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GCE Advanced Subsidiary Level and GCE Advanced Level

## **MARK SCHEME for the October/November 2012 series**

### **9700 BIOLOGY**

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Paper 3 (Advanced Practical Skills 1),  
maximum raw mark 40

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Mark scheme abbreviations:

<b>;</b>	separates marking points
<b>/</b>	alternative answers for the same point
<b>R</b>	reject
<b>A</b>	accept (for answers correctly cued by the question, or by extra guidance)
<b>AW</b>	alternative wording (where responses vary more than usual)
<b><u>underline</u></b>	actual word given must be used by candidate (grammatical variants excepted)
<b>max</b>	indicates the maximum number of marks that can be given
<b>ora</b>	or reverse argument
<b>mp</b>	marking point (with relevant number)
<b>ecf</b>	error carried forward
<b>I</b>	ignore
<b>ACE</b>	Analysis, Conclusions and Evaluation (skills)
<b>MMO</b>	Manipulations, Measurement and Observation (skills)
<b>PDO</b>	Presentation of Data and Observations (skills)

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<b>1 (a) (i)</b>				[1]
MMO decision 1		size or diameter or length or width or surface area (bod) or volume (bod) or colour or whole or same shape;		
		<b>Do not give mark if</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>any other variable than seeds</li> </ul> <b>Ignore</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>number</li> <li>mass</li> </ul> same type or species or age		
<b>(ii)</b>				[1]
MMO decision 1		(any one temperature) °or <u>degree(s) C</u> <b>AND</b> any whole number 80 to and including 100 ;		
<b>(iii)</b>				[3]
MMO decisions 3	mp1	<u>(0).3 AND (0).2 AND (0).1;</u>		
		<b>Not required are</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>units</li> <li>zero</li> </ul>	<b>Do not give mark if</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>incorrect units e.g. mol dm<sup>-3</sup></li> </ul>	
	mp2	<u>cm<sup>3</sup> or ml(s) shown at least once for R AND (0.3)7.5 and (0.2) 5 and (0.1)2.5;</u>		
		<b>Do not give mark if</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>on on units e.g. cm or cm<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>		
mp3	values of (R and W) for ALL tubes must add up to <u>10</u> (minimum two tubes);			
<b>(iv)</b>				[1]
MMO decision 1		<u>cm<sup>3</sup> or ml(s) once</u>	<b>AND</b> (volume of R)	<b>AND</b> ( <u>one</u> volume of Benedict's) any one whole number 2 to 10  that is 2 or 3 or 4 or 5 or 6 or 7 or 8 or 9 or 10;

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(v)		[4]				
PDO recording 2	mp1	<p>table with all cells drawn</p> <p><b>AND</b> heading (top row or column to left of recorded data) <u>percent</u>(age) or <u>% conc</u>(entration) (of )<u>R</u> or <u>reducing sugars</u> ;</p> <p><b>Do not give mark if</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• % in cells of headed column</li> <li>• other units e.g. mol dm<sup>-3</sup></li> <li>• more than one row in one cell for multiple trials</li> </ul>				
	mp2	<p>(heading for any column/row including mean) <b>only</b> <u>time</u> (with) <u>s</u> or <u>sec</u>(onds);</p> <p><b>Do not give mark if</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• units in cells of this column/row</li> <li>• min(utes)</li> <li>• headings for volumes or method information or in cells e.g. volumes and concentrations in same cell</li> </ul>				
MMO collection 2	mp3	<p>(mark first column/row of recorded results) records at least three results with <u>whole numbers only</u> that is any whole number less than 180 or records ' &gt; or more than 180';</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><b>Must have</b></td> <td><b>Do not give mark if</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>whole</u> numbers between 3 and 180 or ' &gt; or more than 180'</li> </ul> </td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• '&lt; or less than 180'</li> <li>• e.g. 0:45 or 50:45</li> </ul> </td> </tr> </table>	<b>Must have</b>	<b>Do not give mark if</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>whole</u> numbers between 3 and 180 or ' &gt; or more than 180'</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• '&lt; or less than 180'</li> <li>• e.g. 0:45 or 50:45</li> </ul>
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mp4	<p>(mark first column/row of recorded time for recording correct pattern) recorded time for <u>0.4%</u> is the shorter/lower value than lowest concentration;</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><b>Must have</b></td> <td><b>Do not give mark if</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• units for time recorded somewhere e.g. seconds with tenths or min:sec</li> <li>• minimum two recorded times including 'more than 180'</li> </ul> </td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• no units for time anywhere</li> </ul> </td> </tr> </table>	<b>Must have</b>	<b>Do not give mark if</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• units for time recorded somewhere e.g. seconds with tenths or min:sec</li> <li>• minimum two recorded times including 'more than 180'</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• no units for time anywhere</li> </ul>	
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(vi)		Do not give mark if no results for R or results all more than 180 or S.		[1]
ACE interpretation 1		<u>correct estimate</u> with their <u>time</u> results	<b>AND</b> uses <b>only</b> one of following values <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• one value of 0.1, 0.2 , 0.3 ,0.4</li> <li>• between 0.1 and 0.2</li> <li>• between 0.2 and 0.3</li> <li>• between 0.3 and 0.4</li> <li>• less than 0.1</li> <li>• more than 0.4</li> <li>• or their own concentrations;</li> </ul>	
		<b>Do not give mark if</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• calculate or estimate between two of their concentration values</li> <li>• description or colour only in results</li> </ul>		
(vii)		Do not give mp 1 if no result for seeds <b>ecf</b> for mp 2		[2]
ACE conclusion 2	mp1	(should be) yes if result is positive for reducing sugar;		
		<b>Can have</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>no if their result for S is negative for reducing sugar</i></li> </ul>		
	mp2	positive result described for seed sample either time or colour change	<b>AND</b> so <u>reducing sugars</u> OR sucrose broken down;	
		OR negative result no colour change or stayed blue	<b>AND</b> so no <u>reducing sugars</u> OR sucrose not broken down;	

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<b>(b)</b>		<b>[3]</b>
		MUST mention seeds (in solution/sucrose) in correct context to access marks. <b>Do not give mark if</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>change more than one variable</li> </ul>
ACE improvements 3	mp1	(independent) 5 or more temperatures or described OR gives examples of 5 or more (units NOT required);
		<b>Do not give mark if</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>change more than one variable</li> <li>in context of Benedict's test</li> </ul>
	mp2	(how to keep temperature standardised in context of different temperatures only) use thermostat(ically-controlled) water-bath;
		<b>Do not give mark if</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ref. to temperature controlled room e.g. air conditioned or thermostat controlled room</li> </ul>
	mp3	(standardisation of variables only in context of changing temperature) same number or example of number or mass or example of mass of seeds <b>Ignore</b> amount OR same volume or example of volume with units of sucrose OR concentration or example of concentration of sucrose solution OR (seeds NOT Benedict's) same time in water-bath;
		<b>Do not give mark if</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>not idea that changing temperature</li> </ul>
<b>(c) (i)</b>		<b>[4]</b>
If draw a chart then <b>max 1</b> for O		
PDO layout 4	O	x-axis <u>pH(p.h. PH Ph)</u> <b>AND</b> y-axis <u>conc(entration of) reducing sugar(s)_(l) mmol(e) hr<sup>-1</sup>;</u>
	S	scale on x-axis <u>1.0 to 2 cm with 4 at origin labelled each 2cm</u> except 8 need not be labelled <b>AND</b> y-axis <u>10 to 2 cm labelled each 2 cm;</u> except origin and 60 need not be labelled
	P	correct plotting of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>five</b> points <b>Check</b> first four points for bark and last point for leaves;</li> </ul>

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	L	plots joined with <u>ruled</u> lines exactly point to point or <u>curve through set of 5 points</u>	<b>AND</b> (quality) <u>smooth line for bark less than 1 mm thick use grid</u>	<b>AND for each line a label</b> leaves and bark or uses key;
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**Additional guidance:**

O		
S	<b>Must have</b> label of value of origin if zero not at origin	
P	plots (crosses or centre of dot) must be nearer than halfway line – up or down or either side OR if meant to be within two lines then must not be on line above or below or either side	
	<p><b>Can have</b></p> <p><b>ecf</b> if origin not zero but use scales as given <b>ecf</b> if scale correct but not labelled every 2 cm <b>ecf</b> if reverse axes and scale is <u>x-axis 20 to 2 cm and y-axis to 1 to 2 cm</u></p> <p><b>ecf</b> if scale of pH 2 to 2 cm on x-axis or y-axis</p>	<p><b>Do not give mark if</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>any blobs or dots alone</li> <li>any cross or dot too large</li> </ul>
L		<p><b>Do not give mark if</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>any feathery or gap in line or dashed line</li> <li>any irregular thickness</li> <li>any extrapolation</li> </ul>

(ii)

[1]

ACE interpretation 1		(activity/concentration of reducing sugars) increases/rises to (pH) <u>5.3</u>	<b>AND</b> decreases to (pH) <u>7.8</u> ; or rises by <u>2.5</u>

(iii)

[1]

ACE conclusion 1		In correct context  idea of (enzyme) denatured or denaturation;
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2 (a) (i) [5]					
PDO layout 1	mp1	<p><b>Do not give mark if</b> drawn over the print of question or <u>any</u> shading anywhere or <u>any</u> ruled or compass lines or break in outline which does not have a line to seal open ends</p>	<p><b>AND</b> <b>Do not give mark if</b> smaller than 60 mm across widest point</p>	<p><b>AND</b> (clear, sharp, unbroken lines); <b>Do not give mark if</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>less than 3 enclosed area</li> </ul> <p><b>the outermost enclosed area has</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>any</u> part of line 1 mm or thicker (use grid)</li> <li><u>any</u> feathery or dashed or gap in line</li> <li><u>any</u> 'tails' or overlaps</li> </ul>	
	MMO collection 3	mp2	no cells drawn <b>AND</b> whole section drawn;		
		mp3	<p>(epidermal layer and endodermis) both layers drawn as paired lines with a gap between the layers;</p> <p><b>Do not give mark if</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>regular enclosed areas e.g. ovals or circles between innermost paired lines</li> </ul>		
mp4		<p>line separating pith from endodermis layer is continuous and wavy OR for epidermis three lines (two layers) for most of layer;</p>			
MMO decision 1	mp5	labels <u>cortex</u> with label line touching;			
		<p><b>Do not give mark if</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>any label which is biologically incorrect e.g. animal or cell structure</li> <li><u>any label</u> written within drawn area</li> </ul>			
(ii) [4]					
PDO layout 1	mp1	<p><b>Do not give mark if</b> drawn over the print of question or <u>any</u> shading anywhere or <u>any</u> ruled or compass lines</p>	<p><b>AND</b> <b>Do not give mark if</b> smaller than 40 mm across widest cell;</p>	<p><b>AND</b> (clear, sharp, unbroken lines) outer boundary lines of any cells <b>Do not give mark if</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>less than 5 cell outlines</li> </ul> <p>any of outermost lines have</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>any</u> line 1 mm or thicker (use grid)</li> <li><u>any</u> feathery or dashed or gap in line</li> <li><u>any</u> 'tails' or overlaps</li> </ul>	



MMO collection 2	mp2	<u>only five</u> complete cells drawn	<b>AND</b> each cell must touch another cell at least at one point to form one group ;
			<b>Do not give mark if</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>any ruled or compass lines</li> </ul>
	mp3	at least one intercellular space at least 3 mm across at widest point OR at least three cells with rounded shape with no straight sharp corners in correct context;	
		<b>Can have</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>drawn vacuoles/nucleus</li> </ul>	<b>Do not give mark if</b> or more cells raw EM organelles e.g. mitochondria raw incorrect cell structure e.g. sieve plates, ll cells drawn separate
PDO recording 1	mp4	all cells with cell walls drawn as double lines all the way round (inner line can touch but not cross outer line-overlap) <b>AND</b> (between any two adjacent cells middle lamella drawn) so three lines less than 4 mm across at widest point;	
<b>(b) (i)</b>			[3]
MMO decision 1	mp1	<b>Step 1</b> <b>Ignore</b> first box second box <u>must be</u> whole number 3 to 92	<b>AND</b> EITHER answer <u>must be</u> (0).00X(.....) where X is a number 1 to 9 OR expressed in standard form e.g. $x 10^{-3}$ ; <b>Do not give mark if</b> fraction
PDO display 1	mp2	(either box in <b>Step 2</b> ) 1000 or $10^3$	<b>AND</b> any answer from step 1 in other box;
		<b>ecf</b> any answer to step 1	
ACE interpretation 1	mp3	<u><math>\mu\text{m}</math></u> or <u>mm</u> <b>AND</b> <u>answer from step 1 <math>\times 1000</math></u> ;	

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<b>(ii)</b>		<b>[2]</b>			
MMO collection 1	mp1	measures correctly in eyepiece graticule units; measures total length <u>57 or 58 or 59 or 60 or 61 or 62</u> (epg units)			
		<b>Do not give mark if</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• m or mm or cm or m or stage micrometer units</li> <li>• hoice of measuring e.g. mm and epgu</li> </ul>			
PDO display 1	mp2	(shows multiplication by answer from <b>(b)(i)</b> ) any one value (multiplied by) <u>X</u> by <u>answer from (b)(i) step 2</u> ;			
		<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"><b>Can have</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• alternative signs • or * or value <b>(b)(i)</b></li> </ul> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"><b>Do not give mark if</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• division shown</li> </ul> </td> </tr> </table>	<b>Can have</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• alternative signs • or * or value <b>(b)(i)</b></li> </ul>	<b>Do not give mark if</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• division shown</li> </ul>	
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<b>(c)</b>		<b>[4]</b>			
PDO recording 1	mp1	organise as a table with only three columns or rows separated by lines (no cells needed) <b>Ignore</b> number column			
		<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%; vertical-align: top;"><b>AND</b> headings in any order only <u>K1/slide</u> and <u>Fig 2.4</u></td> <td style="width: 33%; vertical-align: top;"><b>AND</b> third column/row contains list of tissues;</td> </tr> </table> <p>(features) <u>K1/slide.</u> <u>Fig 2.4</u> (K1 or Fig 2.4 either way round and other column to left, right or in middle) ,</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> <table style="margin: auto; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="border: none;"> </td> <td style="border: none;"> </td> </tr> </table> </div>	<b>AND</b> headings in any order only <u>K1/slide</u> and <u>Fig 2.4</u>	<b>AND</b> third column/row contains list of tissues;	
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ACE interpretations 3	max 1		feature	K1	Fig. 2.4	
		mp2	(vascular bundles or tissue shape)	absent or not visible/seen or cross shape or not in ring or irregular	present or visible/distinct or ring or regular;	
			(position)	inner or inside or near endodermis/pericycle	outer or towards outside or near epidermis;	
			(quantity of vascular tissue bundles/xylem/phloem)	Idea of less or small(er) or few(er), narrow(er)	Idea of more or large(r) or wide(r);	
		cambium	no(one) or absent or has not	yes or present or has;		
	max 2	mp3	pith or middle or centre	any difference for central area either way round e.g. present vs absent or small(er) vs large(r) or not hollow vs hollow;		
		mp4	endodermis or pericycle or stele	yes or present or has	no(one) or absent or has not;	
		mp5	cortex	large(r) or wider or more	small(er) or narrower;	
		mp6	epidermis	thin(ner) or narrow(er) or one cell	thick(er) or wide(r) or large(r) or more than one cell	
			thickened layer/collenchyma/sclerenchyma	no(one) or absent or has not	has or present or yes;	
mp7	hairs (root) or (trichomes)	yes or present or has or many hairs or rough	no(one) or absent or has not or smooth;			
					<b>[Total: 18]</b>	