

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

### **0653 COMBINED SCIENCE**

**0653/62**

Paper 6 (Alternative to Practical), maximum raw mark 60

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- 1 (a) (i) brown colour around where the seeds/grains were, (blue/black elsewhere) ;  
(ii) enzyme/ seeds/grains breaking down/use/need/converted the starch ;  
(iii) control/shows that breakdown depends on living seeds, ORA ; [1]
- (b) (i) (reducing) sugar is made (around the seeds/when the starch is broken down) ; [1]  
(ii) starch digested/changed/converted to sugar ; [1]
- (c) (improved) reliability/because one seed might not be active/owtte ; [1]
- (d) (i) larger brown areas ; [1]  
(ii) smaller brown areas (accept no brown area/all blue-black) ; [1]
- (e) (use different varieties of) seeds on different dishes/(different parts) of the same dish ;  
keep (named) conditions constant ;  
compare diameters/sizes of brown areas ; [max 2]

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- 2 (a) (i) 68.0 ;  
86.2 ( $\pm 0.1$ ) ; [2]
- (ii) 8(0),  
16.2 (ecf) ; ; [2]
- (b) (i) points plotted correctly ; (allow 1 error)  
suitable straight line drawn ; [2]
- (ii) clear evidence on graph ;  
allow 1.2 to 1.3 inclusive ; [2]
- (c) 150/candidates answer = between 125 and 115g (ecf) ; [1]
- (d) density =  $m/l \times t \times w$  (any order) ; [1]

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- 3 (a) (i) *observation*: bubbles ;  
*conclusion*: transition elements / metals ;
- (ii) milky / white / cloudy chalky ;
- (iii) *observation*: white precipitate ; [1]
- (b) (i) hydroxide [1]
- (ii) *test*: litmus (ignore colour) or Universal Indicator ;  
*observation*: blue ; [2]
- (iii) brown, yellow or orange ; [1]
- (c) iron(III) chloride  $\text{FeCl}_3$  and copper carbonate  $\text{CuCO}_3$  ;  
**OR**  
 iron(III) carbonate  $\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO}_3)_3$  and copper chloride  $\text{CuCl}_2$  ; [max 2]  
*(allow 1 for two correct names or formulae)*

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- 4 (a) (i) 11.7 cm (no tolerance) ;  
 13.9 cm (no tolerance) ; [2]
- (ii) suitable scale and label on x axis;  
 not starting y axis at 0 ;  
 smooth curve drawn ; [3]
- (iii) 0.0417 or 0.042 cm/g;  
 0.01 or 0.010 cm/g; [2]
- (b) (i) (allows aorta to stretch) to allow surge of blood through/recoil propels blood  
 between beats/smoothes out blood flow/change in pressure ; [1]
- (ii) resistant to bursting/breaking/tearing ; [1]
- (c) e.g. same width of sample taken / same part of body of animal / same animal ; [1]

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- 5 (a) (i) 22.5 ;  
25.1 ;  
27.8 ;
- (ii) **C** is the most concentrated, **A** is the least concentrated ; [1]
- (b) (i) sodium ethanoate + water ; [1]
- (ii) orange or yellow, (reject red) ; [1]
- (c) same volume of acid and alkali ;  
without indicator ;  
evaporate ;  
filter ;  
dry crystals with e.g. filter paper ;  
(any 4)  
**OR**  
evaporate ;  
(heat/boil etc.) to concentrate/crystallisation point/saturation etc. ;  
leave or cool ;  
filter ;  
dry crystals with e.g. filter paper ;  
(any 4) [max 4]

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- 6 (a) (i) the amplitude decreases/gets smaller ; [1]
- (ii) 4.0 cm ( $\pm 0.1$  cm) ; [1]
- (iii) frequency = speed/wavelength,  $10/4$  ;  
= 2.5 (Hz) ; [2]
- (b) (i) 1.1 cm ( $\pm 0.1$  cm) ; [1]
- (ii)  $(1.1/0.25) = 4.4$  (ecf) ;  
cm/s ; [2]
- (c) (i) distance = 2.2 cm ( $\pm 0.1$  cm) ; [1]
- (ii) speed =  $2.2/0.25 = 8.8$  (ignore units, ecf) ; [1]
- (d) speed at 9th wave is greater than speed at 4th wave, owtte (must refer to two things, wave numbers, part numbers or speeds) ; [1]

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