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0653 COMBINED SCIENCE

0653/63

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

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1 (a) yeast dead/(enzyme) no longer active/denatured;

[1]

(b)

time/mins	colour in tube A	colour in tube B	colour in tube C
1	blue	blue	blue
2	colourless	blue	blue
3	colourless	blue	blue
4	colourless	blue	blue
5	colourless	colourless	blue
6	colourless	colourless	blue

time/mins;
A correct;

B correct; C correct;

ALLOW decolourised IGNORE transparent

[4]

(c) (i) constant volume/concentration;

[1]

(ii) A changes quicker/changes first/respires faster; (more) glucose/substrate available in A;

[2]

M2 dependent on times being considered

(d) (colour changes back to) blue; methylene blue oxidised/reacts with oxygen/oxygen introduced; oxygen from air above solution;

[max2]

[Total: 10]

2 (a) make a solution in water;

add (aqueous) sodium hydroxide/(aqueous) ammonia; green (gelatinous) ppt/solid;

[3]

(b) add sodium hydroxide (solution) and heat;

damp:

(red) litmus turns blue;

[3]

(c) make a solution in water;

add hydrochloric/nitric acid;

add barium chloride/nitrate (solution);

white ppt;

[4]

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3		rect symbol for voltmeter ; nnected in parallel between X and Y or equivalent ;	[2]
	(b) (i)	values in table: 1.81; ALLOW range 1.80 – 1.82 0.7 0 ;	[2]
	(ii)	headings: V, A, Ω (all three required);	[1]
	(iii)	3.91, 8.00, 2.59 (allow ecf on third value) all values to 2 d.p; all correct values;	[2]
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		tification: e.g. values are too different/not close enough, even allowing experimental error/is 1.5 times;	[2]
		lamps are at different temperatures/lamps have different resistances or currents n expected/this could explain why teacher statement not supported;	[1]
		[То	otal: 10]
4	(a) (i)		otal: 10]
4	(a) (i) (ii)		
4		61;	otal: 10]
4	(ii)	61; 433;	[1]
4	(ii) (iii) (b) (i)	61; 433; 0.0023; Correct plotting (allow 1 error);	[1] [1] [1]
4	(ii) (iii) (b) (i)	61; 433; 0.0023; Correct plotting (allow 1 error); SMOOTH curve;	[1] [1] [1] [2]
4	(ii) (iii) (b) (i) (iii) (iii)	61; 433; 0.0023; Correct plotting (allow 1 error); SMOOTH curve; 52 ± 2; Do not know the rate either side of 52 °C / need more results in range e.g. 40 °C to 60 °C; eat experiment with water instead of acid;	[1] [1] [2] [1]
4	(ii) (iii) (b) (i) (iii) (iii)	61; 433; 0.0023; Correct plotting (allow 1 error); SMOOTH curve; 52 ± 2; Do not know the rate either side of 52 °C / need more results in range e.g. 40 °C to 60 °C;	[1] [1] [2] [1]

[1]

[Total: 10]

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5	(a) (i)	lamp/bulb/ammeter;		[1]
	(ii)	correct symbol for cell (or battery);		[1]
	(iii)	(explanation) does not react; (material) e.g. carbon/platinum;		[2]
	(b) (i)	gives red-brown ppt;		[1]
	(ii)	damp litmus; (red then) bleached;		[2]
	(iii)	hydrogen; lit splint; "pops";		[3]
				[Total: 10]
6	(a) (i)	21.5; 20.5;		[2]
	(ii)	axes correct and labelled; vertical axis NOT starting at zero; points correct (allow 1 error); (e.c.f. from part (i))		[3]
	(iii)	no, points scattered/no pattern/no straight line; (e.c.f. from parts (i (ignore any line drawn)	i) and (ii))	[1]
	roc am exp	by three of) Is should be same length and width; ount of wax should be the same; beriment repeated and average taken; ter should be stirred;		[3]
		swer depends upon (b)) ep thickness / length (etc.) means only variable is % magnesium;		

repeating identifies anomalous results;