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Paper 3 (Advanced Practical Skills 2),
maximum raw mark 40

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Mark scheme abbreviations:

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

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| 1 (a) (i) | | [3] | | |
| MMO decisions 3 | mp 1 | <u>(0).8 AND (0).6 AND (0).4 AND (0).2;</u> | | |
| | mp 2 | (for correct concentration) Ignore 1 % <u>cm³ or mls shown at least once AND at least three</u> correct volumes of E with 0.2 % difference between concentrations; No ecf if incorrect concentrations. | | |
| | mp 3 | values for at least three E and W add up to 5; | | |
| (ii) | | [max 1] | | |
| MMO decisions max 1 | Idea of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • replace enzyme with water • W/water either as beaker or added to test-tube • W/water and S/milk; | | | |
| | Do not give mark for more than one idea | | | |
| (iii) | | [5] | | |
| PDO recording 2 | mp 1 | table with all cells drawn AND heading (top row or column to left of recorded data) <u>percent(age) or % conc(entration) of E or enzyme;</u> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> Can have <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no outer boundary Ignore <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • test-tube/additional columns • notes outside area </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> Do not give mark if <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • % in cells of headed column • other units e.g. mol dm⁻³ • no percentage or % • two rows in one cell for multiple trials </td> </tr> </table> | Can have <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no outer boundary Ignore <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • test-tube/additional columns • notes outside area | Do not give mark if <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • % in cells of headed column • other units e.g. mol dm⁻³ • no percentage or % • two rows in one cell for multiple trials |
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| mp 2 | (heading for any column/row including mean) only <u>time</u> (with) <u>s</u> or <u>sec(onds)</u> ; <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • if have columns/rows for test-tubes or observations e.g. colour • any notes outside area Ignore <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • heading for test-tubes • t or T </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> Do not give mark if <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • units in cells of this column/row • e.g. 45' (units) • min(utes) • headings for volumes or method information or in cells • e.g. volumes and concentrations in same cells </td> </tr> </table> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • if have columns/rows for test-tubes or observations e.g. colour • any notes outside area Ignore <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • heading for test-tubes • t or T | Do not give mark if <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • units in cells of this column/row • e.g. 45' (units) • min(utes) • headings for volumes or method information or in cells • e.g. volumes and concentrations in same cells | |
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| MMO colle | mp 3 | (mark first column/row of recorded time) records <u>whole numbers only</u> for ANY four (concentrations including control/0) that is any whole number between 3 and 240 or records > or more than 240; | | |

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| | | <p>Do not give mark if</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> < or less than 240 e.g. 0:45 or 50:45 |
| | mp 4 | <p>(mark first column/row of recorded time for recording correct pattern) recorded time for <u>1%</u> is shorter time/lower value than lowest concentration; Ignore control/0</p> <p>Must have</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> units for time recorded somewhere e.g. seconds with tenths or min:sec |
| MMO decision 1 | mp 5 | <p>records control or 0 <u>'> or more than 240' (seconds/s)</u></p> |
| (iv) | | [1] |
| ACE interpretation 1 | cause of error | WITH idea of error |
| | <p>end-point or when goes clear OR <u>time in water-bath</u> OR <u>temp</u></p> | <p>judging or observing seeing or figuring out or varies or subjective</p> <p>different or varies or not the same or drops or changes;</p> |
| (v) | | [3] |
| ACE improvements 3 | mp 1 | <p>(independent) at least 3 pHs or at least 3 examples or low pH and high pH and neutral/pH7; OR Idea of keep enzyme conc same/use E AND range of/different pHs;</p> <p>Do not give mark if</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> change more than one variable |
| | mp 2 | <p>(method to change pH) (for all pHs) use <u>buffers</u>;</p> |
| | mp 3 | <p>(dependent) rate from data <u>divide 1 by time</u> or <u>divide 1000 by time</u> or plot graph of <u>pH against time</u>;</p> |

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| (b) (i) | | [4] |
| PDO layout 4 | O | x-axis <u>time (/) min(utes)</u> AND y-axis <u>area of gelatine(/) mm²</u> ; |
| | S | scale on x-axis <u>20 to 2 cm labelled each 2 cm</u> except origin and 100 AND y-axis <u>50 to 2 cm labelled each 2 cm</u> except origin and 200; |
| | P | correct plotting of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> points Ignore plots at 200 as small cross (use square on grid) or dot (in circle use grid) or cross in circle to <u>within</u> half a square; |
| | L | plots joined with <u>ruled</u> lines exactly point to point AND (quality) <u>smooth</u> line less than 1 mm thick AND (for each line) a label with correct pH or key; |

| Additional guidance: | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| O | Ignore abbreviations e.g. t/T or A/a | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| S | <p>ecf if no labels for O or if reverse O then scale must use more than half grid for both x and y axes</p> <p>Must have</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> label of value of origin if zero not at origin <p>Do not give mark if</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> awkward scale e.g. to each 2 cm <table border="1" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>Time /mins</u></th> <th><u>Area/mm²</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>15</td> <td>40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>18</td> <td>80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>25</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>30</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>40</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | <u>Time /mins</u> | <u>Area/mm²</u> | 15 | 40 | 18 | 80 | 25 | | 30 | | 40 | |
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| P | <p>Can have</p> <p>ecf if x-axis not 0 if scale 20 to 2 cm even</p> <p>Do not give mark if</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> awkward scale any blobs or dots alone any cross too large | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| L | <p>Can have</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ecf from incorrect P <p>Do not give mark if</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> any feathery line any irregular thickness any extrapolation either end | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| (ii) Ignore ref to enzyme activity Do not give mark if wrong context | | [2] |
| ACE interpretation 2 | mp 1 | Idea of as/with increasing/longer <u>time area/gelatine /protein</u> decreases more in pH4 than pH6.4 OR pH 4.0 more area/gelatine /protein hydrolysed/broken down in same time/faster OR area/gelatine /protein decreases quicker/more ora pH 6.4 less area/gelatine /protein hydrolysed/broken down in same time/slower/it OR area/gelatine /protein decreases slower/less; |
| | mp 2 | (pH 4) goes to zero or all area/gelatine/protein hydrolysed/broken down or no area/gelatine/protein left OR (pH 6.4) area/gelatine/protein goes to half or 100 (mm ²); OR Ref to other quoted figures so pH 4 with time and area AND pH 6.4 with ref to same time and area Ignore units |
| (iii) | | [3] |
| ACE conclusions 3 | mp 1 | (pH 4) nearer/almost or at <u>optimum</u> ; |
| | mp 2 | (pH 4/acidic/lower pH) enzyme/it is more active or the activity higher/faster or works best/digests more or more (ESCs) or more (substrate binds to enzyme/active sites) ora (pH 6.4 or alkali or higher pH) enzyme/ it is less active or the activity lower/slower or few (ESCs) or few (er) (substrate molecules bind to active sites) OR pH 4.0 is fast and pH 6 is slow; |
| | mp 3 | correct ref. to for either pH enzyme substrate complexes or ESCs idea that substrate (molecules) bind go into <u>active sites</u> ; Ignore collision(s)/effective collisions OR (pH 6.4) idea of enzyme denatured Idea of enzyme shape/structure/molecule altered or bonds disturbed |
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| 2 (a) (i) Ignore additional lines/circle round drawing of specimen | | [5] |
| PDO layout 1 | mp 1 | <p>quality of plan diagram;</p> <p>Do not give mark if</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> drawn over the print of question or <u>any</u> shading or <u>any</u> ruled lines smaller than 50 mm across widest point of midrib – 5 squares on grid AND (clear, sharp, unbroken lines) stomata/breaks open-ended less than four enclosed areas <p>any of the line of enclosed area under outermost enclosed outline has</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>any</u> line 1 mm or thicker <u>any</u> feathery or broken/dashed line or gaps <u>any</u> 'tails' or overlaps |
| | mp 2 | no cells drawn AND complete leaf drawn; |
| | mp 3 | at least five lines counted across leaf as line through middle of central region across (upper to lower epidermis); Ignore lines for vascular bundle |
| MMO collection 3 | mp 4 | central region drawn with at least 3 enclosed areas in shape which is not a symmetrical oval top to bottom; |
| MMO decision 1 | mp 5 | <p>labels <u>xylem</u> with line touching line around enclosed area or ending inside enclosed area in vascular bundle with at least two regions;</p> <p>Ignore</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> any labels identifying tissues associated with plant <p>Do not give mark if</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> any label which is biologically incorrect e.g. from animal any label written within drawn area |

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| (ii) | | [5] |
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| PDO layout 1 | mp 1 | <p>quality of drawing;</p> <p>Do not give mark if</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> drawn over the print of question or <u>any</u> shading or <u>any</u> ruled lines smaller than 50 mm across widest cell AND (clear, sharp, unbroken lines) less than 3 cell outlines any of outermost lines have (even if more than 3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>any</u> line 1mm or thicker <u>any</u> feathery or broken/dashed line or gaps <u>any</u> 'tails' or overlaps |
| | MMO collection 2 | <p>mp 2 only three complete cells drawn AND cells must touch another cell at least at one point to form one group;</p> <p>mp 3 at least one cell has at least four internal enclosed areas drawn;</p> <p>Do not give mark if</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> additional organelles e.g. mitochondria, etc lines/dots drawn within chloroplast enclosed areas |
| PDO recording 1 | mp 4 | cell walls drawn as double lines with middle lamella between two complete adjacent cells; |
| MMO decision 1 | mp 5 | at least two cells must contain at least five small randomly scattered enclosed areas and labels <u>only one</u> chloroplast in any one cell with label line touching outermost line of chloroplast or into middle of chloroplast; |
| | | <p>Do not give mark if</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> small enclosed areas form single line around most of boundary of any two cell any label other than chloroplast any label within drawn lines |

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| (b) | | [3] |
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| MMO collection 1 | mp 1 | <p>shows unit as <u>mm</u> on measurements for both (Y and Z) or larger and smaller values AND measures Y and Z lines correctly;</p> <p>Y allow one of: <i>120(.00) or 120.5(0) or 121(.00) or 121.5(0) or 122(.00) or 122.5(0) or 123(.00)</i></p> <p>Z allow one of: <i>75(.00) or 75.5(0) or 76(.00) or 76.5(0) or 77(.00)</i></p> |
| | PDO display 2 | mp 2 |
| mp 3 | | <p>as larger whole number <u>;</u> or <u>to</u> smaller whole number to <u>lowest common denominator</u>;</p> <p>Do not give mark if</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no measurements or working • if units |

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| (c) (i) | | [2] |
| (ii) | | [3] |
| PDO recording 1 | mp 1 | (plan <u>no cells</u>) has at least one line following outline in at least one 'wing' AND central region contains at least three enclosed areas; |
| MMO decision 1 | mp 2 | label lines and labels P , Q and R to three different features; |
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| ACE interpretation max 3 | Award marks from only one column for each mark point. [max 3] | | |
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| | Labelled region | Fig 2.1 | M1 |
| | mp 1 [2 marks] overall shape number of tissues/regions | has 'wings' or divided into two or irregular/ symmetrical/oval/AW; more; | oval or more round or straight or regular/asymmetrical/triangular; few; |
| | mp 2 [1 mark] Do not give mark if membrane | thin(ner) layer or one cell thick or less/fewer cells or loosely packed cells or no thickened layer/cells or cells not as round/AW or rough or hair(s) or trichomes; | thick(er) layer or more cells or more compact/closely-packed or cells rounder shape or smooth or no hairs/trichomes; |
| | mp 3 + 4 [max 2 marks] Ignore general shape of cells | Idea of thick layer; darker stained /contain more staining; OR longer /thinner/oval or more/closely packed cells OR (palisade cells/layer) missing/absent at 5 ; | Idea of thin layer; less stained; round(er) cells or few/loosely packed cells; |
| | mp 5 [1 mark] Do not give mark if vacuole/s | more (air/intercellular) spaces or fewer cells more (spongy mesophyll) cells or larger area; | less spaces or more cells few (spongy mesophyll) cells/small area; |
| | mp 6 + 7 [max 2 marks] Do not give mark if vessel | two/divided/four/more areas more xylem/cells (vessels) more xylem to phloem ; OR xylem inside phloem/xylem in centre phloem outside; OR cross-shape /butterfly shape; OR labels cells around it as present; | one/single/less; phloem one side only or not around xylem; round or oval shape; no /few cells ; |
| | mp 7 + 8 [max 2 marks] | cross shape/butterfly shape; bundle sheath present or absent or layer or cells present/absent; | round or oval or absent; bundle sheath present/absent or layer/cells present/absent; |
| | mp 9 [1 mark] | indent or gap or curled or <u>sunken</u> stoma(ta) or present; | straight or no indent or no gap or not curled or absent; |
| | mp 10 [1 mark] | fold or ridge or lobe or present; | no fold or no wings or absent; |
| [Total: 18] | | | |