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for the guidance of teachers**

0610 BIOLOGY

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

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Question	Mark scheme	Mark allocation	Guidance
1 (a) (i)	7.0 to 9.8;	[1]	NB 0.6 cm exists below zero.
(ii)	11.6 [11.67] to 12.6;	[1]	Mark on table. Follow from (a) (i) ecf from (a) (i).
(b) (i)	to find out which hand gives the faster response / quicker / better reflexes; to find out if the person is naturally right or left handed / dominant hand; accurate reference to this reflex pathway; AVP;	Max[1]	Ignore reaction time as given in the question. e.g. impulse along sensory neurone to brain / CNS to motor neurone Accept reaction time + comment about both hands Ignore right v left unqualified – insufficient
(ii)	(same) ruler / ruler of same type, weight, thickness; (same) time of day or specified; ruler falls straight down / OWTTE / dropped not thrust; (same) environmental conditions e.g. humidity, temperature, no wind; quiet surroundings – ‘no distractions’ / no eating or drinking; seated or standing throughout / arm or body / hand position; (same) gap between ruler and thumb / thumb position / thumb at 0 cm; same student / use student 1 only or student 2; AVP;	Max[3]	Accept ruler in same units of cm / mm Ignore height from which ruler is dropped Ignore same place unless qualified, but accept same environment Accept distance of hand from ruler Ignore addition of stimulant e.g. alertness of catcher / catcher is unaware of when drop will be made
(c) (i)	left hand 0.18 (sec); right hand 0.15 / 0.16 (sec);	[2]	Tolerance ± 0.01 s. ecf from 1(a) (ii) if incorrect units e.g. cm – Max 1 if many decimal places given – ignore and check 2dp

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(ii)	student was right handed / right dominant / uses RH more; shorter / better / faster reaction time for right hand ORA; suggest figure 0.03 sec faster (ecf) / speed of nerve impulses faster ORA; reaction time decrease with practice;	Max[2]	Accept right hand is master hand Accept ref to right hemisphere of brain being dominant / producing quicker co-ordination Ignore just 2 figures quoted Ignore reaction time differs without qualification
(d)	two sets of data – one with stimulant and one without; more than one student or group of students involved; same or similar age / gender / fitness / arm length; time for drug to take effect; repeats; set amount of stimulant; taken set period before test; controlled (same) conditions e.g. time of day; safety factor; idea of comparing 2 results; reference to use of a control qualified;	Max[3]	Ignore the use of stimulant as a medicine Ignore irrelevant similarities Accept even if referral is to trial with stimulant only 'cup of tea' is acceptable. e.g. no wind / no distractions. Ignore "fair test" Safety in the environment or with dose size / quantity / medical conditions / no injections Ignore 'control' alone. If different investigation – max 1
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(ii)	<p>O – orientation of axes;</p> <p>L – label 'x' number of fruitlets in fruits and 'y' frequency / tally / number of fruits;</p> <p>S – suitable even scale to fill half or more than $\frac{1}{2}$ the grid in both directions;</p> <p>P – plot accuracy;</p> <p>B – neat, ruled and complete bars of equal width, touching, no gaps;</p>	[5]	<p>e.c.f histogram and line on same axes – B. max 4</p> <p>minimum label for 'x' axis – 'number of fruitlets' alone / 'fruitlets in each fruit' and numbers should be placed centrally under columns. Tally size incorrect e.g. 50–60 instead of 50–59 no L mark. Accept last column as 100–109</p> <p>P – accept $\pm \frac{1}{2}$ small square. ecf from tally chart</p> <p>Ignore shading. Columns should be <u>ruled</u> (to base)</p> <p>Line graph O; L and S only</p>
(c)	<p>normal distribution / unimodal / bell-shaped; more in the middle of range / biggest class is 70–79 / 60–89;</p> <p>few at the extremes / example / AW;</p>	Max[2]	<p>Ignore continuous as this applies to variation Accept most fruits have 70–79 / 70–79 is the most common (min is "70 – 79 fruitlets is higher") Accept "ends of graph declining" Accept ref to graph or fruitlets</p>
(d)	<p>animals or named example; eat / ingest / consume fruits; seeds unharmed not digested / resistant; deposit with faeces / egested / excreted / AW;</p>	Max[2]	<p>Accept bites / chews / eats fruit and spits seed out / we eat</p>
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3 (a) (i)	stem – central ring to include minimum of 4 distinct vascular bundles; vascular bundle divided correctly into two for x and p; xylem on inside labelled and phloem on outside labelled;	[3]	Draw and label Ignore LS instead of TS Accept minimum label 'x and p'
(ii)	root – central vascular strand; (xylem) central – star like and (phloem) in between; xylem and phloem correctly labelled;	[3]	Ignore LS instead of TS
(b) (i)	<u>sucrose</u> ;	[1]	Ignore cane-sugar
(ii)	<u>starch</u> ;	[1]	Ignore glycogen
(c)	Cut a section / crush different regions and test each one; add iodine solution; turns brown / yellow / orange to blue / blue – black / black / purple-black in areas where starch is present;	Max[2]	Ignore – if glucose given in 3(b) (ii) and Benedict's test given = 0 crush / grind alone = 0 Accept iodine in potassium iodide / drops of iodine / iodine is dripped on Ignore iodide solution Ignore if add ethanol or boil
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