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0653/61   Paper 6 (Alternative to Practical), maximum raw mark 60

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1 (a) (i) blue-black ;

(ii) starch (still) present ;

(iii) *(for sugar accept glucose, maltose, etc.)*
rows 2 to 4 correct, i.e.
sugar absent,
starch absent,
sugar absent ;

rows 5 to 8 correct, i.e.
starch absent,
sugar present,
starch absent,
sugar present ;   [2]

(b) (i) (breaks down / converts) <u>starch</u> to <u>sugar</u> ;   [1]

(ii) sugar molecules can pass through ;
because molecules are small (enough to pass through) ;
sugar present in the water or the beaker ;
(any two, ignore refs to diffusion)   [max 2]

(c) (i) <u>small</u> intestine *(allow duodenum, ilium)* ;   [1]

(ii) blood / capillaries ;   [1]

(d) because molecules are too big / so that it can be absorbed / diffused ;   [1]

[Total: 10]

2 (a) (i) 67.8 ;
62.9 ; (no tolerance)   [2]

(ii) 67.8 – 45 = 22.8 (ecf) ;
62.9 – 25 = 37.9 (ecf) ;   [2]

(iii) 22.8/45 = 0.51 (ecf) ;
37.9/25 = 1.52 (ecf) ;   [2]

(b) (i) points plotted $\pm$ 1 small square ; *(allow 1 error)*
best straight line drawn ;   [2]

(ii) clear evidence shown on graph ;
14.5 – 15.5 (ecf) ;   [2]

[Total: 10]

3 (a) (i) limewater becomes cloudy / milky / white ppt / white solid forms ;

(ii) carbon dioxide/CO_2 ;

(iii) solid **X** is a (metal) carbonate or hydrogen carbonate (bicarbonate); [1]

(b) diagram shows filter funnel containing paper and collecting vessel ;
any two relevant labels ; [2]

(c) (i) copper(II) hydroxide (allow copper hydroxide) ; [1]

(ii) (dark) blue solution (both words necessary) ; [1]

(d) (i) (blue solution) becomes colourless / green (solution) ; [1]

(ii) (grey) filings become copper coloured / pink / brown / orange ; [1]

(e) copper(II) carbonate (allow copper carbonate) **AND** $CuCO_3$ (both correct) ; [1]

[Total: 10]

4 (a) (i) diagram clearly drawn with sharp pencil ;
diagram roughly to scale ; [2]

(ii) In the range 52 mm to 57 mm ; [1]

(iii) answer according to students own diagram ; [1]

(iv) magnification correctly calculated from student's own data ; [1]

(b) (i) line correctly drawn through main part of root to make a transverse section ; [1]

(ii) one area of xylem correctly labelled (the cross) ; [1]

(c) cut seedling through stem ;
put in coloured liquid ;
and leave for a while ;
cut section through stem and view with microscope / hand lens ;
xylem will be coloured by the coloured liquid ; [max 3]

[Total: 10]

5 **(a)** magnesium ;
silicon ;

(b) phosphorus
sodium ; (must be in correct order) [1]

(c) (element number 17) (chlorine) is yellow / green / not colourless / is coloured ; [1]

(d) include the sample in an electrical circuit / try to make it conduct electricity ;
observation: bulb lights up / ammeter shows a reading ; [2]

(e) **(i)** blue ; [1]

(ii) to dissolve / make a solution ; [1]

(iii) red / pink / orange ; *(accept yellow)* [1]

(iv) blue / indigo / violet ; *(accept dark green)* [1]

[Total: 10]

6 **(a)** 0.26 A ;
1.55 V ; [2]
0.30 A ;
1.80 V ; all 2dp, penalise once [2]

(b) **(i)** 1.55/0.26 = 6.0 (ecf) ;
1.80/0.30 = 6.0 (ecf) ; [2]

(ii) voltage is read to the nearest 0.05 V, giving a possibility of inaccuracy / the
wire heats up ; [1]

(iii) find the average / plot a graph and find the gradient ; [1]

(c) **(i)** electrons ; [1]

(ii) arrow shown pointing from left to right on the resistance wire ; [1]

[Total: 10]