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Mark schemes will use these abbreviations

- ; separates marking points
- / alternatives
- **R** reject
- **A** accept (for answers correctly cued by the question)
- **I** ignore as irrelevant
- **ecf** error carried forward
- **AW** alternative wording (where responses vary more than usual)
- **AVP** alternative valid point
- underline actual word given must be used by candidate (grammatical variants excepted)
- () the word / phrase in brackets is not required but sets the context
- **D, L, T, Q** quality of: drawing / labelling / table / detail as indicated
- **max** indicates the maximum number of marks

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Question	Mark scheme	Mark	Guidance
1 (a)	86 and 84 ; °C ;	[2]	
(b)	one table drawn with rows and (3) columns ; appropriate column headings with units (°C and min) ; table shows starting temperatures ; correct completion of the table ;	[4]	R if units in body of table
(c)	wear goggles / gloves / method to reduce spillages / stand up when working ;	[1]	
(d) (i)	may have different starting temperatures ; enables results to be compared / AW ; allows calculation of rate ;	[2]	
(ii)	2.3 ;;	[2]	working $18 \div 8$

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(e) (i)	to reduce heat loss from beaker (other than via the pipettes) ;	[1]	
(ii)	<i>suggest</i> do not fit snugly on the beaker/ holes made in the cardboard/ more holes in the lid with the ears ; <i>explain</i> heat may be lost through gaps/ more holes so greater heat loss ;	[2]	
(iii)	improve insulation of beaker ; start temperatures the same ; measure volume of water in beakers ; squeezing regularly/ force of squeezing ; stir water ; use digital thermometer ; tape holes ; sequential experiments ;	[max 2]	I control variables, repeats, extended range
(f) (i)	smaller ears ;	[1]	
(ii)	cooler temperature ;	[1]	I humid
		[Total: 18]	
2 (a)	O – clear outline of celery ; S – size larger than Fig. 2.2 ; D – detail ; L – label D to one coloured part ;	[4]	
(b)	correct measurement of AB ; evidence of line drawn and measurement of that line ; magnification given to nearest whole number ;	[3]	$\pm 1\text{mm}$ R if units given

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(c) (i)	35 (mm) ;	[1]	
(ii)	measure distance travelled up the stick ; add dye to water ; time stated ; change the number of leaves on the celery ; measure the area of leaves ; need to control temperature / humidity / wind speed ;; repeats ; prediction ;	[max 6]	
		[Total: 14]	
3 (a)	A – axes labels with units; S – even scale and plots to fill at least ½ of grid; P – plots; L – line of best fit;	[4]	
(b)	as heart rate increases, life expectancy decreases ora ; use of data;	[2]	
(c)	line drawn from 60 bpm to line of best fit and extended to x-axis; answer to match graph;	[2]	
		[Total: 8]	