



Mark Scheme (Results)

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Paper 01 Practical Skills in Biology I

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
1(a)	An explanation that includes two of the following points: • there is a correlation (between vitamin C in the diet and CVD) (1) • effect of vitamin C on an aspect of CVD	ACCEPT idea of correlation describe and in either direction. E.g. If vit C is high risk of CVD is low/high e.g. affects plaque formation/LDLs/ cholesterol / damage to endothelium/ atherosclerosis	(2)

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1(b)(i)	An explanation that includes the following points: • colour change from blue to colourless (1) • because DCPIP is reduced (1)	ACCEPT DCPIP gains electrons or gains hydrogen	(2)

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1(b)(ii)	A calculation showing the following steps: • equivalence of DCPIP calculated (1) • concentration of vitamin C calculated and quoted to 1 d.p. (1)	• $= 1.5 \times 10 \text{ OR } 15 \text{ OR } \div 26.1$ • $15 \div 26.1 = 0.6 \text{ (mg cm}^{-3}\text{)}$ Correct answer with no working shown gains both marks	(2)

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1(b)(iii)	A calculation showing the following steps. • correct figures from table manipulated appropriately (1) • percentage calculated and quoted to maximum of 2 d.p (1)	• $0.4 \div 9.4$ • $\times 100 = 4.26 / 4.3 \text{ (\%)}$ Correct answer with no working shown gains both marks	(2)

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2(a)	A description that includes the following points. • how fibre fixed (1) • how force applied (1) • one variable which should remain constant stated (1) • replicate (the experiment/measurements) (1) • (and) calculate the mean/SD (1)	'attached to a retort stand / hanging from a clamp' e.g. gradual addition of masses / increase tension of a newton metre gradually e.g. Relative humidity / temperature / length of fibre	(4)

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2(b)(i)	An answer that includes the following points: • a (transverse) section/layer/slice of the fibre is cut (1) • ensure section is flat (1) • graticule calibrated (with stage micrometer) (1) • diameter measured/found • and converted to measurement with calibration data (1) • area calculated using πr^2 (1)	ACCEPT place on slide with a coverslip ACCEPT a description	(5)

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2(b)(ii)	A drawing showing: - suitable table (1) - headings identified as tensile strength with units (MPa) and species (1) - data correctly entered (1)	Fibre	Tensile Strength / MPa	(3)
		Curaua	540	
		Jute	250	
		Coir	90	
		Piasava	130	
		Sisal	490	

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2(b)(iii)	A calculation showing the following steps: - tensile strength for jute read from the graph (1) - substituted into the formula (1) - formula rearranged and cross sectional area calculated (1)	250 $250 = 1.08 \div \text{area}$ $\text{Area} = 1.08 \div 250$ $\text{area} = 0.0043 / 0.00432 / 0.004 / 4.32 \times 10^{-3} \text{ (mm}^2\text{)}$ Correct answer with no working shown gains three marks	(3)

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3(a)(i)	concentration of detergent		(1)

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3(a)(ii)	An answer that includes two of following: - temperature (1) - pH (1) - volume of detergent solution (1)		(2)

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3(a)(iii)	temperature: - thermostatically controlled water bath / incubator/ac room/environmental chamber (1) volume of detergent solution: - appropriate measuring device (1) pH: - use of buffer (1)	ACCEPT answers from 3(a)(ii)	(1)

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3(a)(iv)	An explanation that includes the following points: • in order to avoid (physical/more) damage to the discs/membranes/cells (1) • which would cause more pigment release (1) • causing the results to be invalid (1)		(2)

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3(a)(v)	An explanation that includes the following points: • to calculate standard deviation / measure reliability / variability (1) • to identify anomalies (1)		(2)

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3(b)(i)	• to allow any pigment leakage that is not due to detergent to be measured / as a control / for comparison / the reading of 0% detergent is not 100% / only 97% (1)		(1)

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3(b)(ii)	A graph showing the following features: • A axes correctly orientated and linear (1) • L axes correctly labelled, (x – concentration of detergent solution, y - Mean percentage of light transmitted (through the solution) and with units (1) • P correct plotting (1) • S points joined with straight lines (1)		(4)

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3(b)(iii)	An explanation that includes three of the following points: - the discs (that were in the detergent) will continue to lose pigment as membrane (permanently) damaged (1) - the discs that were in 0.0% detergent solution will have no loss of pigment as the membranes were not damaged (1) - discs will lose pigment more slowly/stop because there is less/no pigment left in the beetroot (1) - discs which were in higher concentrations of detergent will have slowest rate of loss, because they have the least pigment left (1)	Accept reverse argument	(3)

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3(b)(iv)	An answer that includes three of the following points: similarities: • both cause pigment leakage (1) differences: • temperature leads to a greater pigment leakage than detergent (1) • temperature effect on pigment release is sudden above 40/ non-significant below 40 but detergent effect is gradual across the range (1)	ACCEPT answers in terms of light transmission IF link between this and pigment release is made clear	(3)

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3(b)(v)	An answer that includes the following points: • would be 25% • from the graph at 60 and 70 / after 60 transmission is same / has levelled off (1) • because all pigment has leaked out/there is an equilibrium (when graph levels off) (1)		(3)