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Abbreviations used in the Mark Scheme

• ; separates marking points

/ alternativesI ignoreR reject

• A accept (for answers correctly cued by the question, or guidance for examiners)

AW alternative wording (where responses vary more than usual)

AVP any valid point

ecf credit a correct statement/calculation that follows a previous wrong response

ora or reverse argument

• () the word/phrase in brackets is not required, but sets the context

• <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

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1(a)(i)	A floats, B (probably) sinks, C sinks, D float/sink;	1	refer to the Supervisor's report
1(a)(ii)	 table drawn with appropriate lines and number of cells; column and row headings and appropriate units for each heading; correct measurements; correct calculations of change in length; 	4	refer to the Supervisor's report R units in any data cell A cm or mm (if data correct)
1(a)(iii)	texture ; rigidity ; transparency; AVP ; relating to physical characteristic	2	refer to the Supervisor's report
1(b)(i)	expected: B D A C ;;	2	A suitable trend matching the candidate's data
1(b)(ii)	B gained, water; (because B) was, hard/larger/AW; C/A, lost, water; (because C) was most, floppy/soft/small/AW; D/A, were between B and C in terms of, length/texture; A, bent more/smaller than, D; ora no (net) movement of water in D / AW;	3	explanations should match the candidate's data

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1(b)(iii)	1 reuse of syringe;2 use clean/new, syringes each time;	2	
	3 water loss from tubes;4 cover tubes (prevent evaporation);		
	5 potatoes may not be same, type/age/AW;6 use same potato/type of potato etc.;		
	7 softness/bending, was not quantified;8 described method to quantify, bending/softness;		
	9 AVP;;		
1(b)(iv)	initial, length/diameter/size/surface area, of potato/type/age/ AW, of potato/volume/25 cm³, of (sucrose) solution/soaking time/ temperature;	1	I amount I time unqualified
1(c)(i)	idea that (mass) change, would be greater/takes a longer time (so easier to measure); allows more time to reach equilibrium;	1	
1(c)(ii)	surface water would not affect measurement of length;	1	
1(c)(iii)	Axes – correct axes with axes labels and units; Scale – even scale and points fill more than half of printed grid; Plotting – plots all accurate ± half a small square; Line;	4	 A x: concentration/g per dm³ OR concentration/g dm⁻³ y: percent(age) change in mass OR change in mass/% R extrapolation/feathered line

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1(b)(iv)	any indication on graph where their expected line intercepts x -axis; value from graph in g per dm^3 ;	2	
1(b)(v)	potatoes) of different, age/variety/part/AW; to calculate an average/identify anomalies;	1	I mass/size, of potato

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
2(a)	 O – outline of petals with clear unbroken lines and no shading anywhere; S – size to fill at least half available space; D – detail shown; P – correct proportion; 	4	
2(b)(i)	15 (mm) ± 1 ;	1	A 1.5 <u>cm</u>
2(b)(ii)	(actual length = 15 ÷ 2) 7.5 (mm) ;;	2	A ecf for measurement
2(c)	 1 at least 3 different temperatures; 2 method described to maintain (range of) temperature(s); 3 suitable named time period to count number of seeds germinated; 4&5 named controlled variables;; 6 (method to) maintain water levels; 7 at least 3 dishes per temperature/minimum of 5 seeds per 	6	A record time for all seeds to germinate A amount of water; amount oxygen; humidity; species/type/variety, of seed; mass/size/age/number, of seed; pH; (measurement) period; A e.g. cover dishes/repeat watering regularly
	dish; 8 optimum temperature would have most number of seeds germinated/record at which temperature most seeds germinated/temperature where seeds germinated fastest; 9 AVP;		A e.g. repeat experiment near the optimum temperature
2(d)(i)	cut/mash/crush, the seed (in water)/AW; add iodine solution;	2	
2(d)(ii)	blue-black colour;	1	

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