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**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

These Confidential Instructions give details of the apparatus required by each candidate for each experiment in this paper. A summary of the questions that will be presented to the candidates is included, where appropriate, to allow the Biology teacher to test the apparatus appropriately. **Testing must be done out of sight of all candidates. No access to the question paper is permitted in advance of the examination.** Centres are reminded that candidates are expected to follow the instructions on the question paper and record all their results. They will not be penalised if these results are not what they expect.

The Supervisor should make sure the Supervisor's Report is fully completed and a copy is enclosed with each packet of scripts.

It is assumed that the ordinary apparatus of a science laboratory will be available, including a supply of purified water (distilled or deionised).

If arrangements are made for different sessions for different groups of candidates, care must be taken to ensure that the different groups of candidates are effectively isolated so that **no information passes between them.**

**All specimens should carry only the code letters and numbers as indicated and their identity should not be revealed to the candidates.**

Supervisors should ensure that all specimens have the correct identity attached to the specimen and that these are **not** removed during the examination.

If a candidate breaks any of the apparatus, or loses any of the material supplied, the matter should be rectified and a note made on the Supervisor's Report.

Supervisors are advised to remind candidates that all substances in the examination should be treated with caution. Pipette fillers and eye protection should be used where necessary.

In accordance with 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:

<b>C</b> corrosive	<b>MH</b> moderate hazard
<b>HH</b> health hazard	<b>T</b> acutely toxic
<b>F</b> flammable	<b>O</b> oxidising
<b>N</b> hazardous to the aquatic environment	

Centres are reminded that they are not permitted to open the question paper envelopes before the examination.

If there are any difficulties with any aspect of setting up this practical examination that the Centre is not able to resolve, it is essential for Centres to contact Cambridge as soon as possible by **e-mail** to [info@cie.org.uk](mailto:info@cie.org.uk), by **fax** to +44 1223 553558 or by **phone** to +44 1223 553554.

**Question 1**

Each candidate should be provided with:

- (i) 10 leaf discs of approximately 8 mm diameter in a Petri dish base covered with a damp paper towel
- (ii) six test-tubes
- (iii) one test-tube rack
- (iv) one 10 cm<sup>3</sup> syringe (without needle)
- (v) one beaker containing 200 cm<sup>3</sup> of distilled water, labelled **distilled water**
- (vi) one beaker containing 200 cm<sup>3</sup> of 10.0 g/dm<sup>3</sup> sodium hydrogencarbonate solution, labelled **sodium hydrogencarbonate solution**
- (vii) one bench lamp with a 60 watt or equivalent bulb
- (viii) one pair of forceps
- (ix) a 30 cm ruler with a mm scale
- (x) a marker pen suitable for marking glassware
- (xi) timer to time seconds
- (xii) paper towels

**Preparation of materials***leaf discs*

Leaf discs can be cut with a cork borer, hole punch or stiff drinking straw. The leaf discs should be cut from fresh young leaves such as common spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*) or young brassica cotyledons such as radish (*Raphanus sativus*) or cress seedlings (*Lepidium sativum*). The discs should be cut as close to the examination as possible and kept in a cool dark place.

*10.0 g/dm<sup>3</sup> sodium hydrogencarbonate solution*

Dissolve 10.0 g of sodium hydrogencarbonate in 500 cm<sup>3</sup> of distilled water, make up to 1 dm<sup>3</sup> with distilled water. Household baking soda can be used and the solution can be made the day before the examination and stored in a cool place.

The Supervisor (**not** the Invigilator) is expected to carry out the practical aspects of **Question 1** and record their results in the space provided in the Supervisor's Report. This must be done during the examination, using the same apparatus and reagents as the candidates but out of sight of candidates.

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This form should be completed and sent to Cambridge with the scripts.

### SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

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

- 1 Was any difficulty experienced in providing necessary materials? If so, give brief details.

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- 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;

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- (b) accidents to apparatus or materials;

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- (c) assistance provided in the case of colour blindness;

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- (d) any other information that is likely to assist the Examiner, especially if this cannot be discovered from the scripts.

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Other cases of individual hardship, e.g. illness or disability, should be reported direct to Cambridge on the normal Special Consideration Form as detailed in the Handbook for Centres.

- 3 During the examination, the Supervisor should, **out of sight of the candidates**, carry out **Question 1** using the same apparatus and reagents as the candidates. Results should be recorded in the space on page 8 (**not** on a spare question paper). Attach extra sheets if necessary.

The Invigilator should **not** carry out **Question 1**.

- 4 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.

**Declaration** (to be signed by the Supervisor)

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

Signed .....

Name (IN BLOCK CAPITALS) .....

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Centre name .....

If scripts are required to be dispatched in more than one packet, it is essential that a copy of the Supervisor's Report and the appropriate seating plan(s) are inside **each packet**.