

**MARK SCHEME for the October/November 2010 question paper  
for the guidance of teachers**

**5090 BIOLOGY**

**5090/31**

Paper 3 (Practical Test), maximum raw mark 40

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- 1 (a) (ii) fault or variation may give odd result / confirms first reading / avoiding any errors;  
R: ref to accuracy / fair testing
- (iii) yes – because of differences (or converse);  
ref. to average / mean length;  
(this can also be accepted in (ii) if not referred to here). [2]
- (iv) marks for Table 1.1: (tick close to point)  
negative change in **A**;  
positive change in **C**;  
means correctly calculated and stated;  
(+) and – indicated in last column; [4]
- (b) (i) graph marks:
- labelled (+) above, – below axis.
  - x-axis labelled 'concentration / mol per dm<sup>3</sup>.'
  - y-axis labelled 'change in length / mm'.
  - clear and accurate plotting of own data.
  - connections ruled / line of best fit. [5]
- (ii) accurately read from graph ( $\pm 1$  mm on x-axis);  
units (mol per dm<sup>3</sup>); [2]
- (iii) water potential the same (equal) / solution in cell(sap) same concentration as external (ambient) solution; isotonic;  
no net exchange of water;  
no change in length / size / dimensions; [3 max]
- (c) investigate adjacent (more / different) values of concentration / using concentration in (b) (ii);  
more accurate measurement of strips; replication / more strips;  
measure mass; longer time; [3 max]
- [Total: 20]

- 2 (a) (i) drawing marks:
- at least 6 cm, clear and realistic.
  - legs (jointed / sections), wings (2), with one veined.
  - segments (clear / complete) / head / eye / proboscis shown. [3]
- labels: leg and wing;  
head / thorax / abdomen;  
segment;  
proboscis / antenna;  
eye; [3 max]
- (ii) better outline / clear(er) / shows more detail;  
holds in place / keeps flatter / spread out; [2]

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(iii) shown where measured;  
measurements with units once at least;  
correct calculation – drawing over specimen size;  
magnification well expressed;  
R: 3 decimal places. [4]

(b) (i) wings; veined; eyes;  
jointed / segmented; antennae;  
legs; head / thorax / abdomen; [4 max]

(ii) comparable but contrasted pairs:

small size / 1 cm	:	large(r) / 10 cm;
wings 2 (1 pair)	:	wings 4 (2 pairs);
delicate / thin / shorter	:	stronger / longer wings;
small(er) head / eyes	:	larg(er) head / eyes;
small / thin / long legs	:	stout / stronger / short legs;
proboscis	;	no proboscis
abdomen (tail) rounded	;	abdomen (tail) pointed
long antenna	;	short antenna

[4 max]

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