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5090 BIOLOGY

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Paper 6 (Alternative to Practical), maximum raw mark 40

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- 1 (a) by watering;
by covering seedling/leaves (with a bag etc.);
A: vaseline/shade/darkness. R: cold/negatives. [2]
- (b) (i) water absorbed until no more available;
transpiration/evaporation/surface loss (continues);
seedling/cells lose water/become flaccid; [up to 2]
- (ii) root hairs damaged/broken;
so that no water absorbed; [2]
root hairs once in (ii) or (iii), otherwise A: root
- (iii) new root hairs grow (overnight);
R: ref conditions. [1]
- (iv) fertiliser solution reduced water potential (in soil);
making endosmosis impossible (AW); [2]
- (v) give seedling/surrounding soil,
more water/raising external water potential;
R: if fertiliser mentioned. [1]
- (c) Two key points needed:
range of concentrations (of fertiliser solutions) prepared;
at least 3 days for results to show;
- With up to three more marks from:
seedlings grown in pots/other containers;
name of plant/fertiliser used;
uniform size;
uniform condition(s), etc.;
how fertiliser applied/used for watering, etc.;
replication;
result recording/tabulation; [up to 5]
- [Total: 15]

2 Colour of contents:

- (i) **A1 (a)** blue; **A1 (b)** blue; **A2** (blue)-black; [3]
For **A2** accept iodine colour, brown, orange
- (ii) Table 2.1 – conclusions
A1 (a): reducing sugar/glucose present;
A1 (b): no protein/protein absent;
A2: starch present; [3]
- (iii) Table 2.2 – conclusions
B1 (a): no reducing sugar/glucose;
B1 (b): protein present;
B2: fat (oil)/lipid present; [3]

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- (iv) chopping increases surface area/releases cell contents;
 dissolved in ethanol;
 water added to complete test;
 if water added to original, ethanol goes milky/AW; [up to 2]

[Total: 11]

- 3 (a) (i) blood; [1]

- (ii) leucocyte/wbc/polymorph/granulocyte/phagocyte/lymphocyte;
 erythrocyte/rbc;
 platelet;
 plasma; R: serum, etc. [4]

- (iii) Drawing marks:
 1. at least 5 cm, realistic, clear and clean lines.
 2. accurate nucleus – 3 main lobes. [D.2]

Labels: nucleus;
 cytoplasm/cell membrane; R: if cell wall shown [2]

- (iv) both dimensions accurate, with units at least once;
 R: if no indication on drawing where measured.
 [10 mm \pm 1 mm/1.0 cm \pm 0.1 cm on Fig. 3.1]
 correct expression – drawing over image ; [e.g. 50/10]
 allowance for $\times 750$;
 correctly stated mag; [750 \times 5 =] $\times 5 / \times 3750$
[must be whole number for 3000 +,
up to 2 d.p. and 0.2 rounding if no allowance for $\times 750$] [4]

- (b) (i) transport of oxygen; [1]

[Total: 14]