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BIOLOGY

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Paper 3 Practical Test

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CONFIDENTIAL INSTRUCTIONS

1 hour 15 minutes

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In accordance with the COSHH (Control of Substances Hazardous to Health) Regulations, operative in the UK, a hazard appraisal of the examination has been carried out.

The following codes are used where relevant.

C = corrosive substance

F = highly flammable substance

H = harmful or irritating substance

O = oxidising substance

T = toxic substance

N = harmful to the environment

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SUPERVISOR'S INSTRUCTIONS – CONFIDENTIAL

Question 1

Each candidate should be provided with:

- (i) Thin slice of a red onion no more than 2mm in thickness as shown in Fig. 1.1. This must be freshly cut just before the start of the examination, the onion rings to be partially separated and to be presented on a white tile covered in plastic film to prevent drying. Use onions of approximately 5 cm diameter.
Remove and discard the outer ring.



Fig. 1.1

- (ii) Scalpel or implement to cut a ring into two parts;
- (iii) Approximately 25cm³ of distilled water in a half of a Petri dish (9cm diameter), labelled '**distilled water**';
- (iv) Approximately 25cm³ of 2.0M sucrose solution in a half of a Petri dish, labelled '**sugar solution**';
- (v) Timer or view of a clock.

Supervisor should record the shape of the pieces of onion during the examination period out of sight of the candidates in the spaces provided on the Supervisor's Report.

Question 2

Each candidate is expected to be provided with:

- (i) Half of a ripe eating apple, approximately 5 cm to 7 cm at the widest part, cut vertically through the fruit as shown in Fig. 2.1. Wrap in plastic film and present on a white tile.



Fig. 2.1

- (ii) Ruler with mm;
- (iii) Scalpel or means to cut part of the apple;
- (iv) Pieces of universal indicator paper and chart;
- (v) Forceps;
- (vi) Paper towels to clear up spills.

Supervisor should record the type of apple provided for the examination.

The Supervisor (not the invigilator) should carry out and report on the colour change on the universal indicator with the cut surface of the apple. This test is expected to be carried out during the examination period out of sight of the candidates and the observation recorded in the space provided on the Supervisor's Report.

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SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

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The Supervisor or teacher responsible for the subject should provide the following information.

- 1** Was any difficulty experienced in providing necessary material for Question 1?

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Please draw the shape of the pieces of red onion before and after being submerged in the distilled water and sugar solution respectively.

Was any difficulty experienced in providing necessary material for Question 2?

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Please identify the type of apple supplied

Describe the colour change observed with universal indicator after making contact with the surface of the apple.

Colour

- 2** Give details of any difficulties experienced by particular candidates, giving names and candidate numbers. Reference should be made to:
- (a)** difficulties with specimens or materials;
 - (b)** accidents to apparatus or materials;
 - (c)** any other information that is likely to assist the Examiner, especially if this cannot be discovered from the scripts.

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- 3 A plan of work benches, giving details of the candidate numbers of the places occupied by the candidates for each session, must be enclosed with the scripts. The space below can be used for this, or it may be on separate paper.

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The preparation of this practical examination has been carried out so as to maintain fully the security of the examination.

Signed

Name (in block capitals)

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