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5090 BIOLOGY

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

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Mark schemes will use these abbreviations:

• ; separates marking points

I alternatives

o () 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)

• **Ig** 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

underline actual word underlined must be used by candidate (grammatical variants excepted)

max indicates the maximum number of marks that can be given
 + statements on both sides of the + are needed for that mark

Que	estion	Expected Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
1	(a) (i)	<pre>in water – less curved/straighter/curve 'opens'/AW;</pre>		[3]
		<pre>in sugar solution - more curved/curve closes up/AW;</pre>	A rolled/folded	
		idea curved in opposite directions w.r.t. epidermis;	e.g. epidermis on outside in sugar solution, inside in distilled water	
	(ii)	reference to movement of water;		[5]
		out of (onion) piece in sugar solution + into piece in water;	A exosmosis and endosmosis	
		osmosis; water potential/concentration greater in onion than sugar solution + water potential/concentration lower in onion than distilled water/AW	A hypotonic/hypertonic	
		semi or partially permeable membrane; piece in water more turgid + piece in sugar solution less turgid/more flaccid; outer layers waterproof/less change/unchanged;	A def. of turgid/flaccid A plasmolysed with reference to cells only	

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(b) (i)	<pre>factor - same source/type of onion tissue; expl - no variation in cells/comparing similar cells/same water potential of cells; factor - same size/thickness of onion tissue; expl - same distances for water movement;</pre>	factor and explanation must be linked for two marks	[2]
	factor – same length of time in solution; expl – same opportunity for movement of water to occur;		
(ii)	volume of solutions/volume of water added to sugar;	Ig amount unless qualified (e.g. 100 ml)	[2]
	temperature ; length of time immersed ;	these factors should be different from the one in (b)(i) if mark awarded	
	tissue from the same source ;		
	size/thickness of onion tissue;		
	same type of sugar in each solution ;		
(iii)	measure the distance between the two ends (using a ruler)/measure length;		[1]
	measure changes in mass ;		
(c)	water entering = water leaving/no net movement of water;	R no osmosis, no difference	[2]
	equilibrium is reached;		
	concentration of external solution balances that of the internal solution/reference to isotonic/reference to water potential same inside and out;		
		Total	[15]

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2 (a) (i)	drawing clear continuous lines + no shading ;		[4]
	size (should be the same size as the specimen);	A 75–85 mm for width	
	central part clear and in proportion to whole and showing some seeds ;		
	label seed + remains of sepals ;		
(ii)	line drawn + measurement + units;	A measurements in cm	[1]
(iii)	line drawn on Fig. 2.2 in a similar position to X – X + measurement + units;		[4]
	Fig. 2.1 measurement ;		
	allowance for \times 3 in Fig. 2.2;		
	answer;		
(b)	crush/cut up apple/extract juice/AW;		[4]
	add Benedict's solution;	R if non-reducing sugar test carried out	
	heat (in a water bath);	carried out	
	colour change from blue to green/orange/red/red-brown indicates reducing sugar;	initial + final colours needed	
(c) (i)	unwrapped – (0) 20, 45, 65, 80 ;;	4 correct – 2 marks, 1 error – 1 mark	[2]
(ii)	storage time on x axis + loss in mass on y, both axes fully labelled with units;	minimum acceptable labels: storage or t/days	[5]
	scales linear using at least half of grid;	loss in mass/g	
	correct plots ;	tolerance of $\frac{1}{2}$ square	
	2 lines drawn – either by straight lines between points or lines of best fit;	R fuzzy/thick lines	
	lines identified ;	lines may be labelled or a key given	
(iii)	reading at day 8 for unwrapped apples;	read values from candidate's	[3]
	reading at day 8 for wrapped apples;	graph	
	subtraction + answer + units;		

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(iv)	respiration/stored sugars (food) used;		[2]
	evaporation/water loss;	A dehydration	
	decomposition/ AW ;	A decay/microbial action/ rotting	
		Total	[25]