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**MARK SCHEME**

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Mark schemes will use these abbreviations:

<b>;</b>	separates marking points
<b>/</b>	alternatives
<b>()</b>	contents of brackets are not required but should be implied
<b>R</b>	reject
<b>A</b>	accept (for answers correctly cued by the question, or guidance for examiners)
<b>lg</b>	ignore (for incorrect but irrelevant responses)
<b>AW</b>	alternative wording (where responses vary more than usual)
<b>AVP</b>	alternative valid point (where a greater than usual variety of responses is expected)
<b>ORA</b>	or reverse argument
<b><u>underline</u></b>	actual word underlined must be used by candidate (grammatical variants excepted)
<b>max</b>	indicates the maximum number of marks that can be given
<b>+</b>	statements on both sides of the + are needed for that mark

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Question	Expected answers	Additional guidance	Marks
1 (a) (i)	1. ruled border lines + column line(s) ; 2. headings: <u>number</u> of <u>spines</u> + (at) <u>1 m</u> + (at) <u>3 m</u> ; 3. all data for 1 m and 3 m transferred to table ; 4. all entered data correctly ranked lowest to highest ;		[4]
(ii)	(at 1 m) 16 ; (at 3 m) 14 ;		[2]
(iii)	1. linear scale with both axes labelled ( <u>mean</u> number of spines, height above ground / m) + bars centrally labelled 1 m and 3 m (above ground) ; 2. two bars of same width drawn with ruled lines + tallest bar at least half of grid high (50 mm) ; 3. both means plotted accurately ;		[3]
(iv)	leaves nearer ground / at 1 m have more spines / <b>ORA</b> ; number of spines is more variable 1 m above ground / <b>ORA</b> ; a comparative manipulation of data ; ranges of data overlap / means are similar ;	e.g. difference in mean number is 2, range of 12 spines for leaves 1 m above ground <b>and</b> range of 8 spines for leaves <b>A</b> not much difference / not statistically significant difference / more or less random	[max 3]
(v)	larger sample of leaves ; take leaves from other <u>holly</u> trees ; take leaves from further up / down / different heights / specified heights ;	<b>A</b> take more than 12 / larger number / repeat	[2]

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<b>(b)</b>	<p><i>either:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. remove epidermis / make impression (of both surfaces) ;</li> <li>2. place (each) on a slide ;</li> <li>3. use of a coverslip / stain / water ;</li> <li>4. use of microscope ;</li> <li>5. idea of counting number of stomata (in field of view / known area) on both surfaces ;</li> </ol> <p><i>or:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. water (vapour) lost through stomata ;</li> <li>2. cobalt chloride paper on both leaf surfaces ;</li> <li>3. blue cobalt chloride paper turns pink (with water) ;</li> <li>4. time to change colour measured ;</li> <li>5. faster time = more stomata ;</li> </ol>		[max 4]
			<b>[Total 18]</b>

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<b>2 (a)</b>	use of water bath / other safety feature ; 1. blue + Benedict's solution ; 2. heat ; 3. same length of time / temperature ; 4. equal volumes of Benedict's solution / milk used ; 5. colour changes observed + compared ;	<b>A</b> goggles, test-tube holder	[1]  [max 4]
<b>(b) (i)</b>	all centres of successive crosses joined with ruled lines ;		[1]
<b>(ii)</b>	pH decreases / becomes more acid (ic) ; faster at first then more slowly ; appropriate manipulation of data ;	<b>A</b> there is an inverse relationship between pH and time  e.g. overall decrease in pH of 1.05 / decrease of 0.6 in first two weeks	[max 2]
<b>(iii)</b>	1. bacteria / enzymes / named example ; 2. convert sugar / lactose / protein / fats ; 3. into lactic acid / amino acids / fatty acids ;		[3]
			<b>[Total 11]</b>

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<b>3 (a)</b>	<b>A</b> humerus ; <b>B</b> ulna ;		[2]
<b>(b)</b>	1. outline continuous and clean ; 2. length 90–105 mm inclusive ; 3. proportions / detail approximately correct ;		[3]
<b>(c) (i)</b>	95 –100 ;		[1]
<b>(ii)</b>	measurement from <b>3(c)(i)</b> / 243 ; 0.4 ;		[2]
<b>(d) (i)</b>	hinge ;	<b>A</b> synovial <b>Ig</b> elbow	[1]
<b>(ii)</b>	bending (of the arm) ; and straightening ;  movement in one plane / 2 dimensions / 180° ;	<b>A</b> flexion and extension for 2 marks	[2]
			<b>[Total 11]</b>