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**MARK SCHEME for the October/November 2009 question paper
for the guidance of teachers**

5090 BIOLOGY

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Paper 3 (Practical Test), maximum raw mark 40

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- 1 (a) (i) all 20 boxes reasonably filled, with units somewhere in box ; [1]
- (ii) table marks:
all boxes numbered, correct regular sequence ;
clear method of 'tally', somewhere ;
third column grouping correct, totalling 20 ; [3]
- (iii) frequency diagram marks ;
ruled, regular columns ;
x-axis labelled, 'length/mm/cm' ;
y-axis labelled 'number (frequency)/& numbered. ('o' stated or implied) ;
range of each column centrally stated on x-axis ;
accurate for numbers in table ;
axes reversed: max 3 [5]
- (b) seeds of different sizes ;
grown in uniform conditions ;
two of them specified ;
(soil/medium, temp, light, water, fertiliser – nutrient) ;
seeds (collected and) measured ;
recorded, (tabulated, frequency chart) from each plant ;
replications ;
analysis/conclusion suggested ;
- A: ref same size seeds ; in different conditions ;
OVP ; [max 4]
- (c) (i) clear, clean realistic selection for drawing ;
radicle + plumule at least 5 cm (in straight line) ;
leaflets/venation shown on plumule ;
labels: radicle and plumule ;
label: leaflet/venation/attachment scar or other detail ; [5]
- (ii) clearly shows where measured with both dimensions clear ;
units at least once ;
correct expression for calculation ;
magnification correct and realistic ; [max 3]
- up to 2 d.p. rounded up/down acceptably.
- (d) (i) mauve (etc)/ref. different from control drops ; [1]
- (ii) ref. protein presence ; [1]
- (iii) ref. growing regions/for growth ;
cells present etc ;
ref. enzyme (release here) ; [max 2]
- [Total: 25]**

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- 2 (a) (i) chop/crush into small bits ;
 add ethanol & shake (to form solution) ;
 add drops of water/pour into water ; [3]

(ii)

	observations	conclusions
W3	remains (relatively) clear no change/colourless ; R: 'negative'	no fat/oil ; *
W4	goes cloudy/white/milky ;	Fat/oil present ; *

[4]

(* if conclusions '-ve & +ve' allow 1)

- (b) hold piece of specimen on mounted needle/forceps – ignite it ;
 known mass of specimen ;
 heat (standard volume) water in test tube ;
 ensure complete combustion ;
 record increase in temp. ;
 repeat for other specimen ;
 same volume of water ;
 one that burns longest ;
 replicate ; [max 5]

- (c) each has same amount energy from starch ;
 fat (oil) content differs/**W4** has more fat/oil than **W3** ;
 and yields energy/fat has high energy ;
W4 has more energy ; [max 3]

[Total: 15]