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MARK SCHEME

WS1.2 EXPERIMENTAL SKILLS AND STRATEGIES

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Question			Answer/Indicative content	Marks	Guidance
1	a	i	electric heater ✓	1 (AO2.2)	**ALLOW** electric incubator / <u>electric</u> (water) bath
		ii	wear goggles / tie (long) hair back / secure loose clothing ✓	1 (AO1.2)	**ALLOW** wear gloves / use gauze under flask / use heatproof mat **IGNORE** face mask / do not touch hot equipment
		iii	**Any two from:** difficult to keep constant/regulate temperature ✓ uneven heating of flask creating hot/cold spots ✓ human error in reading thermometer ✓	2 (AO2.2)	**ALLOW** water may overheat **ALLOW** may become hot and denature enzyme **ALLOW** flask may have slightly raised temperature **ALLOW** temperature in water bath may not reflect temperature in the flask
	b	i	**FIRST CHECK THE ANSWER ON ANSWER LINE** **If answer = 32 award 2 marks** 34 + 29 + 33 = 96 ✓ 96 ÷ 3 = 32 ✓	2 (AO2.2)	**ALLOW** answer in the space under the table but answer on answer line in table takes preference **ALLOW** ECF for mean calculation
		ii	temperature ✓	1 (AO2.1)	
		iii	identifies variability in each point plot / gives an estimate of level of uncertainty ✓	1 (AO1.2)	**ALLOW** can plot range/error bars **ALLOW** large error bars variability is high/ORA **ALLOW** high variability then reliability is low/ORA **ALLOW** idea of the spread of data at each point and possibly identify/eliminate outlier/anomaly **ALLOW** ranges overlap the data at those 2 points isn't significantly different

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		iv	Any two from: as temperature increases enzyme activity increases ✓ optimum enzyme activity between 25^0C and 35^0C enzyme activity ✓ but somewhere between 30^0C and 35^0C enzyme activity starts to decrease ✓ idea decrease in rate (after 35^0C) due to denaturing ✓	2 (AO3.1a)	**ALLOW** idea that as temperature increases/gets higher so does rate of (enzyme) reaction / gas release / ORA **ALLOW** higher temperature the faster the enzyme activity **ALLOW** enzyme starts to denature above 30^0C/between 30^0C and 35^0C
			Total	10	
2	a		distance of lamp/light source ✓	1 (AO2.2)	**ALLOW** light intensity **IGNORE** the lamp with no mention of distance or intensity
	b	i	Any two from: bubbles are different sizes / has different volume of gas ✓ some bubbles may also be missed/miscounted ✓ so volume at each point may not be representative of rate ✓	2 (AO2.2)	**ALLOW** amount of oxygen varies / bubbles burst **IGNORE** the pondweed could be different sizes
		ii	Any two from: measure volume (of gas released) ✓ names a suitable apparatus for measuring for volume ✓ use a heat sink ✓	2 (AO2 x 3.3a)	**IGNORE** measure amount **ALLOW** e.g. measuring cylinder / gas syringe / Audus apparatus /graduated pipette
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3		i	**Any two from:** zebras with stripes attracts less/fewer insects / ORA✓ narrower stripes attract less insects / ORA ✓ stripe width for least number of insects/optimum protection is about 8cm / stripe width for most number of insects is about 25cm ✓	2 (AO2 x 3.1a)	**ALLOW** insect bites for insects **IGNORE** length of stripe **ALLOW** width range between 5-10cm for least number of insects / most number of insects is 22-27cm
		ii	stripe width of 8cm because it is the lowest point on the graph/fewest number of insects ✓	1 (AO3.2a)	**ALLOW** width tolerance between 7-9cm and least number of insects (on tape)
		iii	**Any three from:** stripes developed as a mutation / variation for skin stripes ✓ (animals with stripes) less likely to be bitten by insects / more healthy / spread less pathogens / ORA ✓ (striped animals) more likely to survive ✓ (striped animals) more likely to reproduce ✓ pass on allele/gene for stripes / ORA ✓ process occurs over many generations ✓	3 (AO3 x 2.1)	**ALLOW** some more striped than others **ALLOW** offspring produced / breed together **IGNORE** selective breeding **ALLOW** pass on advantageous gene **IGNORE** trait is passed on / genes are passed on **IGNORE** over time
			Total	6	
4			more accurate/precise measurement (of volume/amount of gas) ✓	1 (AO3.3b)	**ALLOW** gas could dissolve in water / less gas can escape **IGNORE** gives exact measurement of gas release
			Total	1	

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5		i	breaks seed dormancy / elongation of shoots ✓	1 (AO1.1)	**ALLOW** (stimulates) flowering/ fruit development / fruit growth / seed formation / germination / growth of shoots / seedless fruits **DO NOT ALLOW** fruit ripening / seed growth
		ii	Idea that the ripeness colour scale can be used for comparison ✓ idea that a numerical estimate/quantitative measure for level of ripeness is better / idea that it gives multiple measures and not just two/ripe or unripe / removes objectivity / allows reproducibility ✓	2 (AO2 x 3.3a)	**ALLOW** can be used to choose from a selection of ripeness levels
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6	a	i	Yes (no marks) cooler than black/grey skin **OR** Yes (no marks) lighter skin is cooler **OR** No (no marks) zebra skin was similar temperature to the other barrels **OR** No (no marks) idea it is warmer than the barrel covered by the white skin / ORA ✓	1 (AO3.2a)	argument must support decision
		ii	paint the barrels different colours rather than using the skins / use the same type of skin painted different colours **OR** idea to make sure that thicknesses/SA/V /volume/temperature of water in barrel need to be controlled ✓	1 (AO3.3a)	**ALLOW** use painted towels to cover barrels **ALLOW** for same type of skin e.g. hair-free skin
	b	i	**Any two from:** zebras with stripes attracts less/fewer insects / ORA✓ narrower stripes attract less insects / ORA ✓ stripe width for least number of insects/optimum protection is about 8cm / stripe width for most number of insects is about 25cm ✓	2 (AO2x3.1a)	**ALLOW** insect bites for insects **IGNORE** length of stripe **ALLOW** width range between 5-10cm for least number of insects / most number of insects is 22-27cm
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7	a		normal bin has holes to allow in air / oxygen ✓ (making normal compost) so aerobic respiration occurs ✓	2 (AO2.1) (AO1.1)	ALLOW converse arguments for bokashi bin ALLOW aerobic bacteria carry out respiration IGNORE bacteria work aerobically
	b		used the same pile of dead plant material for both composters / used same plant type / used equal mass in both composters ✓	1 (AO2.2)	ALLOW used the same time interval for both composters ALLOW used the same water/moisture content for both composters ALLOW idea of same external conditions e.g. put both in same place / external temperature kept the same / kept in the same environment IGNORE references to fair testing
	c	i	Axes – both correctly labelled, including units✓ Axes - even scales occupying more than half of the grid ✓ Plotting - all points correctly plotted ✓ Line - lines labelled or a key ✓ Line - points with curve of best-fit lines ✓	5 (AO5 x 2.2)	Must have time on x-axis and temperature on y-axis ALLOW +/- half a square at least 8 points correctly plotted IGNORE extrapolated lines
		ii	temperature increased as compost decomposed / bacteria released heat by respiration ✓ temperature starts to drop as decomposition slows down/complete / bacterial respiration slows ✓	2 (AO2 x 2.1)	ALLOW rise in temperature due to energy released by respiration ✓ ALLOW bacterial activity slows (if respiration already mentioned) ALLOW temperature starts to drop as enzymes in respiration denature at high temperatures
		iii	idea that decomposition in bokashi (method) bin much slower ✓ anaerobic respiration releases less heat/energy than aerobic respiration ✓	2 (AO2 x 2.1)	Enter text here.

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	d	i	FIRST CHECK THE ANSWER ON ANSWER LINE If answer = 27 (%) award 3 marks 400 / 1500 x 100 ✓ 26.6 (%) ✓ = 27 (%) ✓	3 (AO2.2) (AO2.2) (AO1.2)	If answer = 26.6 (%) award 2 marks ALLOW ECF for correct rounding
		ii	 idea that the gas given off is carbon dioxide ✓ less greenhouse gas produced / less likely to result in global warming / less contribution to greenhouse effect ✓	2 (AO2.2) (AO3.1b)	ALLOW for 2 marks less carbon dioxide produced which is a greenhouse gas ALLOW correct formula ALLOW explanations of the greenhouse effect IGNORE references to environmental damage/not environmentally friendly/pollution/not good for the environment
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8	a		idea that water is added from (each) lake to a (separate) Petri dish using (sterile) pipette ✓ filter paper/antibiotic disc is placed in (the centre of) each dish with the (sterile) forceps ✓ Petri dishes are incubated ✓ idea that the inhibition zone/clear area/area with no bacteria growth around the discs is measured ✓	4 (AO4 x 1.2)	**ALLOW** idea of repeats **ALLOW** idea of setting up a control
	b		Lake Bellandur– no mark **Any two from:** more (antibiotic) resistant bacteria / more species of bacteria are resistant to antibiotics / ORA ✓ Lower number of bacteria killed by antibiotics / less species of bacteria killed by antibiotics / ORA ✓ this lake contains a higher ratio of resistant bacteria compared to bacteria killed by antibiotics✓ (antibiotic) resistant bacteria more likely to survive/reproduce with more (antibiotic) pollution ORA✓	2 (AO2 x 3.2a)	Incorrect or no lake given then no marks **ALLOW** bacteria are more resistant (antibiotic) **DO NOT ALLOW** more resistant to bacteria **IGNORE** immune **ALLOW** only 28 species are killed **ALLOW** idea of natural selection causing increased resistant bacteria with more (antibiotic) pollution
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9	a		idea that water is added from (each) lake to a (separate) Petri dish using (sterile) pipette ✓ filter paper/antibiotic disc is placed in (the centre of) each dish with the (sterile) forceps ✓ Petri dishes are incubated ✓ idea that the inhibition zone/clear area/area with no bacteria growth around the discs is measured ✓	4 (AO4 x 1.2)	**ALLOW** idea of repeats **ALLOW** idea of setting up a control
	b		Lake Bellandur– no mark **Any two from:** more (antibiotic) resistant bacteria / more species of bacteria are resistant to antibiotics / ORA ✓ Lower number of bacteria killed by antibiotics / less species of bacteria killed by antibiotics / ORA ✓ this lake contains a higher ratio of resistant bacteria compared to bacteria killed by antibiotics✓ (antibiotic) resistant bacteria more likely to survive/reproduce with more (antibiotic) pollution ORA ✓	1 (AO2 x 3.2a)	Incorrect or no lake given then no marks **ALLOW** bacteria are more resistant (antibiotic) **DO NOT ALLOW** more resistant to bacteria **IGNORE** immune **ALLOW** only 28 species are killed **ALLOW** idea of natural selection causing increased resistant bacteria with more (antibiotic) pollution
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