



# Mark Scheme (Results)

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In Biology (WBI16)

Paper 01

Unit 6: Practical Skills in Biology II

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
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1a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>23</li> </ul>	Allow 23.0 Ignore % Mark only the first answer on the answer line Correct answer anywhere 1mk	1
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1b	<p>A description that includes six of the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>store</b> fruits at same temperature (for both time intervals) (1)</li> <li>another stated variable about {storage / fruits} (1)</li> <li>{same / standardised} extraction method used (1)</li> <li>{stated / same} {volume / concentration} of DCPIP (1)</li> <li>titrate fruit juice against DCPIP <b>and</b> record volume (1)</li> <li>juice turns DCPIP from blue to {colourless/red/juice colour} (1)</li> <li>method of calculating Vit C content (1)</li> </ul>	Allow store juice Allow incubate  eg same humidity /mass / volume / source / age  Allow crush / blend / filter / pestle and mortar  allow description of titration /adding DCPIP into fruit juice  allow colourless to blue if DCPIP titrated into juice  eg use of {standard / calibration} curve or $C_1 \times V_1 = C_2 \times V_2$ ignore compare to standard solution of Vit C	6

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1c	<p>A description that includes three of the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• {polypeptide / amino acids} (1)</li> <li>• formed into an {alpha / triple} helix (1)</li> <li>• held together by H bonds (1)</li> <li>• the molecule is {fibrous / a straight chain} (1)</li> <li>• glycine is every 3<sup>rd</sup> amino acid (1)</li> </ul>	<p>Not beta pleated sheet</p> <p>Ignore other bonds</p> <p>Allow fibrils linear / unbranched</p>	3

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2a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• suitable risk identified (1)</li> <li>• reduction of risk identified to the volunteer (1)</li> </ul>	<p>Mark first risk identified</p> <p>e.g. risk of infection / carbon dioxide not absorbed/ CO<sub>2</sub> poisoning / breathing difficulties / named condition / {soda lime / carbon dioxide absorber} is irritant</p> <p>e.g. sterilise or replace mouthpiece (after each use) / replace carbon dioxide absorber / medical questionnaire / do not take part if at risk / wear gloves / goggles</p> <p>Ignore clean unqualified</p>	2

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2b	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>answer in the correct range (1)</li><li>use of appropriate units (1)</li></ul>	<p>Range of 6.1 to 6.5 <math>\times 10^{-3}</math> ( (if the units are <math>\text{dm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}</math>)</p> <p>Allow any number of decimal places</p> <p>Allow minus values</p> <table><tr><th>Units</th><th>Acceptable range</th></tr><tr><td><math>\text{dm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}</math></td><td><math>6.1 \times 10^{-3} - 6.5 \times 10^{-3}</math></td></tr><tr><td><math>\text{dm}^3 \text{ min}^{-1}</math></td><td><math>3.7 \times 10^{-1} - 3.9 \times 10^{-1}</math></td></tr><tr><td><math>\text{cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}</math></td><td>6.1 – 6.5</td></tr><tr><td><math>\text{cm}^3 \text{ min}^{-1}</math></td><td>366 - 390</td></tr></table> <p>Not <math>\text{dm}^3/\text{s}</math> or <math>\text{dm}^3/\text{min}</math></p> <p>Allow per second or per minute</p> <p>Allow</p> <p><math>\text{m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}</math>                      acceptable range is 6.1 to <math>6.5 \times 10^{-6}</math></p> <p><math>\text{m}^3 \text{ min}^{-1}</math>                      acceptable range is 3.7 to <math>3.9 \times 10^{-4}</math></p>	Units	Acceptable range	$\text{dm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$	$6.1 \times 10^{-3} - 6.5 \times 10^{-3}$	$\text{dm}^3 \text{ min}^{-1}$	$3.7 \times 10^{-1} - 3.9 \times 10^{-1}$	$\text{cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$	6.1 – 6.5	$\text{cm}^3 \text{ min}^{-1}$	366 - 390	
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2ci	<p>An answer that includes two of the following points</p> <p>biotic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• age (1)</li> <li>• {BM1 / mass / height} (1)</li> <li>• medical history (1)</li> <li>• sex (1)</li> <li>• {lung capacity / named example of lifestyle factor affecting this} (1)</li> </ul>	<p><b>List rule applies</b></p> <p>Allow weight for mass obesity</p> <p>eg. asthma, cystic fibrosis, heart disease</p> <p>Allow gender</p> <p>eg smoking, exercise, playing wind instrument etc</p>	<b>2</b>

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2cii	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• description of an appropriate method of control (1)</li> </ul>	ECF for inappropriate variable chosen	<b>1</b>

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2d	<p>An answer that includes the following points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• chemoreceptors detect (change of) {pH / carbon dioxide concentration/level} (in blood) (1)</li> <li>• (nerve) impulses sent to {intercostal muscles / diaphragm} (1)</li> <li>• rate of breathing increases with {increased CO<sub>2</sub> / lower pH} (1)</li> </ul>	Allow converse statement	<b>3</b>

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3a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is no (significant) difference between the (mean) mass of leaves eaten of variety A and variety B</li> </ul>	Candidates can express this in different ways	1

3b	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• suitable table format with correct column headings and units (1)</li><li>• all data correctly entered (1)</li><li>• means correctly calculated (1)</li></ul>	<table><tr><th colspan="2">Mass of leaves eaten (in 24 hours) / g</th></tr><tr><th>(variety) A</th><th>(variety) B</th></tr><tr><td>17.3</td><td>17.8</td></tr><tr><td>17.2</td><td>17.9</td></tr><tr><td>17.5</td><td>17.7</td></tr><tr><td>17.0</td><td>17.6</td></tr><tr><td>16.7</td><td>17.8</td></tr><tr><td>16.9</td><td>17.4</td></tr><tr><td>Mean 17.1</td><td>Mean 17.7</td></tr></table>	Mass of leaves eaten (in 24 hours) / g		(variety) A	(variety) B	17.3	17.8	17.2	17.9	17.5	17.7	17.0	17.6	16.7	17.8	16.9	17.4	Mean 17.1	Mean 17.7	3
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3c	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>bar graph with linear scale and axes labelled, with units (1)</li> <li>means plotted correctly (1)</li> <li>range bars plotted correctly (1)</li> </ul>	<p>Mean mass of leaves (eaten) /g A B</p> <p>ALLOW ECF from 3bi for plotting incorrect means</p> <p>16.7 to 17.5 17.4 to 17.9</p>	3

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3di	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>correct substitution of given <math>(S_A)^2</math> and <math>(S_B)^2</math> (1)</li> <li>correct answer (1)</li> </ul>	<p>0.084 and 0.032</p> <p><math>t = 4.3 / 4.32 / 4.315 / 4.3152</math></p> <p>Correct answer gains 2 marks Ignore minus signs Allow ECF using incorrect means</p> <p>Denominator is 0.139</p>	2

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3d ii	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the calculated value of <math>t</math> (4.3152) is <b>more than</b> the critical value <b>2.23</b> (1)</li> <li>therefore reject the null hypothesis, so there is a difference in the mass (of leaves) eaten between variety A and variety B (1)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Do not allow -ve values</b> / <math>t &lt; \text{critical value}</math> if <math>t</math> value not given Ignore <math>p = 0.01</math></p> <p>Allow ECF for MP2</p>	2

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3e	<p>An answer that includes two of the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>use different temperatures (1)</li> <li>use different {species / ages / stages of locust} (1)</li> <li>leave for longer than 24 hrs (1)</li> <li>use both varieties at once so locust can select diet (1)</li> </ul>	<p>Ignore repeat the expt / use more locusts</p> <p>Allow different humidities</p> <p>Ignore types</p>	2

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<b>3f</b>	<p>An answer that includes one of the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• locusts {eat more at higher temperatures / have a faster metabolism / respire faster so they grow faster} (1)</li> <li>• {locusts complete their life cycle faster / more locusts produced} (1)</li> </ul>	<p>Allow environmental answers e.g. increase in drought / temperature too hot for plant growth / more extreme weather such as severe storms</p>	<b>1</b>

(Total for question 3 = 14 marks)



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4a	<p>A description that includes two of the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• find a suitable {mass / length} of plant to use (1)</li> <li>• find a suitable method to <b>change</b> light intensity (1)</li> <li>• find a suitable {temperature / time} to collect {gas / O<sub>2</sub>} (1)</li> <li>• find suitable {method / apparatus} to measure <b>volume</b> of {gas / O<sub>2</sub>} (1)</li> </ul>	<p>A method to provide quantitative results</p> <p>Collection of gas / O<sub>2</sub> needs only be mentioned only once</p> <p>Allow suitable range of light intensities Ignore wavelength</p> <p>Allow optimum temperature</p> <p>Ignore number of bubbles rate of photosyn</p>	2

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4b	<p>An answer that includes nine of the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• clear statement of the <b>dependent</b> variable e.g. the <b>volume</b> of {gas / O<sub>2</sub>} released (1)</li> <li>• description of method of measuring volume of gas (1)</li> <li>• method of standardising plants (1)</li> <li>• method of producing two different light intensities (1)</li> <li>• use of (sodium) hydrogencarbonate (1)</li> <li>• allow plant time to acclimatise (1)</li> <li>• {standardised / stated} time for gas collection (1)</li> <li>• one variable that need to be controlled and its method of control (1)</li> <li>• {repeats / repeat the whole experiment} to give mean <b>and</b> SD (1)</li> <li>• method of calculation of rate (1)</li> </ul>	<p>ALLOW different valid methods.</p> <p>Do not allow carbon dioxide Ignore reference to time</p> <p>Allow (labelled) diagram / photosynthometer</p> <p>Allow length / mass / preconditioning Ignore age / species / size</p> <p>eg moving lamp / wattage of bulb / darkened room and light room</p> <p>Allow 5 mins to 24 hrs</p> <p>eg temperature – TC waterbath / heatshield / LED bulb Ignore AC room wavelength of light – filter / bulb pH – buffer</p> <p>eg <math>\frac{\text{volume}}{\text{time}}</math> / <math>\frac{\pi r^2 d}{t}</math> / gradient of graph</p>	9

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4c	<p>An answer that includes the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• table for raw data with headings and units, with means calculated from repeats (1)</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• bar graph format with labelled axes (1)</li> <li>• use of a t test for difference (with a bar graph showing only two different light intensities)</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• {line / scatter} graph format with labelled axes (1)</li> <li>• use of a correlation test difference (with a line graph showing more than two different light intensities)</li> </ul>	<p>Allow a description of how to calculate mean in text or as part of an axis label</p> <p>Allow other valid tests</p> <p>Allow named test e.g. Spearmans Rank</p>	3

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4d	<p>An answer that includes two of the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• difficult to measure (small) {volumes / distances} of {gas / O<sub>2</sub>} (with precision) (1)</li> <li>• difficult to control temperature (1)</li> <li>• difficult to control surface area of leaves (1)</li> <li>• idea that actual growing conditions in the river change during the day so the results may not be a fair representation (1)</li> </ul>	<p>Allow {some O<sub>2</sub> dissolved / some O<sub>2</sub> used in respiration / some gas may be CO<sub>2</sub>}</p> <p>Ignore bubbles / escape of gas / errors in measuring</p> <p>Allow example of change</p>	2

Total for question 4 = 16