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**for the guidance of teachers**

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Paper 32 (Advanced Practical Skills 2), maximum raw mark 40

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Mark scheme abbreviations:

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| <b>;</b>                | separates marking points  |
| <b>/</b>                | alternative answers for the same point                                      |
| <b>R</b>                | reject  |
| <b>A</b>                | accept (for answers correctly cued by the question, or by extra guidance)   |
| <b>AW</b>               | alternative wording (where responses vary more than usual)                  |
| <b><u>underline</u></b> | actual word given must be used by candidate (grammatical variants excepted) |
| <b>max</b>              | indicates the maximum number of marks that can be given                     |
| <b>ora</b>              | or reverse argument   |
| <b>mp</b>               | marking point (with relevant number)  |
| <b>ecf</b>              | error carried forward   |
| <b>I</b>                | ignore  |
| <b>AVP</b>              | Alternative valid point (examples given as guidance)                        |

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| Question 1      |  | Expected Answers  |  |
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| (a) (i)         |  | [3]   |  |
| MMO decisions 3 | mp 1   | 100   | <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(simple dilution) next four concentrations (five concentrations in total) with four even intervals;<br/>e.g. 100, 80, 60, 40, 20<br/>e.g. 100, 90, 80, 70, 60<br/>e.g. 100, 75, 50, 25, 0</li> <li>(serial dilution)<br/>e.g. 100,50, 25,12.5, 6.25<br/>e.g. 100,10,1,0.1 and 0.01</li> </ul> |
|                 |  |   | <p><b>Do not give mark if</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>rounds up or down e.g.12 or 13 or 6.3</li> <li>if no concentrations</li> </ul>  |
|                 | mp 2   | for <u>first four</u> concentrations shows the use of 100% or plant extract / correctly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>plant extract / P / 100 into <u>all</u> simple dilution</li> <li>plant extract / P / 100 <u>only for first one</u> in a serial dilution</li> </ul> | <b>AND</b> (P) cm <sup>3</sup> ;   |
|                 |  |   | <p><b>Do not give mark if</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>if no concentrations</li> </ul>   |
| mp 3            | for first four concentrations total final volume <u>10</u> ; |   |  |

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| (a) (ii)         |      | [6]  |
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| PDO recording 2  | mp 1 | table with all cells drawn<br><b>AND</b><br>heading (top or left of recorded data column)<br><u>percentage concentration</u> (of) <u>plant extract or P</u> ;  |
|                  |      | <b>Do not give mark if</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• % in cells of headed column</li> <li>• other units mol dm<sup>-3</sup></li> <li>• no units</li> </ul>  |
| PDO recording 2  | mp 2 | (heading – column or row including mean)<br><u>time</u> (/)s or sec(onds);   |
|                  |      | <b>Do not give mark if</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• units in cells of this column / row</li> <li>• min(utes)</li> <li>• additional method information either headings for columns / rows variables or in cells e.g. volumes and concentration in same cells</li> </ul> |
| MMO collection 2 | mp 3 | (mark first column / row of recorded time taken)<br>for at least four concentrations<br>records whole seconds numbers less than 180 or '> or more than 180';   |
|                  |      | <b>Must have</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>whole</u> numbers</li> <li>• numbers 180 or less</li> </ul>   |
| MMO collection 2 | mp 4 | (mark first column / row of recorded time taken)<br>(records correct pattern)<br>highest concentration recorded is shorter time than lowest concentration ;  |
| MMO decision 2   | mp 5 | at least two readings per concentration <b>or</b> six or more concentrations;  |
|                  | mp 6 | mean / average recorded or rate recorded for two or more concentrations;   |

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(a) (iii)

[max 3]

Mark as incorrect idea that any errors which affect all tubes equally.

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| ACE interpretation MAX 3 |             | cause of error   | WITH idea of error   |
|                          | <b>mp 1</b> | (independent variable – different concentrations of plant extract, catalase)<br>plant extract (on paper)                               | not even <b>or</b> bubbles / foam on side;<br>(do not give if gas bubbles/oxygen)  |
|                          | <b>mp 2</b> | volume or amount or concentrations of extract<br><br>time of dipping or soaking<br><br>extract left on paper<br><br>thickness of paper | <i>idea of</i><br>different (different pieces of paper)<br><br>not the same<br><br>not removed<br><br>varies;                                  |
|                          | <b>mp 3</b> | (dependent variable – different times for paper to rise in hydrogen peroxide solution)<br><br>timing                                   | paper sinking to bottom<br>variable time for paper to reach bottom<br>paper rises flat <b>or</b> paper on edge <b>or</b> foam on paper;        |
|                          | <b>mp 4</b> | hydrogen peroxide  | not the same (concentration) for each square of paper<br>or lost<br>has P (from previous concentration)<br>idea of used up or not new / fresh; |
|                          | <b>mp 5</b> | paper  | <i>idea of</i><br>sticking to sides;   |
|                          | <b>mp 6</b> | temperature of hydrogen peroxide   | rises;   |

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| <b>(a) (iv)</b>        |  | [max 3]  |  |
| ACE improvements MAX 3 | <b>mp 1</b>  | (concentration of extract)<br>idea of using more concentrations or serial dilution<br><br>or<br>repeat;  |  |
|                        |  | Ignore mean or average   |  |
|                        | <b>mp 2</b>  | (standardised variables)<br>use same piece / source of paper<br><br>same time for soaking or dipping into plant extract;   |  |
|                        | <b>mp 3</b>  | pH   | use buffers to keep constant;  |
|                        | <b>mp 4</b>  | hydrogen peroxide  | use fresh hydrogen peroxide / renew for each square (so 'not used up');                  |
|                        | <b>mp 5</b>  | container<br>or squares  | use deeper / wider container so squares do not touch sides<br>smaller or as circles;     |
| <b>(b) (i)</b>         |  | [4]  |  |
| PDO layout 4           | <b>mp 1</b>  | x-axis<br><u>percentage concentration hydrogen peroxide or H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub></u>  | <b>AND</b> y-axis<br><u>time (/) s or sec(onds) to collect oxygen or O<sub>2</sub></u> ; |
|                        | <b>mp 2</b>  | scale as x-axis<br><u>5 to 2 cm labelled each 2cm</u>  | <b>AND</b> y-axis<br><u>10 to 2 cm labelled each 2cm</u> ;                               |
|                        | <b>mp 3</b>  | correct plotting of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>five</b> points only</li> <li>• as small cross (does not go outside square on grid) <b>or</b> dot (in circle) <b>or</b> cross in circle to <u>within</u> half a square;</li> </ul> |  |
|                        | <b>mp 4</b>  | <b>five</b> plots with<br><u>ruled</u> lines exactly point to point<br><b>or</b><br><u>curve through five points</u>   | <b>AND</b> (quality)<br>smooth line less than line thickness on grid;                    |
|                        | <b>Do not give mark if</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• any extrapolation</li> </ul> |  |  |

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| <b>(b) (ii)</b>  |             | <b>[3]</b>   |
| ACE conclusion 3 | <b>mp 1</b> | <p><b>either</b><br/>ref. to increase or more hydrogen peroxide or substrate reacts with or binds to enzyme or catalase;<br/><b>or</b><br/>low hydrogen peroxide or substrate so does not react with or bind to enzyme or catalase;</p>  |
|                  | <b>mp 2</b> | correct ref. to use of active site(s) or ESC(s) or enzyme-substrate complexes;   |
|                  | <b>mp 3</b> | <p>(at high hydrogen peroxide)<br/>Idea of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>limiting factor</u> (or hydrogen peroxide <u>not</u> limiting factor)</li> <li>• too few active sites / ESCs or active sites full / allow 'enzyme saturated'</li> <li>• temperature or pH;</li> </ul> |
|                  |             | <p><b>Do not give mark if</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ref. to idea of reaction slows or slowing down or decreases</li> </ul>  |
|                  |             | <b>[Total: 22]</b>   |

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| Question 2     |                  | Expected Answers  |   |   |
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| (a) (i)        |                  |   |   | [5]   |
| PDO layout 1   | mp 1             | not drawn over the print of question<br><b>AND</b><br>no shading  | <b>AND</b><br>largest blood vessel larger than 50 mm  | <b>AND</b><br>clear, sharp, unbroken lines for <u>all</u> outermost enclosed areas ;<br><b>Do not give mark if</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>less than two outermost enclosed areas</li> </ul> <b>or if any outermost line has</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>any ruled or compass lines</li> <li>any line more than 1 mm</li> <li>feathery or broken or dashed or gap</li> <li>any 'tail' or overlap</li> </ul> |
|                | MMO collection 3 | mp 2  | no cells  | <b>AND</b> drawn at least two complete vessels;   |
| mp 3           |                  | drawn different vessels must be <u>only two</u> complete vessels  | <b>AND</b><br>different shapes;   |   |
| mp 4           |                  | (at least one complete vessel drawn with at least two layers (minimum three lines)  | <b>AND</b> in this vessel inner lining crinkled or corrugated all round;  |   |
| MMO decision 1 | mp 5             | correct label muscle or tunica media with label line to layer touching endothelium (inner line) of complete vessel with thickest wall;<br><b>Must have</b> minimum of three enclosed areas, line must touch middle line or be between the middle and inner line |   |   |
|                |                  | If label both vessels with muscle or tunica media then both must be correct   | <b>Do not give mark if</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>any label which is biologically incorrect e.g. from incorrect organ or plant e.g. epidermis</li> <li>any label within drawn area</li> </ul> |   |



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| (a) (ii)       |                  |   |  |  | [5]  |
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| PDO layout 1   | mp 1             | <u>not</u> drawn over the print of question<br><b>AND</b><br>no shading   | <b>AND</b><br>larger than 50 mm across widest point of inner enclosed area on any alveolus | <b>AND</b><br>clear, sharp, unbroken lines for all inner enclosed areas;<br><b>Do not give mark if</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>less than two hand drawn inner enclosed areas</li> </ul> <b>any of the inner enclosed areas has</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>any ruled lines</li> <li>any line more than 1mm</li> <li>any feathery line or broken or dashed or gap in line</li> <li>any 'tails' or overlaps or gaps</li> </ul> |  |
|                | MMO collection 2 | mp 2  | <u>only</u> two inner enclosed areas<br><b>Ignore</b><br>double lines                      | <b>AND</b> with shared adjacent wall   | <b>AND</b> with outer line partly drawn to show each end of the shared wall; |
|                | mp 3             | at least 2 complete alveoli of different shapes;  |  |  |  |
| MMO decision 2 | mp 4             | drawn all shared walls with all other alveoli (all round both alveoli)  |  | <b>AND</b> (walls with) at least <b>three</b> nuclei drawn enclosed in the alveolar wall;<br><b>Do not give mark if</b> draw cells   |  |
|                | mp 5             | only correct label <u>gas exchange membrane</u> with label line(s) which <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>touches the line or between two lines;</li> </ul> |  | <b>Do not give mark if</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>any label is biologically incorrect e.g. from incorrect organ or plant e.g. epidermis or non-observable structures e.g. cilia</li> <li>label within drawn area</li> </ul>  |  |

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| <b>(a) (iii)</b>   |             | [3]   |
| MMO collection 1   | <b>mp 1</b> | shows at least one value for each of <b>C, D, E, F,</b> and <b>G AND</b> correct unit mm anywhere which match values;<br><br><b>Ignore</b><br>use of metres or m            |
|  | <b>mp 2</b> | shows addition of five values   |
| <b>AND</b> shows division by 5;<br><br><b>Do not give mark for</b><br>• $Sx/n$ unless $x$ and $n$ have key |             |   |
| PDO display 2  | <b>mp 3</b> | shows at least <u>one</u> conversion of mm to mm by showing<br>• multiplication by $\times 1000$ or $10^3$ ;<br>or conversion from cm to mm<br>• $\times 10\ 000$ or $10^4$ |
|  |             | <b>AND</b> shows figure divided by / or $\div 95$ or $\frac{\quad}{95}$<br><br><b>Do not give mark if</b><br>• metres anywhere<br>• no mm or cm anywhere                    |

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| <b>(b)</b>   |             | [max 5]  |   |   |
| PDO recording 1  | <b>mp 1</b> | organise as a table with only three columns or rows separated by lines (no cells needed)<br><b>Ignore</b> number column  | <b>AND</b> headings in any order only<br><u>Fig. 2.2 / healthy</u> and<br><u>Fig. 2.3 / unhealthy</u> |   |
| MMO decision 1   | <b>mp 2</b> | <u>only observable</u> differences (at least two) recorded;  |   |   |
|  |             | <b>Do not give mark if</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>any similarities recorded</li> <li>any function e.g. 'for gas exchange' or not observable tar</li> <li>surface area to volume ratio</li> <li>healthy and unhealthy / bursting / damaged</li> </ul>                   |   |   |
| ACE interpretation MAX 3   |             |  |   |   |
|  |             | <b>feature</b>   | <b>Fig. 2.2 healthy lung</b>  | <b>Fig. 2.3 unhealthy lung</b>                            |
|  | <b>mp 1</b> | size (of air space / lumen / diameter)<br>surface area / gas exchange membrane<br>alveolar wall  | Small / small(er)<br><br>larg(er)<br><br>more   | Large / larg(er);<br><br>small(er)<br><br>few(er) or less |
|  | <b>mp 2</b> | number   | many  | few(er);  |
|  | <b>mp 3</b> | shape of alveolus or wall  | wavy / irregular / more folded  | smooth / even / less folded;                              |
|  | <b>mp 4</b> | thickness  | thin(ner)   | thick(er);  |
|  | <b>mp 5</b> | number of nuclei   | many / more   | few(er) / less;   |
|  | <b>mp 6</b> | black particles<br><b>ignore</b> tar   | absent or no(one) or has not or some  | present or yes or has or more;                            |
| <b>Ignore</b>  |             | <b>Do not give ACE marks if</b>  |   |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>functions</li> <li>ref. to colour</li> <li>shape of cell or nucleus</li> <li>3-D descriptions such as spherical, biconcave, ball, disc</li> <li>tick and cross without a key</li> <li>diagrams</li> </ul> |             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>for each feature the difference is not opposite each other unless comparative statement e.g. more or -er<br/>Fig. 2.2 difference i<br/>                  difference ii<br/>Fig. 2.3 difference i<br/>                  difference ii</li> </ul> |   |   |
| <b>[Total: 18]</b>   |             |  |   |   |