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0610 BIOLOGY

0610/53 Paper 5 (Practical Test), maximum raw mark 40

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Mark schemes will use these abbreviations

- ; separates marking points
- / alternatives
- **R** reject
- **A** accept (for answers correctly cued by the question)
- **I** ignore as irrelevant
- **ecf** error carried forward
- **AW** alternative wording (where responses vary more than usual)
- **AVP** alternative valid point
- Underline actual word given must be used by candidate (grammatical variants excepted)
- ( ) the word / phrase in brackets is not required but sets the context
- **D, L, T, Q** quality of: drawing / labelling / table / detail as indicated
- max indicates the maximum number of marks.

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance for Examiners
1 (a) (i)	extract number of bubbles of gas released / 1 minute **'seeds 1'** **'seeds 2'** **'seedlings 1'** **'seedlings 2'** completion of each box;;;;	[4]	Check Supervisor's report.
(ii)	*Description of each result:-* Credit use of data for comparison; Any 2 comparative statements with/without data: seeds 1 versus seeds 2; seeds 1 v seedling 1; seedling 1 v seedling 2; overall summary, e.g. seeds v seedlings;	Max [3]	Check Supervisor's report. based on the candidate's results – comparison.
(iii)	catalase / enzyme is more active in seeds OR less active in seedlings; seeds give more foam / oxygen OR seedlings give less foam / oxygen;	Max [1]	

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(b) (i)	reaction is fast – so some bubbles of gas missed; increase reliability; any reference to '**identification'** of anomalies; AVP e.g. variation in seeds / gas leaking ;	Max [2]	Ignore 'to take a mean' unqualified Ignore idea of 'accuracy' Ignore 'temperature'
(ii)	enzymes, e.g. catalase, within cells / inside seeds / seedlings; testa around seeds / AW (barrier idea) prevents substrate / hydrogen peroxide contacting with enzymes; speeds up reaction / surface area idea; might not fit inside test-tubes; mixture of seeds in extract / more uniform sample; AVP;	Max [2]	Equation given in introduction – oxygen is identified. Allow **ORA** throughout

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(c) (i)	*2 errors from:* oxygen bubbles not all composed of oxygen / bubbles of different sizes / oxygen escaped before bung fitted tightly / bubbles too fast to count / AW / different mass of seed / seedlings / different degree of grinding / different hydrogen peroxide conc. / amount / shaking tubes / any ref to timing / ref to temperature / pH ;;	Max [2]	Ignore 'bubbles' alone – require reference to the need to count / size of bubbles / speed of release. Ignore ref to number of seeds / age of seeds, etc.
(ii)	*One improvement for one error from* ***(c)(i)*** measure volume of oxygen instead of counting bubbles / use a measuring cylinder / use of gas syringe / monitor mass lost / use thistle funnel and tap to add hydrogen peroxide AW/ tightly fitting bungs / use of accurate timing device / AW / water bath / pH buffer;	[1]	There must be a link to (c)(i) e.g. use of stop clock instead of looking at the clock on the wall. Need to state a practical method not just 'avoid the error' or 'use same amount of hydrogen peroxide'

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance for Examiners
(d) (i)	extract height of foam / mm **'seeds 1'** **'seeds 2'** **'seedlings 1'** **'seedlings 2'**	[2]	Check Supervisor's report. Any two appropriate measurements for each mark.
(ii)	catalase / enzyme is more active in seeds / seedlings; seeds / seedlings give more / less foam / oxygen;	Max [1]	Correct conclusion based on candidates' results; Seeds or seedlings may vary.
(iii)	Yes or No appropriate deduction + evidence;	[1] **[Total: 19]**	Must justify decision. e.g. more bubbles linked to more foam idea or both conclusions show more activity with seeds than seedlings

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2 (a) (i)	measurements in mm bean A 25 B 27 C 28 D 27 E 29	Max [2]	All within 1 +/– 1mm, Any two correct for **1** mark. 4 or 5 correct for **2** marks. Ignore decimal places.
(ii) and (iii)	bean length / mm — original tally marks — extra tally — number in group **24.0 – 25.9** — **1** — **I** — **2** **26.0 – 27.9** — **4** — **II** — **6** **28.0 – 29.9** — **7** — **II** — **9** **30.0 – 31.9** — **17** — **17** **32.0 – 33.9** — **6** — **6** **34.0 – 35.9** — **5** — **5**	[2 and 2]	Check for ecf in tally and number. 2 marks for their correct tallies cf measurements. 2 marks for correct numbers cf tallies in their table.
(iv)	histogram: **A –** labelled axes and suitable even scale; **S –** size to fill half or more of the grid in both directions; **P –** plot; **C –** columns equal width and touching;	[4]	**A** either orientation *x*-axis must show categories not just numbers **P** cf <u>numbers</u> in their table, allow <u>one</u> wrong plot. Bar charts and Line graphs lose **C** mark. **R** plotted points not joined
(v)	<u>continuous</u> ;	[1]	Ignore normal / natural distribution.

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(b) (i)	drawing: **O** – outline clear; **S** – size; **D** – detail; **L** – labels: any from: plumule / radicle / cotyledon;	[4]	Check Supervisor's report. O – allow stippling but no other shading. S – more than half of available space [75 mm] D – part of embryo inside and outside (beyond edge of cotyledon) L – Ignore stem / root / testa. Ignore label lines which cross or do not touch the intended structure.
(ii)	measurements: length of seed in mm; length on their drawing to mm accuracy; formula; answer;	[4]	Check Supervisor's report. **R** if no line on their drawing **A** +/ 1 mm length on drawing in words or numerals length of seed ecf from measurements for correct length, words or numbers Accept if answer correct without working = 2 marks. R if mm after the figures. R if wrongly rounded
(c)	Biuret solution / test; blue to purple / mauve;	[2] **[Total: 21]**	**A** named $CuSO_4$ + NaOH / biuret A + B / I and II / albustix. [colour change yellow to green] Need starting colour in answer or remains blue if protein is absent. If boiling involved **R** colour change.