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General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level

BIOLOGY

5090/03

Paper 3 Practical Test

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1 hour 15 minutes

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In accordance with 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 in the left margin where relevant.

C = corrosive substance

F = highly flammable substance

H = harmful or irritating substance

O = oxidising substance

T = toxic substance

Instructions to Supervisors

Each candidate must be supplied with:

For question 1

- (i) 23–25 seeds of the Scarlet Runner bean (*Phaseolus*) in a dish, labelled **W1**. Please check that there is a range in length (roughly 6–10mm).
- (ii) 2 seeds of the same type as **W1** that have been soaked in water for 48 hours, labelled **W2**.
- (iii) White tile.
- (iv) Hand lens.
- (v) Scalpel (preferably not with detachable blade), or sharp knife.
- (vi) Biuret reagents, labelled in a way familiar to the Candidates and with means of dispensing drops.
- (vii) Ruler (mm).

For question 2

- (i) A few plain cornflakes, breakfast cereal, labelled **W3**.
- (ii) 2 medium sized potato crisps, plain (or salted), labelled **W4**.
- (iii) Supply of ethanol, for fat test.
- (iv) Water, with dropper.
- (v) 2 test-tubes with stand.
- (vi) Labels for test-tubes.
- (vii) Paper towels.

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