

**BIOLOGY  
PAPER 3  
(PRACTICAL)**

1.(a) You are provided with the following:

- Specimen Y
- Hydrogen peroxide
- 2 test tubes in a test tube rack.
- 2 labels
- 10ml measuring cylinder.
- A scalpel.
- 2 wooden splints.
- 100ml beaker.

**Procedure**

(i) Label two test tubes **A** and **B**.

(ii) Measure 2cm<sup>3</sup> of hydrogen peroxide and put in test tube **A**. Repeat the same procedure for test tube **B**.

(iii) Cut a small piece of specimen **Y** to two smaller pieces using a scalpel. Place one of the pieces in test tube **A** and retain the other piece for the subsequent procedure for test tube **B**.

(iv) Immediately, introduce a glowing splint into the mouth of the test tube. Record your observations in the table below.

(v) Put the other piece of specimen **Y** in an empty 100ml beaker then add 50ml boiling water from a hot water bath maintained at 80°C. Leave the set up for 5 minutes

(vi) Remove specimen **Y** from the boiling water using a pair of forceps and place in test tube **B**. Immediately, introduce a glowing splint at the mouth of the test tube. Record your observations in the table below.

(a) Record your observations in this table

Test tube	Observations	
	On placing specimen Y	On introducing a glowing splint

<b>A</b>	<b>More effervescence/frothing/bubbles produced✓</b>	<b>Rekindles/relights✓</b> (1mark)
<b>B</b>	<b>No/less/littleeffervescence/frothing/bubble produced✓</b>	<b>Does not rekindles✓</b> (1mark)

(b) Explain your observations :.

(i) On placing specimen **Y** on test tube **A** (2marks)

- ❖ **Enzyme (catalase) present in the specimen Y breakdown hydrogen peroxide into water and oxygen gas;✓ hence bubbles produced;✓**

(ii) On introducing the glowing splint on test **B** (2marks)

- ❖ **Boiling specimen Y denatured the enzyme (catalase);✓ hence fail to break down hydrogen peroxide into water and oxygen gas✓**

(c) State the role of experimental set up in test tube **B**. (1mark)

- ❖ **Control experiment;✓**

(d) Specimen **Y** is an organ in animals. State its **one** other function apart from the one being investigated above. (1mark)

- ❖ **Blood sugar regulation;✓**
- ❖ **Osmoregulation**
- ❖ **Regulation of metabolism**
- ❖ **Deamination**

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(e) You are provided specimen **X**. Make a longitudinal section through one of the specimen **X** using the scalpel to obtain two halves.

(i) Carefully observe **one** of the halves and make a drawing. on the diagram label the position of the plumule and radicle. (3marks)

(ii) State **one** internal factor necessary for the germination of specimen **X**. (1 mark)

❖ Hormones;✓

❖ Enzymes

❖ viability

(iii) Using a mortar and pestle provided, crush the remaining pieces of **X** while adding water to form a solution. Transfer the solution into a 50ml beaker provided and label as solution **X**.

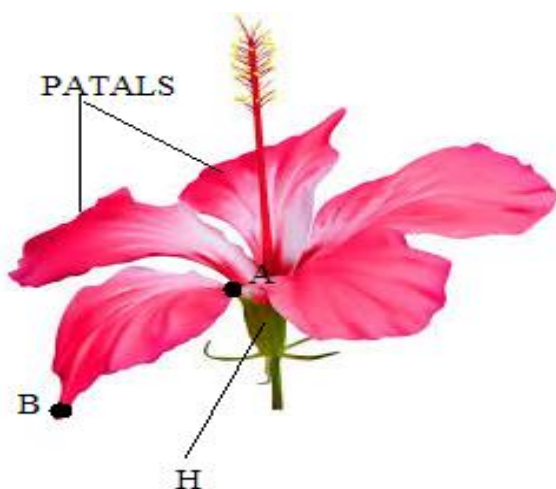
Using the reagents provided, test for the food substance present in solution **X**. (3marks)

FOOD SUBSTANCE	PROCEDURE	OBSERVATION	CONCLUSION
PROTEIN	Put 2cm <sup>3</sup> of solution X in a clean test tube .add copper(II) sulphate drop by drop by shaking after each drop ;✓	Purple/violet observed;✓	Protein present;✓

(iv) Under what circumstance is the food present in solution **X** oxidized in the human body (1mark)

❖ Extreme starvation;✓

2.Below is a plant organ used in the study of biology. Study it and answer the questions that follow.



(a) Identify the organ above (1mark)

❖ Flower;✓

(b) State the function of the part labeled H (1mark)

❖ Protects the flower during bud stage;✓

(c) State the term used to describe the petals. (1mark)

❖ Polypetalous;✓

(d) State with a reason the class into which the organ belongs.

Class (1mark)

Dicotyledonae;✓

Reason (1mark)

(e)(i) Using observable feature only, name the agent of pollination (1mark)

❖ Insects;✓

(ii) Give a reason for your answer in (e)(i) above. (1mark)

❖ Brightly coloured petal to attract the insect;✓

(f) State the importance of the organ to a plant (1mark)

Pollination;✓

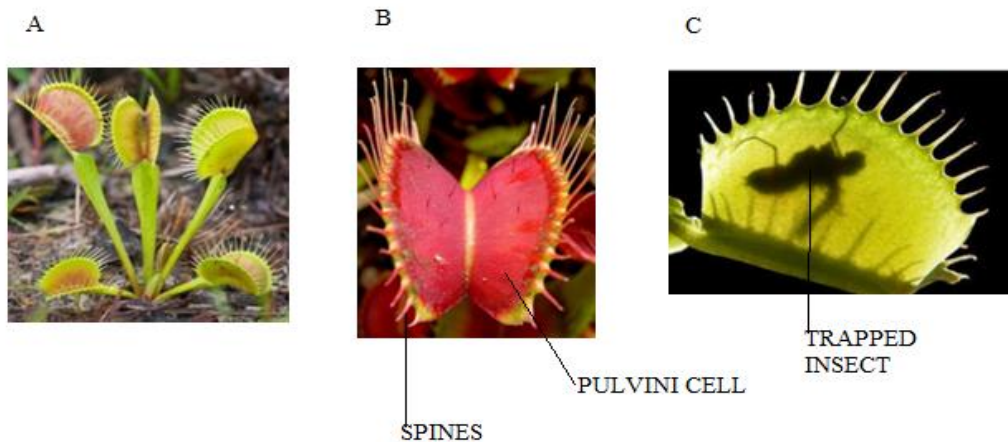
(g) Measure the length of the petal from point A to B. (1mark)

❖ 3.5 cm;✓

(f) If the actual length between A and B is 5cm, calculate the magnification of the photograph above. (2marks)

❖ Magnification =  $\frac{\text{length of image}}{\text{Object length}}$

$$= \frac{3.5}{5} = \times 0.7; \checkmark$$



3.(a) Below are photographs of **Venus flytrap** (an insectivorous plant). Study them and answer the questions that follow.

(i) Name **one** major nutrient that is deficient in the soil where the above plant grows.(1mark)

❖ **Nitrogen ;✓**

(ii) Name the type of response shown by plate C (1mark)

❖ **Haptonasty;✓**

(iii) Describe how the above plant traps the insect (3marks)

❖ **When the sensitive hairs on the leaves are touched by the landing insect;✓the midrib lose water rapidly by osmosis;✓causing the trap to spring hence closing the leaves with the spines interlocking;✓**

(b) Below is a  
questions that



mammalian skeleton. Study it carefully an answer the follow.

(i) Name bone **W** (1mark)

❖ **Femur;✓**

(ii) Name the type joint formed by bone **W** at the distal end. (1mark)

❖ **Hinge;✓**

(c) The part labeled **V** has one major adaptation:

(i) Identify the adaptation (1mark)

❖ **Elastic cartilage;✓**

(ii) Explain the importance of the adaptation in (c)(i) above to females (1mark)

❖ **Expand during birth in females to allow for the foetus;✓**

(d) State the function of the part labeled **U** (1mark)

❖ **Allow for the passage of nerves, blood vessels and muscles;✓**

(e) Distinguish between **pitching** and **rolling** as used in bony fish (1mark)

❖ **Rolling-rocking from side to side**

❖ **Pitching-upward and downward movement of the fish;✓**