CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS

General Certificate of Education Advanced Subsidiary Level

BIOLOGY 8700/3

PAPER 3 Practical Test

CONFIDENTIAL INSTRUCTIONS

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER SESSION 2001 1 hour 15 minutes

Great care should be taken to ensure that any confidential information given does not reach the candidates either directly or indirectly.

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 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.

Candidates must be provided with a microscope with low power and high power objectives (e.g. $\frac{2}{3}$in and $\frac{1}{6}$in). Each candidate must have the sole use of a microscope for 20 minutes.

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

If you have any problems or queries regarding these Instructions, please contact CIE
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stating the Centre number, the nature of the query and the syllabus number quoted above.

These instructions consist of 3 printed pages and 1 blank page.

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Each candidate must also be provided with the following apparatus and materials.

To be supplied by the Centre

Question 1

(i) About 40 cm^3 of 1% urea solution, labelled as such.

(ii) Three tablets of urease (from Cambridge).

(iii) About 20 cm^3 of distilled water, labelled as such.

(iv) About 100 cm^3 of 0.05 mol dm^{-3} sulphuric acid, labelled as such.

(v) About 5 cm^3 of screened methyl orange* solution, labelled **indicator**.

(vi) 6 Pyrex test-tubes (about 14 x 1.5 cm); test-tube rack; glass rod, which must be long enough to extend beyond the length of the test-tube (to enable crushing of the tablets); filter funnel.

(vii) 2 tins or beakers to serve as water-baths; thermometer °C; Bunsen; 2 tripods and gauzes; cloth or pad of soft paper.

(viii) 1 burette and stand; 1 teat pipette; 3 conical flasks (or small beakers); a 5 cm^3 and a 10 cm^3 syringe (without needle) or small measuring cylinder.

(ix) Sight of a clock e.g. laboratory clock or wrist watch; access to a sink; means of marking glassware.

Note

*Screened methyl orange is made up from the powders sent from Cambridge as follows: dissolve 0.1 g of methyl orange and 0.14 g of xylene cyanol in 50 cm^3 of 50% ethanol.

Additional supplies of all chemicals should be available to the candidates if necessary.

Question 2

(i) Slides **K1** and **K2** (from Cambridge).

To be supplied by Cambridge

(i) Answer books, which also contain the questions.

(ii) Urease tablets, methyl orange and xylene cyanol powder (Question 1).

(iii) Slides **K1** and **K2** (shared between two candidates).

RETURN OF EXAMINATION MATERIALS TO CAMBRIDGE

Please read the following instructions carefully.

Immediately after the examination, the slides must be returned to Syndicate Buildings in the containers in which they were received, using the self-adhesive label for the parcel; they must not be included in parcels of scripts. On occasion, it may be possible for the Syndicate to offer certain slides or materials, used in the examination, for sale to Centres. In this case, an Order Form will be enclosed with the materials sent from Cambridge for the examination. Slides and containers not returned in good condition will be charged at the rate of £3 per item.

REPORT FORM

In order to minimise the disadvantages of a practical examination at which the Examiner is not present, the teacher responsible for the examination is asked to complete the Report Form on the back cover of the script of the candidate whose name appears first on the attendance register. Further comments by teachers need only be made on those scripts where difficulties are encountered.

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