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**MARK SCHEME for the June 2005 question paper**

**5090 BIOLOGY**

**5090/06**

**Paper 6 (Alternative to Practical), maximum mark 40**

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- 1 (a) (i) 150 - 280; mm; (or equivalent cm.) [2]
- (ii) image of that part of field of view for one blind spot;  
falls on receptors of other eye;  
blind spots do not coincide;  
brain 'fills' the blank; A.W. [up to 2]  
ignore ref. stereoscopic
- (b) (i) iris correct;  
pupil correct; (allow 1 if both correct on adjacent drawing) [2]
- (ii) outer iris diameter same in both drawings;  
pupil smaller in second drawing; [2]  
R: sections
- (iii) retina detects more light entering eye;  
causing dazzle ref. somewhere;  
ref. iris involvement  
circular muscles (of iris) contract;  
radial muscles relax; (allow 1 if both mentioned but confused)  
smaller pupil;  
ref. reflex/role of brain;  
controls entry of light; [up to 6]  
A: correct muscle function enlarging or constricting pupil

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- 2 (a) (i) blood; [1]
- (ii)&(iii) together. Drawing marks: [D.4]
- 1 Cells at least 2 cm clear, clean, realistic
  - 2 Two cells drawn in each correct space, round and oval
  - 3 Central area shown pale (ii)
  - 4 Nuclei realistic (iii)
- Labels: In 2.1 - two from: [1]  
cytoplasm; depression/pale area; plasma/cell/outer membrane; (blood)  
plasma;
- In 2.2 - nucleus and  
one of cytoplasm/cell/outer membrane; [1]
- R: one of label marks if cell wall mentioned  
[Up to 3 max of above marks if drawings transposed]
- (b) For each of 2 contrasting pairs:  
small(er) - large(er);  
no nucleus - nucleus present;  
pale stain/cytoplasm - darker;  
human – non-human  
10/more cells – 3/fewer cells;  
round - oval; [2]  
Two from: cytoplasm; cell membrane; rounded/regular;  
both are animal cells; [2]
- [Total: 11]**

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- 3 (a) (i)** lengths: 50.5; 47.5;  
changes: +0.5; -2.5; **[4]**
- (ii)** Table 3.2.  

1.0	S3
0.8	S2
0.6	S5
0.4	S1
0.2	S4

**[All correct = 4]**  
[S2 below S3; S5 below S2; S1 below S5; S4 below S1]
- (b)** Two from: keep s/a of chips the same;  
use more chips; use longer chips;  
all from same potato/to eliminate variation;  
equal/constant temperature;  
repeat/replicate; use other soln. concs;  
measure mass/weight;  
repeat measures to constant values  
cover to reduce evaporation (of solvent);  
o.v.p. **[2]**
- (c) (i)** \*1 x axis labelled 'conc/mol dm<sup>3</sup>'  
\*2 y axis labelled 'change in length/mm'  
3 all plots clear and correct  
4 curve well drawn and smooth **[4]**  
\* allow on bar graph
- (ii)** 0.35 (0.325 - 0.375) mol/dm<sup>3</sup>; (max 3 decimal pts) **[1]**

**[Total: 15]**