

Biology I
Organic Macromolecules - Unit 1 Test
Study Guide

Resources: notes, website, Chapter 2.3 and Chapter 3, baseline data from lab

This test revolves around 5 questions:

- What is the monomer of _____? (can you name it and/or identify it by picture or formula)
- What polymer(s) can be made from each monomer? (can you name it and/or identify by picture or formula)
- What is the function of the polymer (macromolecule)?
- How are organic molecule described in everyday life (including on food labels)?
- What laboratory tests can best be used to identify each macromolecule?

If you can identify the following, you will have success on the Unit 1 Test.

- Monomers
- Importance/Uniqueness of Carbon
- 5 functional groups
- Polymers
- Dehydration Synthesis/Hydrolysis
- Levels of polypeptide (protein) structure
- Enzyme structure and function
- Conditions that affect enzyme function
- Be prepared to evaluate a food label.
- Be prepared to analyze charts & graphs containing lab data and/or enzyme function data.

Here's a chart to help organize your thoughts:

Macromolecule Group	Monomer	Polymer	Function	Lab Test
Carbohydrates	• - - -	• disaccharide - - - • polysaccharide - - -		
Lipids	• - -	• triglyceride • phospholipid • steroids (not necessarily made from fatty acid monomer)		
Proteins	•	• - - -		
Nucleic Acids	•	• •		didn't do one

Questions to have Mom-Dad-little-brother-older-sister-dog ask you....

Carbon is an element present in all organic molecules. As seen in class, it forms the backbone of all the molecules of interest. Why?

- Consider:
- type and number of bonds Carbon commonly forms
 - elements Carbon typically bonds with
 - size and stability of structures/shapes Carbon can form

The four categories of organic molecules studied in class are commonly called macromolecules because they are big (macro = large). They are technically polymers built from smaller subgroups called monomers. What is/are the monomers for these four classes of macromolecule and what one chemical process builds these monomers into polymers? What one chemical process breaks them down?

- Consider:
- carbohydrates
 - lipids
 - proteins
 - nucleic acids

All four of the macromolecules studied play multiple roles in living organisms. While carbs and lipids are primarily dealing with energy, proteins serve a large number of functions. One of the most critical is to act as a catalyst for chemical reactions important to life. When a protein performs this task, it is known as an enzyme. Why are proteins best suited for this job and what factors might disrupt enzyme performance?

- Consider:
- how proteins are built/structured
 - how enzymes function
 - the effects of breaking peptide bonds via heat and pH

Which macromolecules are part of a 'healthy' diet? Why? Which macromolecules may lead to health issues? Why? How are they detailed in the marketplace so that educated persons can make good eating decisions?

- Consider:
- simple sugars
 - complex carbohydrates
 - saturated fats
 - unsaturated fats

If you can answer/discuss all aspects of the questions above, this test should be a breeze!

Study hard!

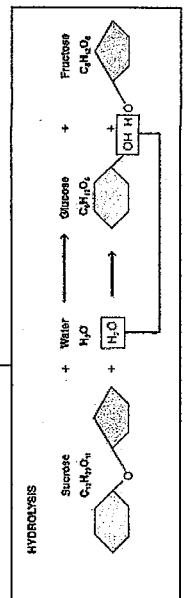
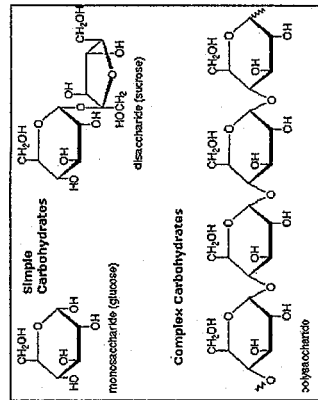
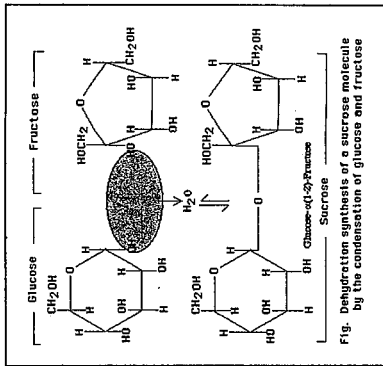
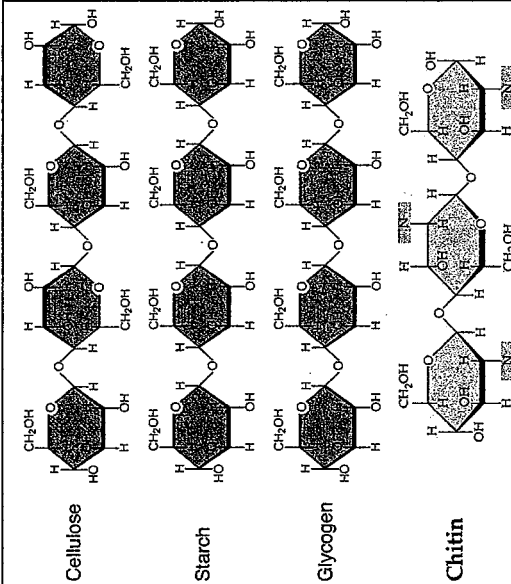
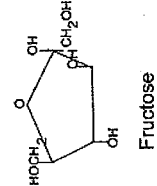
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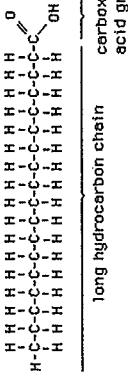
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Be able to recognize these molecules and processes within context. You should also know the function(s) of each organic macromolecule.

Carbohydrates



Lipids



Essential features of a fatty acid

