

MARK SCHEME for the May/June 2008 question paper

0653 COMBINED SCIENCE

0653/05

Paper 5 (Practical Test), maximum raw mark 30

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- 1 (a) (i) good quality drawing, sharp pencil, clear outline; (1)
leaves obviously wilted, or 1 or more leaves partially shaded (1)
- (ii) lack of water;
water lost from leaves by evaporation/transpiration;
OR water not replaced through stem; [2]
- (iii) **stem of twig** clearly shaded in; [1]
- (iv) wood/lignin (provides support);
provides support even when water is scarce; [2]
- (b) good quality drawing, sharp pencil, clear outline;
xylem clearly labelled in at least one place; [2]
- (c) wind speed humidity/light intensity/availability of water [1]

[Total: 10]

- 2 (a) Table
value for h_0 must be in mm;
complete set (first three columns) of readings (good range) must be sensible;
mass correctly converted to newtons;
extension correct for each reading; [4]
- (b) scale is sensible;
plotting correct;
line is OK must pass through zero; [3]
- (c) correct from graph; [1]
- (d) yes, (1) straight line force is proportional to extension [2]

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- 3 (a) (i) & (ii) **A** and **C** no reaction; allow slight bubbling with **A**
B fizzes;
- (b) **A** and **B** no reaction;
C milky; [2]
- (c) (i) fizzing; [1]
(ii) white ppt.; [1]
- (d) **A** is sodium carbonate
B is sulphuric acid
C is limewater [1]
Each correct reason [3]

[Total: 10]