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Paper 32 (Advanced Practical Skills 2),
maximum raw mark 40

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1	(a) (i) Show clearly on Fig.1.1 what you would expect the contents of the test-tube to look like after 10 minutes. You will gain marks for clear labels.	[2]
ACE conclusions 2	[1] line drawn level with half way mark	AND more yeast drawn towards bottom of tube or another line to show a separate region;
	[1] one label or description;	
	(ii) State the time intervals you will use and what you will use the graph paper scale to measure.	[2]
MMO decisions 2	[1] uses 10 minutes	AND at least three times (including 10) even time intervals between consecutive three;
	Or one/two/two and a half minutes or two mins 30s intervals; Reject if does not divide into 10 e.g. 3 minutes	
[1]	measures or describes measuring e.g. (use graph paper) to find distance/length	AND description of what is measured; e.g. from halfway mark to top of sediment or bottom of tube to top of sediment/or from Fig. 1.1/AW;
	(iii) ...decide on the volume of Y and the volume of each buffer solution to use. Describe all the steps you used to work out the volume. State the volume of Y and the volume of each buffer solution to use.	[1] [1]
MMO decisions 2	[1] describes all following steps	Allow • to 0.1 cm ³
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • takes into account to (half-way) line • takes into account 1 cm³ calcium chloride/C • divides by half; 	
[1]	volume of Y <u>equal</u> to volume of buffer AND cm ³ / ml on both;	

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	(iv) Prepare the space below and record your observations.	[5]
PDO recording 2	[1] table with all cells drawn AND heading (top or left) <u>pH</u> ;	
	[1] Reject • if units anywhere else except headings • t or T (headings) time min(utes) AND length/depth/height/AW with mm or cm;	
MMO collection 2	[1] different results/observations for different pH minimum 2 pH;	
	[1] recorded to 1 mm or 0.1 cm only;	Reject if no units/if mixed units Allow as error carried forward whole or 0.5 units on graph paper
MMO decision 1	[1] repeats recorded;	
	(v) Use your results to state the effect of pH on the yeast suspension.	[1]
ACE conclusion 1	[1] (yeast settles) <u>more / higher rate of</u> • at some pH • or correct example of pH with results;	Reject activity

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(vi)	Identify one significant source of error in this experiment.	[1]
ACE interpretation max 1	cause of error	error
	(dependent variable) boundary/ top of layers or bubbles on surface	idea of finding measuring seeing determining judging;
	or graph paper and test-tube	lining up;
[1]	(standardised variables) test-tubes sizes/	not constant not same/different/vary
[1]	mixing/adding/readings	cannot be done at same time;
		max 1
(vi)	State the degree of uncertainty of using the graph paper scale as a measure.	[1]
ACE interpretation	+/- 2 mm;	Reject % error Allow +/- 0.2 cm or +/- whole or 1 graph paper unit

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(vii)	Suggest how you could make this investigation as accurate as possible ... as reliable as possible [3]		
C	control of any relevant variable; [1] [1] Or hold tube vertical in retort stand/attach graph paper to tubes;	Allow for either accuracy or reliable	
A1	improving measurements to get a true value [1] use ruler/graph paper, with smaller divisions/vernier calipers or colorimeter or collect and dry sediment or larger/more volumes so heights larger;		
A2	[1] set up each pH separately/stagger timing/longer time;		
A3	[1] more buffer solutions or examples of extra buffer/pH;		
R1	improve method to get repeat data [1] repeat or replicate;		
R2	[1] weigh out (initial) mass of yeast ;		
ACE improvements max 3			max 3

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(b) (i)	Plot a graph of the data shown in Table 1.1. [4]	
O	x-axis	Reject t/T
[1]	calcium chloride/CaCl ₂ conc(entratn)(/) m mol	AND y-axis time (/) min;
S	Reject if awkward scale 0.25 to 2 cm	error carried forward if incorrect O then must use more than half provided grid in x and y
[1]	scale as 0.2 to 2 cm	AND 20 to 2 cm;
P	Reject	intersection of cross must be clear to show plot.
[1]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> plotting if scale is awkward unless 0.25 if only blobs/dots/blobs in circles. correct plotting using crosses/dots in circle only;	
L	straight line through points; error carried forward if scale or plotting incorrect	quality – no thicker than on grid, not feathery for the complete line.
[1]		joining plots – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ruled lines plot to plot extrapolation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> not beyond x- or y-axis Ignore if in context of data correct to go to 0,0 must be within 2 mm of 0 if not correct in context of data then no extrapolation at either end of data.
		Reject if any extrapolation beyond 0 or 1.0.
(ii)	State the concentration of calcium chloride required for the yeast to sediment out at 40 minutes. [1]	
MMO collection 1	[1]	correct reading of concentration to no more than 2 significant figures;

PDO layout 4

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		[Total: 22]
2 (a) (i)	Select a large vascular bundle and draw a large plan diagram of the vascular bundle. Label the xylem tissue. [5]	
PDO layout 1	[1] Reject if drawn over print of question	
	Reject thick lines • feathery lines • 4 'tails' or overlaps or gaps clear, sharp, unbroken lines	AND no shading AND uses most of the space provided;
	[1] no cells drawn	AND draws only one vascular bundle;
MMO collection 3	[1] (vascular bundle) shows an outline which encloses vascular bundle tissues;	
	[1] (in one vascular bundle) wider at one end than the other (tapered) Or at least three regions shown;	
MMO decision 1	[1] Reject • if any label is biologically incorrect e.g. regions belonging to other organs or animals. • label within drawn area	
		correct label with label line xylem to region middle to tapered end;

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(ii)	Make a high-power drawing of one trichome, with at least three cells, and one epidermal cell on each side touching the base of the trichome. Label the trichome. [5]	
PDO layout 1	[1] Reject if drawn over print of question	
	Reject <ul style="list-style-type: none"> thick lines – than on grid feathery lines 5 'tails' or overlaps or gaps if double cell walls clear, sharp, unbroken lines in cell outlines	AND no shading AND uses most of the space provided;
MMO collection 2	[1] 5, 6 or 7 cells;	
	[1] cells drawn as a touching group	AND cell walls as double lines with middle lamella in 3 adjacent (epidermal) cells;
MMO decisions 2	[1] (cell or tip of trichome or broken) pointed or rounded Or (in trichome) one larger cell or large base cell;	
	[1] Reject <ul style="list-style-type: none"> if any label is biologically incorrect e.g. labels belonging to other organs or animals. label within drawn area correct label with label line to trichome;	

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(b) (i)	Calculate the ratio of the diameter of the vascular tissue labelled X to the total diameter of the plant organ labelled Y. [3]	
PDO recording 1	[1] (measurements to same degree of precision) whole mm or 0.5 mm;	Allow 0.1 cm or 0.15 cm
PDO display 2	[1] shows larger figure to or: smaller figure or larger figure divided by smaller figure;	
	[1] rounds to correct ratio e.g. 125:69 or leaves as fraction e.g. 125/69;	Reject if include units in answer Reject 1.86:1

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(ii)	Prepare the space below so that it is suitable for you to describe the observable differences between M1 and Fig. 2.1.	[5]	
PD recording ACE interpretation 4	[1] organise as a table or Venn diagram or ruled connected boxes	headed M1 and Fig. 2.1	M1 Fig. 2.1
	[1] feature	M1	if no organisation then mark points only if in same sentence or following sentences.
	[1] shape	irregular/wavy/uneven/star shape/swellings	Fig. 2.1 oval/circular; Ignore regular
	[1] pith/hollow space/empty/lumen/cavity Ignore vacuole	present/yes	absent/no; Allow differences even if not opposite each other.
	[1] vascular tissue/bundle/xylem	bundles/around edge/scattered	stele/in centre;
	[1] number of vascular bundles/tissue/xylem	(vascular bundles) more/(xylem)less	(vascular bundles) less/(xylem)lots/more;
	[1] thickened layer/stained layer/collenchyma/AW	present	absent;
	[1] outer epidermis	thick	thin;
	[1] trichomes/hairs	continuous/smooth present/yes/some/more Allow less	rubbing off/flaky/AW; absent/no/none/fewer; Allow more
	[1] trichome shape	hair-like/pointed	irregular; max 4
[Total: 18]			