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for the guidance of teachers**

**9700 BIOLOGY**

**9700/31**

Paper 31 (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)

Expected Answers

1 (a) (i) [4]

PDO layout 1	mp 1	no shading or dashed line inside cell	<b>AND</b> 50 mm or larger across widest point in one cell	<b>AND</b> clear, sharp, unbroken lines for all outer lines of the cells drawn; <b>Do not give mark if</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>less than two outer lines i.e. only 1 cell</li> </ul> <b>or if any outer line has</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>any ruled lines</li> <li>any line more than 1 mm</li> <li>any feathery or broken / dashed or gap in outer line</li> <li>any 'tail' or overlap</li> <li>drawn over the print of question</li> </ul>
	MMO collection 2	mp 2	only <u>two</u> whole cells	<b>AND</b> adjacent walls touching; <b>Do not give mark if</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>any ruled lines</li> </ul>
mp 3		cell contents drawn away from cell wall in at least one cell	<b>AND</b> cell wall double line with middle lamella between cells; <b>Do not give mark if</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>additional organelles e.g. mitochondria, etc.</li> </ul>	
MMO decision 1	mp 4	only correct label, with label line(s) which <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>touches but does not cross the cell membrane</li> <li>has at least one cell membrane drawn;</li> </ul>	<b>Do not give mark if</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>any labels are not of cell structure</li> <li>any label within drawn area</li> </ul>	
	(a) (ii) [2]			
MMO decisions 2	mp 1	idea of more than one cell;		
	mp 2	counts plasmolysed or counts cells in different states of plasmolysis;	<b>Do not give mark for</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>qualitative description only of states of plasmolysis or assigning numbers to each state</li> </ul>	

<b>(b) (i)</b>			[5]
<i>Ignore all references to conclusions i.e. concentrations</i>			
PDO recording 2	<b>mp 1</b>	table with all cells drawn	<b>AND</b> heading <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• solution or sample;</li> </ul>
	<b>mp 2</b>	(any correct heading – column or row) number / count(ed)	<b>AND</b> plasmolysed;
MMO collection 2	<b>mp 3</b>	records for <u>S1, S2 and S3</u> in this <u>order</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• more than one cell</li> </ul>	quantitative data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• number of plasmolysed cells;</li> </ul>
	<b>mp 4</b>	records correct pattern in context of cells not pieces / tissues ; <b>S1</b> compared to both <b>S2</b> and <b>S3</b> most plasmolysis      number of cells counted	
MMO decision 1	<b>mp 5</b>	recorded quantitative data for at least three cells, for each concentration;	
<b>(b) (ii)</b>			[1]
ACE interpretation 1		S2 (0). <u>25</u>	<b>AND</b> S3 (0). <u>5</u> (0);

(b) (iii)		[max 2]	
ACE interpretation MAX 2	<b>mp 1</b>		<b>mp 2</b>
	<i>S2/S3</i> <i>From bii</i>	because fewer plasmolysed cells or more non-plasmolysed cells or less plasmolysis; idea of	<i>idea of</i> <b>SO</b> lower or lowest concentration or 0.25 (units not needed);
	<b>OR</b> <i>S2/S3</i> <i>From bii</i>	more plasmolysed cells or fewer non-plasmolysed cells or more plasmolysis;	<b>SO</b> higher or highest concentration or 0.50 (units not needed);
	<b>OR</b> comparison of <u>S2 and S3</u> ; <b>or</b> <u>0.25 and 0.50</u> (units not needed);		more or less less plasmolysed / plasmolysis;

<b>(c) (i)</b>		<b>[3]</b>
MMO collection 1	<b>mp 1</b>	draws <u>only</u> two cells
		<b>AND</b> adjacent walls touching;  <b>Do not give mark if</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• any ruled lines</li> </ul>
PDO recording 1	<b>mp 2</b>	draws cell contents filling <b>more</b> of cell than in <b>(a)(i)</b> ;
MMO decision 1	<b>mp 3</b>	label cell wall (drawn with two lines all round) with label line to outermost line or between two lines;
<b>(c) (ii)</b>		<b>[2]</b>
ACE conclusions 2	<b>mp 1</b>	<i>For any correct reference in context of water moving <u>osmosis</u>;</i>
	<b>mp 2</b>	<u>(in correct context of cells being in water NOT solution)</u>  <u>water potential / <math>\psi</math></u> outside higher or less negative <b>or</b> <u>water potential / <math>\psi</math></u> inside lower or more negative <b>or</b> down <u>water potential gradient</u> ;
<b>(d)</b>		<b>[max 3]</b>
ACE improvements MAX 3	<b>mp 1</b>	(independent variable)
	<b>mp 2</b>	at least two examples (less than 1.0 and not 0.5 or 0.25) ;;
	<b>mp 1 only</b>	(without examples) increase or more or different or range of concentrations or solutions;
	<b>mp 3</b>	draw graph of molarity  <b>or</b> ref. to idea of calculate water potential;
		<b>[Total: 22]</b>

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2 (a) (i)				[4]
PDO layout 1	mp 1	no shading	<b>AND</b> larger than 50 mm across widest point	<b>AND</b> clear, sharp, unbroken lines for two outermost enclosed areas ; <b>Do not give mark if</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>less than two hand drawn enclosed areas</li> </ul> <b>or in either of the two outermost enclosed areas has</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>any ruled lines</li> <li>any line 1mm or thicker</li> <li>any feathery or broken or dashed or gap in line</li> <li>any 'tails' or overlaps or gaps</li> <li>drawn over the print of question</li> </ul>
MMO collection 2	mp 2	no cells		<b>AND</b> drawn at least two enclosed areas and at least one area shown in middle;
				<b>Do not give mark if</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>drawn 3-D</li> </ul>
PDO recording 1	mp 3	(detail of observable feature)  central area drawn with irregular feature (not a circle);		
MMO decision 1	mp 4	skin as at least two lines;		
(a) (ii)				[1]
MMO decision 1	<i>with annotation</i> any area other than skin stained black or black / blue;			
				<b>Do not give mark if</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>annotated within drawn area</li> </ul>
(a) (iii)				[1]
ACE conclusion 1		area with black / blue stained / changed	<b>AND</b> area orange or yellow unstained / unchanged / no change;	

2 (b) (i)			[3]
MMO decision 1	mp 1	Shows at least three large values	and at least three smaller values;
		<b>Must have</b> same number for whole section and outer skin	
MMO collection 1	mp 2	shows at least <u>once</u> on raw data <u>mm</u>	<b>AND</b> either whole number mm or to 0.5 mm;
ACE interpretation 1	mp 3	<i>from a calculation</i> the answer is shown as larger whole number to smaller whole number;	
			<b>Do not give mark if</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• units in ratio</li> <li>• if not to smallest common denominator</li> </ul>
(b) (ii)			[1]
ACE interpretation 1		+/- smallest division	<b>AND</b> <u>mm</u> ;



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2 (c)		[4]
<i>If line graph drawn only first mp can be given</i>		
PDO layout 4	mp 1	x-axis <u>component</u> <b>AND</b> y-axis <u>percentage or % mass</u> ;
	mp 2	scale as x-axis even bar widths up to 15 mm <b>AND</b> y-axis <u>5 to 2 cm</u> and <b>must</b> start at 0 and label each 2 cm ;
	mp 3	correct plotting of each bar <u>in the order in the table</u> with a <u>horizontal line</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>ruled</u></li> <li>• <u>smooth line less than 1 mm</u>;</li> </ul>
	mp 4	bars – must be arranged as pairs of each component, but each pair must have a space between  quality – all bar vertical lines drawn including on axis if used <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>ruled</u></li> <li>• <u>smooth line less than 1 mm</u></li> <li>• <u>meet horizontal line exactly</u></li> </ul> <b>AND</b> labelled <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• any clear labels; e.g. <b>must be</b> directly below correct bar or inside bar or shaded with key</li> </ul>
		<b>Do not give mark if</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• horizontal line is extended beyond vertical lines</li> <li>• solid shading or line shading outside a bar</li> </ul>
(d)		[4]
MMO collection 1	mp 1	(plantain) <u>32.00</u> and (sweet banana) <u>24.00</u>  <b>or</b> (plantain) <u>68.00</u> and (sweet banana) <u>76.00</u> ;
PDO display 2	mp 2	shows <u>addition of</u> values; e.g. plantain 0.50 + 28.00 + 1.50 + 2.00 <u>and</u> sweet banana 0.25 + 19.50 + 1.75 + 2.50 <b>or</b> shows subtraction of each component from 100;
	mp 3	shows <u>subtraction to get difference of</u> 32.00 – 24.00  <b>or</b> (100 -32.00) – (100-24.00)  <b>or</b> 76.00 – 68.00;
ACE interpretation 1	mp 4	<u>8.00</u> ;
		<b>[Total: 18]</b>