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**Mark scheme abbreviations**

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| **;** | separates marking points |
| **/** | alternative answers for the same point |
| **R** | reject |
| **A** | accept (for answers correctly cued by the question, or by extra guidance) |
| **AW** | alternative wording (where responses vary more than usual) |
| **underline** | actual word given must be used by candidate (grammatical variants accepted) |
| **max** | indicates the maximum number of marks that can be given |
| **ora** | or reverse argument |
| **mp** | marking point (with relevant number) |
| **ecf** | error carried forward |
| **I** | ignore |

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| Question | Answer | Marks |
|---|---|---|
| 1(a)(i) | 1 correct concentrations 0.03 ($3 \times 10^{-2}$), 0.003 ($3 \times 10^{-3}$), 0.0003 ($3 \times 10^{-4}$), 0.00003 ($3 \times 10^{-5}$) **+** % at least once **;**<br>2 shows transfer of 1 $cm^3$ of 0.3% from 2nd to 3rd beaker and transfer of 1 $cm^3$ of 0.03% from 3rd to 4th beaker and transfer of 1 $cm^3$ of 0.003% from 4th to 5th beaker **+** $cm^3$ **;**<br>3 adds 9 $cm^3$ of water to each beaker **;** | **3** |
| 1(a)(ii) | 1 table drawn **+** heading, percentage concentration of **S ;**<br>2 heading, time **+** seconds **;**<br>3 records time for **W +** times for at least four concentrations of molecule **S ;**<br>4 correct pattern of results, the time for the highest concentration of molecule **S** recorded as the longest time compared to the other concentrations of molecule **S ;**<br>5 times recorded as whole seconds **;** | **5** |
| 1(a)(iii) | 1 reference to inhibition **;**<br>2 reference to substrate unable to bind to active site **;**<br>3 fewer, enzyme-substrate complexes / ESCs, formed **;** | **3** |
| 1(a)(iv) | records time to reach end-point for solution **X ;** | **1** |
| 1(a)(v) | correct estimate according to results **;** | **1** |
| 1(a)(vi) | appropriate error with reason, e.g. colour change of litmus paper **+** difficult to judge **;** | **1** |
| 1(a)(vii) | 1 increase number of concentrations (of **S**) or examples of concentrations **;**<br>2 between named concentrations (of **S**) or use simple / proportional dilution to make concentrations **;**<br>3 reference to drawing a graph and reading off estimate of the concentration of **S** in solution **X** or replication of new procedure **;** | **3** |

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| Question | Answer | Marks |
|---|---|---|
| 1(b)(i) | 1 (*x*-axis) organism **+** (*y*-axis) mercury concentration in tissue samples / ppm **;**<br>2 even width of bars **+** scale on *y*-axis: 10 to 2 cm, labelled at least each 2 cm **;**<br>3 correct plotting of five bars in the order of the table **;**<br>4 five bars drawn with thin lines **+** labelled as named organism in table **;** | **4** |
| 1(b)(ii) | correct calculation of mean (19.1); | **1** |
| | **Total:** | **22** |

| Question | Answer | Marks |
|---|---|---|
| 2(a)(i) | 1 minimum size at least 90 mm **+** at least 3 vascular bundles drawn **;**<br>2 no cells **+** at least one enclosed area beneath epidermis with each end of enclosed area touching epidermis **+** only 3 vascular bundles drawn **;**<br>3 decides to subdivide vascular bundle into at least two areas **;**<br>4 epidermis drawn as two lines **;**<br>5 uses one label line **+** one label to xylem **;** | **5** |
| 2(a)(ii) | 1 quality of line for outer wall of cells (thin line) **+** minimum size at least 40 mm across largest cell **+** no shading **;**<br>2 only four cells drawn, each cell touching at least two other cells **;**<br>3 cell walls drawn as two lines close together **;**<br>4 at least one cell drawn with at least five sides **;**<br>5 uses one label line **+** one label to cell wall **;** | **5** |
| 2(b)(i) | 1 organises comparison into three columns with one column for features, one column headed **M1** and one column headed **Fig. 2.1** **;**<br>2, 3, 4 any three observable differences of comparison **;;;** | **4** |
| 2(b)(ii) | 1 shows squares counted on **Fig. 2.2** **;**<br>2 uses correct units ($cm^2$) for area of xylem tissue and area of vascular bundle **;** | **2** |
| 2(b)(iii) | 1 shows value for area of xylem tissue divided by value for area of vascular bundle × 100 **;**<br>2 shows answer to appropriate degree of accuracy **;** | **2** |
| | **Total:** | **18** |

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