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

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Mark schemes will use these abbreviations:

o ; separates marking points

o / alternatives

o () contents of brackets are not required but should be implied

o R reject

• A accept (for answers correctly cued by the question, or guidance for examiners)

AW alternative wording (where responses vary more than usual)

• AVP alternative valid point (where a greater than usual variety of responses is expected)

ORA or reverse argument

o <u>underline</u> actual word underlined must be used by candidate (grammatical variants excepted)

max
 indicates the maximum number of marks that can be given
 statements on both sides of the + are needed for that mark

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Question	Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
1 (a)	A and C;		
	time/min	[2]	R 'm' for minutes, seconds A 't' for time
(b)	A – 0, 8, 10, 12;		
	B-0, 1, 1, 2;		
	C – 0, 10, 15, 22;	[3]	
(c) (i)	description:		
	no/very slight/slower movement of meniscus;		
	explanation:		
	(ethanol) inhibits/kills the yeast / yeast did not respire / respiration decreases/stops / little/no CO ₂ produced;	[2]	
(ii)	description:		
	movement increases / more/most movement / fast(er);		
	explanation:		
	more substrate/sugars / carbohydrates (for respiration) / increases respiration/fermentation / more CO ₂ produced / AW;	[2]	

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(iii)	control;		
	for comparison/AW;	[2]	e.g. to see the effect of adding ethanol
(d)	volume of active yeast ;		A 10 cm ³ active yeast
	total <u>volume</u> of mixture / <u>volume</u> of added substance ;		A 15 cm ³ mixture / 5 cm ³ added
	bore/diameter of tubing ;		substance
	meniscus starting point ;	[max. 2]	I temperature / pH / pressure / light
(e)	limewater;		A other tests for carbon dioxide,
	clear to cloudy / AW ;	[2]	e.g. hydrogencarbonate solution; red to yellow;
		[Total: 15]	

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Question	Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
2 (a) (i)	phloem;	[1]	
(ii)	clear, continuous outline of all three cells as in Fig 2.1 + no shading;		R if cells not touching
	size (min. 80 mm across) ;		
	cell walls indicated by double line ;		need not be continuous
	correct proportion of the three cells;	[4]	correct proportion of wall thickness 1 st and 2 nd cells of similar size + both larger than 3 rd
(b)	measurement on Fig. 2.1 (7 ± 1 mm) and on drawing (± 2 mm);		R if change units
	measurement of drawing ÷ measurement on Fig.2.1 ;		
	× 240 ;		
	answer;	[4]	A ecf R if units used max. 2 d.p.
(c) (i)	axes labelled with units ;		y – mass/g; x – plant + names centred to bar A rotation of axes through 90°
	size to fill at least ½ of grid + linear scale on y-axis;		with zero or scale break
	plot correct ± 1 mm ;		
	all columns drawn ruled and of equal width ;	[4]	A columns touching or separate I shading, etc.

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(ii)	2900 ÷ 600 ;		
	4.8 (times);	[2]	
(iii)	diameter/thickness (of fibre);	[1]	A (presence of) lignin/cellulose
		[Total: 16]	

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Question		Expected Ans	wer	Mark	Additional Guidance
3 (a)					
	feature	in the dark	in the light		
	leaf	small / pale	large / dark ;		
	stem	long / tall	short / dwarf ;		
	root	narrow / straight	wide / curled ;	[3]	
(b)	grow in substrate (on paper/soil);				
	same type/	batch/age of seeds/species	/ type of plant/number ;		
	same external conditions/named condition;				e.g. light intensity, O ₂ concentration
	same <u>volume</u> of water ;				I pressure A stated volume
	carried out a	at more than one temperature	e/AW;		
	min. 3 stated temperatures between 10 °C and 60 °C;				
	replicates/repeat for each temperature + mean;			A mark if more than 1 seed used earlier + mean	
	left for same length of time/same number of days OR time taken for germination recorded;			If time stated, must be > 1 day	
	comparison of no. germinating/rate of germination/AW;		[max. 6]		
				[Total: 9]	