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Paper 6 Alternative to Practical

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MARK SCHEME

Maximum Mark: 40

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Mark schemes will use these abbreviations:

;	separates marking points
/	alternatives
()	contents of brackets are not required but should be implied
R	reject
A	accept (for answers correctly cued by the question, or guidance for examiners)
lg	ignore (for incorrect but irrelevant responses)
AW	alternative wording (where responses vary more than usual)
AVP	alternative valid point (where a greater than usual variety of responses is expected)
ORA	or reverse argument
<u>underline</u>	actual word underlined must be used by candidate (grammatical variants excepted)
+	statements on both sides of the + are needed for that mark

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Question	Answer	Guidance	Mark
1(a)(i)	large / broad / wide petals ; (petals form) landing platform AW (for insects) ; stamens / filaments erect / sturdy / not pendulous / not hanging ; stigma solid / not feathery ;	Ig reference to features not visible in Fig. 1.1	2
1(a)(ii)	6 anthers + style with stigma drawn ; clear, continuous outlines of anthers + no shading anywhere + length of style with stigma at least 60 mm ; all filaments drawn with double line + all anthers below the level of the top of the stigma ; rounded top of stigma + stigma wider than style ;		4
1(a)(iii)	<u>A</u> labelling an <u>anther</u> ; <u>B</u> labelling the <u>stigma</u> ; <u>C</u> labelling the <u>style</u> ;		3
1(b)(i)	rough / spiny / spiky / thorny AW ;		1
1(b)(ii)	54 – 56 mm or 5.4 – 5.6 cm ; $\frac{\text{diameter / candidate's measurement}}{\text{magnification (200)}}$; correct answer with correct units ;	correct answer with no working = 2 marks	3

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Question	Answer	Guidance	Mark
1(c)(i)	prepare sample of fruit ; (add) Benedict's (solution / reagent) ; heat ; (change from) blue to green / yellow / orange / red ;	A reference to fruit solution / fruit mixture / fruit extract / crushing A hot or warm water bath A over Bunsen burner	4

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Question	Answer	Guidance	Mark
1(c)(ii)	<p>use same mass / weight / volume of fruit sample ;</p> <p>use same volume / concentration of Benedict's (reagent) ;</p> <p>at same temperature ;</p> <p>EITHER left for same time period ; OR time for colour to change measured / compared ;</p> <p>EITHER colour change to yellow / orange / red indicates more reducing sugar / green less ; OR faster colour change indicates more reducing sugar ORA ;</p>		4
		Total:	21

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Question	Answer	Guidance	Mark
2(a)(i)	(large piece) 26–28 ; (smaller pieces) 34–36 ;	units not required (mm) as given in Table 2.1 A answers in cm provided correct units given	2
2(a)(ii)	raw potato produces more oxygen / gas (than boiled potato) ; boiled potato – (enzyme / catalase) inactive / destroyed / denatured ; more oxygen / gas / bubbles released from smaller pieces of raw potato ORA ; small pieces – greater surface area / more enzyme exposed / AW / ORA ;		4

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Question	Answer	Guidance	Mark
2(b)	<p>repeat tests + calculate mean / average / identify anomalies ;</p> <p>same mass / weight / volume of potato for each experiment ;</p> <p>same volume / concentration of solution (hydrogen peroxide) ;</p> <p>same potato / same species / same type ;</p> <p>same temperature ;</p> <p>use different apparatus e.g. gas syringe / graduated tube to collect gas volume / measure gas volume AW ;</p> <p>consistent level of agitation (of test-tube) ;</p>		4
		Total:	10

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Question	Answer	Guidance	Mark
3(a)(i)	neatly drawn table with all lines ruled ; 2 columns/rows headed 'student 1' and 'student 2' ; one header across both columns/rows: measurement/distance/length/height + cm ;		3
3(a)(ii)	12 ;		1
3(a)(iii)	anomalous result/outlier/doesn't fit trend/ AW ;		1
3(a)(iv)	lack of concentration/distracted/ AW ;	A student not ready/ruler upside down/hand not at zero	1
3(a)(v)	axes labelled 'student 1' and 'student 2' central to columns/rows + mean distance / mean results + cm ; linear scale on distance axis + 0 on y-axis + use of at least half of grid in both directions ; correct plots + ruled lines + both bars of equal width ;		3
		Total:	9
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