

Mark Scheme (Results)

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Pearson Edexcel International Adavanced Level In Biology (WBI13) Paper 01Practical Skills in Biology I

Question	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
Number			
1(a)(i)	An answer that includes the following points:	DO NOT ACCEPT formulae / ammonia	
	nitrate / sulfate / ammonium (1)	DO NOT ACCEPT more than one if	
	magnesium / nitrate (1)	one is incorrect	
	• calcium (1)		(0)
			(3)

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1(a)(ii)	An answer that includes four of the following points:		
	 control of {species / type / age} of plant (1) 		
	 control of temperature / soil pH /light intensity / time of growth (1) 		
	 complete solution described and solution without named ion (1) 	ACCEPT if named ion in a list of correct ions	
	measurement of dependent variable described (1)	Eg height / mass / number / size of leaves	
	 replication to measure variability / find SD (1) 		(4)

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1(b)(i)	An answer showing the following steps:	Correct answer with no working shown gains 2 marks	
	difference in {means} calculated / both mean rates calculated (1)	e.g. 371 – 216 or 155 OR 371 ÷ 21 AND 216 ÷ 21	
	rate calculated with appropriate units (1)	e.g. ÷ 21 = 7.38 / 7.4 a.u. 17.67 – 10.29 = 7.38 / 7.4 au	(2)

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1(b)(ii)	An answer that includes the following: • SDs added correctly to both bars (1)	400 350 - 300 - 250 - 150 - 100 - 50 - 0 without complete nitrate ions Solution	
	 the SDs do not overlap which shows that the difference (between the means) is significant (1) the results for the complete solution are {more variable / less reliable} (1) 	DO NOT ACCEPT the results are significant ACCEPT range bars / error bars ACCEPT converse	
		ACCEL I CONVEISE	(3)

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2(a)(i)	An answer that includes the following three		
	points.		
	·	ACCEPT to make Chromosomes visible on its own	
	 2, to {stain / dye / colour} the chromosomes (1) 	DO NOT ACCEPT stain etc cells	
	• 4, to spread / separate the cells out (1)		
	• 5, to locate and then magnify (the cells) (1)	ACCEPT so cells do not overlap	
		ACCEPT HP to see detail	(3)

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2(a)(ii)	An explanation that includes the following points:		
	safety precaution identified (1)	e.g. rinsing tips in water / wearing gloves / goggles	
	safety precaution explained (1)	because hydrochloric acid, acetic orcein is corrosive / irritant allergy to orcein	
			(2)

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2(b)	An answer that includes five of the following points:		
	• use range of pH solutions (1)	ACCEPT range of buffers	
	• (in which plants) grown (1)		
	• (several) root tips (from each pH) (1)		
	• take cells from same part of root tips (1)		
	 count number of cells undergoing mitosis and total number of cells (1) 		
	in several fields of view (1)		(5)

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2(c)(i)	A table showing the following features:	рН	Mitotic index (%)	
		3.5	2	
	 headings of pH and mitotic index (with units, 	4.3	3.4	
	%) (1)	5.1	7.2	
		6.2	9.6	
	 pH data correctly entered into table (1) 	7.2	8.2	
		8.4	7.6	
	 mitotic index data correctly entered (1) 	9	3.8	
		allow + or – 0.1		(3)

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2(c)(ii)	An answer showing the following steps:	Correct answer with no working shown gains two marks	
	number of cells in mitosis identified (1)	3	
	mitotic index calculated (1)	e.g. MI = (3 ÷ 35) x 100 = 8.57 / 8.6 % (1)	
	• corresponding pH value read from the graph (1)	5.7 AND/OR 6.9 (ACCEPT +/- 0.05) ACCEPT correct reading from graph of any answer	
		to mp 2	(3)

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2(c)(iii)	An explanation that includes four of the following points:		
	enzymes involved (1)		
	• (enzymes are) protein (1)		
	6.2 is the optimum pH (for these enzymes) (1)		
	 at pH {below optimum / above optimum} the active site is not the right shape / enzyme denatures / bonds holding shape change (1) 		
	 enzyme substrate complexes do not form (1) 		(4)

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3(a)(i)	 area of zone {with no bacteria / of inhibition} 		(1)

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3(a)(ii)	 to allow (chemicals in the extract) to diffuse into agar / to stop growth of bacteria (1) 		(1)

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3(a)(iii)	An description that includes the following points:		
	• measure {diameter / radius} of zone (1)		
	• apply area = πr² (1)	ACCEPT $\pi(d/2)^2$ ACCEPT $r = d \div 2$	
	OR		
	• place dish on {gridded / graph} paper (1)		
	• count squares (1)	ACCEPT cut out and weigh	(2)

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3(a)(iv)	An answer that includes the following points:		
	filter paper discs qualified (1)(soaked in) {solvent / water} (1)	e.g. size, paper type, thickness, same as ones used	(2)

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3(b)(i)	An answer showing the following steps:	Correct answer with no working shown gains two marks	
	difference calculated (1)	• 196-111 or 85 (1)	
	percentage calculated (1)		
		• 85 ÷ 111 = 76.57 / 76.6 / 85 ÷ 196 = 43.4 /	
		43.37 (1)	(2)

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3(b)(ii)	A graph showing the following features: • A bar chart (1) • L axes correctly labelled, and with units (mm²) (1) • P correct plotting (1) • K key or labels to show type A and type B bacteria results (1) • S suitable linear scale for area starting at zero with no interruption (1)	area of zone of inhibition / mm² A B 150 100 100 100 100 100 100	(5)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
3(b)(iii)	An answer that includes three of the following points:		
	• cumin is the least effective extract to use (1)	ACCEPT against Type A	
	 pomegranate is the most effective extract to use (1) 		
	 cumin, thyme, and ginger cannot be used to preserve food against type B (1) 	ACCEPT pomegranate and clove can be used against B	
	type B is more difficult to control (1)	ACCEPT converse / A inhibited by all	(3)

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3(c)	An answer that includes two of the following points:		
	 {solubility / concentration / volume} of extract / solvent used (1) 	ACCEPT antimicrobial	
	• size of molecules in the extract (1)		
	• rate of diffusion of extract into agar (1)		(2)