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1 (a) to give time for the plant to settle / adjust to the conditions ;

(b) 2 ;
10 ; [2]

(c) still air distances – 4, 2 ;
moving air distances – 6, 8 (or ecf) ;
averages – 3, 7 (or ecf) ; [3]

(d) air movements increase the rate of transpiration ; [1]

(e) temperature / light (intensity) / humidity / the plant / pressure / time ; [1]

(f) check for anomalous results ;
(allow to improve reliability) [1]

(g) water used in photosynthesis / produced in respiration / used in growth / changing turgidity of cells ; [1]

[Total: 10]

2 (a) does not (easily) corrode / react ;
(good) conductor of heat ;
strong ;
can be moulded or worked into shape i.e. malleable ;
non toxic ; [max 2]

(b) will conduct electricity / puts the foil in an electrical circuit / when reacts with acid produces gas which <u>pops with lighted splint</u> ; [1]

(c) (i) (diagram shows test-tube) and delivery tube and inverted measuring cylinder ;
correct relationship with the water level in trough ;
(if not airtight 1 mark max) [2]

(ii) 90 ;
44 ; [2]

(d) 0.27 mm ;
0.13 mm ;
correctly shown on graph ; [3]

[Total: 10]

3 (a) aluminium, **or** a named plastic such as polyethene, polyvinyl chloride, nylon, polystyrene

(b) 1.7, 2.3 ;

(c) (i) correct labelling of axes / sensible scales ;
points correctly plotted (half square tolerance) ;
curve drawn ;   [3]

(ii) the falling mass will take time to travel (1 metre even if the trolley weighs
nothing) / impossible to travel a distance in 0 secs ;   [1]

(d) curve drawn correctly below / to the right of the first curve ;   [1]

(e) (i) (acceleration of) gravity / tension (in the string) ;   [1]

(ii) EITHER gravity:
acts on the weight, **w** ;
which pulls the trolley ;

OR tension:
gravity acts on the weight ;
(causing tension in the string) which pulls the trolley ;
(answers to **(i)** and **(ii) must** match)   [max 2]

[Total: 10]

4 (a) 10 mm ;   [1]

(b) (i) answers as in table ;
answers given in millimetres ;

pH of enzyme	d_1(diameter of clear area) / mm
6.5	10
7.0	12
7.5	13
8.0	14
8.5	16
9.0	13

[2]

(ii) vertical axis and sensible scale ;
points plotted (within half square tolerance) ;
curve ;   [3]

    (iii) correct estimation of optimum from graph ;

    (iv) repeat experiment with a narrower range of pH for enzyme ;
          between pH 8 and 9 ;
          everything else / named condition the same ;   [max 2]

  (c) small intestine ;   [1]

                                [Total: 10]

5 **(a)** **1a** (litmus) turns red ;
         1b (litmus) turns blue ;   [2]

  (b) **2a** white precipitate ;
         2b no precipitate ;   [2]

  (c) silver nitrate ;   [1]

  (d) **4a** blue precipitate ;
         4b blue solution / blue precipitate dissolves giving blue solution ;   [2]

  (e) take equal volumes of the hydrochloric and nitric acids ;
      and add litmus ;
      add sodium hydroxide or ammonia solution and measure the volume needed
      (to turn the litmus blue) ;   [3]

                                  [Total: 10]

6 **(a)** **(i)** 12 ;   [1]

     (ii) 100/12 = 8.33 cm ;
           = 0.0833 metres ;   [2]

    (iii) 12 ticks ;   [1]

     (iv) 6 s ;   [1]

      (v) 1/6 = 0.16<u>7</u> m / sec ;   [1]

     (vi) frequency = 12 / 6 = 2 Hz ;   [1]

(b) waves drawn parallel to tank sides ;
correct length of reflected parts of waves (must be to left of barrier) ;

(c) transverse ; [1]

[Total: 10]