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Paper 6 (Alternative to Practical), maximum raw mark 40

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Mark schemes will use these abbreviations:

;	separates marking points
/	alternatives
()	contents of brackets are not required but should be implied
R	reject
A	accept (for answers correctly cued by the question, or guidance for examiners)
I	ignore (for incorrect but irrelevant responses)
AW	alternative wording (where responses vary more than usual)
AVP	alternative valid point (where a greater than usual variety of responses is expected)
ORA	or reverse argument
<u>underline</u>	actual word underlined must be used by candidate (grammatical variants excepted)
max	indicates the maximum number of marks that can be given
+	statements on both sides of the + are needed for that mark

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Question		Mark	Additional guidance																		
1 (a)	(fruit juice) 25 + (water) 75 ;	[1]																			
(b) (i)	A 82 B 74 C 68 D 64 E 60 ;;	[2]	all correct: 2 marks 1 error: 1 mark 2 or more errors: 0 marks																		
(ii)	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>solution</th> <th>concentration / %</th> <th>change in length / mm</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A</td> <td>0</td> <td>12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B</td> <td>25</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C</td> <td>50</td> <td>- 2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D</td> <td>75</td> <td>- 6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E</td> <td>100</td> <td>- 10</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> ; ; ;	solution	concentration / %	change in length / mm	A	0	12	B	25	4	C	50	- 2	D	75	- 6	E	100	- 10	[2] [1]	5 correct calculations: 2 marks 4 correct calculations: 1 mark 3 or fewer correct calculations: 0 marks minus signs in C, D and E: 1 mark
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(iii)	1. x-axis labelled 'concentration of fruit juice / %' + 'mm' added on y-axis ; 2. linear scales with numerical values + negative values on y-axis ; 3. line/plots to use at least half grid on both axes ; 4. 5 plots correct + visible ; 5. plots joined with ruled lines / smooth curve through all plotted points ;	[5]																			

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Question		Mark	Additional guidance
(iv)	1. movement of <u>water</u> ; 2. <u>osmosis</u> ; 3. partially permeable membrane ; 4. into A + B ; 5. out of C + D + E ;	[5]	
(c)	repeat/replicate/larger numbers of strips + calculate mean/average ; strips taken from same (type of / species) potato/ AW ; strips should be of same thickness/surface area/cross-sectional area ; use smaller increments for fruit juice concentrations ;	[max. 2]	
	Total:	[18]	
2 (a) (i)	1. clear, clean continuous outline ; 2. at least 100 mm total length + green area clearly outlined ; 3. at least part of midrib drawn with double line + not ruled + 8 veins ; 4. labels: 2 correct from lamina/petiole (leaf stalk) / midrib (main vein)/vein ;	[4]	

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Question		Mark	Additional guidance
(ii)	leaf in hot water / boiled in water ; in ethanol / alcohol ; to remove chlorophyll ; in water (to soften / remove alcohol) ; add iodine (solution) ; no naked flames / turn off or don't use Bunsen burner ;	[3] [1] [max. 4]	A decolourise leaf 1 mark awarded for safety point
(iii)	<i>green:</i> blue – black / black ; <i>white:</i> yellow / brown / yellow-brown ;	[2]	

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Question		Mark	Additional guidance
(b) (i)	14–17 ;	[1]	
(ii)	22–24 + mm ; divided by 500 ; length ;	[3]	A 2.2–2.4 + cm
	Total:	[14]	
3 (a)	diameter of cylinder / number of ‘turns’ in roll ; material cylinder made of / thickness of paper / mass (weight) of paper / type of paper ; same position of hanger / hook / masses ; same (mass / surface area) hook ;	[max. 2]	
(b) (i)	as length of cylinder / bone increases, mass (needed for bending) decreases ; as length of cylinder / bone decreases, mass (needing for bending) increases ;	[max. 1]	A inverse relationship R inversely proportional
(ii)	shorter bones are stronger / longer bones are weaker ;	[1]	must be comparative i.e. shorter / longer or both lengths of bone mentioned

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Question		Mark	Additional guidance
(c)	1. vary diameter / thickness of cylinder / thickness of paper / mass (weight) of paper / number of turns in roll / more sheets of paper ; 2. use range of diameters i.e. more than 2 ; 3. use same length / supports at same distance apart ; 4. add masses until bone bends ; 5. note / record mass that causes bending (in table) ; 6. the more mass required to bend, the stronger the 'bone' ;	[max 4]	
	Total:	[8]	
	Paper total:	[40]	