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

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Question		Expected Answers		Marks	Additional Guidance
1 (a) (i) Prepare the space below to record all your results.					
PDO	recording 2	all cells drawn AND	(heading top or to left) W, X, Y, AND Z; Ignore P	[1]	If W, X, Y, Z NOT given. Allow concentration.
		(heading top or to right) time;		[1]	Ignore units. Reject units in table.
MMO	collection 3	times recorded for samples W, X, Y and Z ;		[1]	Ignore wrong recording 1:20 etc. Ignore P.
		time at W /5.00 quicker/less than time for Z /0.25;		[1]	Reject if 1.24 etc. unless have made it clear this is minutes and seconds 1 minute 24 seconds.
		time for P between 0.25/ Z and 1.00/ Y ; Allow same as Z or Y .		[1]	Allow 1.24 etc. as long as figures between Z and Y .
MMO	decisions 1	whole number of seconds recorded (units must be clear somewhere);		[1]	
(ii) Use your results to estimate the concentration of sugar in P.					
MMO	decisions 2	is W or X or Y or Z		[1]	If no reading for P then can only award correct units. Reject g/100 cm ⁻³ Ignore incorrect units.
		OR is between W and X or X and Y or Y and Z correct from results Allow candidate P result equal to or more than W or equal to or less than Z OR units g 100 cm ⁻³ or g/100 cm ³ ;			
		is 5.00 or 2.50 or 1.00 or 0.25; OR (P) is between 5.00 and 2.50 or 2.50 and 1.00 or 1.00 and 0.25;		[1]	Do not allow any estimate between two values.


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(b) State degree of uncertainty in using the small syringe to measure the volumes.						
ACE	interpretation 1	+/-	AND	half volume given AND	units/cm ³ /ml/cc;	[1]
(c) (i) Identify a significant source of error in estimating the sugar concentration of P.						
ACE	interpretation 1	determination of colour change;			[max 1]	Reject temperature of water-bath.
		Ignore timing.				Reject correcting an error e.g. use a colorimeter.
		P between two concentrations/not enough concentrations;				Allow P not tested for other sugars.
(ii) Suggest how you would improve the investigation.						
ACE	improvements 3	more/different/wider range concentrations;			[1]	
		three examples of concentrations/serial dilution;;			[2]	Ignore units.
		white card to show colour change;			[1]	Reject colorimeter/colour chart.
		(repeat/replicate) more than once/many/more times/twice/thrice;			[1]	Reject repeat/repeat again/repeat(s) experiment.
		mean/average;			[1]	
		test P before hydrolysing;			[1]	
		have equal or excess volume of Benedict's;			[max 3]	

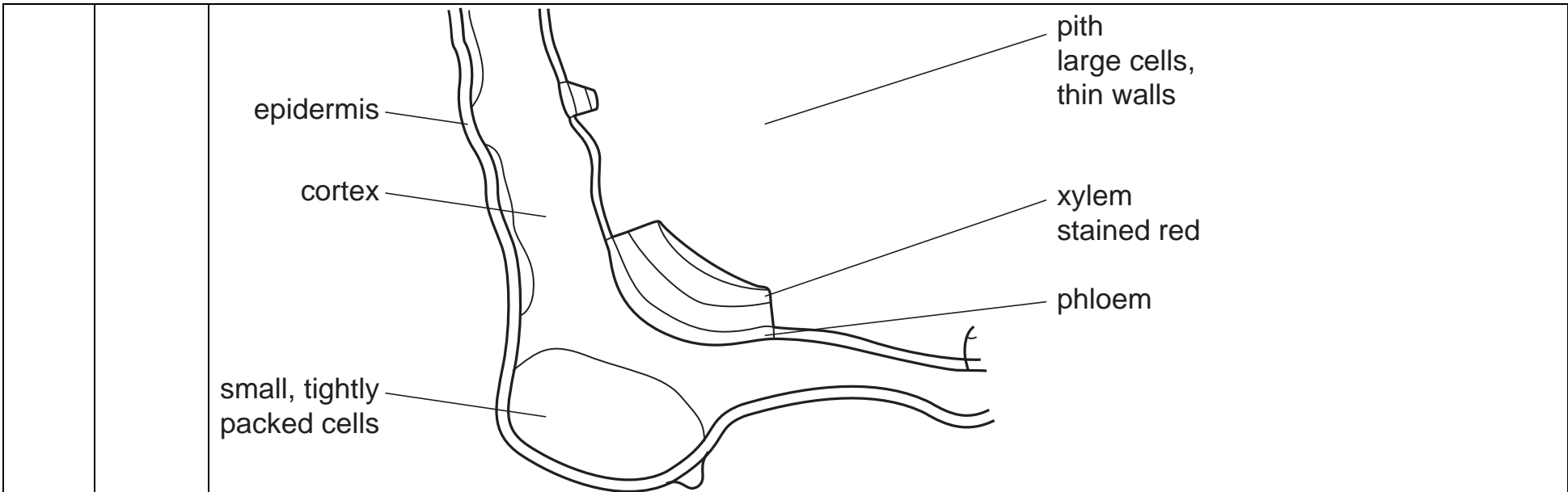
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(d) Suggest one reason why the concentration of sugar in the phloem is not always the same.				
ACE	conclusion 1	different part of plant/near source or sink/position in phloem;		
		different plant;		
		different time day/year or different season;		
		higher temperature;		
		different student so different timing to colour change;		Reject any other errors e.g. ref. to volumes.
		AVP; aphids feeding ref to osmosis/water relations needs link to sugars ref to damage to plant	[max 1]	
Total			[14]	


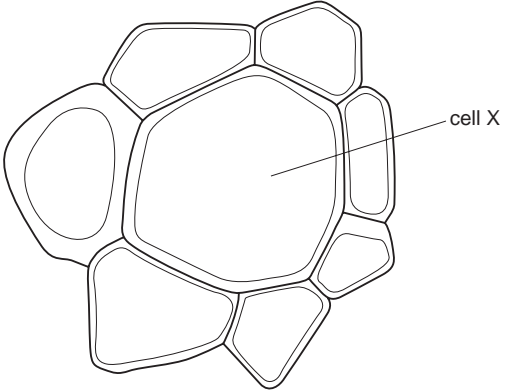
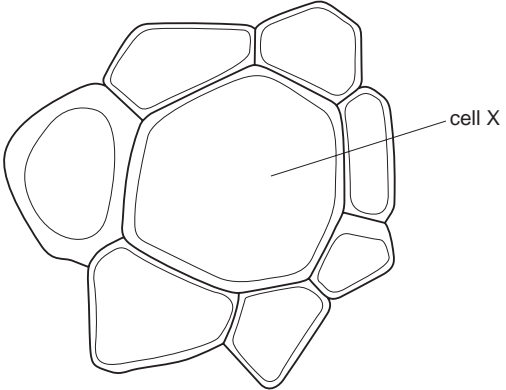
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Question Fig 2.1	Expected Answers							Marks	Additional Guidance
2	(a) Draw a large, labelled plan diagram of the part of the stem shown in fig. 2.1. Add TWO annotations to describe the visible appearance of two tissues.								
PDO	layout 1	clear, sharp, unbroken lines	AND	no shading	AND	longer than 6 cm from centre of drawn corner in both directions;		[1]	
MMO	collection 2	no cells	AND	only correct quarter drawn;			[1]		
		epidermis as two lines maximum 3 mm at the corner					[1]		
		OR corner region of collenchyma drawn; Must be a discrete area.							
PDO	recording 1	corner vascular bundle outer and inner edges both curved towards corner			AND smaller V.B. OR half on right side;		[1]		
MMO	decision 2	any one correct label/epidermis/trichome/cortex/vascular bundle/xylem/phloem/ pith;						[1]	
		Annotations based on	xylem	phloem	cortex	pith	epidermis	collenchyma	[max 1]
		colour walls	red/pink	green					
		colour/lumen	white/ hollow						
		size cells Allow tightly packed			large	large	small/ thin	small	
							2 layers	compact	
		shape of tissue/cells			angular/pentagon/ AW		square		
		walls	thick		thin	thin		thick	
									Must be two different tissues. Allow for any correct description of visible feature. Ignore functions.

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Question Fig. 2.2	Expected Answers			Marks	Additional Guidance	
(b) Make a large drawing of cell X and all the cells that are touching it. Label cell X on your drawing.						
PDO	layout 1	clear, sharp, AND unbroken lines Ignore additional cells beyond cell X plus surrounding cells	no shading AND	cell X largest internal dimension is more than 3cm;	[1]	
MMO	collection 2	labelled correct cell X ;			[1]	Ignore any additional cells and organelles or textbook drawings. 
		drawn all cells (complete) surrounding (cell X); Ignore incorrect labelling of X /no label and number of cells, must have cells all round cell X but ignore additional cells/textbook additions.			[1]	
PDO	recording 1	(cell X) three adjoining straight walls; Ignore incorrect labelling of cell X .			[1]	
MMO	decision 2	(must have at least minimum 4 adjacent cells) all cells drawn must have side walls touching; Reject if cell wall boundaries are not clear.			[1]	
		cell between 6 o'clock and 9 o'clock has longer side attached to cell X than opposite wall; OR anomaly on right separated as line from adjacent cells;			[1]	
Total					[12]	

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3 (a) (i) Prepare the space below and record your observations.				
MMO	collection 1	records observations of <u>cells</u> /yeast/AW grains/bubbles/spots for A1 and A2 and A3 ; Allow stained/blue unstained white/colourless/clear Ignore solution/liquid Reject molecules	[1]	Allow drawings under headings. Ignore other colours than blue or /white/colourless.
MMO	decision 1	(boiled yeast/ A1) (mostly) blue/stained/no white (white) AND (yeast in glucose/ A3) (mostly) white/unstained (blue) AND (yeast in salt/ A2) white/unstained//white and blue/blue;	[1]	A1 boiled A2 high concentration salt A3 in glucose/living
(ii) Explain the appearance of the yeast cells in A1 (boiled) and A3 (living)				
ACE	interpretation 1	(boiled yeast/ A1 blue/stained cells) cells dead/no activity/denatured <u>enzymes</u> /AW AND (yeast in glucose/ A3 white/unstained) living cells/example e.g. budding/respiration/enzymes active; ECF from results.	[1] AND	Reject yeast denatured.
(b) (i) Complete Table 3.1 by calculating the missing value for the mean activity of yeast. Show all the steps in your calculation.				
PDO	display 2	shows 177+180+168 and divided by 3; 177/3 180/3 168/3 then adding up;	[1]	
		then by 3 again; ECF from point 1, allow answer from point 1 divided by 3 or 9.	[1]	177+180+168 divides by 9;; 177+180+168 = 525/9 = 175/3 = (58);;

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(ii) Plot a graph of these data shown in Table 3.1.				
PDO layout 4	O x-axis concentration/conc/ %/percentage AND	y-axis <u>bubbles</u> min ⁻¹ or /min;	[1]	
	S	scale as 1.0 to 2 cm (allow no 0) and 20 to 2 cm; ECF from wrong O – must use more than half grid for both x and y axis with sensible scale 20 to 2cm and y 2 to 2 cm.	[1]	Allow 10 on origin on y but must be labelled.
	P	plotting crosses or dot in circle ONLY AND plots correct;	[1]	Do not credit blobs in or out of circles. Credit x s in circles.
	L	ruled/straight line to all points; Smooth curve through all points.	[1]	Do not credit if any extrapolation beyond 0 or 5.0

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(iii) Describe the results shown in your graph.					
ACE	interpretations 2	increases/most bubbles to <u>1.5%</u> ;	[1]		
		decreases/AW;	[1]		
(iv) From your graph estimate the mean activity of yeast in a 2.0% sodium chloride solution.					
ACE	interpretaton 1	correct reading from graph at 2.0%	AND bubbles per minute/min ⁻¹ ;	[1]	Whole number of bubbles only.
(v) Explain the difference in the activity between					
ACE	conclusion 2	(0.0% to 1.5%) sodium chloride solution	(Salt) increase enzyme activity /AW	[1]	Allow ref. increase in process e.g. active transport.
		(3.0 to 5.0%) sodium chloride solution	(Salt) <u>inhibits/denatures</u> enzymes OR causes water to move out of cells/ osmosis/dehydration/dessication of cells/plasmolysed;	[1]	Reject yeast denatured/killed/dies. Enzyme killed. Enzyme doesn't work.
		Total		[14]	