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Question	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
1 (a) (i) Prepare the space below and record your results.			[6]
PDO recording 2	1. table with all cells drawn	AND heading (top or left) surface area/cm ² or length/mm;	[1]
	2. Reject <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • if units in body of table • t or T • additional columns details of method 		
	(heading) time with units;		[1]
MMO collection 2	3. collects data as times for all four pieces of potato;		[1]
	4. (A) recorded time different from other pieces;		[1]
MMO decisions 2	5. Reject units must be clear so 1.2 or 1:2 must have min and s or secs		
	records all times correctly as whole seconds or minutes with seconds; UNITS must be clear somewhere		[1]
	6. replicate recorded;		[1]

(ii) Identify <i>two</i> significant sources of error in your investigation.				[2]
ACE interpretation MAX 2		Reject temperature		
		Cause of error	Error	
	1.	(dependent) timing /dropping/distance long pieces of potato	not accurate/delayed/different;	
	2.	ora shorter pieces	different height to top there is shorter distance to surface longer distance to surface;	
	3.	(pieces of) potato	stick to sides/bottom of tube don't sink to bottom;	[max 1]
	4.	(standardised variables) potato or position in potato or age or storage	not same different/variety old;	
	5.	water left on potato	not same/different;	
	6.	(test)-tubes	not same size/height;	
7.	hydrogen peroxide	concentration changes/decreases evaporates/degenerates/breaksdown;	[max 1]	
8.	(independent variable) lengths/size/surface areas/volumes	not same different vary;	[max 1]	max 2 overall

(iii) Suggest how you would make <i>three</i> improvements to this investigation.				[3]																																														
ACE improvements Max 3	1.	same potato or position in same age or storage or fresh use micrometer/cork borer/vernier callipers;	[1]	max 3																																														
	2.	use same volume/mass/volume ratio more surface areas/sizes;	[1]																																															
	3.	use a wider container or smaller potato use deeper container use tubes of same size clamp tubes in vertical position;	[1]																																															
	4.	method to dry the potato lid to cover hydrogen peroxide;	[1]																																															
	5.	(collect oxygen) use a gas syringe or water displacement/oxygen sensor;	[1]																																															
	6.	replicate/repeat;	[1]																																															
(b) (i) Three of the values in table 1.1 are anomalous. Draw a circle around each of these values.				[1]																																														
MMO decision 1	all three figures circled;																																																	
	<table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">pH</th> <th colspan="5">time to displace 10cm³ of water/s</th> <th rowspan="2">mean</th> </tr> <tr> <th>trial 1</th> <th>trial 2</th> <th>trial 3</th> <th>trial 4</th> <th>trial 5</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>17</td> <td>14</td> <td>16</td> <td>14</td> <td>15</td> <td>15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6</td> <td>8</td> <td>5</td> <td>15</td> <td>6</td> <td>5</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7</td> <td>2</td> <td>10</td> <td>3</td> <td>3</td> <td>4</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8</td> <td>8</td> <td>6</td> <td>6</td> <td>17</td> <td>7</td> <td>7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9</td> <td>20</td> <td>16</td> <td>17</td> <td>16</td> <td>16</td> <td>17</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		pH	time to displace 10cm ³ of water/s					mean	trial 1	trial 2	trial 3	trial 4	trial 5	5	17	14	16	14	15	15	6	8	5	15	6	5	6	7	2	10	3	3	4	3	8	8	6	6	17	7	7	9	20	16	17	16	16	17	[1]
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(ii) Complete table 1.1. by calculating the missing value.					[1]
ACE interpretation 1	7; Allow 9.			[1]	
(iii) Plot a graph of the data shown in Table 1.1.					[4]
PDO layout 4	O	x-axis pH	Reject t	[1]	Must have units
			AND y-axis time/s or seconds;		
	S	Reject awkward scale		[1]	Must use more than half grid in x and y.
		scale as each pH to 2 cm	AND 5 seconds to 2 cm;		
	P	Reject plotting if scale is awkward if only dots/blobs or blobs in circles Allow cross in circle	intersection of cross must be clear to show plot. NO cross must touch the line for the next square.	[1]	
		correct plotting using crosses/dots in circle only;			
L	straight line through points; error carried forward if scale or plotting incorrect	quality – no thicker than on grid, not feathery for the complete line. joining plots – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>ruled lines plot to plot</u> • <u>curve through all plots</u> extrapolation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>not beyond x- or y-axis</u> 	[1]	Reject if any extrapolation	

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(iv) Explain the relationship between pH and the enzyme catalase shown in the data.				[3]
ACE conclusion 3	(in correct context of pH and activity (below 7/acid or above 7/alkali) effect on) structure of protein/enzyme/active site or bonds	changed/altered/destroyed/no longer complementary broken;	[1]	
	(below 7 or above 7) do not accept collision(s)/react fewer ECSs (enzyme substrate complexes) or less/no substrate can bind/combine/attach fit into enzyme/active site;		[1]	
	(below 7/above 7) (enzymes) denatured;		[1]	
			[Total: 20]	

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2 Make a large, high-power drawing to show the details of five of the structures specialised for gas exchange (alveoli). The walls of one alveolus must be touching the walls of at least two other alveoli. Label where gas exchange takes place. [5]

PDO layout 1	1.	Reject if drawn over the print of question			
		Reject <ul style="list-style-type: none"> thick lines feathery lines 2 'tails' or overlaps or gaps 	AND no shading	AND use most of the space provided;	[1]
		clear, sharp, unbroken continuous lines			
MMO collection 2	2.	five structures drawn	AND at least 3 structures touching;	[1]	
	3.	at least three alveoli different shapes/sizes	AND thickness of one wall irregular;	[1]	
MMO decisions 2	4.	(walls with) at least 2 cells drawn	AND at least one nucleus drawn;	[1]	
	5.	Reject <ul style="list-style-type: none"> if any label is biologically incorrect e.g. cell wall. label within drawn area into centre of alveolus correct label with label line to wall of alveolus;		[1]	

(b) (i) Draw a large plan diagram of the bronchiole shown in Fig. 2.1. Label the lumen. [5]					
PDO layout 1	1.	Reject if drawn over the print of question			[1]
		Reject <ul style="list-style-type: none"> thick lines – than grid feathery lines 3 'tails' or overlaps or gaps 		AND no shading	
		clear, sharp, unbroken lines	AND use most of space provided;		
MMO collection 2	2.	no cells drawn	AND width of base of fold greater than width of tip of fold;		[1]
	3.	13 to 15 folds in lumen;			[1]
MMO decisions 2	4.	shows indentation;			[1]
	5.	Reject <ul style="list-style-type: none"> if any label is biologically incorrect e.g. cell wall. label within drawn area correct label with label line to lumen;			[1]

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(ii) Calculate the ratio of the mean thickness of the outer layer of the bronchiole compared to the mean thickness of the wall of the blood vessel shown in Fig. 2.1. [4]				
MMO collection 2	Reject If lines not shown on both bronchiole and blood vessel		[1]	
	shows one measurement on each of bronchiole and blood vessel;			
	Reject If no units If not both same units If metres or converted to metres or micrometres or standard form		[1]	
	(one bronchiole measured) to nearest 0.5 mm	AND mm;		
MMO decisions 2	shows mean adds measurements	AND shows division by number of measurements;	[1]	Either must be to lowest common denominator
	Reject • If given as decimal :1 • If smaller to larger number • If include units answer is larger whole number to smaller whole number or leaves as fraction;		[1]	

(iii) Prepare the space below so that it is suitable for you to compare the observable features of the bronchiole and blood vessel in the photomicrograph Fig. 2.1. [6]						
PDO recording 2	organise as a table/ Venn diagram/ ruled boxes	AND headed <u>bronchiole</u> and <u>blood vessel</u>	AND differences opposite each other;	[1]	<u>bronchiole</u> <u>blood vessel</u>	
	heading for similarities/similarity/compare (with contrast)/same;			[1]		
MMO decision 1	attempted one similarity ;			[1]		
ACE interpretation 3	Do not accept			[max 3]	If no organisation if in same sentence or following sentences.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tick and cross without a key • diagrams • 3-D description • incorrect biological terms e.g. endodermis 					
			bronchiole			blood vessel
		similarity				
	S max 1	lumen	smooth muscle			epithelium
		feature				
	D1	lumen shape	irregular/lobed/folded			smooth/oval/not folded;
	D2	lumen size	small(er)			larg(er);
	D3	folds	many/present			none/absent;
	D4	no. of layers	more/2			less/1;
D5	outer/muscle layer/wall	thick(er)/wid(er)	thinn(er)/narrow(er);			
D6	overall shape	circular/round	oval/squashed circle;			
				[Total: 20]		