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Paper 31 (Advanced Practical Skills 1),
maximum raw mark 40

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Mark scheme abbreviations:

;	separates marking points
/	alternative answers for the same point
R	reject
A	accept (for answers correctly cued by the question, or by extra guidance)
AW	alternative wording (where responses vary more than usual)
<u>underline</u>	actual word given must be used by candidate (grammatical variants excepted)
max	indicates the maximum number of marks that can be given
ora	or reverse argument
mp	marking point (with relevant number)
ecf	error carried forward
I	ignore
ACE	Analysis, Conclusions and Evaluation (skills)
PDO	Presentation of Data and Observations (skills)
MMO	Manipulations, Measurement and Observation (skills)

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1 (a) (i) Complete Fig. 1.1 to show how you will make three further concentrations of ethanol, E solution. [3]	
MMO decisions 3	[1] (labels under correct sequence of beakers) 2.5 AND 1.25 AND 0.6(25); Additional guidance Must have • % once • Concentrations at least 1 decimal place
	[1] (uses serial dilution to complete three unlabelled beakers) (adds previous concentration of E to each of three beakers) <u>5</u> (%) with volume Or shown by arrow from <u>5</u> (%) with volume AND the <u>same</u> volume transferred from first beaker to second and from second beaker to third; Additional guidance Must have • cm ³ once ecf • if mp 1 incorrect
	[1] (adds (distilled) water /W to each of three beakers) 10 cm ³ (W/water); Additional guidance Must have • cm ³ once ecf • if mp1 incorrect • if mp2 incorrect BUT MUST add previous concentration to second and third beakers
(ii) Describe how you will set up this control using the apparatus provided. [1]	
ACE improvement 1	[1] (test-tube) replace E /ethanol with equal or same or 10 cm ³ volume of water OR (beaker) 20 cm ³ or only water; Additional guidance Do not give mark if • 10% ethanol/E Ignore • 0% must have what this is i.e. water

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(iii) Prepare the space below and record your observations.		[4]
PDO recording 2	[1] table with all cells drawn	AND heading (top or left) percent(age) conc(entrati <u>o</u> n) ;
	Additional guidance Can have	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • % Do not give mark if <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • % in cells of the headed column /row • other units e.g. mol dm³ 	
	[1] (heading) colour or observations or description or result(s) AW;	
MMO collection 2	Additional guidance Do not give mark if	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • additional columns/rows for method/volumes of E /lengths 	
	[1] records colour / no change for 5 concentrations AND control/0 (6);	
	[1] records highest concentration with deeper blue than next concentration;	
	Additional guidance	Can have
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • minimum two recorded colours
(iv) State the volume of the smallest division on syringe. State degree of uncertainty.		[1]
ACE interpretation 1	[1] +/-	AND half smallest division AND cm ³ /ml;
	Additional guidance	Can have <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rounding up or down • percentage error if shows calculation as half division /10 or any volume X 100 Must have percentage or %

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(v) Explain the effect of the ethanol on the plant tissue.		[3]
max 3	<p>1. (ethanol) Idea of breaks down /destroys/damages cell or cell surface/plasma membrane;</p> <p>2. Idea of decreases <u>selective</u> permeability or increases permeability;</p> <p>3. <u>Idea of</u> effect on protein (in cell membrane) <u>denatures</u> or opens channels;</p> <p>4. Idea of effect on phospholipid(s);</p>	
ACE conclusion max 3		
(vi) If the ends had not been cut off how would the results have been affected?		[1]
max 1	<p>1. lengths not same;</p> <p>2. more colour from ends;</p> <p>3. colour not same;</p>	
ACE interpretation max 1		

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PDO layout 4		(b) (i) Plot a graph of the data shown in Table 1.1.		[4]
[1]	x-axis pH of buffer solutions	AND y-axis absorbance / %;		
	Additional guidance	<p>Must have</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • units <p>Do not give mark if</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any units for pH e.g. arbitrary units 		
[1]	(scale on x-axis) 4.0 at 0 AND one pH to 2 cm must label each 2 cm	AND (scale on y-axis) <u>20 to 2 cm</u> must label each 2 cm;		
	Additional guidance	ecf if no labels for O if reverse O scale must have still have 20 to 2 cm		
		Do not give mark if		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • awkward scale e.g. 25 to 2 cm, 40 to 2 cm 		
[1]	correct plotting of each point;			
	Additional guidance	Can have		
	4.0 83	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • small cross or dot in circle 		
	6.0 39	Do not give mark if		
	7.3 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • awkward y-axis scale • blobs or dots alone • cross too large with any part of line touching 4 mm by 4 mm square – 		
	7.8 38			
	8.5 78			
[1]	lines point to point	AND		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ruled, clear sharp and • quality ruled lines, thinner than half square; 		
	Additional guidance	Do not give mark if		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any feathery line • irregular thickness • extrapolation at either end 		

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		(ii) ... the absorbance was 46%. Use your graph to estimate the pH of the buffer solution at this absorbance.		[2]
ACE decision 1 max 1	[1]	one correct reading from graph;		
MMO decision 1 max 1	[1]	readings of any TWO values from graph;		
		(iii) State two variables that need to be kept the same in this investigation. Describe how to keep each of these variables the same.		[3]
MMO decision 1 max 1	[1]	(selects TWO variables for one mark) 1. Idea of size of plant material 2. type or part of plant or condition	(Suitable method to keep the same) using ruler/use cork borer/Vernier callipers; use <u>same</u> type or <u>same</u> part or fresh;	
ACE improvements max 2	max 2	1. volume of buffer	use syringe / measuring cylinder / graduated pipette burette;	
		2. temperature;	use thermostatically-controlled water-bath;	
		3. time	staggered start or separate experiments;	
				[Total: 22]

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2 (a) Draw a large plan diagram of the quarter shown in Fig. 2.1. Label the xylem.		[5]
PDO layout 1	[1]	clear, sharp, unbroken lines AND no shading AND larger than 60 mm by 60 mm; Additional guidance Must have <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • four or more lines Do not give mark if <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • drawn over the print of question • any line thicker – than 1mm • any feathery line • 1 'tail' or overlap or gap
	[1]	no cells drawn AND correct quarter drawn;
	[1]	(outer layer(s)/outside stele) drawn as two/three lines wider than 5mm for most of layer;
	[1]	(central vascular tissue) drawn with two lines for endodermis AND triangular regions/extra layer adjacent;
MMO decision 1	[1]	correct label with label line to xylem; Additional guidance Do not give mark if <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any label which is biologically incorrect e.g. from incorrect organ or animal • label within drawn area

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PDO recording →	[1]	organise as a table/ruled boxes		AND headed Fig. 2.1 and Fig. 2.2	AND first difference opposite each other;
		Additional guidance		Fig. 2.1	Fig. 2.2 OR Fig. 2.2
ACE interpretation max 3	[max 3]	feature	Fig. 2.1	Fig. 2.2	Fig. 2.2
		1	vascular tissue/ xylem	small(er)/only one;	large(r) or seven or more;
		2		round/circular or middle/in centre	star-shape/(seven) different area/not circular or more spread;
		3	endodermis	present/around stele	absent/none;
		4	cortex or parenchyma cells	large(r)/wid-er circular/round/more even sizes	small(er)/narrow(er) irregular/different sizes;
		5	thickened/layer under or epidermis	thick(er)/wide(r)/large(r)	curled/bent;
		6	epidermis or hairs/ trichomes	present/has hairs/trichomes/many	absent/no/few hairs/trichomes or rough;
		7	radius/size	1.25mm/smaller	1.7 mm/larger;
		8	AVP;		

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(ii) Use the scale bar to calculate the magnification of Fig. 2.2.		[4]
MMO collection 1	[1] measures scale bar in mm; 14 or 14.5 or 15 or 15.5 or 16 mm	
MMO decision 1	[1] (converts to same units) (mm to μm) X 1000 14 000 or 14 500 or 15 000 or 15 500 or 16 000 ecf if mp1 incorrect OR (converts μm to mm) 620/1000	Additional guidance Do not give mark if • metres
PDO display 2	[1] shows division of converted scale bar measurement by 620; OR scale bar measurement in mm/0.620;	Additional guidance ecf if no units or incorrect measurement or no or incorrect conversion
	[1] whole number only; 22 or 23 or 24 or 25 or 26	

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(c) ... find three cells with different shapes. Make a large drawing of these cells. Label the cell wall and any observable internal structures of these cells. [5]			
PDO layout 1	[1]	clear, sharp, unbroken lines	AND no shading
		Additional guidance	AND largest cell 50 mm at widest point;
MMO collection 2		Additional guidance	Must have
	[1]	only three cells drawn AND all different shapes;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> three or more enclosed areas Do not give mark if <ul style="list-style-type: none"> drawn over the print of question any line thicker – than 1 mm any feathery line 0 'tails' or overlaps or gaps if one line for cell walls check cell walls only.
PDO recording 1	[1]	three cells with cell walls drawn as double lines;	
		Additional guidance	
MMO decision 1	[1]	at least one cell contains three or more substantial inclusions drawn;	
		Additional guidance	
	[1]	correct label with label lines to cell wall AND starch (grain) or nucleus;	
		Additional guidance	Do not give mark if
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> any label which is biologically incorrect e.g. from incorrect organ or animal label within drawn area
			[Total: 18]