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**BIOLOGY**

**5090/03**

Paper 3 Practical Test

**May/June 2007**

CONFIDENTIAL INSTRUCTIONS

**1 hour 15 minutes**

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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 session.**

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.

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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

**F** = highly flammable substance

**H** = harmful or irritating substance

**O** = oxidising substance

**T** = toxic substance

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### Confidential Instructions

*Each candidate must be supplied with the following apparatus and materials.*

#### Question 1

Each candidate will require:

- (i) Small plastic bottle e.g. 250–500 cm<sup>3</sup> plastic drink bottle.
- (ii) Large beaker or other container in which to fit the plastic bottle leaving a space of at least 1.5 cm around the bottle. This should be supplied half full of ice cold water.
- (iii) Supply of water at 40°C. Each candidate will need enough water to half fill the bottle twice during the examination.
- (iv) Supply of hot water at 50°C. Each candidate will need enough water to half fill the beaker or container once during the examination.
- (v) Thermometer to read 0°C to 110°C.
- (vi) Sight of a clock or watch with second hand.
- (vii) Ruler, mm.

**Question 2**

Each candidate will require:

- (i) A fresh dicot leaf with petiole e.g. hibiscus or pelargonium, or any which will shrivel when dried for three days, labelled **Leaf A**.  
A similar leaf with petiole that has been picked for one week and allowed to dry and shrivel, labelled **Leaf B**.  
A similar leaf with petiole that has been picked, the **upper** surface immediately coated with petroleum jelly, then left for one week and allowed to dry and shrivel, labelled **Leaf C**.  
A similar leaf with petiole that has been picked, the **lower** surface immediately coated with petroleum jelly, then left for one week, labelled **Leaf D**.

**Note:** Leaves **A**, **B**, **C** and **D** must be from the same species. They should also be the same size before any treatment.

- (ii) 2 cm length from a stick of celery that has been left to stand in a beaker of red or blue ink or dye, labelled **E**.  
The dye should have travelled all the way up the petiole.  
If celery is not available a leaf stalk from a melon or squash or related plant, e.g. gourd, may be used.
- (iii) White tile or similar.
- (iv) paper towel.
- (v) Sharp knife or scalpel.
- (vi) Hand lens.
- (vii) Ruler, mm.



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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 specimens;
  - (b)** accidents to apparatus or materials;
  - (c)** any other information that is likely to assist the Examiner, especially if this cannot be discovered from the scripts.

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 Part 6 of the Handbook for Centres.



- 3 A plan of work benches, giving details of the candidate numbers of the places occupied by the candidates for each session, must be enclosed with the scripts. The space below can be used for this, or it may be on separate paper.

**Declaration** (to be signed by the Principal)

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 .....

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