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5090 BIOLOGY

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Paper 3 (Practical Test), maximum raw mark 40

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- 1 (a) (i) 1 At least 5 cm, clear and realistic [D.3]
 2 Grain shown + root(s)
 3 Coleoptile/cotyledon observed.
- Labels: seed/grain/testa ;
 one from root/radicle/coleoptile/cotyledon [2]
- (ii) Both measurements, (both with 1d.p. if cm.) units once ;
R: if no indication where measured
 Expression and calculation ;
 Mag. Well expressed ; [up to 2 d.p. and 0.2 rounding] [3]
- (b) (i) test for starch: brown or other result ;
 Test for r/s: blue/no colour change ; [2]
- (ii) add Benedict's ;
 equal amount etc. ;
 Heat – w.bath stated or implied ; [3]
- (c) test for starch: brown etc. ;
 test for r/s: green/yellow/orange/brown qualified ; [2]
A: up to 1 each for conclusions in these 3 sections of (b) and (c).
- (d) enzyme in seed/diastase ;
 changes/digests starch ;
 to (reducing) sugar/maltose/glucose ;
 which diffuses out/through membrane/revealed in test ; [up to 3]
Ignore ref osmosis
- (e) grow seedlings of maize and rice ;
 method of preparation (e.g. chop) ;
 tests as before ;
 same temp. ;
 equal amounts of reagents/material ;
 equal amount of starch ;
 same time scale ; OVP; [up to 4]
- [Total: 22]

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- 2 (a) (i) two measurements both with units ; [*1st d.p if cm*]
 working including division by 2 ;
 answer correct in cm² (mm²) ; [3]
- (ii) Neatly traced outline ;
 obvious tally system used ;
 allowance for incomplete squares ;
 realistic result clearly recorded, with units ; [4]
- (iii) Advantage: speed ; *R. easy/simple*
 fieldwork ;
 only ruler needed ; OVP ; [up to 1]
 Disadvantage: degree of inaccuracy ;
 shape of leaf ; OVP ; [up to 1]
- (b) (i) thickness/height ; [1]
- (ii) short diffusion pathway ;
 for CO₂ especially ;
 light catching ;
 for p/s (energy) ; [up to 2]
- (c) (i) green ;
 flat ;
 veined ;
 large s/a ; [up to 3]
- (ii) W1 W2
 dicot. v monocot ;
 net veined v parallel veins ;
 leaf stalk v sessile ;
 leaf only v node present ;
 two sides differ v both sides alike ;
 broad v narrow ;
 jagged v smooth ;
 stated colour difference ;
 stated difference in hair distribution ; [up to 3]

[Total : 18]