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MARK SCHEME

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Generic Marking Principles

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptors for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always whole marks (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded positively:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- · marks are not deducted for errors
- · marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

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GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

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Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)(i)	assesses the risk for E as medium or high, for S as low and for C as medium or high;	1
1(a)(ii)	1 0.2%, 0.02%, 0.002%, 0.0002% (labels under correct sequence of beakers); 2 shows transfer of 1 (cm³) copper sulfate solution to each beaker from the previous beaker; 3 shows 9 (cm³) of water added to each beaker; max 2 if cm³ omitted from mp2 and mp3	3
1(a)(iii)	 heading for independent variable: percentage concentration copper sulfate solution and before heading for dependent variable and no units in body of table; heading dependent variable: time and seconds and no units in body of table; readings for all samples; time for iodine to remain yellow increases with increasing concentration; results recorded to nearest whole second; 	5
1(a)(iv)	records result for U and seconds;	1
1(a)(v)	correctly estimates the concentration of copper sulfate in U;	1
1(a)(vi)	any one from:	1
	difficulty in judging exact time of colour change; colour may change between time intervals; using glass rod causes drop sizes to be of unequal sizes;	
1(a)(vii)	any one from :	1
	more concentrations between the two concentrations that lie each side of the estimate; AVP;	
1(a)(viii)	any two from: 1 use colorimeter; 2 standard colours to compare; 3 more intermediate times; 4 choose end point that is dark brown; 5 use pipette for iodine or sample;	2

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Question	Answer				
1(b)(i)	 1 x-axis: temperature / °C and y-axis: rate of reaction / arbitrary units; 2 scale on x-axis: 10 °C to 2 cm, labelled at least every 2 cm and scale on y-axis: 50 arbitrary units to 2 cm, labelled at least every 2 cm; 3 correct plotting of all five points using small crosses or dots in circles; 4 five plots joined with thin line passing through all points and line is either smooth curve or joined plot to plot; 	4			
1(b)(ii)	correct value from graph;				
1(b)(iii)	 any three from: (between 5.5 °C and 36 °C) enzyme and substrate have more kinetic energy; more successful collisions or more enzyme substrate complexes formed; (between 36 °C and 49.5 °C) shape of the active site changes or enzyme dentures; fewer enzyme substrate complexes formed; 	3			

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Question	Answer					
2(a)(i)	 suitable size and no shading and no cells; draws whole leaf and closed at both ends; draws minimum number of tissues; correct proportions of vascular bundle to depth of lamina; label line and label to epidermis; 					
2(a)(ii)	lines continuous, thin and sharp; draws only four whole cells and each cell touches at least one other; two lines around each cell and three lines where cells touch; label line and label to one cell wall;					
2(b)(i)	 measures and records length of line X-Y and units; measurement of line X-Y divided by 74; units (mm or μm) for final correct answer; 					
2(b)(ii)	shows addition of five numbers and shows division by 5;					
2(b)(iii)	1 organises comparison into three columns with one column for features and collects only differences ; any three from:					
	feature	K1	Fig. 2.1			
	vascular tissue	flatter / more oval	rounder;			
	air spaces	more / larger	fewer/smaller;			
	epidermis	thinner	thicker;			
	ring of cells around vascular tissue	absent	present;			
	cuticle	thicker/present	thinner/absent;			
	AVP	described	described;			

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