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0653 COMBINED SCIENCE

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Paper 51 (Practical Test), maximum raw mark 30

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- 1 (a) (i) 2 drawings with sun leaf smaller;
shows some detail rather than simple outline e.g. veins; [2]
- (ii) accurate measurement of length of sun leaf from diagram +/- 2mm;
accurate measurement of length of shade leaf from diagram +/- 2mm;
(these values should be the maximum possible lengths)
only ONE mark if in cm [2]
- (b) larger area for greater absorption of light (for photosynthesis);
needs to say more than just more photosynthesis [1]
- (c) (i) table constructed correctly with correct headings;
correct comparison of leaf thickness;
correct comparison of numbers of palisade cells;
correct comparison of size of air spaces;
answers may be in words or figures [4]
- (ii) prevents too much water (vapour) loss due to transpiration; [1]
- [Total: 10]**
- 2 (a) suitable figures for both (refer to SV);
(do not give this mark if in cm)
use of figures correctly;
answer; [3]
- (b) (iv) table
5 readings;
all decreasing;
 d_2 values all less than d_1 ;
if only 4 readings, lose 1st mark
if only 3 readings lose 1st and 2nd mark [3]
- (c) graph
S suitable scale;
P 4 points plotted correctly;
L best straight line; [3]
- (d) correct evaluation; [1]
- [Total: 10]**

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- 3 (a) volume of drop between 0.03 and 0.1 cm³ (inc); [1]
- (b) number of drops for **X** is between 20 and 30;
values decrease;
number of drops approximately halves going down; [3]
- (c) **X** is most concentrated because needs most drops (ecf); [1]
- (d) does not relight/extinguish;
pops;
hydrogen (stands alone); [3]
- (e) white ppt;
hydrochloric; [2]

[Total: 10]