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**MARK SCHEME for the May/June 2010 question paper  
for the guidance of teachers**

**5090 BIOLOGY**

**5090/31**

Paper 3 (Practical Test), maximum raw mark 40

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- 1 (a) (i) **S1**
- green – yellow ;  
uniform colour – blotchy/spotted ;  
smooth – rough AW ;  
firm – soft ;  
well defined section – less clear lines AW ;  
skin/pericarp/epicarp thicker – comparative smell ; [3 max]
- (ii) **S1** blacker than **S2** ;  
**S1** contains (more) starch ;  
comment on distribution ; [2 max]
- (b) (i) equal samples of each ;  
prepare sample ;  
heated with Benedict's solution ; **R** 37°  
in water-bath ;  
ref. (equal) volume of Benedict's/equal heating time ;  
comparative result described – more +ve for **S2** ; [4 max]
- (ii) in table:  
observations: **S1** green – yellow ; **S2** yellow/orange – red ;  
conclusion: less reducing sugar in **S1**/no difference ; [3]
- (c) less starch in **S2** than **S1** ;  
more reducing sugar in **S2** than **S1** ; [2]
- (d) (i) **S1** darker/more discoloured ;  
**S2** darker/more discoloured ;  
**S3** 'no change' in both/lighter ; [3]
- (ii) acid conditions – pH effect on enzymes/metabolism ;  
ref. ripening ; [2]
- (iii) 3 or more pieces of banana taken ;  
from each type of specimen ;  
placed in range of solutions of different pH (acid & alkali etc) ;  
leave for e.g. 15 min ;  
compare/observe changes ;  
OVP ; same temperature/test for starch & reducing sugar ; [4 max]
- [Total: 23]**

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- 2 (a)** drawing marks:  
 head, (thorax) and abdomen cleanly drawn, min 7 cm ;  
 6 legs, reasonably correct orientation ; **A** 3 if lateral view  
 segments shown on/abdomen/leg/antenna ; [3]
- labels:  
 head (thorax) and abdomen ;  
 antenna(e) ; **R** feelers  
 (compound) eyes ;  
 OVP ; e.g. wing/leg/segment/exoskeleton [2 max]
- (b) (i) & (ii)** length of beetle, length of drawing, place indicated ;  
 expression using these figures ;  
 magnification properly expressed ; **R** if expression inverted. [3]  
**A** up to 2 d.p. **R** rounding above 0.2
- (c) (i)** in Table 2.1:  
 number for **B** (at least 5) ; number for **C** ; [2]
- (ii)** application of formula ;  
 correct calculation, based on **(i)** ; (30 minimum) [2]
- (iii)** appropriate numbers given ; [1]
- (d) (i)** 16 ; [1]
- (ii)** bar chart :  
 axes correct and labelled ;  
 accurate plotting in equal, ruled columns ; [2]
- (iii)** AVP such as : predator/prey/moisture/light intensity/  
 other environmental preference ; **R** 'suitable' [1]

**[Total: 17]**