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**MARK SCHEME for the November 2005 question paper**

**5090 BIOLOGY**

**5090/03**

**Paper 3 maximum raw mark 40**

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1 (a) Drawing marks: [D.3]

- 1 Clear, clean realistic drawing, 5 cm or more, with basal disc.
- 2 Fleshy scale leaves accurately shown and attached.
- 3 Papery covering scales shown

Labels: Any 2 of: leaf/**scale**/bud/stem/disc; [for 1]

(b) (i) Up to three from:

both are roots;  
transverse sections;  
central conducting tissue;  
surrounded by storage tissue;  
AVP;

[up to 3]

(ii) Expect a comparison/contrast to be made

[1 mark per line]

specimen in Fig.1.1	cut surface of W2;
cellular structure clear	no cells visible;
vegetative organ AW	storage tissue/organ;
cells almost empty	full of starch/stored food;

[up to 2]

(c) (i) black due to starch;  
central pattern;  
detail of distribution;  
ref. time, or development of reaction;

[up to 3]

(ii) Test: Heat/boil with Benedict's; how heated;  
obs: orange/reddish (ppt);  
A: green if ref dilute concn.  
concl: ref. (amount of) R.S/glucose present;

[4]

(iii) cutting open cells;  
increased surface area;  
releasing contents/sugar;  
decanting gets rid of (masking) colour AW;

[up to 2]

[Total:18]

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2 (a) (i) Drawing marks; [D.2]

- 1 **Ruled** rectangle and square, in proportion.
- 2 Specimen well placed.

Labels: slide, cover glass, specimen, water; [2]

[3 correct = 2 marks 2 correct = 1 mark]

(ii) Two from:

air bubbles avoided;  
central placement;  
no overflow of water; [2]

(b) Filter paper soaks up water;  
stain penetrates/drawn under cover;  
stain emerges on f paper/replaces water;  
specimen becomes stained;  
ref. development with time; [up to 4]

(c) (i) Drawing marks: [D.3]

- 1 At least 6 cm clear and clean.
- 2 Large and small/simple leaves observed.
- 3 Leaf arrangement accurately shown.

Labels: stem; leaves; [2]

(ii) Line ruled and accurately measured with units once;  
expression line length over specimen size;  
correctly calculated and recorded; [3]

(iii) Four from:

specimen supported;  
for examination with microscope;  
clear for viewing/no fingers in the way AW;  
specimen flat/thin;  
ref. ease of focusing;  
AVP; [such as ref. penetration of light/ref. visibility of staining] [4]

[Total: 22]