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CONFIDENTIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Great care should be taken to ensure that any confidential information given, including the identity of material on microscope slides where appropriate, does not reach the candidates either directly or indirectly.



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This document consists of **8** printed pages.



Instructions for preparing apparatus

These instructions give details of the apparatus required by each candidate for each experiment in this paper. A summary of the questions that will be presented to the candidates is included, where appropriate, to allow the biology teacher to test the apparatus appropriately. **No access to the Question Paper is permitted in advance of the examination.**

Candidates must be provided with a microscope with:

- Eyepiece lens, $\times 10$ (equal to 16 mm or $\frac{2}{3}$ ")
- Low-power objective lens, $\times 10$ (equal to 16 mm or $\frac{2}{3}$ ")
- High-power objective lens, $\times 40$ (equal to 4 mm or $\frac{1}{6}$ ")
- Eyepiece graticule fitted within the eyepiece and visible in focus at the same time as the specimen.

To avoid confusion, Cambridge request that only the lenses specified above are fitted in the microscopes to be used in the examination. Any lenses which are **not** $\times 10$ or $\times 40$ should be removed or replaced.

Each candidate must have sole, uninterrupted, use of the microscope for at least one hour.

Supervisors are advised to remind candidates that **all** substances in the examination should be treated with caution. Pipette fillers and safety goggles should be used where necessary.

In accordance with the COSHH (Control of Substances Hazardous to Health) Regulations, operative in the UK, a hazard appraisal of the examination has been carried out.

The following codes are used where relevant.

C = corrosive

HH = health hazard

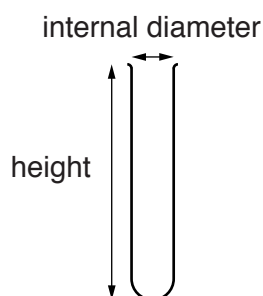
F = flammable

N = hazardous to the aquatic environment

MH = moderate hazard

T = acutely toxic

O = oxidising



When small test-tubes are provided, it is expected that these are approximately 150 mm in height.

If other dimensions of apparatus are required, these will be specified in the Apparatus list.

Centres are reminded that they are **not** permitted to open the Question Paper envelopes before the examination. Centres should also refer to the Handbook for Centres.

If there are any difficulties with any aspect of setting up this practical examination that the Centre is not able to resolve, it is essential for Centres to contact the Product Manager as soon as possible by **e-mail** to info@cie.org.uk, by **fax** to +44 1223 553558 or by **phone** to +44 1223 553554.

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For both Questions

Each candidate will require:

- ruler, marked in mm
- clean and dry apparatus, e.g. glassware and syringes (without a needle)
- solutions supplied in a suitable beaker, or container, for removal of the solution using a syringe
- fresh solutions, materials and rinsing water where appropriate.

More of the solutions should be available if requested by candidates.

If a candidate breaks any of the apparatus, or loses any of the materials supplied, the matter should be rectified and a note made in the Supervisor's Report.

Solutions should be disposed of in accordance with local safety regulations.

Question 1

Each candidate will require:

apparatus and solutions for each candidate	quantity	✓
Visking tubing in a beaker or container (capacity approximately 250 cm ³), in at least 100 cm ³ of distilled water, labelled V <i>A few extra pieces should be available on request</i>	one at least 15 cm in length	
Paperclip	1	
20% glucose solution in a beaker or container, labelled S , provided at room temperature (see Preparation of solutions)	at least 25 cm ³	
Distilled water in a beaker or container, labelled W , provided at room temperature	at least 250 cm ³	
0.3% glucose solution in a beaker or container, labelled G , provided at room temperature (see Preparation of solutions) <i>Please note that this is intentionally not the same as the concentration stated on the Question Paper</i>	at least 60 cm ³	
Benedict's solution in a beaker or container, labelled Benedict's	at least 50 cm ³	
10 cm ³ syringes with the means to wash them out	2	
Beaker or container, to hold approximately 100 cm ³ , labelled A	1	
Beakers or containers, to hold approximately 50 cm ³	5	
Test-tubes, small	6	
Test-tube rack(s) to hold 6 test-tubes or a test-tube rack to hold 5 test-tubes plus a container to hold 1 test-tube	1	
Test-tube holder to hold hot test-tubes	1	
Bunsen burner, tripod, gauze, bench mat	1	
Beaker (capacity approximately 300 cm ³), with water at approximately 45 °C–50 °C, suitable for a water-bath <i>The Supervisor may use a thermostatically controlled water-bath to provide the water at 45 °C–50 °C for candidates</i>	1	
Thermometer, –10 °C to 110 °C	1	
Glass rod	1	
Container with tap water (approximately 200 cm ³), labelled For washing	1	
Container (capacity approximately 400 cm ³), labelled For waste	1	
Paper towels	8	
Glass marker pen	1	
Stopclock or timer showing seconds	1	
Suitable eye protection	1	

It is advisable to wear suitable eye protection when handling chemicals.

Preparation of solutions

S and **G** can be prepared the day before the examination. They should be kept in covered containers in a refrigerator. They must be provided to candidates at room temperature.

(i) S, 20% glucose solution

This is prepared by sprinkling 20 g of anhydrous glucose, a little at a time, onto the surface of 80 cm³ of distilled water, stirring continuously as you sprinkle. Make up to 100 cm³ with distilled water.

(ii) G, 0.3% glucose solution

This is prepared by firstly making a 3% glucose solution.

Sprinkle 3 g of anhydrous glucose, a little at a time, onto the surface of 80 cm³ of distilled water, stirring continuously as you sprinkle. Make up to 100 cm³ with distilled water.

Then put 10 cm³ of **this** glucose solution (3%) into a beaker or container and make up to 100 cm³ with distilled water, this makes the 0.3% required by candidates.

The Question Paper states a different concentration for **G**. This is intentional to help candidates.

Question 2

Each candidate will require:

(i) Slide J1

On receipt of the slides, please check that they are labelled **J1** and that no slides are broken. The material is **confidential** (so **must not** be disclosed to candidates) and the slides should **not** be viewed in advance of the examination.

The number of slides supplied by Cambridge will be equal to half the candidate entry.

Therefore, half the candidates should start on **Question 2** and the other candidates should start on **Question 1**.

(ii) Microscope (as described on page 2)

For each candidate:

- the microscope **must** be set up on low power
- the slide **must not** be left on the stage of the microscope.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The Supervisor's Report is essential in order to allow the Examiners to assess all candidates as fairly as possible and should always be completed by every Centre.

During the examination, the Supervisor or other competent biologist (not the Invigilator) should follow the steps in **Question 1** in order to obtain results for **1(a)(iii)** and **1(a)(v)**.

The Supervisor should use the same solutions as those provided to the candidates and **work out of the sight of the candidates**.

These results should be written in the Supervisor's Report, **not** on a spare Question Paper.

SEATING PLAN

Provide a **seating plan** of work benches, on separate paper, giving details of the places occupied by the candidates for **each question** using each candidate's number.

The Supervisor's Report and the candidates' seating plan should be enclosed with each packet of scripts.

MATERIALS TO BE SUPPLIED BY CAMBRIDGE

- Slide J1

RETURN OF EXAMINATION MATERIALS TO CAMBRIDGE

Immediately after the examination the microscope slides **must** be:

- returned to Cambridge in the containers in which they were received, using the self-adhesive label. The slides must **not** be included in the packet of scripts.

or

- purchased using the order form enclosed with the slides, which should be completed and returned to Cambridge. The order form must **not** be included in the packet of scripts.

Slides and boxes will be charged at the rate of £3 per slide and £1 per box.

If the items are not returned or purchased by the deadline stated on the order form, they will be charged at £3.50 per slide plus £1 per box.

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This form should be completed and sent with the scripts

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

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The Supervisor or Teacher responsible for the subject should provide the following information.

- 1** Was any difficulty experienced in providing the necessary materials? If so, give brief details.

- 2** Give details of any difficulties experienced by particular candidates, giving names and candidate numbers. Reference should be made to:
 - (a)** difficulties arising from faulty specimens or microscopes;
 - (b)** accidents to apparatus or materials;
 - (c)** assistance provided in case of colour blindness;
 - (d)** any other information that is likely to assist the Examiner, especially if this cannot be discovered from the scripts.

All other cases of individual hardship, e.g. illness or disability, should be reported direct to Cambridge on the 'Special Consideration Form' as detailed in the Handbook for Centres.

- 3** During the examination, the Supervisor or a competent biologist should follow the steps in **Question 1** in order to obtain results for **1(a)(iii)** and **1(a)(v)**. The Supervisor should use the same solutions as those provided to the candidates and work **out of the sight of the candidates**. These results should be written on page 8, which should be enclosed with the candidates' scripts. If the scripts are in several packets, please ensure that a copy of the Supervisor's Report is enclosed with each packet of scripts.

- 4** Enclose a **seating plan** of work benches with the scripts, giving details of the candidate numbers for the places occupied by the candidates for **each question**.

Declaration (to be signed by the Principal or the Examinations Officer)

The preparation of this practical examination has been carried out so as to maintain the security of the examination.

Signed

Name (in block capitals)

Centre number (of enclosed scripts)

Centre name

If scripts are despatched in more than one envelope, it is essential that **each envelope** includes a copy of the:

- relevant Supervisor's Report
- appropriate seating plan(s).

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Temperature of examination room °C

Results for **Question 1(a)(iii) and 1(a)(v)**

