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MARK SCHEME

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;	separates marking points
/	alternatives
()	contents of brackets are not required but should be implied
R	reject
A	accept (for answers correctly cued by the question, or guidance for examiners)
Ig	ignore (for incorrect but irrelevant responses)
AW	alternative wording (where responses vary more than usual)
AVP	alternative valid point (where a greater than usual variety of responses is expected)
ORA	or reverse argument
underline	actual word underlined must be used by candidate
+	statements on both sides of the + are needed for that mark

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1(a)(i)	axes correct orientation and both axes labelled fully ; linear scale for both axes ; all 5 points visibly plotted correctly ; plotted points joined with ruled lines and no extrapolation ;	**4**	
1(a)(ii)	activity / volume of oxygen produced increases as pH increases ; reaches a peak / **AW** at pH7 ; then decreases ;	**3**	**A** neutral for pH7
1(a)(iii)	concentration of hydrogen peroxide ; volume of hydrogen peroxide ; mass of tissue ; surface area of tissue ;	**2**	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1(a)(iv)	use same volume / concentration of hydrogen peroxide each time ; idea of using same type / volume / mass / surface area of enzyme / tissue ; fresh samples used (at each temperature) ; different temperatures ; range of suitable temperatures stated ; method of maintaining temperature ; leave time for flask and contents to come to temperature before measuring begins ; measure volume of oxygen produced in (same) given time ;	**5**	**A** water bath, **R** direct heating
1(a)(v)	stated safety precaution ; explanation ;	**2**	explanation must be linked to safety precaution
1(b)(i)	60 (°C) ;	**1**	
1(b)(ii)	breaks down protein (stains) ; named protein stain e.g. blood / food / milk ; not denatured / deactivated by hot water / **AW** ;	**2**	
	Total:	**19**	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
2(a)	drawing 35–45 mm diameter ; overall shape and proportions ; nucleus correct shape ; clear, continuous, smooth (rather than sketchy outline) of cell with no shading, stippling or cross-hatching ;	**4**	
2(b)(i)	**P**: red blood cell / erythrocyte ; **Q**: white blood cell ;	**2**	**A** named type of white blood cell
2(b)(ii)	cell **Q** has: nucleus present ; granular cytoplasm ; larger (than cell **P**) ;	**1**	
2(c)	**feature** / **cell Q** / **plant cell** cell wall / absent / present ; nucleus / lobed **AW** / round / circular ;	**2**	award one mark for each correct row
	Total:	**9**	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
3(a)(i)	width = 22 ; mm ;	**2**	**A** ± 1 mm **A** 2.2 cm
3(a)(ii)	44 (mm) ; ;	**2**	**A** 42–46 consistent with (a)(i) correct answer, with no working shown, gains both marks
3(b)(i)	mean width of leaves from shady position = 46.2 (mm) ; mean width of leaves from sunny position = 32.7 (mm) ;	**2**	
3(b)(ii)	leaves from a shady position have a higher mean width ; leaves from a sunny position have more variable widths ;	**2**	
3(b)(iii)	take more leaves / use larger sample ;	**1**	**Ig** calculate average / mean
3(c)	leaves from shady place have a larger surface / area ; to trap more / available light ; for photosynthesis ; **OR** leaves from sunny position have smaller surface / area ; lose less water ; due to transpiration ;	**3**	 **A** less evaporation
	Total:	**12**	