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#### **9700 BIOLOGY**

**9700/52**

Paper 5 (Planning, Analysis and Evaluation),  
maximum raw mark 30

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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 responses correctly cued by the question, or by extra guidance)
<b>I</b>	ignore
<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 accepted).
<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

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<b>1 (a) (i)</b>	<i>independent variable</i> : free or immobilised enzyme ; <i>dependent variable</i> : time to decolourise( methylene blue) ;	<b>I</b> type / state of enzyme <b>A</b> time to change colour <b>R</b> rate	[2]
<b>(ii)</b>	<i>ref. to</i> first mixing the enzyme / it with (any) alginate ; <i>ref. to</i> then adding (alginate and enzyme) to <u>calcium</u> chloride ; <i>ref. to</i> method of dropping mixture (to form beads) ;	<b>I</b> any alginate concentrations <b>A</b> symbol Ca <sup>2+</sup> / calcium ions e.g. using syringe or pipette <b>A</b> dropper	[3]
<b>(iii)</b>	<i>idea of</i> replacing the enzyme by boiled enzyme / water ;	<b>I</b> without enzyme unqualified <b>I</b> glass beads	[1]
<b>(b)</b>	7 of: <i>independent variable</i> : 1. same <u>volume</u> / stated <u>volume</u> of enzyme (for making beads and for testing free enzyme) ; <i>dependent variable</i> : 2. <i>ref. to</i> suitable equipment for measuring time taken for methylene blue / indicator to decolourise ; <i>standardised (controlled) variables</i> : max 3 3. <i>ref. to</i> same volume / concentration of methylene blue solution ; 4. <i>ref. to</i> same volume of ethanol / alcohol ; 5. <i>ref. to</i> same volume NAD ;	1. <b>I</b> mass of enzyme 2. e.g. stop clock / stop watch / timer  <b>A</b> same number / stated number of drops	

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	<p>6. <i>ref. to</i> method of keeping constant temperature ;</p> <p>7. <i>ref. to</i> using buffer + maintaining pH ;</p> <p><i>procedure:</i></p> <p>8. <i>ref. to</i> adding ethanol (and NAD) to both types enzyme using same apparatus ;</p> <p>9. <i>ref. to</i> temperature equilibration before mixing enzyme and substrate ;</p> <p>10. correct sequencing so that enzyme or substrate is added last ;</p> <p><i>reliability:</i></p> <p>11. repeat at least 3 times <b>and</b> find mean / identify anomalies ;</p> <p><i>safety:</i></p> <p>12. <i>ref. to</i> suitable hazard <b>and</b> precaution / low risk experiment ;</p>	<p>6. e.g. water bath / temperature controlled room / incubator / environmental chamber <b>I</b> air conditioning / room temperature If temperature quoted must be maximum 40 °C</p> <p>8. e.g. in test-tube / boiling tube / beaker / flask. <b>R</b> if pour substrates through for the beads and mix in a beaker / AW for the free enzyme</p> <p>10. <b>R</b> if methylene blue added last</p> <p>11. <b>A</b> several / many repeats <b>A</b> average for mean</p> <p>12. e.g. alcohol flammable and no open flames / methylene blue or enzyme irritant / allergen and gloves <b>I</b> allergic or toxic or irritant for NAD / ethanol</p>	[max 7]

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(c) (i)	subtract the control values from the raw data ; divide 1 by the time (taken for the methylene blue to become colourless) ;	$A \frac{1}{\text{time experimental}} - \frac{1}{\text{time control}} = 2$	[2]
(ii)	shows the spread of data / results from the mean ; indicates the reliability of the data / results or data is reliable as values of s are very small / <b>ora</b> ;	<b>R</b> reliability of the mean <b>R</b> accuracy / validity  <b>A</b> correct data quotes <b>I</b> standard deviation is less than one	[max 2]
(d)	<i>significant:</i> <i>idea that</i> the (observed) result or difference is caused by another factor / factor other than chance / immobilisation / is not due to chance ;  <i>P &lt; 0.05:</i> 5% or less than 5% chance / probability that the (observed) result or difference is not significant ; or 95 % or more than 95% chance / probability that the (observed) result or difference is significant ;	<b>A</b> 1 in 20 chance of the results being not significant <b>ora</b>  <i>2 marks for :</i> 5% or <5% chance / probability that the (observed) result or difference occur by chance or 95% or >95% chance / probability that the (observed) result or difference are caused by an outside effect / not due to chance	[max 2]
			<b>[Total: 19]</b>

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2 (a) (i)	1 of: time for which the radioactive phosphate supplied ;  total time for experiment / 12 weeks ;  the species / type of plant used ;	<i>List rule applies</i> <b>A</b> how long the wells are left in place  <b>A</b> time after the removal of the wells / 11 weeks  <b>A</b> dominant herbaceous species <b>I</b> number of plants	[max 1]
(ii)	1 of: concentration of the radioactively labelled phosphate/ <sup>32</sup> P (solution) ;  volume of (radioactive phosphate) solution used ;  all organisms sampled at the same time ;  same tissue sampled each time for the same organism ;  position of wells on the stem ;	<b>I</b> size of wells <b>I</b> number of samples per organism  <b>A</b> same time / intervals between sampling	[max 1]
(b) (i)	divide the (radio)activity in the sample by the (bio) mass ;	<b>A</b> Geiger counter reading / <sup>32</sup> P activity <b>I</b> number / amount of phosphate (ions) <b>I</b> ref. to wet or dry (bio)mass	[1]
(ii)	to enable comparisons to be made ;	<b>I</b> valid / reliable / accurate	[1]

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(c) (i)	<p>1. <i>supports</i>, as increase in radioactivity does not occur until after the increase in primary consumers ;</p> <p>2. <i>does not support</i>, as no evidence about what is happening to the phosphate ;</p> <p>3. <i>does not support</i>, as radioactivity increases in other primary consumers from the beginning / these consumers have radioactivity (in tissue) ;</p> <p>4. <i>does not support</i>, as there is no evidence about transport / phloem ;</p>	<p>1. <b>A</b> increases more slowly than primary consumers  <b>A</b> as the (activity in) primary consumers rises it also increases in secondary and tertiary consumers  <b>R</b> secondary and tertiary increase as primary decrease</p> <p>3. <b>A</b> the only way these consumers can contain radioactivity is by eating the treated plants</p> <p>4. <b>A</b> supports as it must go through stem <u>but</u> no evidence for transport / phloem data  <b>A</b> does not support as it could be transported in the xylem</p>	[4]
(c) (ii)	<p>1 of:</p> <p>1. <b>X</b> / primary consumers must have eaten the treated plant ;</p> <p>2. <b>X</b> takes in <sup>32</sup>P faster ;</p>	<p><b>A X</b> feeds mostly on treated plants</p> <p><b>R</b> if seasonally or only when wells attached</p>	[max1]

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<b>(d)</b>	<p>2 of:</p> <p>1. <i>idea of labelling/ using other producer species (one at a time) ;</i></p> <p>2. <i>idea that the results from all the different primary consumers should be shown separately ;</i></p> <p>3. <i>idea that all the results for the secondary and tertiary consumers should be shown separately ;</i></p> <p>4. include results/ data for decomposer organisms ;</p> <p>5. include results/ data for quaternary consumers ;</p> <p>6. carry out again at different times of the year ;</p>	<p><b>A</b> minimum of one other species/ type of plant  <b>I</b> use a variety of plants</p> <p><b>I</b> repeats and take a mean  <b>I</b> supplying primary consumers with radioactive phosphate</p>	[max 2]
			<b>[Total: 11]</b>