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GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always whole marks (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

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GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

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Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)(i)	quality drawing occupying at least half the box ; detail in the centre ;	2
1(a)(ii)	both measurements recorded to nearest mm; drawing larger than original; measurement of drawing correct;	3
1(a)(iii)	correct calculation of magnification ;	1
1(b)	blue-black ; starch present ;	2
1(c)(i)	yellow / green / orange / red ; reducing sugar present ;	2
1(c)(ii)	goggles because of hot water or chemicals / use of hot water bath so hot liquid not ejected ;	1
1(d)	blue / no change ; no protein present ;	2
1(e)(i)	ethanol should be added before water ;	1
1(e)(ii)	cloudy / emulsion ;	1

Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)	black;	1
2(b)(i)	(filtrate) blue ; (residue) red / brown / pink ;	2
2(b)(ii)	blue ppt.;	1
2(b)(iii)	test-tube becomes warmer; solution loses colour; red / brown / pink solid; bubbles;	4
2(b)(iv)	white ppt. / off white ppt. ; yellow / orange / brown / khaki (liquid) ;	2
2(c)(i)	copper; blue ppt. (with sodium hydroxide solution) / blue filtrate; red-brown solid formed with magnesium / residue is red etc.;	3
2(c)(ii)	silver nitrate solution ; white ppt. for hydrochloric AND slight or no ppt. for sulfuric ;	2
	OR	
	barium nitrate solution ; no ppt. for hydrochloric AND white ppt. for sulfuric ;	

Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)(i)	d_2 recorded to the nearest millimetre for d_1 = 10 cm;	1
3(a)(ii)	take reading each side and find average / measure width of load and mark half way point / look through slot of slotted mass;	1
3(a)(iii)	all values of d_2 recorded ; values of d_2 decreasing down the table ;	2
3(b)	all a and b values correct;	1
3(c)(i)	axes labelled with units ; suitable choice of scales (≽ half the grid used) and origin included ; at least 4 points plotted correctly to half a small square ;	3
3(c)(ii)	good best-fit straight line judgement ;	1
3(c)(iii)	indication on graph of how data were obtained AND more than half the line; calculation correct;	2
3(c)(iv)	correct intercept read from a axis to within half a small square ;	1
3(d)	correct calculation AND 2/3 sig fig;	1
3(e)	any two from: difficulty in obtaining balance; load P (or Q) not uniform; difficulty in placing the centre of P (or Q) over the mark on the rule; difficulty in keeping pivot at 40 cm;	max 2

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