
BIOLOGY

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Advanced Practical Skills 1

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CONFIDENTIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Great care should be taken to ensure that any confidential information given, including the identity of material on microscope slides where appropriate, does not reach the candidates either directly or indirectly.



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This document consists of **8** printed pages.

Instructions for preparing apparatus

These instructions give details of the apparatus required by each candidate for each experiment in this paper. A summary of the questions that will be presented to the candidates is included, where appropriate, to allow the biology teacher to test the apparatus appropriately. **No access to the question paper is permitted in advance of the examination.**

If a candidate breaks any of the apparatus, or loses any of the material supplied, the matter should be rectified and a note made in the Supervisor's Report.

Candidates must be provided with a microscope with:

- Eyepiece lens, $\times 10$ (equal to 16 mm or $\frac{2}{3}$ ")
- Low-power objective lens, $\times 10$ (equal to 16 mm or $\frac{2}{3}$ ")
- High-power objective lens, $\times 40$ (equal to 4 mm or $\frac{1}{6}$ ")
- Eyepiece graticule fitted within the eyepiece and visible in focus at the same time as the specimen.

To avoid confusion, Cambridge request that only the lenses specified above are fitted in the microscopes to be used in the examination. Any lenses which are **not** $\times 10$ or $\times 40$ should be removed or replaced.

Each candidate must have uninterrupted use of the microscope for at least one hour.

Supervisors are advised to remind candidates that **all** substances in the examination should be treated with caution. Pipette fillers and safety goggles should be used where necessary.

In accordance with the COSHH (Control of Substances Hazardous to Health) Regulations, operative in the UK, a hazard appraisal of the examination has been carried out.

The following codes are used where relevant.

C = corrosive substance

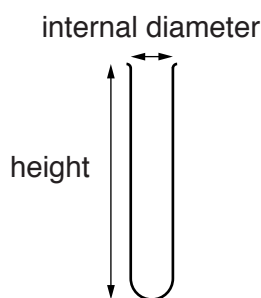
H = harmful or irritating substance

T = toxic substance

F = highly flammable substance

O = oxidising substance

N = harmful to environment



When small test-tubes are provided, it is expected that these are approximately 150 mm in height.

If other dimensions of apparatus are required, these will be specified in the Apparatus list.

Centres are reminded that they are **not** permitted to open the question paper envelopes before the examination. Centres should also refer to the Handbook for Centres.

If there are any difficulties with any aspect of setting up this practical examination that the Centre is not able to resolve, it is essential for Centres to contact the Product Manager as soon as possible by **e-mail** to info@cie.org.uk, by **fax** to +44 1223 553558 or by **phone** to +44 1223 553554.

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Each candidate will require:

For both Questions

- mm ruler.

Question 1

Well before the examination, test the activity of the enzyme by mixing 3 cm³ of **S** with 1 cm³ of **E** in a test-tube. Leave for 5 minutes and then test a drop of this mixture for starch. The iodine should remain red-orange.
If the iodine turns blue-black contact Cambridge for advice.

- Solutions and reagents provided to the candidates should be supplied in a suitable beaker, or container, for removal of the solutions and reagents using a syringe. More of the solutions and reagents should be available if requested by candidates.
- All solutions should be provided to candidates at **room temperature**.
- Fresh test-tubes and syringes are needed for each candidate.
- Fresh **S, E, W, iodine** and **Benedict's** are needed for each candidate.
- All solutions and reagents should be disposed of according to local safety regulations.

Summary of solutions and reagents:

labelled	contents	hazard	volume /cm ³
S	1% starch solution	none	at least 50
E	1% bacterial amylase solution	[H] harmful [H] irritant	at least 15
W	distilled water	none	at least 100
iodine	iodine in potassium iodide solution	[H] harmful	at least 15
Benedict's	Benedict's solution	[H] harmful	at least 60

It is advisable to wear safety glasses/goggles when handling chemicals.

Preparation of solutions and reagents:

Solutions may be prepared the day before and kept in covered containers in a refrigerator. However, they should be supplied to candidates at **room temperature** for the examination.

- (i) **S**, at least 50 cm³ of 1% starch solution, in a beaker or container, labelled **S**.

This is prepared by putting 1 g of soluble starch into 10 cm³ of warm distilled water in a beaker or container and stirring well. Make up to 100 cm³ with boiling distilled water, stir well and then cool to room temperature.

[H] (ii) **E**, at least 15 cm³ of 1% bacterial amylase solution, in a beaker or container, labelled **E**.

This is prepared by putting 1 cm³ of bacterial amylase (supplied by Cambridge) in a beaker and making up to 100 cm³ with distilled water.

(iii) **W**, at least 100 cm³ of distilled water in a beaker or container, labelled **W**.

[H] (iv) **Iodine**, at least 15 cm³ of iodine in potassium iodide solution in a beaker or container, labelled **iodine**.

[H] (v) **Benedict's**, at least 60 cm³ of Benedict's solution in a beaker or container, labelled **Benedict's**.

The containers should be labelled with the contents and the relevant hazard warnings.

The biological molecule being tested for should **not** be on the label, for example Benedict's solution for reducing sugar test should have only the word '**Benedict's**'.

The hazard warning **must** be included on the label, either as a word, e.g. "harmful", or as the pictogram/symbol.

The containers should be supplied with the means to add the reagents to test-tubes.

These reagents should be **fresh** for each candidate.

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Apparatus for each candidate should be clean.

Syringe needles are **not** required and must **not** be given to candidates.

Apparatus for each candidate	Quantity	✓
10 cm ³ syringe with the means to wash it out	2	
2 cm ³ , 3 cm ³ or 5 cm ³ syringe with the means to wash it out (fresh/clean for each candidate)	1	
Pipette, plastic or glass with teat	1	
Beaker or container (capacity at least 200 cm ³), containing approximately 150 cm ³ tap water, labelled For washing	1	
Container (capacity at least 200 cm ³), labelled For waste	1	
Paper towels	8	
Beakers or containers to hold at least 50 cm ³	5	
Test-tubes – large, suitable for heating (to hold more than 40 cm ³ and less than 50 cm ³)	6	
Test-tube rack or container to hold six test-tubes	1	
Test-tube holder to handle hot test-tubes	1	
Water-bath equipment Bunsen burner, tripod, gauze, bench mat, at least 400 cm ³ clear beaker with water suitable for a water-bath (at a starting temperature between 45 °C and 50 °C), matches and a thermometer, –10 °C to 110 °C	1	
Glass rod	1	
Spotting tile or white tile	1	
Stopclock or timer showing seconds	1	
Glass marker pen	1	
Safety goggles/glasses	1	

During the examination, the Supervisor (**not** the Invigilator) should, **out of the sight of the candidates**, carry out **Question 1** using the same solutions and reagents as the candidates, in order to obtain results for **1(a)(i)**, **1(a)(ii)** and **1(b)(ii)**. These results should be written in the Supervisor's Report, **not** on a spare question paper.

The Supervisor's Report and the candidates' seating plan should be enclosed with the candidates' scripts.

Please ensure that, if the scripts are in several packets, a copy of the Supervisor's Report and the candidates' seating plan are enclosed with each packet of scripts.

The Invigilator should **not** carry out **Question 1**.

Question 2

- (i) Slide **J1** (supplied by Cambridge)

On receipt of the slides, please check that they are labelled **J1** and that none of the slides are broken. The material is **confidential** (so **must not** be disclosed to candidates) and the slides should **not** be viewed in advance of the examination.

The number of slides supplied by Cambridge will be equal to half the candidate entry.

Therefore, half the candidates should start on **Question 2** and the other half should start on **Question 1**.

- (ii) Microscope as described on page 2

For each candidate:

- the microscope must be set up on low power
- the slide must **not** be left on the stage of the microscope.

MATERIALS TO BE SUPPLIED BY CAMBRIDGE

- (i) Question papers
- (ii) Bacterial amylase solution
- (iii) Slide **J1**

RETURN OF EXAMINATION MATERIALS TO CAMBRIDGE

Immediately after the examination the microscope slides **must** be:

- returned to Cambridge in the containers in which they were received, using the self-adhesive label. The slides must **not** be included in the packet of scripts.

Or

- purchased using the order form enclosed with the slides, which should be completed and returned to Cambridge. The order form must **not** be included in the packet of scripts.

Slides and boxes will be charged at the rate of £3 per slide and £1 per box.

If the items are not returned or purchased by the deadline stated on the order form they will be charged at £3.50 per slide plus £1 per box.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT and SEATING PLAN

The teacher responsible for the examination is asked to fill in the Supervisor's Report in these Confidential Instructions.

For Centres where more than one script packet is used, there must be a copy of the completed Supervisor's Report and the candidates' seating plan in each script packet. These Supervisors' Reports are essential in order to allow the Examiners to assess all candidates as fairly as possible and should always be completed by every Centre.

This form should be completed and sent to the Examiner with the scripts

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

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The Supervisor or Teacher responsible for the subject should provide the following information.

1. Was any difficulty experienced in providing the necessary materials? If so, give brief details.

2. Give details of any difficulties experienced by particular candidates, giving names and candidate numbers. Reference should be made to:
 - (a) difficulties arising from faulty specimens or microscopes;
 - (b) accidents to apparatus or materials;
 - (c) assistance provided in case of colour-blindness;
 - (d) any other information that is likely to assist the Examiner, especially if this cannot be discovered from the scripts.

All other cases of individual hardship, e.g. illness or disability, should be reported direct to CIE on the normal 'Special Consideration Form' as detailed in the Handbook for Centres.

3. During the examination, the Supervisor should, **out of the sight of the candidates**, carry out **Question 1** using the same solutions and reagents as the candidates. The results for **Questions 1(a)(i), 1(a)(ii) and 1(b)(ii)** should be written in the Supervisor's Report, which should be enclosed with the candidates' scripts. If the scripts are in several packets, please ensure that a copy of the Supervisor's Report is enclosed with each packet of scripts. The Invigilator should **not** carry out **Question 1**.

4. Enclose a seating plan of work benches with the scripts, giving details of the candidate numbers of the places occupied by the candidates for each session. Use **separate** paper for this.

Declaration (to be signed by the Principal or the Examinations Officer)

The preparation of this practical examination has been carried out so as to maintain fully the security of the examination.

Signed

Name (in block capitals)

Centre number (of enclosed scripts)

Centre name

If scripts are required by CIE to be despatched in more than one envelope, it is essential that a copy of the relevant Supervisor's Report and the appropriate seating plan(s) are sent inside **each envelope**.

Temperature of examination room °C

Results for **Questions 1(a)(i), 1(a)(ii) and 1(b)(ii)**

