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**BIOLOGY**

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Paper 3 Practical Test

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CONFIDENTIAL INSTRUCTIONS

**1 hour 15 minutes**

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## READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

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 session.**

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

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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 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 in the left margin where relevant.

**C** = corrosive substance

**F** = highly flammable substance

**H** = harmful or irritating substance

**O** = oxidising substance

**T** = toxic substance

**N** = harmful to the environment

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**SUPERVISOR'S INSTRUCTIONS – CONFIDENTIAL**

**Question 1**

Each candidate should be provided with:

- (i) 5 similar containers, e.g. beakers or dishes, labelled **A, B, C, D** and **E** in which potato slices 60 mm × 10 mm × 3 mm will fit.
- (ii) 100 cm<sup>3</sup> of each of the following dilutions of sucrose solution, in the appropriate labelled containers:

container label	volume of stock sucrose solution/cm <sup>3</sup>	volume of distilled water/cm <sup>3</sup>
<b>A</b>	0	100
<b>B</b>	25	75
<b>C</b>	Container to be left empty	
<b>D</b>	75	25
<b>E</b>	100	0

The stock sucrose solution should contain 556 g/dm<sup>3</sup> of sucrose and be coloured with a few drops of red food colouring to represent fruit juice.

- (iii) 100 cm<sup>3</sup> of stock sucrose solution (556 g/dm<sup>3</sup> of sucrose) in a separate container labelled **concentrated fruit juice**.
- (iv) 100 cm<sup>3</sup> of distilled water in a beaker, labelled **water**.
- (v) 2 × measuring cylinders, each capable of measuring 50 cm<sup>3</sup> of fluid.
- (vi) Slice of (Irish) potato wrapped in plastic film.

This slice needs to be greater than 60 mm long and 10 mm thick.

- (vii) Sharp knife or scalpel.
- (viii) White tile on which to cut potato.
- (ix) Ruler (mm).
- (x) Forceps.
- (xi) Paper towels.
- (xii) View of a clock or timer.
- (xiii) 4 pieces of potato, each cut to 60 mm × 10 mm × 3 mm.

These pieces need to be cut approximately 30 minutes to 1 hour **before the start of the examination**. One piece should be submerged in each of the containers **A, B, D** and **E**. Cover each container with plastic film.

The Supervisor (**not** the Invigilator) is expected to carry out the practical aspects of **Question 1** and record their results in the space provided in the Supervisor's Report. This must be done during the examination, using the same apparatus and reagents as the candidates but out of sight of candidates.

**Question 2**

*Each candidate should be provided with:*

- (i) Ruler (mm).

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### 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 necessary materials? If so, give brief details.

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- 2 Give details of any difficulties experienced by particular candidates, giving names and candidate numbers. Reference should be made to:

- (a) difficulties with specimens or materials;
- (b) accidents to apparatus or materials;
- (c) any other information that is likely to assist the Examiner, especially if this cannot be discovered from the scripts.

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

- 3 During the examination, the Supervisor should, **out of sight of the candidates**, carry out **Question 1** using the same apparatus and reagents as the candidates. Results should be recorded in the space below (**not** on a spare Question Paper). The Invigilator should **not** carry out **Question 1**.

solution	percentage fruit juice in solution	final length of potato tissue/mm	change in length of potato tissue/mm
A	0		
B	25		
C	50		
D	75		
E	100		



- 4 A plan of work benches, giving details of the candidate numbers of the places occupied by the candidates for each session must be enclosed with the scripts. The space below can be used for this, or it may be on separate paper.

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

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

Signed .....

Name (in block capitals) .....

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