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**9700 BIOLOGY**

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Paper 3 (Advanced Practical Skills 2),  
maximum raw mark 40

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Mark scheme abbreviations:

<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>ACE</b>	Analysis, Conclusions and Evaluation (skills)
<b>MMO</b>	Manipulations, Measurement and Observation (skills)
<b>PDO</b>	Presentation of Data and Observations (skills)

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<b>1 (a) (i)</b>	<b>[3]</b>
MMO decisions 1	<p>(labels under correct sequence of beakers)</p> <p>2.5 AND 1.2(5) AND 0.6(25);</p> <p>Additional guidance <b>Must have</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• % once</li> <li>• concentrations to at least 1 decimal place</li> </ul>
MMO decisions 2	<p><b>EITHER</b> (uses serial dilution) (adds previous concentration of S to <b>each</b> of three beakers and same volume)</p> <p><u>10</u> cm<sup>3</sup> of 5(%) or shown by arrow with <u>10</u> cm<sup>3</sup> <b>AND</b> <u>10</u> cm<sup>3</sup> transferred from third beaker to fourth and from fourth beaker to fifth beaker;</p> <p>Additional guidance <b>Must have</b> cm<sup>3</sup> once <b>ecf</b> if mp1 is incorrect</p>
MMO decisions 3	<p>(adds (distilled) water/<b>W</b> to <b>each</b> of three beakers <b>BUT MUST</b> add previous concentration to fourth and fifth beakers)</p> <p>water/<b>W</b> and <u>10</u> cm<sup>3</sup>;</p> <p>Additional guidance <b>Must have</b> cm<sup>3</sup> once <b>ecf</b> if mp1 is incorrect and/or if mp2 is incorrect</p>

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<b>OR</b> <b>max 1</b> for mp2 and mp3	(uses simple dilution)					
	<b>10% (S)</b>	2.5 and	<b>AND</b>	1.25 and	<b>AND</b>	0.625 and 9.375
	<b>W</b>	7.5		8.75		
	OR					
	<b>10 % (S)</b>	5 and	<b>AND</b>	2.5 and	<b>AND</b>	1.25 and
	<b>W</b>	15		17.5		18.75
<p>Additional guidance <b>Must have</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• cm<sup>3</sup> once</li> <li>• 10(%) for each test-tube with % once or arrow from first beaker to each one</li> </ul> <p><b>ecf</b> if mp1 is incorrect <b>R</b> rounded volumes up or down. <b>R</b> just <b>S</b>.</p>						

ACF improvement 1	<b>(ii)</b>	<b>[1]</b>
	<p>boil enzyme (and sucrose) <b>Or</b> replace enzyme/<b>E</b> with water or use water/<b>W</b> instead of enzyme /<b>E</b> <b>Or</b> replace sucrose with water/<b>W</b> or use water instead of sucrose <b>Or</b> use sucrose and <u>water/W</u> <b>Or</b> use enzyme and <u>water/W</u> ; (Ignore equal volume or 2 cm<sup>3</sup> of each)</p> <p>Additional guidance <b>A</b> ref. to use of test-tube <b>AND</b> ref. to idea of only water e.g. in beaker or 20 cm<sup>3</sup> <b>BOTH</b> correct <b>R</b> ref. to water only with Benedict's <b>R</b> <u>only 10%</u> sucrose or sucrose <b>AND</b> enzyme <b>AND</b> Benedict's in any combination <b>R</b> give more than one <b>Ignore</b> denature enzyme (needs how)</p>	

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	(iii)	[4]
PDO recording 2	[1]	table with all cells drawn <b>AND</b> heading percent(age)conc(entrati <u>o</u> n);  Additional guidance <b>A</b> no outer boundary <b>A</b> % or percent(age) <b>A</b> test-tube / additional columns or rows or <b>U</b> separate <b>R</b> units in cells of this column or row <b>R</b> other units e.g. mol dm <sup>3</sup>
	[1]	(heading for any column or row including mean) <u>time (l) s or sec(ond)s</u> ;  Additional guidance <b>A</b> columns / rows for test-tubes or observations <b>A</b> notes outside the area of table <b>R</b> units in cells of this column or row <b>R</b> min(utes) <b>R</b> additional method <b>R</b> t or T
MMO collection 2	[1]	records whole seconds (numbers) 'less than 60' for ANY 5 concentrations <b>and U and W</b> / control (7) anywhere; (mark first column or row of recorded time taken)  Additional guidance <b>Must have</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>whole</u> numbers</li> <li>• values 600 or less</li> <li>• organised into concentration order or time order ignore <b>U</b> and control</li> </ul> <b>Ignore</b> mean times or .0 results
	[1]	records correct pattern highest concentration recorded is shorter time than next concentration ; (mark first column or row of recorded time taken)  Additional guidance <b>A</b> any values e.g. seconds with tenths or min:sec <b>A</b> minimum two recorded times including 'more than 600' once

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	<b>(iv)</b>	<b>[1]</b>
ACE Interpretation 1	[1]	correct two concentrations from their results as times; (should be 3% so between 5 and 2.5)
		Additional guidance <b>Must be</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• between two neighbouring concentrations</li> <li>• if same as one concentration then between lower or higher concentration and value given</li> </ul> <b>R</b> calculate any value between concentrations

	<b>(v)</b>	<b>[max 2]</b>
ACE Interpretation <b>max 2</b>	<b>max 2</b>	(independent variable) Idea of use concentration(s) (more / repeat with more / narrower(ignore wider) <b>AND</b> have answer for <b>(a)(iv)</b> then either (using estimate) between ... and ... or between 10 and 0.625/ lower / higher in correct context); <b>ecf</b> from own results above / below if no answer to <b>(a)(iv)</b> <b>A</b> only between 10 and 0.625
	mp2	examples given relevant to their estimate or smaller intervals or repeat <b>U</b> ;
		Additional guidance Give mp1 and mp2 if list at least two more concentrations between correct values or examples of smaller intervals or implies all differences e.g. 0.5% <b>ecf</b> from own estimates for above or below range
	mp3	(dependent variable) heat each test-tube separately; <b>ignore</b> ref. to colorimeter
	mp4	(tests / readings for each concentration) replicate;
		Additional guidance <b>A</b> more times or repeats or repeat or <b>repeat U</b> <b>ignore</b> 'take more readings'
	mp5	(standardised variables) use thermostatically-controlled water-bath for Benedict's test or at named temperature for test;
		Additional guidance <b>A</b> digital or electronic <b>A</b> description of use of heating and cooling with Bunsen or hot and cold water

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(b) (i)	[4]
O	x-axis labelled as storage (t) days <b>AND</b> y-axis labelled as percentage of <u>vitamin</u> (C content); Additional guidance <b>Must have</b> units on x-axis and y-axis <b>A</b> %
S	scale as x-axis <u>10 to 2 cm</u> <b>AND</b> y-axis <u>20 to 2 cm</u> ; Additional guidance <b>A</b> no 0 label at origin and no end label <b>R</b> awkward scale
P	correct plotting of each point (except 100) to <u>within</u> half a square i.e. less than 1 mm from intersection; i.e. plot has to be nearer than halfway from a line – up or down or sideways <b>OR</b> if meant to be between two lines then must not be on line Additional guidance <b>A</b> small cross or dot in circle or cross in circle <b>ecf</b> if x-axis not 0 if scale 20 to 2 cm. <b>R</b> awkward y-axis scale <b>R</b> extra plot for reading off (26) using the same symbol as graph plots <b>R</b> blobs or dots alone <b>R</b> cross too large
L	(both lines on one set of axes) <u>ruled lines</u> point to point or ruled line of best fit (two plots on line and then one either side of line) <b>AND</b> quality clear sharp; <b>R</b> extrapolated when point to point <b>A</b> extrapolation from line of best fit to vertical or horizontal lines of plotted point only <b>Must have</b> key or line labelled with temp. ; <b>R</b> if <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• less than 5 plots</li> <li>• line 1 mm or thicker</li> <li>• any feathery line</li> <li>• irregular thickness</li> <li>• line meets top more than 2 mm from 100</li> </ul> Additional guidance <b>A ecf</b> from incorrect P
PDO layout 4	

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	<b>(ii)</b>	<b>[2]</b>
ACF conclusion 2	[1]	Idea of comparison between <u>-12</u> and <u>-6</u> -12 /lower temp lose less vit C higher vit C at <u>-12</u>  OR -6 /higher temp lose more vit C or decreases more steeply or more significant decrease lower at <u>-6</u>  OR as temp. increases/rises less vit C; no /partially/ can't predict results provide no evidence/only results for <u>-12</u> and <u>-6</u> /no results for 10/still 13%/some vit C at <u>-6</u> ; yes quote of data <u>-12 (° C)</u> (at 60 days) <u>86%</u> <b>AND</b> <u>-6 (° C)</u> <u>13%</u> ; OR difference <u>73%</u>
	[1]	
		Additional guidance <b>Must have</b> percentage/ % once

	<b>(iii)</b>	<b>[2]</b>
ACF interpretation 2	[1]	Shows on graph <u>two</u> readings 26 days for <u>-6</u> and <u>-12</u> ; Readings to whole number only
	[1]	(has used correct readings from graph) to obtain correct answer rounded to whole number; e.g. 94 – 62 = 32
		<b>[Total: 19]</b>



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2	(a)	(i)	[6]
Ignore trichomes and ignore cells for mp1 only.			
PDO layout 1	[1]	no shading <b>AND</b> larger than 60 mm across widest point <b>AND</b> (clear, sharp, unbroken lines) ; <b>Must have</b> four or more hand drawn lines and/or enclosed areas (not cells) <b>R</b> if drawn over the print of question <b>R</b> any line 1 mm or thicker <b>R</b> any feathery or three gaps or overlaps in line <b>R</b> any ruled or dashed lines in drawing	
MMO collection 2	[1]	no cells drawn <b>AND</b> only half stem <b>AND</b> two corners;	
	[1]	bulge on at least one corner <b>OR</b> definite region epidermis to epidermis of collenchyma across corner;	
	[1]	(epidermis) drawn with two lines closer than 4 mm at widest point <b>AND</b> at least one continuous line to show boundary of pith drawn;	
MMO decision 2	[1]	(one vascular bundle drawn in both corners) at least three regions <b>AND</b> vascular bundle drawn within each corner;	
		Additional guidance <b>Must have</b> both outer and inner lines curved towards the epidermis	
	[1]	correct label, with label line to enclosed area, xylem; (should be inner area within vascular bundle)	
		Additional guidance <b>R</b> if	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• any label which is biologically incorrect e.g. from incorrect organ or animal</li> <li>• any label within drawn area</li> <li>• any label to open space</li> </ul>	

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	(ii)	[6]
PDO layout 1	[1]	<p>no shading <b>AND</b> trichome larger than 30 mm at longest point <b>AND</b> (clear, sharp, unbroken lines for outer cell line only);  <b>Must have</b> five or more enclosed areas  <b>R if</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• drawn over the print of question</li> <li>• any line 1mm or thicker</li> <li>• any feathery or broken/dashed line</li> <li>• 0 'tails' or overlaps or gaps</li> <li>• <b>any</b> ruled lines</li> </ul>
MMO collection 2	[1]	<p><u>one</u> whole trichome drawn <b>AND</b> attached to at least one epidermal cell;</p> <p>Additional guidance <b>R if</b> any gap between trichome and attached cell  <b>R any</b> ruled lines</p>
	[1]	<p>five adjacent epidermal cells made of different shapes in a line;</p> <p>Additional guidance <b>R if</b> internal structures inside cells e.g. vacuole / nuclei  <b>R any</b> ruled lines</p>
PDO recording 1	[1]	<p>(<i>any one trichome</i>) rounded or pointed end <b>AND</b> along <b>MOST</b> of one cell or across more than one cell <b>AND</b> only one cell in each trichome;</p>
MMO decision 2	[1]	<p>cell walls drawn as double lines with middle lamella between at least three adjacent epidermal cells;</p> <p>correct label with label line to <u>trichome</u> and one epidermal cell ;</p> <p>Additional guidance <b>R if</b> any label is biologically incorrect e.g. epithelium or from incorrect organ or animal or cell organelles  <b>R any</b> label within drawn area</p>

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(iii)		[1]
Ignore surface area unless in incorrect context.		
ACE conclusion 1	[1]	absorb or trap water / moisture / moist / air OR prevent predators eating stem OR protection / protects from (mechanical) damage OR prevents 'loss of water' / transpiration / evaporation / 'diffusion of water' OR increase humidity;

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<b>(b) (i)</b>		[3]						
MMO collection 1	[1]	measures scale bar correctly in mm; 11.5 or 12(.0) or 12.5 or 13(.0) or 13.5 or 14(.0);						
		Additional guidance <b>Can have</b> 1.15 or 1.2 or 1.25 or 1.3 or 1.35 or 1.4 cm <b>Must have</b> units somewhere that is clear						
<b>EITHER</b>								
PDO display 2	[1]	shows conversion of scale bar measurement to $\mu\text{m}$ (measurement mm) $\times$ 1000 OR (measurement cm) $\times$ 10 000						
		Additional guidance <b>Can have</b> alternative signs for multiplication and division						
	[1]	shows <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td rowspan="2" style="text-align: center;">measurement of scale bar <math>\div</math> scale</td> <td style="text-align: center;">in mm e.g. 13</td> <td style="text-align: center;">in cm e.g. 1.3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">in <math>\mu\text{m}</math> e.g. 13 000</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">0.07</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0.7</td> <td style="text-align: center;">700</td> </tr> </table>	measurement of scale bar $\div$ scale	in mm e.g. 13	in cm e.g. 1.3	in $\mu\text{m}$ e.g. 13 000	0.07	0.7
measurement of scale bar $\div$ scale	in mm e.g. 13	in cm e.g. 1.3		in $\mu\text{m}$ e.g. 13 000				
	0.07	0.7	700					
<b>OR</b>								
PDO display 2	[1]	shows length of Fig. 2.2 <u>divided by</u> length of scale bar <b>AND</b> <u>multiplied by</u> 700 <b>OR</b> <u>multiplied by</u> length of Fig 2.2; (700 <u>divided by</u> length of scale bar) <b>Can have</b> between 80 mm/80.5 to 90 mm $\div$ 11.5 to 14 (to 0.5 mm only) <b>OR</b> 8.0/8.05 cm to 9 cm $\div$ 1.15 to 1.4 (to 0.05 cm only)						
	[1]	same length of Fig 2.2 in $\mu\text{m}$ divided by answer <b>AND</b> rounded to whole number; <b>A</b> $\times$ 16 to $\times$ 20 in correct context of length of scale bar						

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(ii)		[5]
Mark first <b>three</b> differences only.		
PDO recording 1	[1]	organise as a table/Venn diagram/ruled boxes <b>AND</b> headed <u>N1</u> and (Fig.) 2.2 <b>AND</b> first difference opposite each other;
MMO decision 1	[1]	only <b>three</b> observable <b>differences</b> recorded ;

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max 3		feature	N1	Fig. 2.2
mp		(overall shape or ref. to lumen or pith centre) <b>R</b> 'not circular' or folded	lobed or star-shape or has bulges or AW e.g. irregular, square/rectangular, folded	oval or round or circular or AW; <b>R</b> regular
mp1		(corners or collenchymas or sclerenchyma or thickened cells)	present or yes or has	absent or no(ne) or has not;
mp2		(vascular bundle position or shape)	in lobes or bulges or corners separate/ scattered (at edge) if idea of 'all over'/ curved	in a ring or circle or around or surrounding
mp3		(vascular bundle number)	few(er) <b>R</b> xylem or phloem	lots or more;
mp4		(vascular bundle sizes vary)	large <u>and</u> small or vary/ different	similar/ same size;
mp5		(trichome(s)) <b>R</b> smooth/rough	yes or present or has	no(ne) or absent or has no
mp6		(centre or pith) <b>R</b> vacuole	not hollow (lumen/air space absent or no(ne))	hollow (lumen air space present or yes or has)
mp7		(stomata/ pores/ openings/ lenticels) Ignore sunken	absent or has not or no(ne) or few	present or has or yes or more;
mp8				

ACF Interpretation max 3

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