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0610 BIOLOGY

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

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1 (a) (i)	Mass of tissue g	Volume of oxyge	n cm ³ per 4 minutes		
	Wass of assas g	Sweet potato	Irish potato		
	2.0	32.0	12.5		
	2.0	20.0	9.0		
	2.0	35.5	8.5		
	2.0	28.0	10.0		
	total	115.5	40.0 ;		
	mean	28.875	10.0 ;	[2]	
(ii)	Larger surface or area / to release more enzyme / faster reaction;		[1]	Accept enough surface area to react Ignore to make the tissues more uniform in texture / easier to measure / reference to skin of potato Accept more contact Ignore easier reaction	

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(b) (i)	Simple column graph to show the range of readings for the sweet potato. A – labelled axes with units;		 A – accept experiment and volume gas or O₂ / cm³ – numbers should be placed centrally under columns
	S – scale;		 S – scale on y axis must be even and bars plotted to fill half or greater than half of grid on both axes. Ignore orientation of bars
	P – accurate plot of columns, ±1/2 square;		P – deduct mark if any incorrect
	B – neat bars of equal width, not touching and equal interspaces;		Accept line columns
	M – mean line shown ± ½ square;		Mean line does not need to be labelled
		[5]	If line graph allow A , P and M only max 3 If results for Irish potato allow A , B and M only
(ii)	two from: reference to temperature; different tubers / part of tuber / amounts catalase; reference to pH; difference in surface area; gas or oxygen escaping or difficulties in accurate measurement of gas volume / AW;	[2]	Ignore 'conditions were not the same' unless qualified Ignore references to activity / concentration of H ₂ O ₂ Accept enzymes for catalase Ignore different amounts of potato Accept correct reference to size or no: pieces for surface area Ignore difficulties in reading measurements

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(c)	Two from:		Mark in couplets – improvement with appropriate
	S: use of water bath / AW; E: correct reference to maintaining temperature / AW;		explanation If not in couplets, max 2 for S or E answers only
	S: use of stopwatch / data logger / computerised or monitoring system / AW; E: correct reference to accurate timing / AW;		Ignore more frequent / longer timings
	S: use of stirring device / same agitation or shaking / AW; E: to avoid tissue settling on bottom of flask;		
	S: use the same size / similar apparatus; E: different apparatus or sizes would affect result;		
	S: use burette / syringe / pipette / AW; E: for accurate measurement of volume of hydrogen peroxide;		
	S: cut even size potato pieces / grind potato / AW; E: to keep surface area the same / AW;		Accept maximising surface area for 'grinding' potato
	S: add buffer / pH controller / acid or alkali / AW; E: to maintain constant pH / AW;		
	S: use funnel through bung to add H ₂ O ₂ / AW; E: to save removing bung / prevent gas escape;		
	S: use same concentration H ₂ O ₂ ; E: to control substrate / make the experiment the same;		
	S: repeat more times; E: to reduce anomalies / AW;		Accept reduce mistakes
	AVP;	[max 4]	Ignore use of different tissues / plants
		[Total:14]	

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2 (a) (i)	Drawing: S: size greater than original; O: outline shape to show proportions of feather A;		Award max 3 for drawing and max 1 for labels If feather B drawn, accept S [> 82 mm] only for drawing and accept correct label, max 2
	D: one correct detail; Label: one from rachis / calamus / after feathers / vane / shaft / quill / umbilicus / barb;	[4]	Accept evidence of smooth surface top left / middle region / smoother base / two projections lower right / rachis Accept attachment to body / filaments
(ii)	insulation / trap (body) warmth / prevents loss of (body) warmth / traps air / protection against cold / AVP;	[1]	Ignore warm / heat the bird Ignore protect alone Ignore camouflage / attraction / breeding / cover
(iii)	flight; blade like / rigid / stiff / wind or air resistance / air will not pass through / aerodynamic / AW;	[2]	Accept glide Ignore feathers packed together Ignore increase surface area Less wind / air resistance loses second marking point.
(b) (i)	correct area / 12.5 cm² (± 1 cm²); evidence that 1 square = 1 cm²; marks on feather or grid to show it was used to calculate the area of feather; reference to number of whole and part squares in the		Accept 25 cm ² (± 1 cm ²) if they have doubled the area Accept statement or correct use in calculation or on grid
	working; double calculated area to give total surface area;	[max 3]	

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(ii)	(ii) Divide feather into (geometric) shapes; measure and add together areas of each shape; OR Cut out shape of feather in paper and weigh mass; cut out known area of paper and weigh mass; calculate area of paper; OR Cut feather into small pieces; fit into 1 cm² squares; OR Use grid with smaller squares; count squares covered by feather / AW;		Ignore smaller grid unqualified
	Double calculated area to give total surface area;	[max 2]	This mark can be awarded with any other mark
		[Total: 12]	
3 (a) (i)	D (shoot / seedling) curves / bends / grows to one side; light from one / left side; unequal growth / more extension or growth of dark side		Ignore shorter because F is shorter Ignore reference to roots, D and E are the same grows / bends / curves to the side where light is coming from = 2
	/ phototropism;	[3]	Accept reference to auxin / hormone
(ii)	E tall(er) (shoot / seedling); uniform light / light above stem / no light at all;	[2]	Ignore reference to roots, D and E are the same Accept big / long / grew a lot Ignore direct / plenty / large amounts of light / under the sky Accept etiolation / auxin not destroyed or equally distributed
	competition for light / AW;	[3]	or produced

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(iii)	F (shoot / seedling) small	(er) / AW;		Accept short(er) roots
	Slow(er) / reduced growth / less well developed; (grown in) colder or lower temperatures / diseased / lacks minerals / AVP;		[3]	Accept no growth / undeveloped Ignore lack of water Accept extreme temperatures Ignore hot temperatures Ignore photosynthesis Accept nutrients / fertilisers
(b) (i)	two from seeds / remains of stigma or style or pointed (tip) / stalk / seed attachment or seeds arranged at either side / seeds inside the fruit;;		[max 2]	Read through entire answer and award any correct points. e.g. 'Seeds at either side' = 2 Accept number / shape / type of seed for 'seeds' Accept (fruit) is smooth
(ii)	Two rows from			
	Fruit G	Fruit H		Accept comparative answers on one side of the table
	Short(er) / rounded	Long(er) / narrow;		
	Less seeds / 6 seeds	more seeds / 13 seeds;		
	Seeds apart	seeds close together;	[2]	Accept more fruit mass (grey area) versus less fruit mass Ignore seeds in a ring / AW
(c)	bursts open / explosive / eaten / water / dries out / animals / wind / AW;		[1]	Ignore seeds dispersed when fruit dies / rots
			[Total: 14]	