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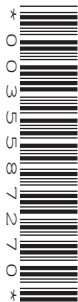
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Paper 3 Advanced Practical Skills 1

May/June 2016

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

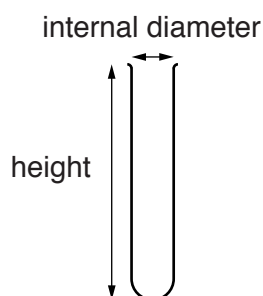
F = flammable

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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In advance of the examination:

test the activity of the catalase in the plant extract solution as instructed on page 5.

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	✓
1.5% hydrogen peroxide solution in a beaker or container, labelled H , provided at room temperature and covered to prevent evaporation (see instructions for preparation)	at least 100 cm ³	
Plant extract solution in a beaker or container (capacity 250 cm ³ to 300 cm ³ and suitable for heating), labelled P , provided at room temperature (see instructions for preparation)	at least 100 cm ³	
10 cm ³ syringe with the means to wash it out	1	
Petri dishes or similar flat, shallow containers to hold a volume of approximately 10 cm ³ to 15 cm ³	6	
Test-tube, large enough to hold a volume between 40 cm ³ and 50 cm ³ of solution	1	
Test-tube rack, to hold the large test-tube	1	
Bunsen burner, tripod, gauze, bench mat	1	
Thermometer, –10 °C to 110 °C	1	
Filter paper, sufficient for the candidate to cut at least 50 squares (1 cm × 1 cm)	1	
Scissors for cutting filter paper	1	
Forceps (blunt)	1	
Mounted needle or seeker	1	
Container with tap water (approximately 200 cm ³), labelled For washing	1	
Container (capacity approximately 200 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

(i) **H**, 1.5% hydrogen peroxide solution

It was found using this concentration that suitable results were obtained, see below.

The concentration can be obtained by putting 25 cm³ of 6% (20 volumes) hydrogen peroxide solution in a beaker or container and making up to 100 cm³ with distilled water.

H must be put out immediately before the examination and kept covered to maintain its activity.

(ii) **P**, plant extract solution

The plant extract can be prepared using approximately 100 g of peeled sweet potato. Other types of potato can be used but may be more variable.

Cut the sweet potato into small pieces and then liquidise with approximately 200 cm³ of water (alternatively grind in a pestle and mortar).

Strain the mixture through muslin in a funnel or use a fine sieve to remove the small pieces. Keep the liquid plant extract, which may be coloured and cloudy. This should produce approximately 120 cm³ of plant extract solution.

Test the activity of the catalase in P in advance of the examination:

- Using blunt forceps dip a piece of filter paper 1 cm × 1 cm into **P**.
- Fill a large test-tube with 1.5% hydrogen peroxide solution to within 2 cm of the top of the test-tube.
- Drop the square of filter paper into the hydrogen peroxide solution.
- Start timing and record when the square returns to the surface.

The time should be between 8 and 20 seconds.

If it is less than 8 seconds, decrease the concentration of plant extract by diluting the extract.

If it is more than 20 seconds, increase the mass of the plant material used for the extract.

Question 2

Each candidate will require:

(i) Slide **K1**

On receipt of the slides, please check that they are labelled **K1** 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(b)(iii)**.

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 K1

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(b)(iii)**. 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

Result for **Question 1(b)(iii)**

