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Paper 6 (Alternative to Practical), maximum raw mark 60

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- 1 (a) sensible scale on y-axis, 20 °C or 25 °C per 5 squares, labelled time / s ;
at least 4 out of 5 accurate plots, $\pm \frac{1}{2}$ square ;
smooth best fit curve between 1% and 5% IGNORE outside this range ; [3]
- (b) (time at) 2% / **B** (is short,)/(time at) 3% / **C** (is too long,) **AND** because of wrong solution or dilution / volume / difficulty with end-point / variation in temperature / variability of biological material ; [1]
- (c) any estimate of less than 20 secs ; [1]
- (d) (i) repeat using different temperatures / heat the mixture ;
water bath mentioned / at least four different temperatures ;
keep urease concentration / %age constant ; [3]
- (ii) graph with temperature on horizontal axis, time on vertical axis IGNORE unit ;
time shows decrease then increase ;
OR
graph with temperature on horizontal axis, rate on vertical axis IGNORE units ;
time shows increase then decrease ; [max 2]
- [Total: 10]**

- 2 (a) (i) 1.2(A) ;
2.3(A) ;
6.5(V) ; (no tolerance) [3]
- (ii) $6.5/1.2 = 5.4$ (ohms) (ecf) (accept any number of decimal places BUT rounding must be correct) ; [1]
- (iii) $6.5/2.3 = 2.8$ (ohms) (ecf) ; [1]
- (b) $6.5/0.75 = 8.67$ (ecf) ; [1]
- (c) $5.4 + 2.8 = 8.2$ and 8.67 (ecf) ;
either: 8.2 to 8.67 similar so within experimental error ;
OR 8.2 different to 8.67 and a reason for this e.g. variability of equipment such as different wires / different meters ignore pupil error e.g. read the meter wrong ; [max 2]
- (d) (i) lamp **X** is less bright than **Y** (or lamp **Y** is brighter than **X**) ; [1]
- (ii) lamps in Fig. 2.3 / series are less bright than in Fig. 2.1 / parallel, owtte ; [1]
- [Total: 10]**

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- 3 (a) 26.5 ;
27.5 ;
26.8 ; no tolerance [3]
- (b) (i) 8.5, 8(.0) 8.3 (ecf) ; [1]
- (ii) exothermic because there was a temperature rise / heat was given out ; [1]
- (c) the same volume / amount / concentration of alkali / OH⁻ was used each time / the same mass / amount of water was formed each time ; [1]
- (d) errors in measuring (volume or temperature) will be the same ;
the temperature (rise) will be greater ;
OR
faster reaction ;
smaller heat loss ; [max 2]
- (e) *name of test solution*: silver nitrate (accept AgNO₃) / lead nitrate (accept Pb(NO₃)₂) ;
observation: white precipitate / solid / deposit / sediment (both words necessary) ;
(*observation dependent on the correct reagent*) [2]
- [Total: 10]**
- 4 (a) (i) increases then decreases ; [1]
- (ii) decreases and increases / increasing and decreasing / increases in dark and increases in the light ; [1]
- (iii) (carbon dioxide) decreases during (the day due to plants using it for) photosynthesis ;
(carbon dioxide) increases during (the night due to plants') respiration ; [2]
- (b) (i) letter **X** drawn on steepest part of the ascendant curve ; [1]
- (ii) (oxygen taken in due to) respiration (by the plant) ; [1]
- (iii) similar line to that provided but values generally lower no part of the line goes above the existing line ; [1]

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- (c) set up the same but in a darkened room for all experiments ;
 vary light intensity by changing distance of a lamp from aquarium/changing
 brightness of the bulbs by changing resistance/dimmer switch, etc. (active) ;
 leave time to settle to conditions ;
 measure amount of oxygen and time/datalogger ;

[max 3]

[Total: 10]

- 5 (a) (i) measuring cylinder, spatula/spoon, stirring rod (any 2) ;; [2]

- (ii) mixture stops bubbling ;
 magnesium carbonate added does not dissolve/solution is cloudy/solid in
 beaker ; [2]

- (b) diagram shows filter funnel and paper, beaker/collecting vessel;
 two relevant and correct labels ; [2]

- (c) (i) evaporate ;
 (heat/boil) to concentrate/saturate/to crystallisation point ;
 leave to cool ; [3]
(evaporating to dryness scores max 1 mark)

- (ii) suspend a crystal in (saturated) solution, owtte ; [1]

[Total: 10]

- 6 (a) (i) reflected beams are parallel ;
 reflected beams are at 30° to the mirror at point of incidence (the line labelling
 screen should lie within the reflected beam) ;
(no ruler used 1 max) [2]

- (ii) angle of incidence = angle of reflection ; [1]

- (b) straight lines drawn (no mark)
 distance between the points where the lines hit the screen = 2.0 cm (\pm 0.2 cm) ; [1]

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- (c) (i) at least 1 beam bent towards the normal (and not beyond) on entering block ;
beams inside the block are parallel ;
at least 1 beam bent away from the normal as it leaves the block ;
beams leaving the block are parallel to each other ;
beams leaving the block are parallel to incident rays ; [max 4]
(any four points)
If no ruler lines must be straight
- (ii) line drawn at 90° to block ;
both angles correctly labelled ; [2]

[Total: 10]