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Paper 3 (Advanced Practical Skills 1), maximum raw mark 40

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Mark scheme abbreviations:

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| ; | 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 accepted) |
| 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 |

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- 1 (a) (i) draws at least 3 additional beakers ;
shows 4 concentrations of **S**, 1 + 0.1+ 0.01+ 0.001+ % ;
shows transfer of 2 cm³ solution from previous beaker to next beaker ;
shows addition of 18 cm³ of water to each beaker ; [4]
- (ii) states volume + cm³ + *ref. to* covering potato ; [1]
- (iii) mp1 table drawn + heading for percentage concentration + **S** ;
mp2 heading for colour ;
mp3 uses scale (e.g. +++) to record intensity of colour ;
mp4 result for 10% sodium chloride solution is the highest intensity + water
is the lowest intensity ; [4]
- (iv) low or medium ; [1]
- (v) to show that the results were due to sodium chloride solution and not any
other factor ; [1]
- (vi) *ref. to* other more significant errors than measuring to accuracy of 0.01 cm³ ; [1]
- (b) (i) mp1 (x-axis) time in sodium chloride solution / days
+ (y-axis) mean length of roots / mm ;
mp2 (x-axis) 2 cm to 2, labelled each 2 cm, except origin and 10
+ (y-axis) 2 cm to 5, labelled each 2 cm, except 55 or 60, with 30 or 35 at origin ;
mp3 for 1 mM sodium chloride solution, correct plotting of five points as small cross or
dot in circle ;
mp4 for 1 mM sodium chloride solution, five plots + ruled sharp lines exactly
point to point ; [4]
- (ii) shows 39.5 – 38 divided by 2 ;
0.75 ; [2]
- (iii) correct *ref. to* water potential ;
ref. to movement of water entering cells ; [2]
- (iv) uses at least 5 temperatures ;
(controls temperature by) greenhouse / incubator / temperature controlled room ;
ref. to how standardisation of other variable carried out ; [3]

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- 2 (a) (i) mp1 size at least 70 mm + no shading ;
- mp2 no cells + at least 3 lines + correct section drawn ;
- mp3 shows end of the leaf curving inwards ;
- mp4 uses label line + label to cuticle/trichome/folding of leaf ;
- mp5 feature annotated (cuticle – reduces water loss by evaporation, trichome and folding – reduces diffusion gradient) ; [5]
- (ii) mp1 at least 4 cells + size at least 40mm + sharp continuous lines ;
- mp2 4 cells drawn + each cell touching at least 2 of the other cells ;
- mp3 cell walls drawn as double lines + middle lamella between ;
- mp4 correct proportion of width of cell wall to cell ;
- mp5 uses label line + label to cytoplasm ; [5]
- (b) (i) uses label line + label 'X' to xylem tissue ; [1]
- (ii) shows correct number of eyepiece graticule units for line Y (40 – 44) ;
shows multiplication by 12 ;
shows correct answer ; [3]
- (c) organised as table with 3 columns or rows + headed for, feature + J1 + Fig. 2.2 ;
2 observable differences between J1 and Fig. 2.2 ; [3]

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