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for the guidance of teachers**

0653 COMBINED SCIENCES

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Paper 5 (Practical Test), maximum raw mark 30

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- 1 (a) (i) splint relights/splint glows brighter ;
oxygen/O₂ ;
(the second mark is tied to a correct observation being given)
- (ii) 3 reasonably similar readings for fresh yeast **B**, **C** and **D** ;
clearly in seconds ; [2]
- (iii) correct value for $(\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C} + \mathbf{D}) \div 3$ to a minimum of 1 decimal place unless it is
exactly a whole number ; [1]
- (b) (i) 'no reaction' recorded for **E** in Table 1.1 ; [1]
- (ii) fresh yeast faster reaction/fresh yeast worked (or reverse statement) ;
enzymes (or yeast) denatured (killed/destroyed/made inactive) by boiling ; [2]
- (c) (i) yes: similar readings ;
OR
no: different values/too few repeats/difficult to time end point (if this
response is seen here it cannot be credited in (c) (ii) as well)/loss of yeast
down side of tube ; [max 1]
- (ii) uneven concentration of yeast ;
timing error ;
judgement of foam reaching the line ;
not all yeast reaches the peroxide ;
detergent not controlled ;
concentration of hydrogen peroxide ;
accuracy of measuring (must be accompanied by reference to scale) ; [max 1]

[Total: 10]

2 (a)

compound changes	name and formula	time/s	colour
A	zinc carbonate, ZnCO ₃	e.g. 31	yellow (when hot)
B	magnesium carbonate, MgCO ₃	e.g. 21	(remains) white
C	unknown metal carbonate, XCO ₃	e.g. 28	(green to) black

- (ii) **A**: a value of time (in seconds) **AND** yellow/yellow when hot (ignore
references to the limewater) ; [1]
- (iii) **B**: a value of time **AND** white/no change/same (ignore references to the
limewater) ;
C: a value of time **AND** black (ignore references to the limewater) ; [2]

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- (iv) 1 (fastest) = one with shortest time
 2 = one with intermediate time
 3 (slowest) = one with longest time ;
 (note: this must be consistent with candidates' results)

(v) carbon dioxide/CO₂ ; [1]

(b) (i) blue ppt./grey-blue ppt./green-blue ppt. ; [1]

(ii) brown/black solid **OR** zinc turns brown/black ;
 bubbles/effervescence/colourless solution/solution less blue/gets hot ; [2]

(iii) X = copper/Cu ; (note: do **not** allow copper(II)/Cu²⁺) [1]

evidence 1 and evidence 2:
any two for one mark

- blue ppt. with NaOH (in (c)(ii)) and/or blue solution in (c) ;
 copper carbonate is green ;
 copper oxide is black ;
 brown solid (in (c)(ii)) ;
 displacement by zinc gives brown solid ;
 X is brown ;
 X does not react with acid ;

[max 1]

[Total: 10]

3 (a) any five readings (allow full reading from clock) ;
 any complete column of readings (allow full reading from clock) ;
 all 15 readings entered (allow full reading from clock) ;
 average of readings increasing from $\theta = 10^\circ$ to 30° ;
 all readings recorded to 0.1 s ; [5]

(b) (i) all 3 averages correctly calculated to at least 1 decimal place ; [1]

(ii) all 3 T values calculated correctly to at least 1 decimal place (average $\div 10$) ; [1]

(c) use of $l = 0.30$ m ;
 correct calculation of g to at least 1 decimal place using correct T from table
 which must be squared ; [2]

(d) any errors are reduced (divided by ten)/reduced effect of timing error ; [1]

[Total: 10]