

→ Proposed marking guide [Practical] 0701300439

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### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

*This paper consists of three questions.*

*Answer all the questions.*

*Write the answers in the spaces provided. No additional sheets of paper should be inserted in this booklet.*

*You are not allowed to start working within the first 15 minutes. You are advised to use this time to read through the paper and ensure that you have all the apparatus, chemicals and specimens you require.*

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# Note Practise and Follow instructions

RAT

1. You are provided with a freshly killed specimen X.

(a) (i) Giving three reasons, state the class to which it belongs.

(04 marks)

Class ..... Mammalia ✓ ~~reject~~ ~~mammal~~ ~~reject wrong spelling's~~

Reasons

..... Has external earlobes/pinnae ✓

..... Body covered by fur ✓

..... Possesses external genitalia like vaginal opening

..... Possession of nipples ✓

Any correct 02  
Max 04

(ii) Open the mouth of specimen X and examine the teeth. What special teeth adaptations do you observe? (04 marks)

Incisor teeth;

- Sharp incisor teeth for cutting of food ✓

- Curved incisor teeth for easy scooping of teeth ✓

- long incisor teeth for deep cutting into the food ✓

- Chisel shaped incisors for easy cutting of food ✓

Molar teeth - Ridged molar surface for easy grinding of food ✓

- Broad top crown of molars provide a large surface area for grinding

- Numerous Molar teeth to increase surface area for grinding of food

Any correct 04

Max 04

- (iii) View the head of specimen X from the dorsal side and state how the features are suitable for environmental perception. (05 marks)

Whiskers:

- Whiskers of varying length to increase chances of sensitivity
- Numerous whiskers to increase surface area for sensitivity
- Long whiskers to detect the diameter of the burrows at distance

Ear lobes: Large ear lobes to increase surface area for trapping of sound waves for easy hearing.

tunnel shaped earlobes and narrow at the base

for easy directing of sound waves into auditory canal.

Eyes: Large eyes to increase surface area for wide field of view

Movable eye lids for protection from mechanical damage

- (b) (i) Dissect specimen X to open the abdominal cavity. Carefully disentangle the alimentary canal without causing much bleeding. Ligate the hepatic portal vein to prevent much bleeding. Stretch out the full length of the alimentary canal from the cardiac end of the stomach to the posterior end of the colon.

Any correct  
05  
max 05

Measure the length of each portion of the alimentary canal as indicated in table 1, record your results in the table and complete the table.

Table 1

(06 marks)

Portion (along outer part)	Length (mm)	Percentage length of each section
stomach	30 - 83 ✓	3.53 ✓
duodenum	80 - 157 ✓	9.42 ✓
ileum	680 - 1080 ✓	80.89 ✓
caecum & appendix	32 - 100 ✓	3.77 ✓
colon	27 - 90 ✓	3.18 ✓
full length	849 - 1510 ✓	100 ✓

max 06

Mark any value in the range.



- (ii) What is the significance of the observed differences in the length and shape of the different portions of the alimentary canal?

Stomach

(2 ½ marks)

Short; Curved, C-shaped for temporary storage of food  
Shorter for fast passage of food material

Duodenum

(02 marks)

Relatively longer, curved to increase surface area for food digestion and storage.

Ileum

(02 marks)

Very long to increase surface area for digestion and absorption of food

Caecum and appendix

(02 marks)

Tapers towards the appendix for temporary storage of food materials  
Shorter for fast passage of food materials

Colon

(1 ½ marks)

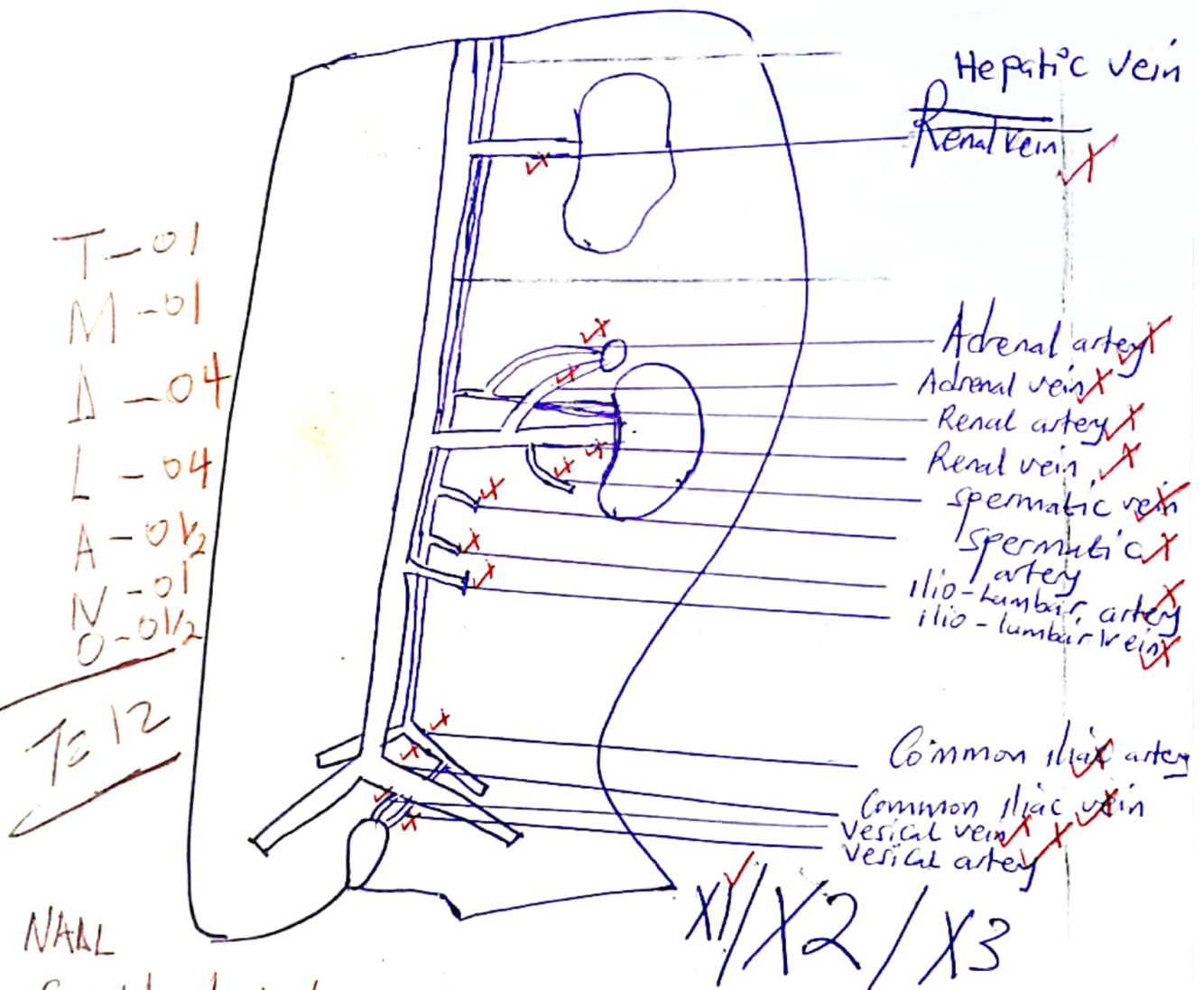
Straightened for temporary storage of undigested food  
Shorter for fast passage and removal of undigested food materials

- (c) Proceed with the dissection by removing the unnecessary structures in order to display the major blood vessels of the left side of the abdominal cavity.

Draw and label the major blood vessels displayed.

(12 marks)

Drawing showing the major blood vessels on the left side of the abdominal cavity of specimen X ✓



NALL

If right side is drawn and labelled.

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Turn Over

*No2 Note: Please Follow instructions, for accuracy*  
*Answers should be precise*  
*2M HCl     $H_2O_2$     2M NaOH    Irish potato tissue*

2. You are provided with solutions; P, Q, R and specimen S. Solutions P and R provide different pH media.

- (a) (i) Label four beakers; A<sub>1</sub>, A<sub>2</sub>, A<sub>3</sub> and A<sub>4</sub>, and prepare their corresponding solutions as shown in table 2.

Table 2

Solution (cm <sup>3</sup> )	Volume of solution Q (cm <sup>3</sup> )	Volume of water added (cm <sup>3</sup> )
A <sub>1</sub>	7	7
A <sub>2</sub>	4	8
A <sub>3</sub>	5	30
A <sub>4</sub>	1	11

- (ii) Cut a cube from specimen S measuring 3 cm × 3 cm × 3 cm. Chop the cube into smaller pieces and crush them into a paste using a mortar. Add 10 cm<sup>3</sup> of distilled water and decant the extract of specimen S in a petri dish and label it extract S.
- (iii) Obtain six test tubes and label them as A<sub>1</sub>, A<sub>2</sub>, A<sub>3</sub>, A<sub>4</sub>, A<sub>5</sub> and A<sub>6</sub>. Pour 10 cm<sup>3</sup> of the solutions A<sub>1</sub>, A<sub>2</sub>, A<sub>3</sub> and A<sub>4</sub> into the corresponding test tubes.
- (iv) Pour 10 cm<sup>3</sup> of solution A<sub>3</sub> into each of the test tubes A<sub>5</sub> and A<sub>6</sub>. Add five drops of solution P to the content of A<sub>5</sub> and five drops of solution R to the content of A<sub>6</sub>.
- (v) Cut six pieces of filter paper each measuring 0.5 cm × 0.5 cm. Dip the filter papers into extract S and leave them to stay in the extract for five minutes.
- (vi) Pick one filter paper from extract S and gently dip it into the solution in test tube A<sub>1</sub>, and start the stop clock immediately.
- (vii) Record your observations and time taken for the paper to rise to the surface in table 3.
- (viii) Repeat procedure (vi) - (vii) using solutions in test tubes; A<sub>2</sub>, A<sub>3</sub>, A<sub>4</sub>, A<sub>5</sub> and A<sub>6</sub>.



Table 3

(11 marks)

Test Tube	Content	Observations	Time taken for paper to return to surface (seconds)
A <sub>1</sub>	Solution A <sub>1</sub> + filter paper	- Very fast effervescence ✓ - filter paper rises very fast ✓	3-15 ✓
A <sub>2</sub>	Solution A <sub>2</sub> + filter paper	- Fast effervescence ✓ - filter paper rises fast ✓	4-16 ✓
A <sub>3</sub>	Solution A <sub>3</sub> + filter paper	- Moderate effervescence ✓ - filter paper rises moderately ✓	7-24 ✓
A <sub>4</sub>	Solution A <sub>4</sub> + filter paper	- slow effervescence ✓ - filter paper rises slowly ✓	13-35 ✓
A <sub>5</sub>	Solution A <sub>3</sub> + P + filter paper	very slow effervescence ✓ no effervescence; filter paper ✓	Infinity ✓
A <sub>6</sub>	Solution A <sub>3</sub> + R + filter paper	Moderately slow effervescence ✓ filter paper rises moderately ✓ slow	10-26 ✓

max 2

(b) Explain the results in the following test tubes.

(i) A<sub>1</sub>

(03 marks)

Extract S contain active substance / enzyme  
 A<sub>1</sub> contained highest concentration of substrate  
 resulting into production of many chances of collision  
 between the enzyme and substrate molecules  
 hence the very high rate of breakdown of  
 the substrate.

Max 3

(ii) A<sub>3</sub>

(03 marks)

A<sub>3</sub> Contained moderate concentration of substrate resulting into moderate changes of collision between the enzyme and substrate molecules hence the moderate rate of breakdown / decomposition of the substrate.

max 03

(iii) A<sub>4</sub>

(03 marks)

A<sub>4</sub> Contained low concentration of substrate resulting into few changes of collision between the enzyme and substrate molecules hence the low rate of breakdown of the substrate.

max 03

(iv) A<sub>5</sub>

(03 marks)

Contained Very low concentration of substrate

~~very~~ Very low / no enzyme activity because solution P inhibits / provided unsuitable medium for enzyme activity.

max 03

(v) A<sub>6</sub>

(03 marks)

Moderately slow enzyme activity because solution R provided a slightly favourable medium / suitable medium for enzyme activity.

max 03



- (c) (i) Explain the significance of the reactions in the experiment to multicellular organisms. (05 marks)

Hydrogen peroxide is toxic by product of metabolism and decomposition or breakdown into water and oxygen gas by Catalase enzyme, detoxifier it and becomes harmless, thereby protecting the body cells/tissues from its harmful effects.

max 05

- (ii) How were errors minimised during the experiment? (03 marks)

- Usage of same size of filter paper to ensure constant concentration of the enzyme.
- Using one soaked filter paper per solution to ensure constant concentration of enzyme.
- Same duration of soaking the filter paper into extract so that they absorb same concentration of the enzyme.
- Cutting the filter paper pieces from the same filter paper to ensure absorption capacity of the enzyme.
- Usage of the same volume of the substrate to ensure same enzyme concentration.

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Turn Over

Any Correct 03

max 03

NB Carefully examination Mould  
Lichen  
Whole Fern plant

3. You are provided with specimens; E, F and G.

(a) Mount a small portion of specimen E in a drop of water and observe under low power of a light microscope.

(i) Giving two reasons, state the division to which specimen E belongs. (03 marks)

Division

Zygomycota / Zygomycetes

Reasons

Possession of sporangium

Sporangiophore with round sporangium

Network of branched hyphae

Rooting hyphae

Horizontal hyphae

mark 03

(ii) From your observations, state how the features of specimen E ensures its survival in the habitat. (04 marks)

- Numerous rhizoids for easy penetration into substratum for anchorage and food absorption

- Thin rhizoids to reduce diffusion distance for absorption of nutrients

- Long sporangiophore to raise sporangium

- high for easy spore dispersal to increase chances of propagation

- Large sporangium to increase surface area for storage of many spores to increase chances of reproduction

(b) (i) Using a hand lens, examine the upper surface of the pinna of specimen G. Describe the role of the observable structures in the survival of the organism. (04 marks)

- Numerous pinnules to increase surface area for absorption of light for photosynthesis

- Numerous veins for increased support

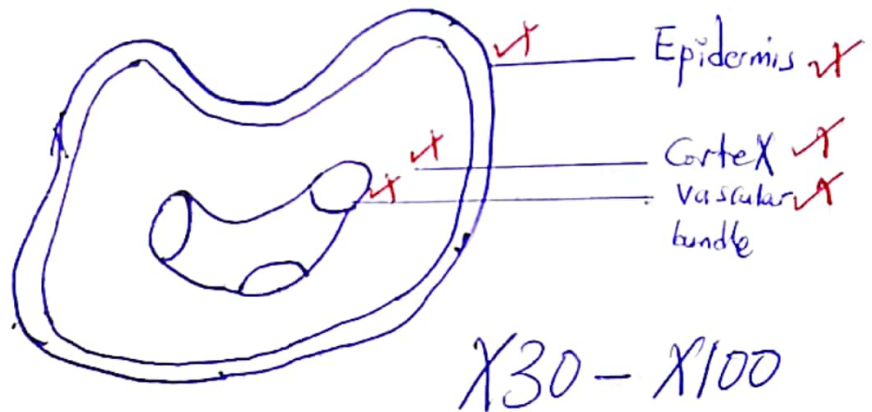
- Numerous hairs to reduce the rate of water loss

- Numerous sori for storage of numerous spores to increase surface area for storage of spores.

mark 03

- (ii) Cut a thin transverse section of the rachis of specimen G.  
Observe under low power of a light microscope. Draw and label  
the tissue plan observed. (07 marks)

Drawing of the tissue plan of the  
transverse section of the rachis of  
specimen G observed under low power of  
a microscope.



T-01

M-01

O-01

N-01

A = 1.5

L = 1.5

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Turn Over



(c) Use a hand lens to examine specimen F.

(i) Describe the structure of specimen F.

(04 marks)

Flattened, thin, broad body,  
undifferentiated body; branched; irregular  
shaped; leaf like

max 04

(ii) Explain the ecological significance of specimen F. (03 marks)

Has chlorophyll for sun light absorption  
for photosynthesis producing food for consumers in  
the ecosystem.  
- The produced oxygen during photosynthesis is used  
by aerobic organisms.  
- Reduced Carbon dioxide level in the atmosphere  
hence reducing pollution / global warming

Max 03

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