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Paper 5 (Planning, Analysis and Evaluation), maximum raw mark 30

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Mark scheme abbreviations:

; separates marking points

I alternative answers for the same point

R reject

A accept (for responses correctly cued by the question, or by extra guidance)

l ignore

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

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Question	Expected answer	Extra guidance	Mark
1 (a) (i)	independent variable: free or immobilised enzyme;	I type/state of enzyme	
	dependent variable: time to decolourise(methylene blue);	A time to change colour R rate	[2]
(ii)	ref. to first mixing the enzyme/it with (any) alginate;	I any alginate concentrations	
	ref. to then adding (alginate and enzyme) to calcium chloride;	A symbol Ca ²⁺ /calcium ions	
	ref. to method of dropping mixture (to form beads);	e.g. using syringe or pipette A dropper	[3]
(iii)	idea of replacing the enzyme by boiled enzyme/water;	I without enzyme unqualified I glass beads	[1]
(b)	7 of: independent variable: 1. same volume/stated volume of enzyme (for making beads and for testing free enzyme);	1. I mass of enzyme	
	dependent variable: 2. ref. to suitable equipment for measuring time taken for methylene blue/indicator to decolourise;	2. e.g. stop clock/stop watch/timer	
	standardised (controlled) variables: max 3 3. ref. to same volume/concentration of methylene blue solution;	A same number/stated number of drops	
	4. ref. to same volume of ethanol/alcohol;		
	5. ref. to same volume NAD ;		

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	6. ref. to method of keeping constant temperature;	6. e.g. water bath/temperature controlled room/incubator/environmental chamber I air conditioning/room temperature If temperature quoted must be maximum 40°C	
	7. ref. to using buffer + maintaining pH;		
	procedure: 8. ref. to adding ethanol (and NAD) to both types enzyme using same apparatus;	8. e.g. in test-tube/boiling tube/beaker/flask. R if pour substrates through for the beads and mix in a beaker/AW for the free enzyme	
	9. <i>ref. to</i> temperature equilibration before mixing enzyme and substrate;		
	10. correct sequencing so that enzyme or substrate is added last;	10. R if methylene blue added last	
	reliability: 11. repeat at least 3 times and find mean/identify anomalies;	11. A several/many repeats A average for mean	
	safety: 12. ref. to suitable hazard and precaution/low risk experiment;	12. e.g. alcohol flammable and no open flames/methylene blue or enzyme irritant/allergen and gloves I allergic or toxic or irritant for NAD/ethanol	[max 7]

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(c) (i)	subtract the control values from the raw data; divide 1 by the time (taken for the methylene blue to become colourless);	$A \frac{1}{\text{time experimental}} - \frac{1}{\text{time control}} = 2$	[2]
(ii)	shows the spread of data/results from the mean; indicates the reliability of the data/results or	R reliability of the mean R accuracy/validity	
	data is reliable as values of s are very small/ora;	A correct data quotes I standard deviation is less than one	[max 2]
(d)	significant: idea that the (observed) result or difference is caused by another factor/factor other than chance/immobilisation/is not due to chance; $P < 0.05$: 5% or less than 5% chance/probability that the (observed) result or difference is not significant; or 95 % or more than 95% chance/probability that the (observed) result or difference is significant;	A 1 in 20 chance of the results being not significant ora 2 marks for: 5% or <5% chance/probability that the (observed) result or difference occur by chance or 95% or >95% chance/probability that the (observed) result or difference are caused by an outside effect/ not due to chance	
			[max 2]
			Total: 19]

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2 (a) (i)	1 of: time for which the radioactive phosphate supplied;	List rule applies A how long the wells are left in place	
	total time for experiment / 12 weeks;	A time after the removal of the wells/11 weeks	
	the species/type of plant used;	A dominant herbaceous species I number of plants	[max 1]
(ii)	1 of: concentration of the radioactively labelled phosphate/ ³² P (solution);	I size of wells I number of samples per organism	
	volume of (radioactive phosphate) solution used;		
	all organisms sampled at the same time;	A same time/intervals between sampling	
	same tissue sampled each time for the same organism;		
	position of wells on the stem;		[max 1]
(b) (i)	divide the (radio)activity in the sample by the (bio) mass;	A Geiger counter reading/ ³² P activity I number/amount of phosphate (ions) I ref. to wet or dry (bio)mass	[1]
(ii)	to enable comparisons to be made ;	I valid/reliable/accurate	[1]

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(c) (i)	supports, as increase in radioactivity does not occur until after the increase in primary consumers;	A increases more slowly than primary consumers A as the (activity in) primary consumers rises it also increases in secondary and tertiary consumers R secondary and tertiary increase as primary decrease	
	2. does not support, as no evidence about what is happening to the phosphate;		
	3. <i>does not support</i> , as radioactivity increases in other primary consumers from the beginning/these consumers have radioactivity (in tissue);	3. A the only way these consumers can contain radioactivity is by eating the treated plants	
	4. does not support, as there is no evidence about transport/phloem;	4. A supports as it must go through stem <u>but</u> no evidence for transport/phloem data	
		A does not support as it could be transported in the xylem	[4]
(c) (ii)	1 of:		
	1. X /primary consumers must have eaten the treated plant;	A X feeds mostly on treated plants	
	2. X takes in ³² P faster ;	R if seasonally or only when wells attached	[max1]

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(d)	2 of: 1. idea of labelling/using other producer species (one at a time);	A minimum of one other species/type of plant I use a variety of plants	
	2. <i>idea that</i> the results from all the different primary consumers should be shown separately;		
	3. <i>idea that</i> all the results for the secondary and tertiary consumers should be shown separately;		
	4. include results/data for decomposer organisms;		
	5. include results/data for quaternary consumers;		
	6. carry out again at different times of the year;	I repeats and take a mean I supplying primary consumers with radioactive phosphate	[max 2]
			[Total: 11]