• Draw sketches of a detergent micelle, a lipid vesicle and a water-in-oil microemulsion.

• Give a brief definition or explanation of the following concepts in colloid science.	Mark 6
double layer	
counter ion	
isoelectric point	
zeta potential	
flocculation	
electrokinetic mobility	
	l

• Why do phospholipids self-assemble in solution, what structures do they form, and why are they relevant to cell biology?

•	• Give 2 examples of changes of conditions that might cause a colloidal dispersion to coagulate. In each case, explain why coagulation occurs.	Marks 4

• Explain how the self-assembly of phospholipids can be utilised in a drug delivery system.

• Explain how soap acts to remove oil. Marks 2 • Explain why surface effects are important in colloidal systems.

• Describe how the addition of an electrolyte can alter the state of a colloidal dispersion.

• Describe how hydrophilic and hydrophobic colloids are stabilised in water.

• Describe how hydrophilic and hydrophobic colloids are stabilised in water.	Marks 3

Marks

3

• Consider the following two compounds.



(I) Martius Yellow (II) Naphthol Yellow S

On ingestion of compound (I), death from liver failure occurs very quickly. In contrast, compound (II) is completely non-toxic and is used as an artificial colouring agent. Explain, using the model of biological membranes, why (I) is highly toxic.

• Give three examples of colloids in biological systems, and complete the following table. Paint is given as an example of a synthetic (non-biological) system.

Name of colloid	Discrete phase	Continuous phase
paint	synthetic polymer	water