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5090 BIOLOGY

5090/61

Paper 6 (Alternative to Practical), maximum raw mark 40

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- 1 (a) more with enzyme / less without enzyme / **AW** ;
 15 (cm³) + 6 (cm³) ;
 clear v cloudy / **AW** ; [3]
Must be comparative

A calculated difference

A idea of more pulp / apple residue when not using enzyme

Must be comparative

- (b) (i) 1. axes correctly orientated pH on x, volume on y + fully labelled;
 2. scale on y axis such that graph fills at least half printed grid and both scales linear, increasing from the origin ;
 3. all plots clear and correct ;
 4. smooth curve cleanly drawn through most plots or plots neatly joined by ruled lines ;[4]
 2. if scales start from zero, look for scale breaks if non-linear
 4. **R** if extrapolated to zero at either end.

- (ii) 5 ; [1]

A correct reading from graph drawn

- (iii) More/less juice /enzyme activity increases/decreases to / from optimum / pH5 / **AW**;
 correct ref. to enzyme denaturing / active site shape changing; [2]

Need a description and an explanation for both marks.

- (c) type of apple used ;
 volume of apple pulp ;
 volume of enzyme ;
 concentration of enzyme ;
 temperature ;
 length of time (collection or resting);
AVP e.g. consistency of pulp / ripeness of apple; [max 4]
A 'amount' for 'volume'
A pH only if refer to buffers / **AW**;
 max 1 AVP.

[Total 14]

- 2 (a) 1. part in box Y drawn as per instructions ;
 2. suitable size + good proportions ;
 3. clear, clean, continuous lines ;
 4. at least 5 layers drawn ;
 5. at least 3 roots drawn, with double lines ; [5]
 2. at least 10cm from top to bottom.
 roots – half bulb length and bulb approx. semi-circular
 3. **R** if shading anywhere
 4. Lines should converge at top and bottom

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- (b) (i) nuclei clearly visible v not (clearly) visible;
 contents fill cells v do not fill cells / cytoplasm shrunk / cell membranes pulled away from walls / **AW** ;
 *plasmolysed; [max 2]

must be clear and correct comparison

A nuclei not present

A cell membranes not visible v visible

* plasmolysis either here or in (b)(ii)

- (ii) 1. water moved out of cells / lost by cells ;
 2. osmosis ;
 3. correct ref. to concentration gradient (either in relation to solution or to water or water potential) ;
 4. semi/partially/selectively-permeable (cell) membrane;
 5. *plasmolysis ; [max 4]

ex-osmosis for 2 marks

* plasmolysis either here or in (b)(i)

[Total 11]

- 3 (a) (i) 5 digits / pentadactyl ;
 smooth / hairless palm / hairs on back ;
 4 fingers + 1 thumb / 4 digits with 2/3 joints + 1 with 1/2 ;
 all digits are jointed / joints at similar positions;
 nails ;
 lines on palms ; [max 3]

A 5 fingers

idea of thumb different from fingers

A index finger longer than ring finger

A thumb opposable

lg ref to thumb unqualified

- (ii) own hand has less hair / smooth v hairy;
 (own hand) has shorter fingers ;
 (own hand) has longer thumbs ;
 (own hand) has paler finger nails ;
 (own hand) has shorter little finger ; [max 2]

ORA

Answers must be comparative

lg Size / refs to skin colour

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- (b) sweating;
evaporation of water/sweat (causes cooling);
 OR
 vasodilation / dilating blood vessels / more blood flow near the surface of the skin;
 heat loss from blood; [2]

process identified + effect for 2 marks

R arteries, veins, capillaries

A arterioles

R blood vessels moving

[Total 7]

- 4 (a) add Benedicts ;
 (starts) blue ;
 heat / boil ;
 (turns) green / yellow / orange / red ;
 *safety – use of water bath / tongs / goggles ; [5]

A hot water bath for 2 marks

Ig brown

- (b) add biuret or sodium or potassium hydroxide + copper sulfate ;
 (starts) blue ;
 (turns) mauve / purple / violet ; [3]

R heating

[Total 8]