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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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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 substance

**F** = highly flammable substance

**H** = harmful or irritating substance

**O** = oxidising substance

**T** = toxic substance

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**Confidential Instructions**

*Each candidate must be supplied with the following apparatus and materials.*

**Question 1**

Each candidate will require:

- (i) Benedict's solution, with dispenser, labelled **Benedict's solution**.
- (ii) Waterbath or other suitable means of heating for reducing sugar test.
- (iii) 5 cm<sup>3</sup> sucrose / glucose solution in a large test-tube, labelled **S1**. This is prepared by dissolving 200g sucrose and 100g glucose in 1000 cm<sup>3</sup> water.
- (iv) Thin slice (approximately 0.5 cm) of **fresh** irish potato tuber wrapped in polythene to prevent discolouration presented on a tile/plate (not frozen or dried).
- (v) 2 large test-tubes.
- (vi) Means of supporting test-tubes, e.g. beaker/rack.
- (vii) Test tube holder.
- (viii) Cutting implement to chop up the potato.
- (ix) Three shallow dishes e.g. petri dishes, labelled **A**, **B** and **C**.  
dish **A** to have **S1** solution [concentrated sucrose solution as described in (iii)]  
dish **B** to have diluted **S1** solution [dilute **S1** with equal volume of distilled water]  
dish **C** to have distilled water only  
Each dish to have submerged in the respective solution a piece of irish potato exactly 5.0 cm in length and 1 cm wide × 0.5 cm thick.  
To be set up at least 1 hour before the examination starts.
- (x) Ruler, mm.
- (xi) Paper towel.
- (xii) Means to handle potato strips e.g. forceps/gloves.
- (xiii) Distilled water.

**Question 2**

Each candidate will require:

- (i) 50 cm<sup>3</sup> Vitamin C (ascorbic acid) 0.1 g/100 cm<sup>3</sup> in a small beaker, labelled **standard vitamin C solution**.
- (ii) 50 cm<sup>3</sup> (0.3 g/100 cm<sup>3</sup>) vitamin C in a small beaker, labelled **S2**.
- (iii) 100 cm<sup>3</sup> 0.1% DCPIP (phenol-indo-2,6-dichlorophenol) in a small beaker, labelled **blue dye DCPIP**.  
This can be purchased from biological suppliers in tablet or powder form. This solution needs to be made fresh on the day of the examination.
- (iv) 6 large test-tubes.
- (v) Means of labelling e.g. glass marking pens or labels.
- (vi) 4 × 10 cm<sup>3</sup> syringes.
- (vii) Means of supporting test-tubes e.g. beaker/rack (see also **Question 1**).
- (viii) Means of washing out syringes.

**Question 3**

Each candidate will require:

- (i) Complete preserved mature locust, presented in a shallow container, labelled **S3**.  
**It is important that the legs are complete.**
- (ii) Hand lens (if possible × 10).





This form should be completed and sent to the Examiner with the scripts.

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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 material for **Question 1**?

Was any difficulty experienced in providing necessary material for **Question 2**?

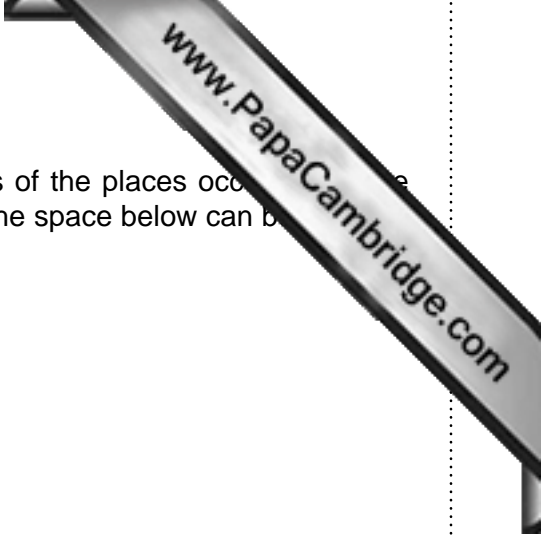
Was any difficulty experienced in providing necessary material for **Question 3**?  
Describe the specimens used for **S3**.

**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.



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- 3 A plan of work benches, giving details of the candidate numbers of the places occupied by 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.

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