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GCE Ordinary Level

**MARK SCHEME for the October/November 2011 question paper
for the guidance of teachers**

5090 BIOLOGY

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

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- 1 (a) (i) Graph marks:
1. temperature on x axis, depth on y axis with correct linear scales ;
 2. axes labelled: temperature/°C, depth/mm ;
 3. plots clear and accurate ;
 4. good smooth line of best fit ;
- [4]
- (ii) optimum 36 °C – 40 °C ;
depth 43 – 45 mm ; (answers according to graph drawn) [2]
- (iii) no foam / no bubbles / no reaction / no product / no gas / no oxygen / no change ;
enzyme denatured / deactivated / deformed / description of effect on active site ; [2]
- (b) (i) increase friction / abrasion AW ;
to break cells open / release cell contents / release enzyme ; [2]
- (ii) glowing / smouldering splint ;
relights / rekindles / burns more brightly ; [2]
- (c) (i) repeat (investigation) and find mean / average result ;
use temperatures near the optimum / between 35 °C – 45 °C ;
take measurements at smaller temperature intervals ; [max 2]
- (ii) 1. repeat (investigation) and find mean result ; if not awarded in (c)(i)
2. better method of measuring gas evolved / use gas pipette / AW;
3. use constant volume or concentration of substrate ;
4. use constant volume or concentration of enzyme ;
5. each temperature kept constant ;
6. accurate time measurement / timed for same length of time ;
7. OVP e.g. maintain constant pH / use enzyme from same source throughout ; [max 4]

[Total: 18]

- 2 (a) (i) A (leaf) epidermis / epidermal cell ;
B guard cell
C red blood cell / erythrocyte ; R. rbc
D white blood cell / leucocyte / polymorph / phagocyte / granulocyte / lymphocyte / neutrophil ; R. wbc [4]
- (ii) A protective / waterproof (covering) ;
B (control) opening or closing of stoma / gaseous exchange / transpiration ;
C transport / carry oxygen ;
D phagocytosis / destroy bacteria / destroy pathogens / prevent infection / produce antibodies / neutralise toxins / tissue rejection ; [4]
- (b) 1. peel off epidermis / make impression of leaf surface (with nail varnish or wax);
2. place on (microscope) slide with mountant / stain ; R. ink
3. use cover slip ;
4. prevent air bubbles forming ;
5. use of microscope ; [max 3]

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- (c) (i) Drawing marks:
 both cells drawn with clean lines and realistic shape at least 4.0 cms ;
 thinner area indicated in **C** + good lobed nucleus in **D** ;
 Label mark:
 either depression in C or nucleus in D + cytoplasm or cell membrane in either ;
 R. if nucleus in C or chloroplast in D [3]
- (ii) 2 measurements with correct units (once) with indication of where taken (on Fig. 2.2 or on drawing) (max. length of D on Fig. 2.2 = 15 – 17 mm) ;
 correct method of calculation ;
 evidence of correct allowance for $\times 800$;
 magnification correct and well expressed ; [4]

(d)

feature	cell A	cell D
(cell) size	large	small
shape	irregular / indefinite / AW	regular / oval / definite AW
nucleus (size)	small	large
nucleus (shape)	round / circular / AW	lobed / irregular / AW
arrangement	joined to other cells / AW	separate / AW
(numbers)	one of many similar / AW	only one of its kind / AW

One mark per line

[max 4]

[Total: 22]