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GCE Ordinary Level

MARK SCHEME for the May/June 2008 question paper

5090 BIOLOGY

5090/03

Paper 3 (Practical Test), maximum raw mark 40

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1 (a)

test-tube / no.	total s. area / cm ²	time A2 added	time change complete	time elapsed
1	6			
2	12			
3	8			

- marks: 1 format as shown
 2 table ruled and joined up
 3 titles and units as appropriate in headers
 4 s/area calculations correct
 5 all boxes sensibly completed [5]

- (b) (i) graph marks: [5]
 1 axes correct (x – surface area / volume, horizontal, etc.)
 2 labelled 'surface area / volume ratio' and 'time / secs'
 3 correct scale, good size
 4 plots clear and accurate
 5 good line of best fit / ruled connections, bar chart: allow 1, 2 and 4 only

- (ii) bigger s/a vol. ratio – faster diffusion rate ; [1]

- (c) determination of end point ;
 accuracy of block size ;
 clumping effect of blocks on surface area etc. ;
 ovp ; e.g. active transport, etc. [up to 2]

- (d) living cell has cell membrane ;
 cytoplasm present ;
 uneven shape ;
 ovp ; [up to 2]

- (e) correct apparatus assembly diagram ;
 same size blocks of agar ;
 different temperatures ;
 range of temperatures suggested ;
 record data / plot graphs ;
 control another variable e.g. better method of block production ;
 replication / repeats ;
 ovp ; [up to 6]

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- 2 (a) (i) drawing marks: [D.3]
- 1 clear, clean, at least 8 cm
 - 2 variegation shown (not just shaded)
 - 3 petiole shown, well attached
- labels: 2 correct from:
green and white areas / variegated ,
petiole / leaf stalk ,
blade / lamina [1]
- (ii) width of **L1** with units correct ;
line drawn and correctly measured with units ; [2]
- (iii) working expression correct ;
magnification correct and well expressed ; [2]
- (b) (i) increases permeability / denatures enzymes / stops reactions ; [1]
- (ii) remove chlorophyll / decolourise ; [1]
- (iii) test for starch ; [1]
- (c) starch produced where chlorophyll present ;
white area produces no starch ;
chlorophyll harnesses light / energy ;
another detail – e.g. need to decolourise ; [up to 3]
- (d) drawing marks: [D.3]
- 1 complete section, at least 7 cm deep, clear and realistic
 - 2 upper cuticle with correct ratio palisade to spongy tissue
 - 3 stoma shown – 2 guard cells correct
- labels:
2 from: stoma(ta), guard cell, epidermis, cuticle ; [1]
2 from: palisade, spongy, mesophyll ; [1]
- [Total: 19]**