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Paper 3

BIOLOGY

(Practical)

Mar. 2022 – 1¾ hours



Name Index Number

Candidate's Signature Date

Instructions to Candidates

- Write your name and index number in the spaces provided above.
- Sign and write the date of examination in the spaces provided above.
- Answer **all** the questions in the spaces provided.
- You are required to spend the first 15 minutes of the 1¾ hours allowed for this paper reading the whole paper carefully before commencing your work.
- Additional pages must not be inserted.
- This paper consists of 7 printed pages.
- Candidates should check the question paper to ascertain that all the pages are printed as indicated and that no questions are missing.
- Candidates should answer the questions in English.

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Question	Maximum Score	Candidate's Score
1	14	
2	14	
3	12	
Total Score	40	



1. (a) You are provided with plant specimens labelled **E, F, G, H, and J**. Use the specimens to develop a dichotomous key that can be used to identify the plants from which they were obtained based on the following characteristics in the order they are given: (6 marks)
- (i) Leaf form
- (ii) Leaf venation
- (iii) Leaf colour



- (b) Account for the likely observation if fresh specimen **E** was exposed to light and tested for starch. (3 marks)

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- (c) Explain **one** observable feature that adapts plants from which specimen **G** and **H** were obtained to a dry environment.

G (2 marks)

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H (2 marks)

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- (d) Besides leaf characteristics, state **one** other observable characteristic on the plant from which specimen **F** was obtained that enables it to be placed in its Class. (1 mark)

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2. You are provided with solution **M** which is a food substance.

Procedure PDF Compressor Free Version

- (a) Using the reagents provided, test for the food substance present in substance **M** and complete the table below. (12 marks)

Food Test	Procedure	Observation	Conclusion



- (b) State **two** precautions one should observe while conducting the experiment in 2(a).

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(2 marks)

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3. You are provided with specimen **N** and **P** which are plants of the same species grown under different conditions.

- (a) State **two** observable differences between the two specimens.

(2 marks)

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- (b) (i) Name the phenomenon observed in specimen N. (1 mark)

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- (ii) Explain how the knowledge on the phenomenon named in b(i) is applied in agriculture. (2 marks)

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- (c) Account for the appearance of specimen N. (3 marks)

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- (d) State **two** other environmental factors necessary for seed germination apart from light. (2 marks)

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- (e) State **two** observable features on the specimens that make them be placed in the same Class. (2 mark)

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