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Paper 31 Advanced Practical Skills

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CONFIDENTIAL INSTRUCTIONS

**2 hours**

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### Instructions for preparing apparatus

These instructions give details of the apparatus required by each candidate for each exercise and 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.**

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 objective lens, e.g.  $\times 10$  (equal to 16 mm or  $\frac{2}{3}$ " )
- High-power objective lens, e.g.  $\times 40$  (equal to 4 mm or  $\frac{1}{6}$ " )
- Eyepiece graticule fitted within the eyepiece and visible in focus at the same time as the specimen – Centres may use their own eyepiece graticules.

Each candidate must have sole, uninterrupted, use of the microscope for at least 55 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

**N** = harmful to environment

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## Confidential Instructions

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

### Question 1

Each candidate will require:

- (i) About 20 cm<sup>3</sup> of 1 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> sucrose solution in a Petri dish, labelled **S1** (e.g. made by dissolving 34.23 g of sucrose in 80 cm<sup>3</sup> of distilled water and making up to 100 cm<sup>3</sup>).
- (ii) About 20 cm<sup>3</sup> distilled water in a beaker, labelled **W**.
- (iii) Two pieces of fleshy scale leaf from a fresh onion, as shown in Fig. 1.1, and immediately placed in a beaker of distilled water, labelled **O**.



**Fig. 1.1**

- (iv) An empty Petri dish and empty beaker or container.
- (v) Syringe to measure 10 cm<sup>3</sup>.
- (vi) A dropper pipette.
- (vii) Forceps – sharp pointed.
- (viii) A scalpel or sharp knife.
- (ix) Tile or cutting surface.
- (x) Five microscope slides with cover slips.
- (xi) Means of marking glassware e.g. permanent marker pen.
- (xii) Microscope as described on page 2.
- (xiii) Paper towel.

**The supervisor should, out of sight of the candidates, try question 1 and record the results on the Supervisor's report which should be sent with the scripts.** The invigilator must **not** be involved in testing question 1.

### Question 2

No further materials required. The microscope will **not** be required for question 2.

**RETURN OF EXAMINATION MATERIALS TO CAMBRIDGE**

There are no materials to return to CIE on this occasion.

**REPORT FORM**

The teacher responsible for the examination is asked to fill in the Report Form on pages 7 and 8 of these Confidential Instructions. For Centres where more than one script envelope is used, there must be a copy of the complete Report Form in each script parcel.

These report forms are vital in order to allow the examiners to assess all candidates as fairly as possible and should always be completed by every Centre.

A copy of the seating plan for the examination room must also be enclosed in each script parcel.



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The preparation of the practical examination has been carried out so as to maintain fully the security of the examination.

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