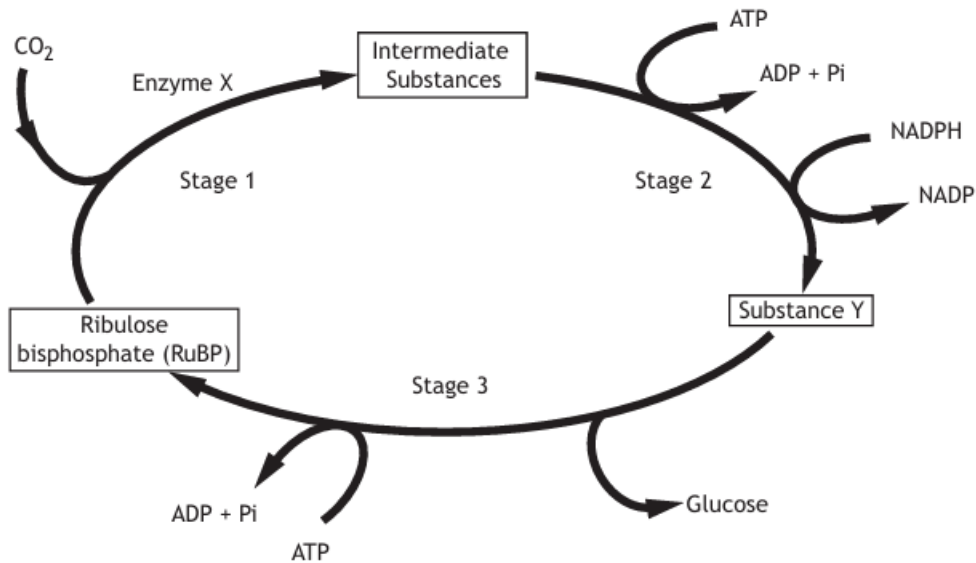


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Glucose \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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ATP \_\_\_\_\_

NADPH \_\_\_\_\_

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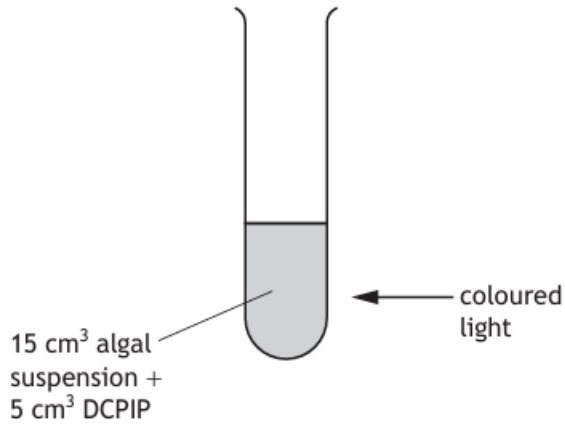
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- 15 cm<sup>3</sup> algal suspension + 5 cm<sup>3</sup> DCPIP
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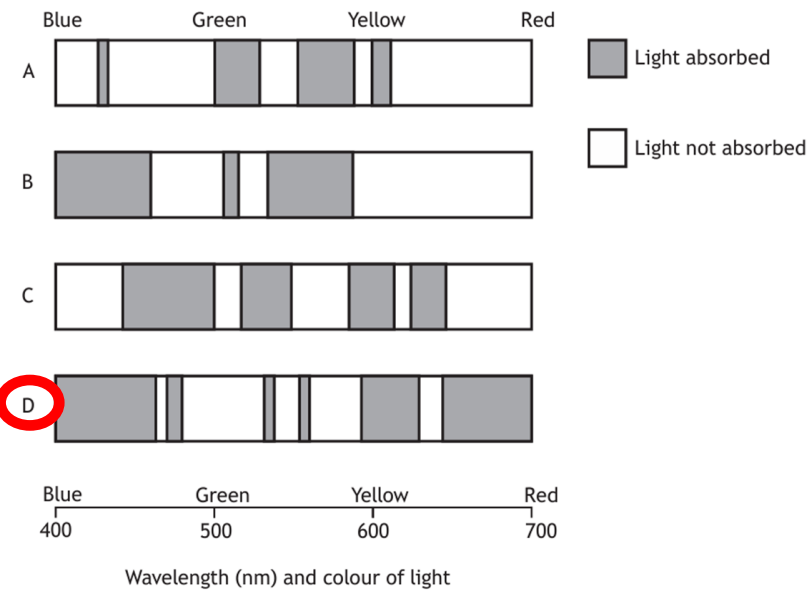
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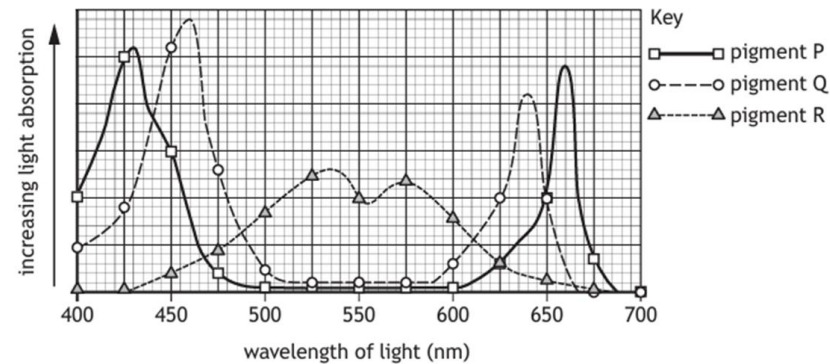
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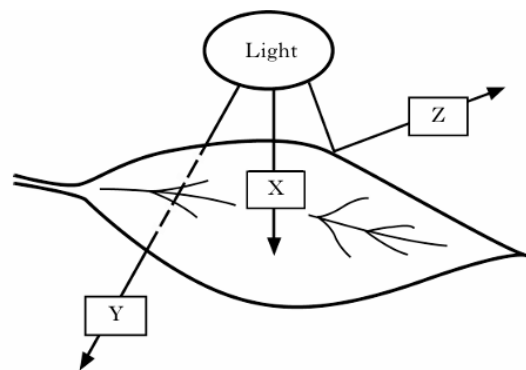
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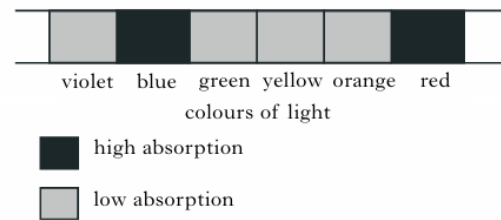


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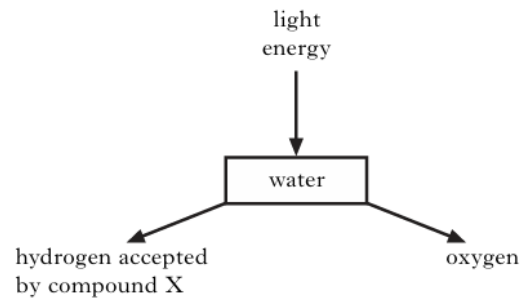
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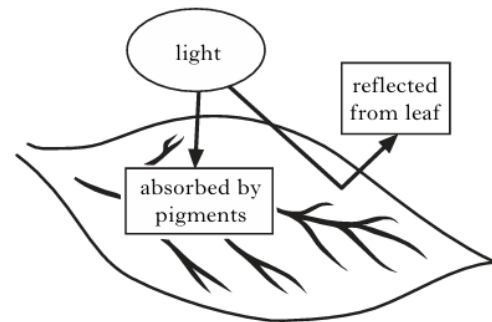
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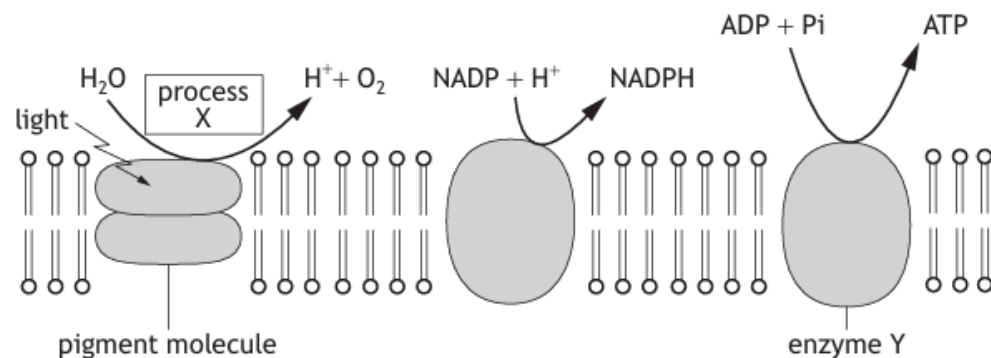


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Electrons excited

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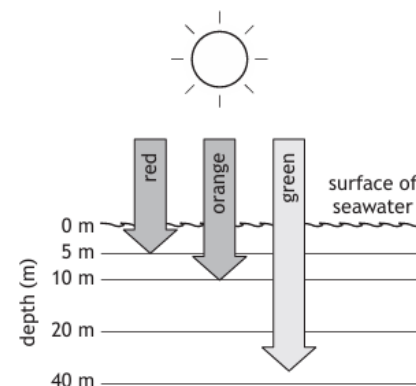
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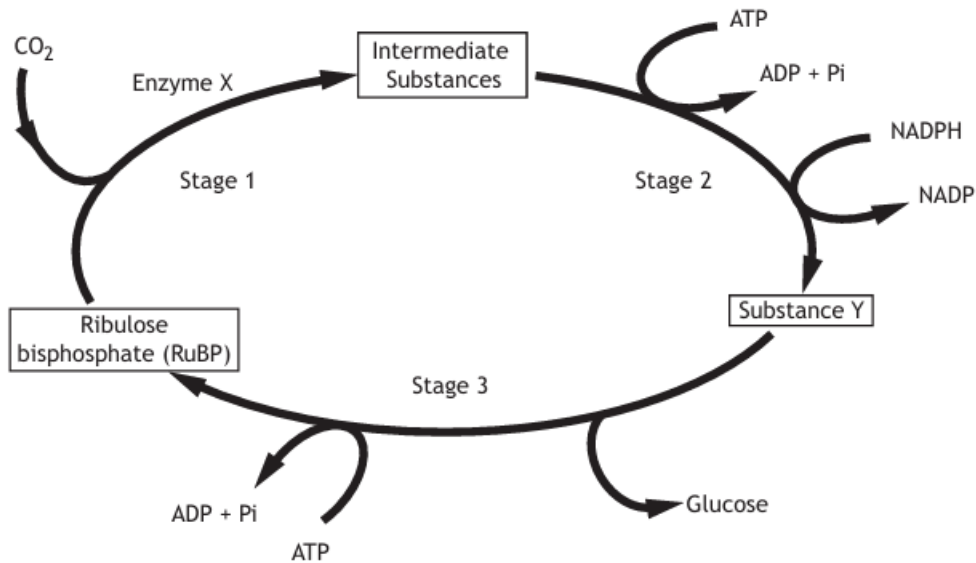
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Green light transmitted to algae

Have carotenoids

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They have carotenoids (1)

They absorb/use light transmitted/by surface plants. (1)

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Explanation Temperature/pH  
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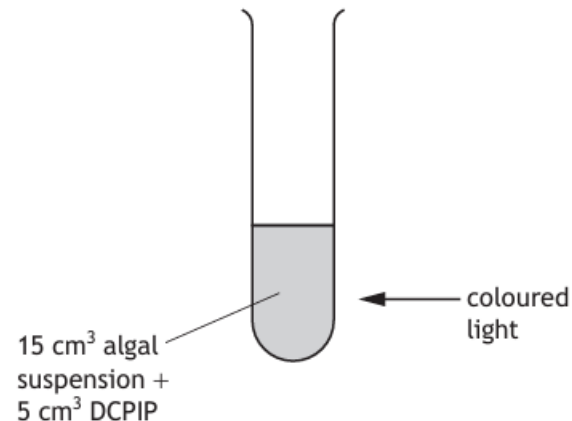
water

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Provide hydrogen for 3PG to go to G3P

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green light is transmitted/reflected from algae OR not absorbed  
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Treated plants have a higher carotenoid content

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Used for photolysis/to make H<sub>2</sub>. OR Generate ATP/excite electrons

- (b) Suggest why seeds from the plants treated with PBZ yield more oil. 2

1. More photosynthesis 2. more glucose for growth