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## **MARK SCHEME for the October/November 2013 series**

### **9700 BIOLOGY**

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Paper 5 (Planning, Analysis and Evaluation),  
maximum raw mark 30

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Mark scheme abbreviations:

<b>;</b>	separates marking points
<b>/</b>	alternatives answers for the same point
<b>R</b>	reject
<b>A</b>	accept (for answers correctly cued by the question, or 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>ecf</b>	error carried forward
<b>l</b>	ignore
<b>mp</b>	marking point (with relevant number)

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1 (a) (i)	<p><i>idea that oxygen uptake or respiration is different or the same</i></p> <p>1 of:  respiration (rates) / oxygen uptake of the organisms will be different from <b>or</b> same as each other ;  one organism / named organism will be faster <b>or</b> the same as any other (named); <b>ora</b></p>	<p>allow any testable hypothesis but it must be in the context of all three organisms.</p> <p>e.g. the rate depends on the organism used / all the organisms have the same rate</p> <p>e.g. the insect larvae will have the fastest respiration</p>	[max 1]
(ii)	<p><i>independent</i> : (different / named) organisms ;</p> <p><i>dependent</i> : distance moved by the water / air (along capillary in a specific time);</p>	<p><b>A</b> list of all names</p> <p><b>A</b> distance moved</p> <p><b>I</b> uptake of oxygen per unit time / rate of respiration / volume</p>	[2]

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(iii)	<p>8 of. <i>independent variable:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ref. to using, same mass of (each) organism / all named ;</li> <li>ref. to keeping container with the organisms in the dark ;</li> </ol> <p><i>dependent variables:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(using the scale) to find the distance moved <b>or</b> take readings at start and end ;</li> <li>ref. to (measure distance ) at specific / known <b>time</b> interval ;</li> <li>ref. to a method of holding the algae / organisms ;</li> </ol> <p><i>Controlled variables (max 3)</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ref. to ensuring apparatus is airtight ;</li> <li>ref. to keeping (appropriate) constant temperature (in the water bath) ;</li> <li><i>idea of</i> equilibration / acclimatisation of respirometer (containing organisms before measuring) ;</li> <li><i>idea of</i> replacing air / oxygen between measurements ;</li> <li>ref. to a control with inert material (of the same mass) ;</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I amount / number <b>A</b> known / fixed / similar / stated mass</li> <li><b>A</b> if only kept the algae in the dark</li> <li>looking for use of the scale <b>A</b> using a ruler <b>R</b> metre ruler <b>I</b> volume</li> <li><b>A</b> any specified time mp3 and mp4 can be stated as same distance and measure time <b>or</b> same time and measure distance</li> <li>e.g. inside a small container <b>A</b> on a diagram</li> <li><b>A</b> description of a method to make airtight <b>I</b> watertight</li> <li><b>I</b> method of maintaining temperature . <b>A</b> temperatures in the range 15–45 °C</li> <li><b>I</b> any stated times <i>looking for</i> acclimatisation <b>AW</b> e.g. leave for a time before starting experiment</li> <li>e.g. glass beads / dead organisms <b>A</b> description of a control e.g. tube with beads for comparison</li> </ol>	

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<p>11. ref. to using same mass of absorbent / replacing each time the respirometer is re-used ;</p> <p><i>safety:</i></p> <p>12. ref. to suitable hazard and precaution ;</p> <p><i>reliability</i></p> <p>13. ref. to replicate / repeat (experiment) and mean / to identify or eliminate anomalies ;</p>	<p>11. <b>A</b> idea of 'enough' absorbent to ensure all CO<sub>2</sub> absorbed. <b>A</b> volume / amount / quantity of absorbent</p> <p>12. ref. to broken glass <u>tube</u> cuts hand and hold bung while attaching to container  <b>or</b> ref. to carbon dioxide absorbent as corrosive / caustic / harmful / irritant and gloves / eye protection.  <b>or</b> ref. to allergic risk to any organism / absorbent and gloves / mask  <b>R.</b> ref. to hot water <b>I</b> low risk</p> <p>13. must be a minimum total of 3. <b>A</b> as original and 2 more <b>or</b> several / many  <b>A</b> for single organism  <b>A</b> outliers for anomalies  <b>R</b> mean of readings along the capillary at timed intervals i.e. mean of distances measured 1–2 min, 2–3 min, 3–4 min</p>		[max 8]

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(b)	<p>allow answers that describe the main stages of the calculation in words or as a formula</p> <p>elements of this calculation may be shown separately</p> <p>3 of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ref. to valid <u>method</u> calculating volume of oxygen ;</li> <li>2. ref. to <u>dividing</u> (volume of oxygen) by the mass ;</li> <li>3. ref. to <u>dividing</u> (volume of oxygen) by time ;</li> <li>4. ref. to correct units either <u>cm<sup>3</sup> g<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup></u> or <u>cm<sup>3</sup> g<sup>-1</sup> min<sup>-1</sup></u> ; OR volume of oxygen (cm<sup>3</sup>) (= y) time (s) x mass (g) ; ; (y) = <u>cm<sup>3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> g<sup>-1</sup></u> ;</li> </ol>	<p>A any valid method: e.g. distance (d) / length (l) / height (h) <math>\times \pi r^2 / \pi (D \div 2)^2 / \pi D^2 \div 4</math>, pre-calibrated tube</p> <p>A min as time unit</p> <p>if volume is not calculated, but the oxygen is shown or described as distance moved in the tube or oxygen uptake, allow mp2 and / or mp3 e.g. divide the distance by mass and / or time</p> <p>A rate of oxygen uptake divided by mass for mp2</p> <p>value of y – ignore actual value if an example is used</p> <p>A cm<sup>3</sup> / g / s</p>	[max 3]
(c)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. remove the carbon dioxide absorbent / weigh the absorbent at start and end of the experiment;</li> </ol> <p>1 of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. difference in the measurement (between distance moved or mass) gives the carbon dioxide ;</li> </ol> <p>or</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. divide the difference in distance / volume by time ;</li> </ol>	<p>carbon dioxide absorbent must either be removed or weighed.</p> <p>A measure the volume</p>	[max 2]

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(d) (i)	insect larvae = 0.8(0) and green algae = 0.97 / 1.00 ;	<b>A</b> 0.98 ÷ 1.23 <b>R</b> 0.79 <b>A</b> 0.34 ÷ 0.35	[1]
(ii)	3 of : 1. <i>algae</i> RQ suggests mainly CHO / named being metabolised ; 2. <i>insect larvae</i> RQ suggests mainly protein / amino acids being metabolised ; 3. <i>seeds</i> RQ suggests mainly fat / fatty acid / lipid / oil being metabolised ; 4. fat uses proportionally more oxygen than CHO for respiration ;	1. if value is stated should be RQ1 2. if value is stated should be around RQ8–9 <b>A</b> a mixture of lipid and protein 3. if value is stated should be around RQ7	[max 3]
<b>[Total: 20]</b>			

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2 (a)	<p>ignore all references to data quotes</p> <p>3 of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>there is more auxin on shaded side / side A of test 3 ;</li> <li>(auxin) redistributes because the total 3A and 3B is approx. same as in 4 where redistribution prevented ;</li> <li>there is no difference in the total auxin in light and dark ;</li> <li>(so) auxin not broken down by light ;</li> <li>the total auxin in all tests is approximately the same ;</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A ref. to treatment 2 and total auxin of any other treatment being the same</li> <li>A any comparison between treatment 3 and all the other treatments</li> </ol>	[max 3]
(b) (i)	<p>ref. to (standard deviation) shows (all) these data / results (in the table) are reliable;</p> <p>ref. to data / results (in the table) describing degree of reliability;</p> <p><b>or</b></p> <p>because the standard deviations (in the table) are all less than 1;</p>	<p>I definition of standard deviation / standard error (<math>S_M</math>)</p> <p>e.g. treatments 2 and / or 4 most reliable as values are the smallest / treatment 1 is the least reliable as the value is the largest</p>	[max 2]
(ii)	<p>increase the total number of shoot tips used (in each group) ;</p> <p><b>or</b></p> <p>replicate / repeat the investigation / experiment several times minimum of 2 more ;</p>		[1]



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(c)	<p>diagram of shoot with <u>flat</u> top bending to right (of page) ;</p> <p>marks on the left (outside) of the curve only are further apart than those on the inside of the curve ;</p>	<p><b>R</b> if no top is drawn  <b>R</b> if curves at both ends  <b>I</b> agar block  <b>R</b> if 2 diagrams drawn which are inconsistent</p> <p>there needs to be a clear difference in spacing on the two sides of the curve and should not be a difference anywhere else  <b>A</b> if curves wrong way</p>	[2]
(d) (i)	there is no <u>significant</u> difference in the movement (of auxin) in light compared to that in the dark ;	the difference in the movement (in auxin) in light and in the dark is <u>not significant</u> <b>R</b> insignificant	[1]
(ii)	38 ;		[1]
<b>[Total: 10]</b>			