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### **9700 BIOLOGY**

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Paper 3 (Advanced Practical Skills 1),  
maximum raw mark 40

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Mark scheme abbreviations:

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| <b>;</b>                | separates marking points  |
| <b>/</b>                | alternative answers for the same point                                      |
| <b>R</b>                | reject  |
| <b>A</b>                | accept (for answers correctly cued by the question, or by extra guidance)   |
| <b>AW</b>               | alternative wording (where responses vary more than usual)                  |
| <b><u>underline</u></b> | actual word given must be used by candidate (grammatical variants excepted) |
| <b>max</b>              | indicates the maximum number of marks that can be given                     |
| <b>ora</b>              | or reverse argument   |
| <b>mp</b>               | marking point (with relevant number)  |
| <b>ecf</b>              | error carried forward   |
| <b>I</b>                | ignore  |
| <b>ACE</b>              | Analysis, Conclusions and Evaluation (skills)                               |
| <b>MMO</b>              | Manipulations, Measurement and Observation (skills)                         |
| <b>PDO</b>              | Presentation of Data and Observations (skills)                              |

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| 1 (a) (i)        |     | [1]  |
| MMO decision 1   |     | volume 20 up to and including 30 (cm <sup>3</sup> );   |
| (ii)             |     | [3]  |
| MMO decision 3   | mp1 | (labels under correct sequence of beakers) (0).5 <b>AND</b> (0).25 <b>AND</b> (0).125 <b>AND</b> (0).0625;   |
|                  |     | Do not give mark if incorrect units e.g. mol dm <sup>-3</sup>  |
|                  | mp2 | (solution G) cm <sup>3</sup> or ml(s) shown at least once <b>AND</b> shows transfer of 10 (cm <sup>3</sup> ) of <u>0.5</u> (%) to next dilution or shown by arrow with 10 (cm <sup>3</sup> ) <b>AND</b> 10 (cm <sup>3</sup> ) transferred from third beaker to fourth beaker and from fourth beaker to fifth beaker; |
|                  |     | Do not give mark if incorrect concentrations<br>contradiction on units e.g. cm and cm <sup>2</sup>   |
|                  | mp3 | cm <sup>3</sup> or ml(s) shown at least once <b>AND</b> adds <u>10</u> (cm <sup>3</sup> ) of (distilled) water/ <b>W</b> to each of four beakers <b>AND</b> must add previous concentration to fourth and fifth beakers;   |
|                  |     | Do not give mark if contradiction on units e.g. cm and cm <sup>2</sup>   |
| (iii)            |     | [4]  |
| PDO recording 2  | mp1 | table with all cells drawn <b>AND</b> heading ( <u>percent</u> (age) <u>conc</u> (entration) (of) <u>glucose</u> or <u>G</u> or [ <b>G</b> ] or [glucose];   |
|                  |     | Do not give mark if % in cells of headed column<br>other units e.g. mol dm <sup>-3</sup><br>more than one row in one cell  |
|                  | mp2 | (heading for any column/row including mean) <b>only</b> <u>time</u> (with) <u>s</u> or <u>sec</u> (onds);  |
|                  |     | Do not give mark if units in cells of this column/row<br>headings for volumes or method information or in cells e.g. volumes and concentrations in same cells  |
| MMO collection 2 | mp3 | (mark first column/row or recorded results)<br>records at least four results as <u>whole numbers only</u> that is any whole number between 3 and 120 or records > or more than 120;  |
|                  |     | Do not give mark if '< or less than 120'<br>e.g. 0:45 or 50:45   |
|                  | mp4 | (mark <b>first</b> column/row of recorded time for recording correct pattern) records <u>1%</u> is the shorter/lower value than lowest concentration; (if numbered test tubes/ solutions only check all for concentration)   |
|                  |     | Must have units for time recorded somewhere e.g. seconds with tenths or min:sec<br>minimum two recorded time including 'more than 120'   |

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| <b>(iv)</b>         |  | [2]  |
| MMO collection<br>1 | mp1  | shows 0.25% in the centre of the scale line <b>AND</b> 0.125% half way between 0.25% and 0.0625%;  |
|                     | ACE interpretation<br>1  | mp2  |
|                     |  | Must have at least one concentration label either side of <b>S</b>   |
|                     |  | Do not give mark if shows values in the wrong order from their results<br>no value for <b>S</b> in results   |
| <b>(v)</b>          |  | [3]  |
| /                   | mp 1   | (independent variable) Idea of more/ wider/higher/lower concentrations of <b>G</b> ;   |
|                     | mp 2   | (dependent variable) replicate or repeat experiment;   |
|                     |  | Ignore mean  |
|                     | mp 3   | (dependent variable) use a white tile or glucose dipstick or measure mass of precipitate;  |
|                     | mp 4   | (standardised variables) thermostatically (-controlled) water bath for Benedicts test;   |
|                     |  | Do not give mark if temperature controlled room/ air conditioning  |
| mp 5                | (standardised variable) leave the visking tubing in the water for a longer time; |  |
| <b>(b) (i)</b>      |  | [4]  |
| PDO layout 4        | O  | x-axis concentration of glucose solution (inside the visking tubing) or [glucose] / arbitrary units or au <b>AND</b> y-axis <u>absorbance of light</u> (by the coloured solution) ( <u>l</u> ) <u>arbitrary units</u> or <u>au</u> ;   |
|                     | S  | scale as x-axis 5 to 2 cm labelled each 2 cm except origin and 30 minutes <b>AND</b> y-axis 0.5(00) to 2 cm labelled each 2 cm except origin and 1.900;  |
|                     | P  | correct plotting of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>five</u> points</li> <li>• as small cross (use square on grid) <b>or</b> dot (in circle use grid) <b>or</b> cross in circle to <u>within</u> half a square;</li> </ul> |
|                     | L  | five plots with ruled lines exactly point to point or curve through set of 5 points <b>AND</b> (quality) smooth line less than 1 mm thick use grid;  |

**Additional guidance**

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|                      | O  |   |
|                      | S  | <b>Must have</b> label of value of origin if zero not at origin   |
|                      |  | <b>ecf</b> if no labels for O but figures show orientation is correct then must have required scale<br><b>ecf</b> if reverse O scale <u>x-axis 0.5 to 2 cm and y-axis 10 to 2 cm.</u>   |
|                      | P  | Do not give mark if <b>ANY</b> blobs or dots alone  |
| L                    | Can have ecf from incorrect P extrapolation to zero<br><br>Do not give mark if any feathery line or gap in the line or dashed line<br>any irregular thickness<br>extrapolation above 30 au |   |
| <b>(ii)</b>          |  | [1]   |
| ACE conclusion 1     |  | (at 15 au) idea of faster diffusion or more diffusion or steeper diffusion gradient or (at 10 au) idea of slower diffusion or less diffusion or less steep concentration/diffusion gradient;  |
| <b>(iii)</b>         |  | [1]   |
| ACE conclusion 1     |  | (between 25 and 30 au) diffusion can't go any faster/at highest rate or there is a limiting factor or example of limiting factor e.g. volume of water, surface area of visking tubing or temperature or idea that dye now opaque or dye has deepest intensity of colour (so no further increase in light absorption); |
| <b>(iv)</b>          |  | [1]   |
| ACE interpretation 1 |  | (smallest division $0.2 \text{ cm}^3 \div 2$ ) <u>(0).1</u> ;   |
|                      |  | <b>[Total: 20]</b>  |
| <b>2 (a) (i)</b>     |  | [1]   |
| ACE conclusion 1     |  | Stele or central xylem/vascular tissue;   |

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| (ii)           |   | [4]   |
| PDO layout 1   | mp1   | <p>Do not give mark if drawn over the print of the question or any shading anywhere or any ruled or compass lines smaller than 60 mm across the widest dimension</p> <p>less than three enclosed areas</p> <p>the outer most enclosed area has: <u>any</u> line 1 mm or thicker (use grid)<br/><u>any</u> feathery or dashed or gap in line<br/><u>any</u> 'tails' or overlaps</p>                      |
|                | MMO collection 2  | <p>mp2 no cells drawn <b>AND</b> drawn whole section;</p> <p>mp3 the xylem tissue is drawn as a irregular enclosed area inside one central enclosed area;</p>   |
| MMO decision 1 | mp4   | <p>labels <u>cortex</u> with label line touching either innermost line of the epidermis or ending inside the enclosed area between epidermis and stele;</p> <p>Do not give mark if any label which is biologically incorrect e.g. from animal<br/>any label within drawn area</p>   |
|                | (iii) <b>Ignore</b> additional lines/circle round drawing of specimen |   |
|                |   | [5]   |
| PDO layout 1   | mp1   | <p>Do not give mark if drawn over the print of the question or <u>any</u> shading anywhere or <u>any</u> ruled or compass lines smaller than 40 mm across widest cell;</p> <p>less than four cell outlines</p> <p>any outermost lines have (even if more than 4): <u>any</u> line thicker 1 mm or thicker<br/><u>any</u> feathery line dashed or gap in the line<br/><u>any</u> 'tails' or overlaps</p> |
|                | MMO collection 2  | <p>mp2 <u>only four</u> complete vessel outlines drawn <b>AND</b> each vessel outline must touch at least one other vessel outline at least one point to form one group;</p> <p>Do not give mark if any ruled or compass lines</p>  |
| mp3            |   | <p>all cells drawn have cell walls drawn as double lines all the way round (inner line can touch but not cross/overlap the outer line) <b>AND</b> (between any 2 adjacent cells middle lamella drawn) 3 lines at least 4 mm across at widest point;</p> <p>Do not give mark if drawn EM organelles e.g. mitochondria<br/>7 or more cells</p>  |

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| MMO<br>decision 2       | mp4 | labels <u>lumen</u> with labelled line inside enclosed area within xylem cell;<br><br>Do not give mark if <u>any</u> label within drawn area   |
|                         | mp5 | correct annotation <u>with a label line</u> description of cell wall e.g. stained red, thick or (lumen) empty/ no cell contents/hollow/large/wide;   |
| <b>(b) (i)</b>          |     | <b>[3]</b>   |
| MMO<br>decision 1       | mp1 | (answer to step 2) <u>0.01(0)</u> (mm) OR expressed in standard form $1 \times 10^{-2}$ ;  |
| PDO<br>display 1        | mp2 | (either box in step 2) 1000 or $10^3$ <b>AND</b> answer from step 1 in other box;<br><b>ecf</b> any answer to step 1   |
| ACE<br>interpretation 1 | mp3 | <u>µm</u> <b>AND</b> answer from step 1 $\times 1000$ ;<br><b>Ignore</b> mp2   |
| <b>(b) (ii)</b>         |     | <b>[max 2]</b>   |
| MMO<br>collection 1     | mp1 | measures correctly in eyepiece graticule units <u>23, 24, 25, 26, 27</u> (epg units);<br><br>Do not give mark if $\mu\text{m}$ or mm or cm or m  |
|                         |     |  |
| PDO<br>display 1        | mp2 | (shows multiplication by answer from bi) any value multiplied by <u>answer from step 2</u> ;<br><br>Do not give mark if division shown   |
|                         |     |  |
| PDO<br>recording 2      | mp3 | organise as a table with only <b>three</b> columns or rows separated by lines (no cells needed)<br><b>Ignore</b> number column <b>AND</b> headings in any order only <u>J1</u> /slide and <u>Fig. 2.3</u> <b>AND</b> third column contains features; |
| <b>(c)</b>              |     | <b>[5]</b>   |
|                         | mp1 | features <u>J1 Fig.2.3</u> (either way round and other column to left, right or in middle)   |
|                         | mp2 | <u>only</u> differences (at least two) recorded;   |
|                         |     | Can have with no table even if incorrect   |
|                         |     | Do not give mark if any similarities<br>any functions  |

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| ACE interpretation MAX 3 |  | <b>Max 1</b>       | mp3 | <b>feature</b>                               | <b>J1</b>   | <b>Fig.2.3</b>   |
|                          |  |                    |     | shape vascular bundles or tissues e.g. xylem | cross shape or not in a ring or irregular   | ring/circular or regular;  |
|                          |  |                    |     | vascular tissue/xylem position               | in centre or inner or near endodermis/pericycle or phloem tissue surrounds xylem                    | near edge/epidermis<br>or<br>phloem tissue outside xylem;  |
|                          |  |                    |     | quantity of xylem/vascular tissue            | few(er)/less  | more;  |
|                          |  |                    |     | cambium                                      | absent  | present;   |
|                          |  | <b>Max 2</b>       | mp4 | pith or middle or centre                     | none/absent /no   | has/present;   |
|                          |  |                    | mp5 | endodermis or pericycle or stele             | yes or present or has   | no or absent or has not;   |
|                          |  |                    | mp6 | cortex                                       | large(r)/wid(er)/thick(er)<br>or<br>more air spaces (between cells)<br>or<br>cells irregular shapes | small(er)/narrow(er)/thin(ner)<br>or<br>few(er) air spaces (between cells)<br>or<br>cells regular shape/circular/oval; |
|                          |  |                    | mp7 | epidermis                                    | thick(er) or wid(er) or larg(er)<br>or irregular shaped cells                                       | thin(ner) or narrow(er)<br>or regular shaped cells;  |
|                          |  |                    | mp8 | collenchyma                                  | absent  | present;   |
|                          |  | <b>[Total: 20]</b> |     |  |   |  |