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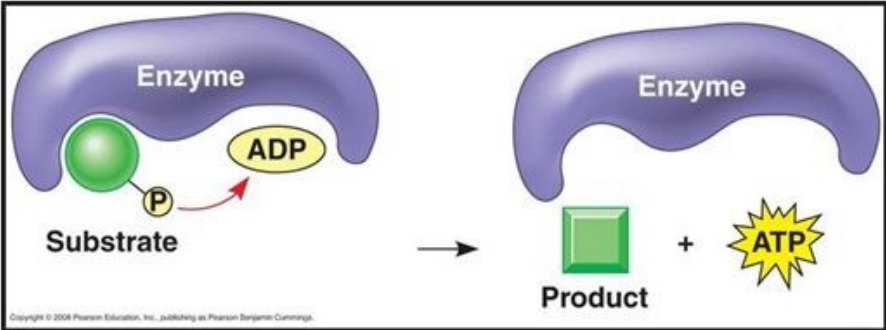
Life Sciences



Question - Answers & Quick Notes

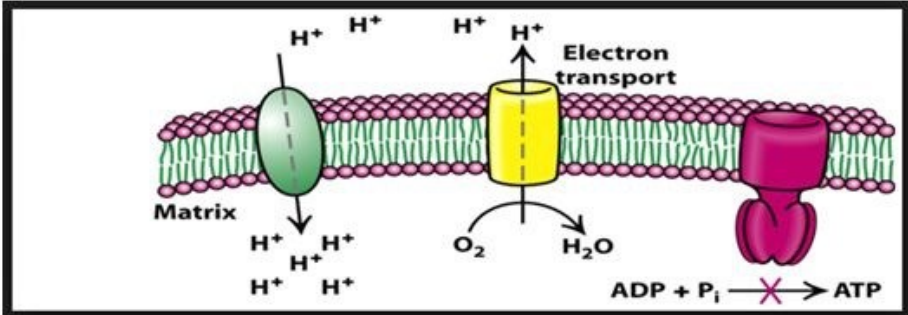
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Topic: Oxidative Phosphorylation

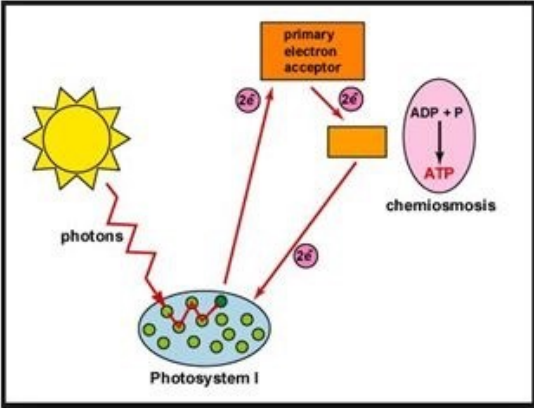


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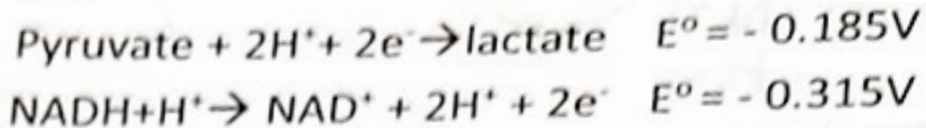
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Correct Answer is (1)

B is donor. Reduction potential should be either equal or more. Electron cannot move from '+' to '-'

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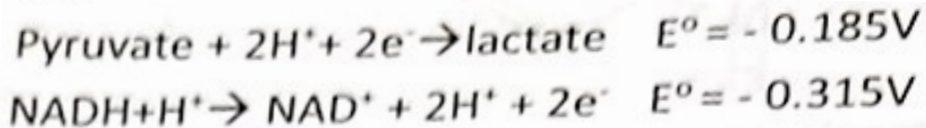


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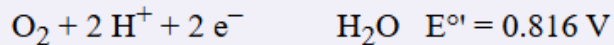
Correct Answer is (2) - Redox potential of NADH/NAD pair is more negative as compare to lactate/pyruvate pair. Electron will flow from low to high redox potential.

Half reactions: Reduction or oxidation?

Reduction potentials are useful because they indicate how likely a half reaction will take on the role of the “reduction” in a redox reaction. When two half reactions are paired in a redox reaction, the half reaction with the higher E° will act as the reduction reaction, and the half reaction with the lower E° will act as the oxidation reaction. Consider the words “reduction potential”—the higher the E° value, the stronger the tendency for the compound to gain electrons.

In other words, electrons flow from the substance whose half reaction has the lower reduction potential to the substance whose half reaction has the higher reduction potential.

The difference in the E° values of different half reactions has very real consequences for life on our planet. For example, the half reaction for the reduction of oxygen to water has a very high E° value, 0.816 V.

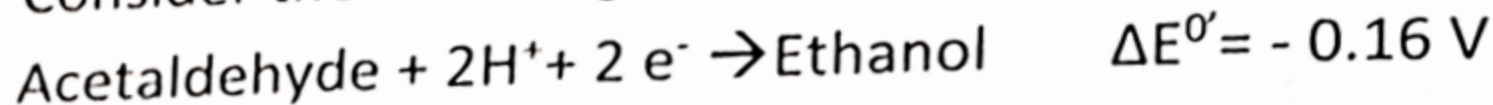


It is no coincidence that oxygen has a very high E° and that we require it for life. Oxygen’s great affinity for electrons allows it to be used in living organisms as an electron “sink” or dumping ground for excess electrons generated by biochemical reactions needed for life. Without the presence of oxygen in our cells to sweep away these excess electrons, aerobic life would soon cease.

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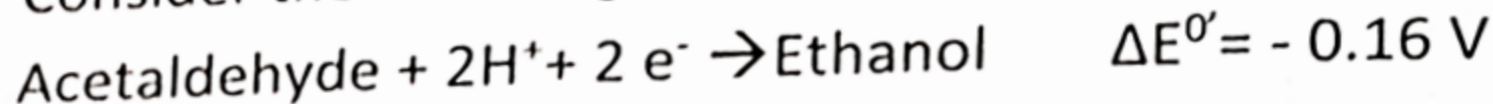
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The **reduction of carbon dioxide** into sugars and **oxidation of water** into molecular oxygen is involved in photosynthesis.

To produce carbon dioxide and water, the reverse reaction, respiration, oxidizes sugars.

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NADH initially binds to **complex - I** and transfers two electrons to the flavin mononucleotide (FMN) prosthetic group of the enzyme, creating FMNH₂. The electrons are then transferred through the FMN via a series of iron-sulfur (Fe-s) clusters, and finally to CoenzymeQ (ubiquinone).

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The enzyme **Cytochrome c oxidase** or **Complex IV** is a large transmembrane protein complex found in bacteria, archaea, and mitochondria of eukaryotes. The complex is a large integral membrane protein composed of several metal prosthetic sites and 14 protein subunits in mammals.

The complex contains two hemes, a **cytochrome a** and **cytochrome a₃**, and two **copper** centers, the **Cu_A** and **Cu_B** centers.

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Anaerobic respiration is the formation of ATP *without oxygen*.

This method still incorporates the respiratory electron transport chain, but without using oxygen as the terminal electron acceptor. Instead, molecules such as sulfate (SO_4^{2-}), nitrate (NO_3^-), sulfur (S), nitrite, ferric iron, carbon dioxide, and small organic molecules such as fumarate are used as electron acceptors. These molecules have a lower reduction potential than oxygen; thus, less energy is formed per molecule of glucose in anaerobic versus aerobic conditions.

Thank you!



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