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for the guidance of teachers**

**9700 BIOLOGY**

**9700/35**

Paper 31 (Advanced Practical Skills 1),  
maximum raw mark 40

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Question	Expected Answers	Additional guidance
1 (a) (i)	Decide which other concentrations of ascorbic acid to make and complete Table 1.2, including the concentrations from Table 1.1.	[3]
MMO decisions 3	[1] 0.1% and 0.08% <b>AND</b> any two other concentrations	<b>AND</b> <u>all</u> in ascending or descending order;
	[1] for two other concentrations correct volumes to make 20 cm <sup>3</sup>	<b>AND</b> correct %;
	[1] any three consecutive concentrations with two even intervals the same e.g. 0.08, 0.06, 0.04 or serial dilution by half;	
(ii) Prepare the space below to show the concentration of ascorbic acid and record your results including samples X and Y.		[6]
PDO recording 3	<b>Reject</b> • if units for % in the body of table	
	[1] table with all cells drawn	<b>AND</b> heading (top or left) percentage conc(entration);
	<b>Reject</b> • if units for volume /drops in body of table • if any additional headings for method e.g. volume of ascorbic acid	
	[1] (heading) volume/vol cm <sup>3</sup> ;	
[1]	volumes recorded to 2 decimal places;	
MMO collection 3	[1] volume or drops decrease from highest concentration to next highest;	
	[1] <b>Reject</b> if records less than 3 concentrations result for Y (water/0%) records <u>lowest</u> volume;	
	[1] replicate recorded;	

<b>(iii) Plot a graph of the results.</b>				<b>[4]</b>
PDO layout 4	O [1]	x-axis percentage conc(entration)	<b>Reject v</b> <b>AND</b> y-axis vol(ume) cm <sup>3</sup> ;	Must have units
	S [1]	<b>Reject</b> if awkward scale scale as 0.02% to 2 cm	<b>AND</b> sensible volume to 2 cm and uses more than half grid;	
	P [1]	<b>Reject</b> plotting if scale awkward if only blobs/dots/blobs in circles if extra plot for <b>X</b> value  correct plotting using crosses/dots in circle only;	intersection of cross must be clear to show plot.	
	L [1]	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"> <li>• <u>ruled lines plot to plot</u></li> <li>• <u>line of best fit two plots plus even plots (+1) either side</u> <u>or even plots either side</u></li> <li>• <u>curve through all plots</u></li> </ul>	
<b>(iv) Use your graph to estimate the ascorbic acid concentration of sample X. Show clearly on your graph how you obtained the ascorbic acid concentration.</b>				<b>[3]</b>
MMO collection 1	[1]	shows clearly on graph result for <b>X</b> e.g. as single line from volume for <b>X</b> or as extra plot;		
ACE interpretation 2	[1]	correct reading of ascorbic acid concentration	<b>AND</b> answer to no more than 4 decimal places or three significant figures if 4 decimal places last figure must be 5 (or 0);	
	[1]	%;		

(v) Identify <i>two</i> significant sources of error when finding the concentration of ascorbic acid in sample X. [2]				
ACE interpretation max 2		cause of error	error	
	[1]	(dependent variables) drops stick to sides too many drops	idea of volume/number of drops/not counted/not included/too high/not accurate too many at once/end-point missed	
	[1]	volume for <b>Y</b> colour change or same colour	too small judging determining seeing when;;	
	[1]	(standardised variables) drop size/different pressure on syringe/syringe sticking/	not same/vary/different;	
	[1]	mixing		
	[1]	iodine evaporating/exposed to light		
	[1]	(independent variable) (ascorbic acid) evaporates or mixes with air	changes concentration/reacts;	
	[1]	concentrations	more/wider/narrower/different needed;	

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<b>(vi) Suggest how you would make <i>three</i> improvements to this investigation.</b>			<b>[3]</b>
ACE improvements max 3	[1]	more/wider/narrower/different/examples range of concentrations (ascorbic acid) use graduated pipette or smaller/more divisions/calibration syringe/burette;	max 3
	[1]	device/described for making drops/burette/titrate;	
	[1]	(to identify the end-point) use colorimeter or have a standard colour to compare to or use white tile/paper;	
	[1]	put drops in nearer to mixture or use a smaller test-tube/container or use a wider/larger test-tube/beaker/AW;	
	[1]	replicate/repeat/take more readings (each concentration);	
<b>[Total: 21]</b>			

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2 (a) (i)	Draw a large plan diagram of the sector shown in Fig. 2.1 to include the outline of two vascular bundles. No details of the internal tissues of the vascular bundles are required.	[5]	
PDO layout 1	Reject <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>if drawn over the print of question</li> </ul>		
	Reject <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>thick lines</li> <li>feathery lines</li> <li>3 'tails' or overlaps or gaps</li> </ul>		<b>AND</b> no shading
	[1] clear, sharp, unbroken lines		
MMO collection 2	[1] no cells drawn	<b>AND</b> only two vascular bundles drawn in outline only;	
	[1] rounded/pointed end;		
MMO decisions 2	[1] longest vascular bundle is less than half width at widest point of section;		
	Reject <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>if any label is biologically incorrect e.g. cell wall or regions belonging to other organs or animals.</li> <li>additional label(s) within drawn area</li> </ul>		
	[1] correct label C (can be within drawn area) to tissue below upper or lower epidermis;		

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<b>(ii) Using high-power, draw a large plan diagram to show one large vascular bundle in detail. Label the phloem. [5]</b>				
PDO layout 1	[1] <b>Reject</b> • if drawn over the print of question			
	<b>Reject</b> • thick lines • feathery lines • 4 'tails' or overlaps or gaps		<b>AND</b> no shading	<b>AND</b> uses most of space provided;
	clear, sharp, unbroken lines			
PDO recording 1	[1] (details of) two regions separated from each other and from each cap;			
MMO collection 1	[1] no cells	two caps withdrawn;		
MMO decisions 2	[1] proportion of longest length of one cap is equal to or more than half the longest length between the caps;			
	[1] <b>Reject</b> • if any label is biologically incorrect e.g. regions belonging to other organs or animals. • label within drawn area			
	correct label with label line to phloem;			

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<b>(b) Calculate the ratio of the thickness of the layer labelled B compared to the total thickness of the layer labelled A as shown in Fig. 2.2. [3]</b>		
MMO collection 1	<b>Reject</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>if no units</li> <li>metres.</li> </ul>	
	[1] two measurements of A one between 17 to 19 mm <u>and</u> one between 12 to 14 mm or one combined measurement between 28 and 33 mm	
PDO display 2	[1] shows larger figure to smaller figure;	<b>Reject</b> if converts to other units (than mm or cm) or standard form
	[1] (needs working) answer rounded to correct ratio e.g. 39 : 29;	<b>Reject</b> if put units



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(c) Prepare the space below so that it is suitable for you to record the observable differences between the specimens on slide L1 and in Fig. 2.2.		[3]																														
MMO decision 1	[1] only observable differences;																															
ACE interpretation max 2	<p><b>Ignore</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• tick and cross without a key</li> <li>• ref.to non-observable features</li> <li>• 3 D shapes</li> </ul> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>feature</th> <th>L1</th> <th>Fig. 2.2</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>vascular bundles number arrangement relative sizes</td> <td>lots/more chain different sizes or large and small</td> <td>few/one/two centre same sizes;</td> </tr> <tr> <td>caps shape</td> <td>semicircles /AW</td> <td>not semicircles or one end only;</td> </tr> <tr> <td>cap</td> <td>yes/present</td> <td>no/none/absent;</td> </tr> <tr> <td>stomata numbers</td> <td>none/not visible or few(er)</td> <td>yes/more;</td> </tr> <tr> <td>position</td> <td>top/bottom/one side</td> <td>all round/sides;</td> </tr> <tr> <td>sunken</td> <td>no/none/absent</td> <td>yes/present;</td> </tr> <tr> <td>leaf shape</td> <td>tapered/pointed/elongated</td> <td>semicircle/rounded;</td> </tr> <tr> <td>surface <b>Reject</b> regular</td> <td>irregular/rough</td> <td>smooth;</td> </tr> <tr> <td>extra ring/inner layer/allow endodermis</td> <td>no/none/absent</td> <td>yes/present;</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	feature	L1	Fig. 2.2	vascular bundles number arrangement relative sizes	lots/more chain different sizes or large and small	few/one/two centre same sizes;	caps shape	semicircles /AW	not semicircles or one end only;	cap	yes/present	no/none/absent;	stomata numbers	none/not visible or few(er)	yes/more;	position	top/bottom/one side	all round/sides;	sunken	no/none/absent	yes/present;	leaf shape	tapered/pointed/elongated	semicircle/rounded;	surface <b>Reject</b> regular	irregular/rough	smooth;	extra ring/inner layer/allow endodermis	no/none/absent	yes/present;	max 2
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<b>(d) Describe how the observable features of Fig.2.2 support the conclusion that this is a leaf from a plant growing in a dry habitat. [3]</b>		
ACE conclusion MAX 3	[1] sunken stomata or rolled/rounded	to reduce the <u>diffusion</u> of water/decreases diffusion gradient;
	[1] thick cuticle or thickened epidermis	to prevent or reduce <u>evaporation</u> of water;
	[1] no spongy mesophyll layer or no air spaces	to prevent <u>evaporation</u> from cell walls;
	[1] rounder shape or rolled or fewer stomata smaller surface area to volume ratio	to increase humidity/decreases diffusion gradient;
[1]	(in context of any of above) reduces <u>transpiration</u> (rate);	max 3
<b>[Total: 19]</b>		