

Edexcel Biology IGCSE

2.14B - Enzymes and pH

Flashcards

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How is pH controlled?



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By adding buffer solutions with different pH values.



How is the rate of enzyme activity measured?



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By testing the enzyme-substrate solution for the presence of starch at fixed intervals, to find the time taken for all the starch to be digested.

Rate = $1/\text{time}$



How is the presence of starch tested?



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Using iodine solution.

If starch is present, the solution turns from brown to blue-black.



How can the reliability of the results be improved?



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By repeating the practical at each pH at least 3 times and take a mean of the time taken to find the rate.



How can the accuracy of the estimate of the optimum pH be improved?



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By repeating the practical at smaller pH intervals around the estimated optimum pH.



State a source of error in this practical.



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The time intervals between testing may be too long to accurately find the time taken for all the starch to be broken down.



State a hazard and safety precaution in this practical.



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Iodine solution is an irritant. Avoid contact with skin and eyes.

