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0610 BIOLOGY

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Paper 6 (Alternative to Practical), maximum raw mark 40

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Abbreviations used in the Mark Scheme

• ; separates marking points

/ separates alternatives within a marking point

• R reject

ignore mark as if this material was not present

A accept (a less than ideal answer which should be marked correct)
 AW alternative wording (accept other ways of expressing the same idea)
 underline words underlined (or grammatical variants of them) must be present

• wiggly underline the idea conveyed by the word(s) underlined must be present in the answer

max
 indicates the maximum number of marks that can be awarded
 the second mark may be given even if the first mark is wrong
 ecf
 credit a correct statement that follows a previous wrong response
 the word / phrase in brackets is not required, but sets the context

• ora or reverse argument

• AVP any valid point

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Question	Answer	Mark	Comments
1 (a) (i)	axes labelled with units, appropriate scale on both axes; size to fill half or more space in both dimensions; plotted points +/- one small square accuracy with appropriate correct symbols; neat, accurate, ruled or smooth line passing through the plotted points; key to identify A and B plots and curves;		A reversed orientation of axes
(ii)	description number of bubbles in a minute increases with time; A released bubbles, more / faster (than B) / ora; (colour change) from red to, yellow / yellow pink with time; A changed colour faster (than B) / ora; A formed foam, more / faster (than B) / ora; suitable comparative data quote at a stated time;		max 3 for each of description and explanation
	 explanation releasing gas by respiration; gas released carbon dioxide; carbon dioxide is acidic; causes hydrogencarbonate indicator solution to change from red to yellow; A is respiring aerobically/B is respiring anaerobically; (the rate of) gas released in anaerobic respiration is slower / ora; 	[max 5]	
(iii)	use up, glucose/substrate; production of ethanol toxic; (water bath) cools down; enzyme activity/respiration rate slows;	[max 1]	
(b) (i)	to mix/spread (evenly); yeast cells sediment to bottom/AW; to prepare a uniform sample;	[max 1]	
(ii)	to exclude the oxygen / gas / air ;	[1]	

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((iii)	(warm) temperature speeds up (enzyme/yeast) activity/respiration (rate)/metabolism/fermentation/AW; temperature, is controlled / kept equal;	[max 1]		
(c)	(i)	presence/absence, of oxygen/oil;	[1]	A oxygen/air/gas	
	(ii)	concentration/volume/mass, of yeast culture in A and B; concentration/volume/mass, of glucose in yeast culture; time for yeast culture to stand before use; (water bath) temperature; AVP; e.g. species of yeast, volume/concentration, of indicator	[max 2]	R oxygen/oil/rate of respiration [max 2]	
(d)		bubble production/colour change/foam production; divided by time;	[max 2]		
(e)	(i)	asexual reproduction/mitosis/budding/AW;	[1]		
	(ii)	100 (mm); formula : length measured ÷ magnification; 0.02;	[3]	A 99 – 101 (mm) A 0.0198 – 0.0202	
			[Total: 23]		
2 (a)	(i)	outline clear, unbroken lines; size to show both outlines equal in size to fill more than the 6 cm of the available space; drawing shows arrangement of seeds and calyx on outer view; drawing shows arrangement of receptacle and surrounding vessels on cut surface; label to show: sepal/calyx/seed(s)/receptacle/fleshy or edible part / AW;	[5]		
ı	(ii)	(fruit) is edible/eaten (by animals/humans); seeds pass through (body/alimentary canal) unharmed/undigested; egested/deposited in, excreta/faeces;	[max 2]		

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(b) (i)	safety – test-tube holder or tongs/use of hot water bath/goggles/ heat proof gloves / knife safety; Benedict's reagent or component chemicals; (reagent) heated; orange/(brick) red/green/AW; i.e. colour of positive result				
(ii)	biuret (reagent) or the named components; expected positive result – (mauve/purple/lilac) AW;				
(c) (i)	presence of sepals ; seeds present ; seeds present in, pits/AW ;			[max 2]	
(ii)	feature	S	Т		
	seed	lighter/smaller/ deeper pits	darker/larger/ shallower pits;		
	shape rounded elongated/oval;		[2]		
				[Total: 17]	