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

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Abbreviations used in the Mark Scheme

separates marking points

I separates alternatives within a marking point

R reject

ignore mark as if this material was not present

accept (a less than ideal answer which should be marked correct)

AW alternative wording (accept other ways of expressing the same idea)

underline words underlined (or grammatical variants of them) must be present

indicates the maximum number of marks that can be awarded

max indicates the maximum number of marks that can be awarded
 mark independently the second mark may be given even if the first mark is wrong

ecf credit a correct statement that follows a previous wrong response
 () the word / phrase in brackets is not required, but sets the context

ora or reverse argument AVP any valid point

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Question	Mark scheme	Mark	Guidance
1 (a) (i)	add water/cut egg white / AW ;		
	(addition of) biuret (solution) ;	[2]	R if heated/acid added
(ii)	blue to purple (means protein is present);	ignore goes purple alone – needs to be a cha	
	stays blue / no change means protein is absent ;	[2]	colour
(iii)	wear a lab coat/use a test-tube rack/ wear gloves ;	[1]	ignore goggles
(b) (i)	test-tube B : 432 (seconds) and test-tube C : 266 (seconds);	; [1]	
(ii)	table with at least two columns and four rows;		
	column headings test-tube or volume of enzyme / cm ³ and time taken/s;		
	observations recorded for three tests;	[3] ecf 1(b)(i)	

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(c)	any two from: more enzyme/higher concentration of enzyme means faster change/AW ora;		answer must refer to enzyme
	calculated figures from table ;		e.g. C/10 cm³ enzyme takes 166 second less than B/5 cm³ enzyme ignore figures just quoted from the table
	test-tube A does not / may not change / took the longest time, because no enzyme is present/AW;	max [2]	
(d)	(idea of) control / for comparison / AW;	[1]	
(e)	two from: temperature affects enzyme activity/specific reference to an effect e.g. high temperatures denature/warmer temperatures speed up the activity/more activity/cooler temperatures slow activity down or there is less activity; temperature is a controlled variable (and must not vary)/AW; if temperature is different in each test-tube, results are less valid/less reliable/AW ora;	max [2]	ignore references to optimum temperature R enzymes killed
(f)	surface area would alter the rate of enzyme activity/AW;	[1]	
(g) (i)	(pH)10;	[1]	
(ii)	pepsin;	[1]	A gastric protease / protease in stomach
		[Total: 16]	

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2	(a)	drawing of outer edge, midrib and main veins uses single clear unbroken lines with no shading anywhere;		
		drawing is larger than the photograph;		
		 two correct details; e.g. pointed tip with correct shape of tip and leaf (width approximately half the length) veins off the midrib alternate (not paired), extending to outer edge and curving petiole drawn with narrow double line and indent at base 	[3]	
	(b) (i)	0.7 ÷ 4.2 × 100		
		16.7 ;;	[2]	two marks for correct answer with no working
	(ii)	leaves have different starting masses;		ignore to make the results more fair/more
		means that results (for different leaves) can be compared/AW ora ;	[2]	reliable/more valid/accurate/precise

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3 (a)	any two features wit	th matching compari	sons:		
	feature	human red blood cell	frog red blood cell		
	shape	round/disc/AW	oval/AW		
	nucleus	absent / not visible	present / visible		
	size	small	large		
	number / concentration /	more	fewer		
	density, of cells	higher	lower		
	one mark for two fea	atures (vertical colun	nn) ;		
	one mark for each c	orrect row ;;		[3]	
(b)	measurement mark:	80 (mm) ;			A ± 1 (mm)
	formula mark: 80 ÷ 2 calculation mark: (x)			[3]	ecf if original measurement incorrect two marks for correct answer with no working
(c)	mitosis/make protei		ity/	[1]	R meiosis/binary fission
				[Total: 7]	