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**BIOLOGY** **9700/33**

Paper 3 Paper 33 (Advanced Practical Skills 1) **May/June 2020**

MARK SCHEME

Maximum Mark: 40

**Published**

Students did not sit exam papers in the June 2020 series due to the Covid-19 global pandemic.

This mark scheme is published to support teachers and students and should be read together with the question paper. It shows the requirements of the exam. The answer column of the mark scheme shows the proposed basis on which Examiners would award marks for this exam. Where appropriate, this column also provides the most likely acceptable alternative responses expected from students. Examiners usually review the mark scheme after they have seen student responses and update the mark scheme if appropriate. In the June series, Examiners were unable to consider the acceptability of alternative responses, as there were no student responses to consider.

Mark schemes should usually be read together with the Principal Examiner Report for Teachers. However, because students did not sit exam papers, there is no Principal Examiner Report for Teachers for the June 2020 series.

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## Generic Marking Principles

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptors for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always **whole marks** (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

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| GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:<br><br>Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen). |
| GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:<br><br>Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind. |

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**Science-Specific Marking Principles**

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| 1 | Examiners should consider the context and scientific use of any keywords when awarding marks. Although keywords may be present, marks should not be awarded if the keywords are used incorrectly. |
| 2 | The examiner should not choose between contradictory statements given in the same question part, and credit should not be awarded for any correct statement that is contradicted within the same question part. Wrong science that is irrelevant to the question should be ignored. |
| 3 | Although spellings do not have to be correct, spellings of syllabus terms must allow for clear and unambiguous separation from other syllabus terms with which they may be confused (e.g. ethane / ethene, glucagon / glycogen, refraction / reflection). |
| 4 | The error carried forward (ecf) principle should be applied, where appropriate. If an incorrect answer is subsequently used in a scientifically correct way, the candidate should be awarded these subsequent marking points. Further guidance will be included in the mark scheme where necessary and any exceptions to this general principle will be noted. |
| 5 | 'List rule' guidance<br><br>For questions that require ***n*** responses (e.g. State **two** reasons …):<br><br>• The response should be read as continuous prose, even when numbered answer spaces are provided<br>• Any response marked *ignore* in the mark scheme should not count towards ***n***<br>• Incorrect responses should not be awarded credit but will still count towards ***n***<br>• Read the entire response to check for any responses that contradict those that would otherwise be credited. Credit should **not** be awarded for any responses that are contradicted within the rest of the response. Where two responses contradict one another, this should be treated as a single incorrect response<br>• Non-contradictory responses after the first ***n*** responses may be ignored even if they include incorrect science. |

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6 Calculation specific guidance

Correct answers to calculations should be given full credit even if there is no working or incorrect working, **unless** the question states 'show your working'.

For questions in which the number of significant figures required is not stated, credit should be awarded for correct answers when rounded by the examiner to the number of significant figures given in the mark scheme. This may not apply to measured values.

For answers given in standard form, (e.g. $a \times 10^n$) in which the convention of restricting the value of the coefficient ($a$) to a value between 1 and 10 is not followed, credit may still be awarded if the answer can be converted to the answer given in the mark scheme.

Unless a separate mark is given for a unit, a missing or incorrect unit will normally mean that the final calculation mark is not awarded. Exceptions to this general principle will be noted in the mark scheme.

7 Guidance for chemical equations

Multiples / fractions of coefficients used in chemical equations are acceptable unless stated otherwise in the mark scheme.

State symbols given in an equation should be ignored unless asked for in the question or stated otherwise in the mark scheme.

**Mark scheme abbreviations:**

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| **;** | separates marking points |
| / | alternative answers for the same marking point |
| **R** | reject |
| **A** | accept |
| **I** | ignore |
| AVP | any valid point |
| AW | alternative wording (where responses vary more than usual) |
| ecf | error carried forward |
| underline | actual word underlined must be used by candidate (grammatical variants accepted) |
| max | indicates the maximum number of marks that can be given |
| ora | or reverse argument |

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| Question | Answer | Marks |
|---|---|---|
| 1(a)(i) | at least three concentrations (between 20% and 12%) ;<br>correct volumes of **G** and **W** to make total volumes of 10 $cm^3$ for each concentration ; | **2** |
| 1(a)(ii) | 1 *heading for independent variable:*<br>percentage concentration of glucose and to left of dependent variable ;<br>2 *heading for dependent variable:*<br>time and units ;<br>3 records results for at least four concentrations ;<br>4 *expected trend:*<br>highest percentage concentration of glucose has the shortest time to end-point ;<br>5 records time as whole seconds ; | **5** |
| 1(a)(iii) | time for **U** is closest to the result for 20% glucose ; | **1** |
| 1(a)(iv) | correct estimate for **U** according to results ; | **1** |
| 1(a)(v) | 1 use a narrower range of concentrations centred around the estimate of **U** ;<br>2 use at least five more concentrations ;<br>3 plot a graph for the standards and read off the result for **U** ;<br>4 repeat measurements for all standard concentrations and for **U** and calculate means ;<br>5 method to measure time to end-point more accurately ;<br>e.g. use of colorimeter described<br>record video of reaction including timer<br>use several independent observers<br>6 run experiments one at a time / stagger the start times ; | **3** |
| 1(a)(vi) | 1 *idea that* starting reactions with all concentrations at the same time makes it difficult to accurately record all end-points at the moment each is reached ;<br>2 difficult to judge the end-point ; | **2** |
| 1(a)(vii) | *any one from:*<br>1 time each concentration separately ;<br>2 use a colorimeter qualified ;<br>3 AVP ; e.g. record video of reaction including timer<br>use several independent observers | **1** |

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| 1(b) | 1 *x*-axis: time / hours<br>and<br>*y*-axis: glucose concentration / mmol $dm^{-3}$ ;<br>2 scale on *x*-axis: 0.5 to 2 cm, labelled at least every 2 cm<br>and<br>*y*-axis: 2 to 2 cm, labelled at least every 2 cm<br>*or*<br>1 to 2 cm starting at 5.0, labelled at least every 2 cm ;<br>3 correct plotting of all points using small crosses or dots in circles ;<br>4 points joined with thin line passing through all points as either a smooth curve or straight lines joining each point to the next ; | 4 |
| 2(a)(i) | **TS Iris root**<br>1 suitable size and no shading and draws at least five layers of tissue ;<br>2 draws whole root section and no cells ;<br>3 draws correct shape (not round) ;<br>4 shows correct distribution of tissues (air spaces, vascular tissue) ;<br>5 label line and label to endodermis ; | 5 |
| 2(a)(ii) | 1 suitable size and draws lines that are continuous, thin and sharp ;<br>2 draws one large xylem vessel and three small xylem vessels and each smaller cell touches the large xylem vessel and at least one other smaller cell ;<br>3 draws two lines around each cell and three lines where cells touch ;<br>4 draws cells with irregular (angular) shapes ;<br>5 label line and label to cell wall ; | 5 |

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<tr><td>2(b)</td><td>1 record only differences (shape, position, fine detail) not similarities ;<br><br>2, 3 and 4<br>any three from:<br><br>
<table>
<tr><th>feature</th><th>K1</th><th>Fig 2.1</th><th></th></tr>
<tr><td>large xylem vessels</td><td>few(er)</td><td>many / more</td><td>;</td></tr>
<tr><td>vascular bundles</td><td>small(er)</td><td>large(r)</td><td>;</td></tr>
<tr><td>(relative) number of air spaces</td><td>many / more</td><td>few(er)</td><td>;</td></tr>
<tr><td>(relative) size of air spaces</td><td>large(r)</td><td>small(er)</td><td>;</td></tr>
<tr><td>shape of air spaces</td><td>long(er) and thin(ner)</td><td>small(er) and round(er)</td><td>;</td></tr>
</table></td><td>4</td></tr>
<tr><td>2(c)(i)</td><td>correct measurements for cell Q (line q) and cell T (line t) ;<br>A suitable range of measurements based on printed diagram<br>same units for diameters of Q and T ;</td><td>2</td></tr>
<tr><td>2(c)(ii)</td><td>1 shows measurement of t divided by measurement of q and ×100 / shows measurement of q divided by measurement of t and ×100 ;<br>2 shows 100 – answer to mp1 ;<br>3 shows correct answer ;<br><br>or<br>1 shows measurement of t minus measurement of q and ×100 / shows measurement of q minus measurement of t ;<br>2 shows difference in measurements (mp1) divided by measurement of q and ×100 / shows difference in measurements (mp1) divided by measurement of t and ×100 ;<br>3 shows correct answer ;</td><td>3</td></tr>
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| 2(c)(iii) | *any two from:*<br>*idea of:*<br>1 more adhesion (H bonds) between water molecules and, lignin / cellulose / cell walls, in narrower xylem vessels **; ora**<br>2 (so) more resistance to flow (in narrower xylem vessels) **; ora**<br>3 (so) supports greater height of water column (in narrower xylem vessels) **; ora**<br>4 cohesion (H bonds) between water molecules harder to break (in narrower xylem vessels) **; ora** | **2** |

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