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91606 Demonstrate understanding of trends in human evolution

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Demonstrate understanding of trends in human evolution.	Demonstrate in-depth understanding of trends in human evolution.	Demonstrate comprehensive understanding of trends in human evolution.

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buttresse knee joint - Supresses shock

QUESTION ONE

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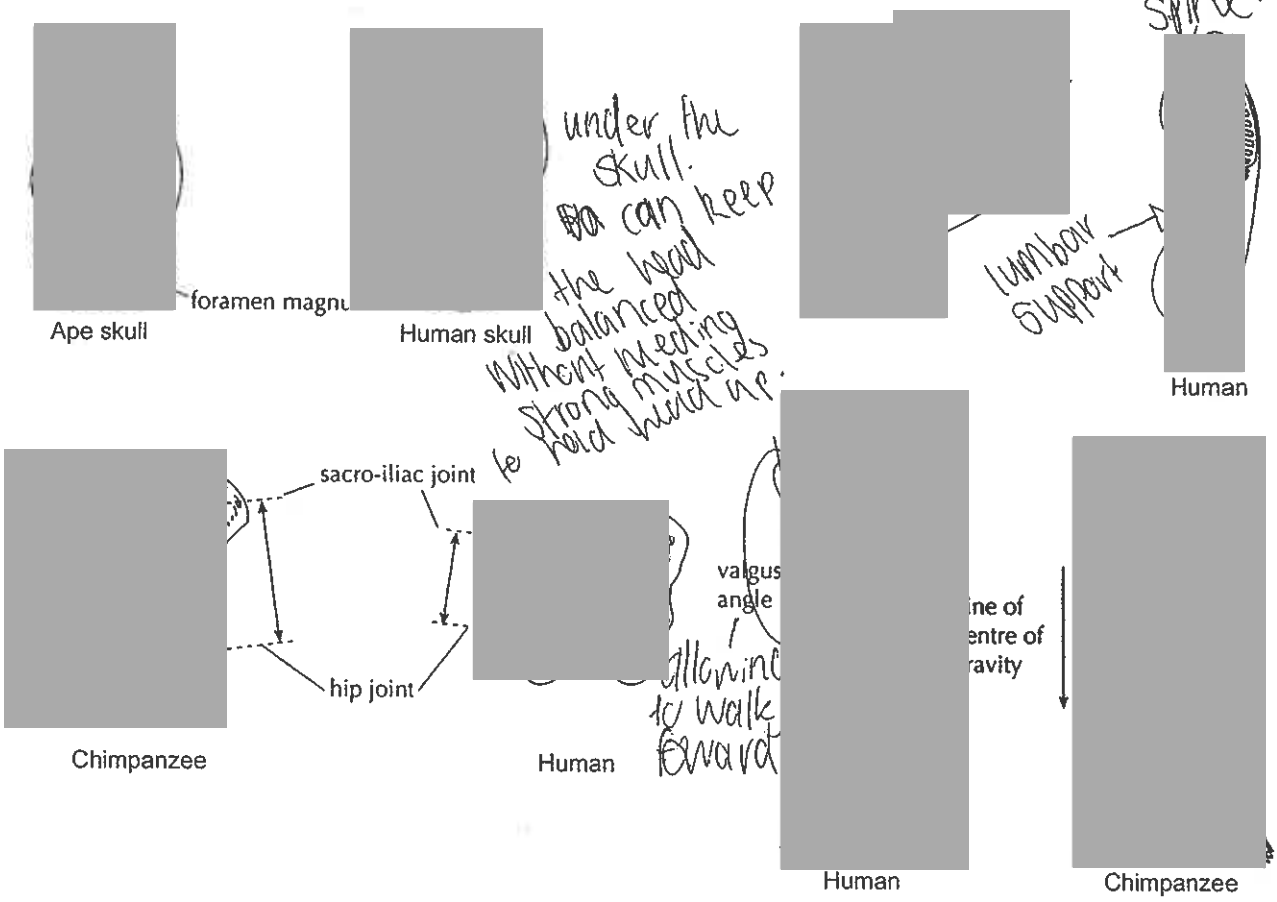
A distinguishing feature of hominins is habitual bipedalism. Comparisons of skeletal features of modern humans and extant (living) hominids such as the gorilla or chimpanzee, reveal several key features that are associated with the transition from quadrupedal species to bipedal species.

Some of the most important features are shown below.

S shape spine.



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Discuss the importance of bipedalism in the development of hominins by linking the skeletal features to their adaptive significance.

In your answer:

- describe what is meant by the terms quadruped and biped
- explain how any three of the skeletal features (shown above) provide evidence for the form of locomotion changing to bipedalism
- justify why bipedalism was so significant to the evolution of hominins.

see prey thermoregulation energy carry stuff & infants

wider hips & pelvis - bigger brain bc bigger brains babies

- Quadruped is the term used to describe someone walking on all fours, such as arms and legs and is seen in hominids. Biped is when you walk on only two legs and is seen in hominins.

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- The foramen magnum is the socket in which the spinal cord comes from the skull. Over time it changed from being at the back of the skull to now under the skull. This provides evidence of bipedalism evolving because the placement of the foramen magnum allows for the spinal cord to be vertical so a human can stand upright and also means the skull can now be kept balanced without needing strong muscles to hold the head up. Another feature which provides evidence of bipedalism was the change in the valgus angle. Because this angled changed it meant bipedalism could occur as it allowed hominins to walk forward. The shape of the spine evolved into a 'S shaped' spine. This meant a lumbar support region of the spine was developed which contributed to the spine staying upright and therefore resulting in bipedalism. evidence for locomotion changing to bipedalism. The butresse knee joint evolved, which supresses shock when walking on two legs and so provides evidence of bipedalism.
- As hominins began to walk on two legs it meant that prey could be spotted from a further distance. So this made

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more people get fed.

much easier because their height advantage meant they could see more into the distance. this would of made hunting much more efficient and wouldn't be wasting as much energy on hunting compared to if they were quadrupedal. Bipedalism meant hips became wider so the pelvis became bigger which resulted in babies ~~had had bigger~~ could now be born which had bigger brains, so was significant in the evolution of humans because they were becoming more knowledgable with larger brain sizes. Less energy is used with bipedalism as their is now less surface area so they wont absord as much heat from the sun and thermoregulation can occury much easier. Hominins could now hunt and run for longer as they wouldn't of heated up and often tired as fast as being quadrupedal. ~~Bipedalism~~ Bipedalism meant hands were free so could carry tools, infants and food. This ~~contributed~~ was significant to the evolution of humans because food which was hunted could be carried back to people who are too young to hunt so therefore more people feed.

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QUESTION TWO

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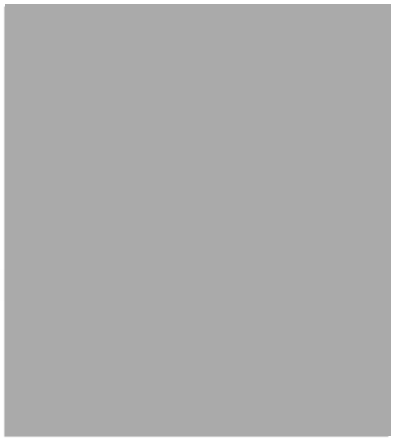		
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The advance of the use of tools and fire had many effects on the evolution of hominins.

Discuss the likely impacts that the different tools and fire had on the different hominin species, and the evolutionary trends that can be linked to these developments.

In your answer:

- identify the three tool cultures as shown in the diagrams above, and link a species of hominin to each tool type
- explain the trends shown in the development of the tool cultures above, and how this shows a progression in the cultural evolution of the hominins · creativity & imagination
- discuss the likely effects that fire and the use and development of tools had on the biological evolution of the hominins. (Fire, food softer, jaw, teeth could become smaller as less muscles involved)

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Tool culture of figure 2 was the earliest tools and were invented by Homo habilis and these were oldowan tools. Figure 3 tools were from homo erectus and Figure 1 tools were developed from heundalnals and Homo sapiens. H. habilis tools started as a rock with one end that had been cut but over time evolved and became more shaped. they also became more specific for certain tasks, such as needles for sewing clothes. these developments in the tools shows the progression in the cultural evolution

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for ~~homor~~ hominin because it meant that creativity and imagination would of had to occured. Different rocks were better than others and this would of come down to trailing ~~the~~ rocks to know which ones were best to use.

- Fire had effects on the biological evolution of the hominins because fire meant meat could be cooked. By cooking meat, it meant the meat was softer and so the jaw became smaller as the larger muscles around it were now unessacary for chewing tough meats. The teeth became smaller and the molars became smaller as chewing soft meat didn't need big sharp teeth.

Fire meant tools could become sharp and hard at one end so the spear was developed. This spear meant that instead of hominins having to run after their prey they could now throw a spear at the prey. This could of resulted in a biological change in the hominins from tools because muscles could of become smaller as they weren't being used as much as they use to.

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QUESTION THREE

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http://io9.com/how-farming-almost-destroyed-human-civilization-1659734601

One of the most important milestones in human evolution was the transition from hunter-gatherer to agriculture or farming. Scientists have concluded that it is likely that the transition to farming was due to migration and replacement of existing populations, and not due to cultural transmission from farmers to hunter-gatherer populations.

Discuss the cultural trends and any advantages and disadvantages a transition from hunter-gatherer to agriculture involved.

In your answer you should:

- describe the lifestyle of a hunter-gatherer and the lifestyle of an early farmer
- explain the cultural trends involved in the transition from hunter-gatherer to agriculture
- discuss any advantages and disadvantages a transition to agriculture from hunter-gatherer involved.

the lifestyle of a hunter-gatherer would have been one which they would of had to move around and change camp a lot. this could of been due to the fact that once they had hunted in a specific area they would of had to move in order to find another place to source more food. The lifestyle of a early farmer would have been different because you could be more grounded and live somewhere for a long time as a lot of your food would be from growing crops.

The cultural trends would of been by learning from

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one another in order to expand your thinking of how to grow and produce food. This also would have meant speech would have been developed through sharing ideas. Trail and error through things not growing. knowledge being passed down through generation. to allow hominins not having to solely survive on hunting & gathering but transition into an agricultural lifestyle.

- A disadvantage of this transition from hunter gatherer to agriculture or farming would have been the number of trails it would of taken to know what to grow, how and when. This would of been time and energy consuming.
- An advantage of the transition was the communication development between hominins and also the variety of food available through growing crops.

Q4

Achievement exemplar for 91606 2015		Total score	10
Q	**Grade score**	**Annotation**	
1	A3	This question provides evidence towards A3 by describing the change in three skeletal features associated with bipedalism and the biological development of two of these changes.	
2	A3	The candidate identified the Oldowan tool culture and linked it to Homo habilis. Also described the effect of fire on cooking and softening meat for reduced chewing.	
3	A4	This candidate described the settled agricultural lifestyle of a farmer and implied the nomadic lifestyle of the hunter-gatherer. In addition the more reliable supply of food from crops was described.	