

Mark Scheme (Results)

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General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.
- Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

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| Number | | | |
| 1(a)(i) | An answer that includes the following points: | DO NOT ACCEPT formulae / ammonia | |
| | nitrate / sulfate / ammonium (1) | DO NOT ACCEPT more than one if | |
| | magnesium / nitrate (1) | one is incorrect | |
| | • calcium (1) | | (0) |
| | | | (3) |

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| 1(a)(ii) | An answer that includes four of the following points: | | |
| | control of {species / type / age} of plant (1) | | |
| | control of temperature / soil pH /light intensity / time of growth (1) | | |
| | complete solution described and solution without named ion (1) | ACCEPT if named ion in a list of correct ions | |
| | measurement of dependent variable described (1) | Eg height / mass / number / size of leaves | |
| | replication to measure variability / find SD (1) | | (4) |

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| 1(b)(i) | An answer showing the following steps: | Correct answer with no working shown gains 2 marks | |
| | difference in {means} calculated / both mean rates calculated (1) | e.g. 371 – 216 or 155 OR 371 ÷ 21 AND 216 ÷ 21 | |
| | rate calculated with appropriate units (1) | e.g. ÷ 21 = 7.38 / 7.4 a.u. 17.67 – 10.29 = 7.38 / 7.4 au | (2) |

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| 1(b)(ii) | An answer that includes the following: • SDs added correctly to both bars (1) | 400 350 - 300 - 250 - 150 - 100 - 50 - 0 without complete nitrate ions Solution | |
| | the SDs do not overlap which shows that the difference (between the means) is significant (1) the results for the complete solution are {more variable / less reliable} (1) | DO NOT ACCEPT the results are significant ACCEPT range bars / error bars ACCEPT converse | |
| | | ACCEL I CONVEISE | (3) |

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| 2(a)(i) | An answer that includes the following three | | |
| | points. | | |
| | · | ACCEPT to make Chromosomes visible on its own | |
| | 2, to {stain / dye / colour} the chromosomes (1) | DO NOT ACCEPT stain etc cells | |
| | • 4, to spread / separate the cells out (1) | | |
| | • 5, to locate and then magnify (the cells) (1) | ACCEPT so cells do not overlap | |
| | | ACCEPT HP to see detail | (3) |

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| 2(a)(ii) | An explanation that includes the following points: | | |
| | safety precaution identified (1) | e.g. rinsing tips in water / wearing gloves / goggles | |
| | safety precaution explained (1) | because hydrochloric acid, acetic orcein is corrosive / irritant allergy to orcein | |
| | | | (2) |

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| 2(b) | An answer that includes five of the following points: | | |
| | • use range of pH solutions (1) | ACCEPT range of buffers | |
| | • (in which plants) grown (1) | | |
| | • (several) root tips (from each pH) (1) | | |
| | • take cells from same part of root tips (1) | | |
| | count number of cells undergoing mitosis and total number of cells (1) | | |
| | in several fields of view (1) | | (5) |

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| 2(c)(i) | A table showing the following features: | рН | Mitotic index (%) | |
| | | 3.5 | 2 | |
| | headings of pH and mitotic index (with units, | 4.3 | 3.4 | |
| | %) (1) | 5.1 | 7.2 | |
| | | 6.2 | 9.6 | |
| | pH data correctly entered into table (1) | 7.2 | 8.2 | |
| | | 8.4 | 7.6 | |
| | mitotic index data correctly entered (1) | 9 | 3.8 | |
| | | allow + or – 0.1 | | (3) |

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| 2(c)(ii) | An answer showing the following steps: | Correct answer with no working shown gains two marks | |
| | number of cells in mitosis identified (1) | 3 | |
| | mitotic index calculated (1) | e.g. MI = (3 ÷ 35) x 100 = 8.57 / 8.6 % (1) | |
| | • corresponding pH value read from the graph (1) | 5.7 AND/OR 6.9 (ACCEPT +/- 0.05) ACCEPT correct reading from graph of any answer | |
| | | to mp 2 | (3) |

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| 2(c)(iii) | An explanation that includes four of the following points: | | |
| | enzymes involved (1) | | |
| | (enzymes are) protein (1) | | |
| | 6.2 is the optimum pH (for these enzymes) (1) | | |
| | at pH {below optimum / above optimum} the active site is not the right shape / enzyme denatures / bonds holding shape change (1) | | |
| | enzyme substrate complexes do not form (1) | | (4) |

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| 3(a)(i) | area of zone {with no bacteria / of inhibition} | | (1) |

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| 3(a)(ii) | to allow (chemicals in the extract) to diffuse into agar / to stop growth of bacteria (1) | | (1) |

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| 3(a)(iii) | An description that includes the following points: | | |
| | • measure {diameter / radius} of zone (1) | | |
| | • apply area = πr² (1) | ACCEPT $\pi(d/2)^2$ ACCEPT $r = d \div 2$ | |
| | OR | | |
| | • place dish on {gridded / graph} paper (1) | | |
| | • count squares (1) | ACCEPT cut out and weigh | (2) |

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| 3(a)(iv) | An answer that includes the following points: | | |
| | filter paper discs qualified (1)(soaked in) {solvent / water} (1) | e.g. size, paper type, thickness, same as ones used | (2) |

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| 3(b)(i) | An answer showing the following steps: | Correct answer with no working shown gains two marks | |
| | difference calculated (1) | • 196-111 or 85 (1) | |
| | percentage calculated (1) | | |
| | | • 85 ÷ 111 = 76.57 / 76.6 / 85 ÷ 196 = 43.4 / | |
| | | 43.37 (1) | (2) |

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| 3(b)(ii) | A graph showing the following features: • A bar chart (1) • L axes correctly labelled, and with units (mm²) (1) • P correct plotting (1) • K key or labels to show type A and type B bacteria results (1) • S suitable linear scale for area starting at zero with no interruption (1) | area of zone of inhibition / mm² A B Species area of zone of inhibition / mm² John John John John John John John John | (5) |

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| 3(b)(iii) | An answer that includes three of the following points: | | |
| | • cumin is the least effective extract to use (1) | ACCEPT against Type A | |
| | pomegranate is the most effective extract to use (1) | | |
| | cumin, thyme, and ginger cannot be used to preserve food against type B (1) | ACCEPT pomegranate and clove can be used against B | |
| | type B is more difficult to control (1) | ACCEPT converse / A inhibited by all | (3) |

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| 3(c) | An answer that includes two of the following points: | | |
| | {solubility / concentration / volume} of extract / solvent used (1) | ACCEPT antimicrobial | |
| | • size of molecules in the extract (1) | | |
| | • rate of diffusion of extract into agar (1) | | (2) |