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The supervisor must complete the report at the end of this document and return it with the scripts.

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General information about practical exams

Centres must follow the guidance on science practical exams given in the *Cambridge Handbook*.

Safety

Supervisors must follow national and local regulations relating to safety and first aid.

Only those procedures described in the question paper should be attempted.

Supervisors must inform candidates that materials and apparatus used in the exam should be treated with caution. Suitable eye protection should be used where necessary.

The following hazard codes are used in these confidential instructions, where relevant:

C	corrosive	**MH**	moderate hazard
HH	health hazard	**T**	acutely toxic
F	flammable	**O**	oxidising
N	hazardous to the aquatic environment		

Hazard data sheets relating to substances used in this exam should be available from your chemical supplier.

Before the exam

- The packets containing the question papers must **not** be opened before the exam.
- It is assumed that standard school laboratory facilities, as indicated in the *Guide to Planning Practical Science*, will be available.
- Spare materials and apparatus for the tasks set must be available for candidates, if required.

During the exam

- It must be made clear to candidates at the start of the exam that they may request spare materials and apparatus for the tasks set.
- Where specified, the supervisor **must** perform the experiments and record the results as instructed. This must be done **out of sight** of the candidates, using the same materials and apparatus as the candidates.
- Any assistance provided to candidates must be recorded in the supervisor's report.
- If any materials or apparatus need to be replaced, for example, in the event of breakage or loss, this must be recorded in the supervisor's report.

After the exam

- The supervisor must complete a report for each practical session held and each laboratory used.
- Each packet of scripts returned to Cambridge International must contain the following items:
    - the scripts of the candidates specified on the bar code label provided
    - the supervisor's results relevant to these candidates
    - the supervisor's reports relevant to these candidates
    - seating plans for each practical session, referring to each candidate by candidate number
    - the attendance register.

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Specific information for this practical exam

During the exam, the supervisor or other competent biologist (**not** the invigilator) should obtain the results needed for the supervisor's report by following the relevant steps in the question paper. The results should be recorded in the supervisor's report.

Organisation of the exam

- Half the candidates should start on Question 1 and the other candidates should start on Question 2.
- For Question 2, each candidate must have uninterrupted use of a microscope for at least 55 minutes.

Materials to be supplied by Cambridge International

- Slide **P1**

  On receipt of the slides, check that they are labelled **P1** and that no slides are broken. The slides must **not** be viewed in advance of the exam. The material on the slides is confidential and must **not** be disclosed to candidates.

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

Return of slides to Cambridge International

Immediately after the exam, the slides must be:

- returned to Cambridge International in the boxes in which they were received, using the self-adhesive label supplied. 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 International. 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 plus £1 per box.

If the slides are not returned or purchased by the deadline stated on the order form, the charge will be £3.50 per slide plus £1 per box.

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Materials and apparatus for Question 1

Each candidate will need:

materials and apparatus for each candidate	quantity	✓
20% sucrose solution in a beaker or container, labelled **S**, provided at room temperature (see **Preparation of materials**)	at least 40 cm^3	
Distilled water in a beaker or container, labelled **W**, provided at room temperature	at least 300 cm^3	
1.0 mol dm^{-3} hydrochloric acid in a beaker or container, labelled **H**, provided at room temperature	at least 50 cm^3	
Sodium hydrogencarbonate (bicarbonate) powder in a Petri dish or suitable shallow dish, labelled **A**	at least 10 g	
[MH][N] Benedict's solution (qualitative) in a beaker or container, labelled **Benedict's**, provided at room temperature	at least 50 cm^3	
10 cm^3 syringe, with the means to wash it out	1	
5 cm^3 syringes, with the means to wash them out	2	
2 cm^3 or 3 cm^3 syringes, with the means to wash them out	2	
Pasteur pipette, plastic	1	
50 cm^3 measuring cylinder	1	
Beakers, capacity approximately 100 cm^3	4	
Test-tubes, small, capacity 20–30 cm^3, suitable for heating	4	
Test-tubes, large, capacity 40–55 cm^3	4	
Bung to fit the large test-tubes	1	
Test-tube rack(s), to hold 4 small test-tubes **and** 4 large test-tubes **or** Test-tube rack to hold 4 small test-tubes, plus a container to hold 4 large test-tubes	1	
Test-tube holder, to hold hot test-tubes	1	
Bunsen burner, bench mat, gauze and tripod to support water-bath	1	
Beaker, capacity approximately 400 cm^3, with approximately 200 cm^3 of tap water at 40–45 °C, suitable for heating as a water-bath, labelled **water-bath**. The Supervisor may use a thermostatically controlled water-bath to provide the hot water to candidates.	1	
Beaker, capacity approximately 400 cm^3, with approximately 200 cm^3 of tap water at room temperature, labelled **For cooling**	1	
Spatula	1	
Container with approximately 200 cm^3 of tap water, labelled **For washing**	1	
Container, capacity approximately 400 cm^3, labelled **For waste**	1	

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materials and apparatus for each candidate	quantity	✓
Paper towels	8	
Glass marker pen (permanent)	1	
Stop-clock or timer showing seconds	1	
Suitable eye protection	1	

Preparation of materials

All the materials may be prepared the day before the exam.
Sucrose solution, **S**, should be kept in a covered container in a refrigerator.
All the materials should be at room temperature before the start of the exam.

- **S**, 20% sucrose solution

  This is prepared by sprinkling 20 g of sucrose into 80 cm^3 of warm distilled water and mixing well. Make up to 100 cm^3 with distilled water.

Materials and apparatus for Question 2

Each candidate will need:

materials and apparatus for each candidate	quantity	✓
Microscope with: ● an eyepiece lens, ×10 magnification ● a low-power objective lens, ×10 magnification ● a high-power objective lens, ×40 magnification ● an eyepiece graticule fitted into the eyepiece lens	1 between 2	
Slide **P1**	1 between 2	
Ruler, marked in mm	1	

Preparation of materials

- Microscope

  Any lenses which are **not** ×10 or ×40 should be removed or replaced.
  The eyepiece graticule must be visible and in focus at the same time as the specimen.

  For each candidate:
  - the microscope must be set up on low power
  - the slide must **not** be on the stage of the microscope.

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Supervisor's report

Syllabus and component number	9	7	0	0	/	3	3
Centre number							

Centre name .....

Time of the practical session .....

Laboratory name/number .....

Give details of any difficulties experienced by the centre or by candidates (include the relevant candidate names and candidate numbers).

You must include:

- any difficulties experienced by the centre in the preparation of materials
- any difficulties experienced by candidates, e.g. due to faulty materials or apparatus
- any specific assistance given to candidates.

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Temperature of exam room ..... °C

Results for Question **1(b)(iv)**

Declaration

1 Each packet that I am returning to Cambridge International contains the following items:

- ☐ the scripts of the candidates specified on the bar code label provided
- ☐ the supervisor's results relevant to these candidates
- ☐ the supervisor's reports relevant to these candidates
- ☐ seating plans for each practical session, referring to each candidate by candidate number
- ☐ the attendance register

2 Where the practical exam has taken place in more than one practical session, I have clearly labelled the supervisor's results, supervisor's reports and seating plans with the time and laboratory name/number for each practical session.

3 I have included details of difficulties relating to each practical session experienced by the centre or by candidates.

4 I have reported any other adverse circumstances affecting candidates, e.g. illness, bereavement or temporary injury, directly to Cambridge International on a *special consideration form*.

Signed ..... (supervisor)

Name (in block capitals) .....

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