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MARK SCHEME for the October/November 2008 question paper

5090 BIOLOGY

5090/03

Paper 3 (Practical Test), maximum raw mark 40

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- 1 Table 1.1 completed realistically to 10 min ;
alternating correctly;
starting (of both) and final air temperatures recorded, with units; [3]
- (a) (i) Graph marks:
1. axes labelled 'time/min' & 'temp/°C'
[N.B. correct origin for y-axis]
2. orientation (x – horizontal), suitable size (> 6 × 6 cm) and scale
[at least 1 cm between curves]
3. plots clear and accurate
4. both curves well done (ruled or best fit curve)
5. curves distinguished and identified [5]
- (ii) still diverging;
(both) levelling out/constant/reduced gradient;
(both) decreasing;
B always above **A**; [max 2]
- (b) (i) evaporation;
latent heat;
(heat) from cup/water; [max 2]
- (ii) (sweat) glands (secrete sweat);
evaporation takes heat/causes cooling;
cooling skin/blood/body; [max 2]
- (iii) variable sweating/receptor control AW;
ref. constant body temperature;
ref. vasodilation/ref. hair; [max 2]
- (c) three from:
replicate;
stir contents (with thermometer);
lid with hole allowing it to remain in place;
2 thermometers;
qualified wetting (time, volume, etc.);
equal volumes of water;
qualified more cups;
OVP e.g. constant environment/no draught; [3]
- [Total: 19]

- 2 (a) (i) drawing marks:
1. at least 5 cm realistic, clear and clean
2. tri-partite, (good proportions)
3. vascular bundles shown in skin [3]
- (ii) drawing marks:
2–5 rows of vascular bundles
inner bundles larger
indication of vessels/staining [3]

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- (iii) clearly shown where measured;
both dimensions clear, units once at least;
correct expression for calculation;
correctly expressed; [4]
up to 2 d.p. rounded up/down no more than 0.2
- (b) (i) two from: fruit wall/pericarp/epicarp;
tripartite/other division/placentas;
vascular tissue/veins; [2]
- (ii) in Table 2.1 three from:
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|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| W1 | W2 |
| wide/thick | thin/narrow; |
| closer/more/rows of vascular bundles | single layer/few vascular bundles; |
| yellow/pale green | dark and light green etc.; |
| angular/rough/ridged | smooth; [3] |
| OVP; | |
- (iii) in Table 2.2 two from:
- | | |
|-----------------|------------------------------|
| W1 | W2 |
| no/small seeds | seeds present/large; |
| firm/fleshy/dry | succulent/moist/jelly, etc.; |
| brown seeds | green/white seeds; [2] |
| OVP; | |
- (c) bananas of different age/same banana ageing;
apply iodine test;
colour lessens AW; [R: blue]
apply Benedict's test;
more positive result/green – yellow – red, later/when riper;
verifies the hypothesis;
ref. uniform samples/test reagents;
replicates; [max 4]

[Total: 21]