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Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)(i)	(decisions)	2
	1 decides on a least 3 temperatures (other than room temperature and 40) + °C at least once ;	
	2 suitable even range ;	
1(a)(ii)	(collects data)	3
	1 colours for each temperature using the letters in the key;	
	2 results, for 15 second intervals, until no colour change ;	
	3 letters in correct order ;	
1(a)(iii)	(recording results)	4
	1 table drawn + headings + temperature + °C + time + seconds ;	
	2 records times for at least four temperatures ;	
	3 times the same as recorded for raw results ;	
	4 recorded times same as on spotting tile ;	
1(a)(iv)	(sources of error with reason)	2
	1 appropriate error with reason e.g. colour + difficult to judge ;	
	2 appropriate error with reason e.g. lowering of temperature when test-tube removed from water-bath;	
1(a)(v)	(conclusions)	2
	1 reference to optimum temperature of enzyme ;	
	2 reference to optimum temperature higher than human body temperature ;	

Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)(vi)	(modification to investigate another variable)	3
	1 (to standardise temperature) use of a thermostatically-controlled water-bath ;	
	2 (changes the new independent variable – concentration of enzyme solution) makes at least five enzyme concentrations;	
	3 (method) uses proportional or simple or serial dilution ;	
1(b)(i)	(layout of data)	4
	1 (x-axis) temperature / °C + (y-axis) activity of enzyme / arbitrary units ;	
	2 (scale on x-axis) 5.00 to 2 cm, labelled at least each 2 cm + (scale on y-axis) 5.00 to 2 cm, labelled at least each 2 cm ;	
	3 correct plotting of five points with a small cross or dot in circle ;	
	4 five plots either joined point to point or as a smooth curve, drawn as a thin line ;	
1(b)(ii)	(interpretation of the effect of temperature on the activity of the enzyme)	1
	as temperature rises the activity of the enzyme decreases ;	
	Total:	21

Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)(i)	(plan diagram of P1 , Ranunculus root)	5
	1 minimum size at least 90 mm + no shading ;	
	2 no cells drawn + correct half of the root drawn ;	
	3 stele shown in correct proportion to width of root ;	
	4 shape of xylem drawn correctly ;	
	5 uses one label line + one label to xylem ;	
2(a)(ii)	(layout of drawing)	5
	1 quality of line for outer wall of each cell, thin and sharp + minimum size of cell at least 40 mm;	
	2 only four cells drawn + each cell touching at least two other cells ;	
	3 cell wall drawn as two lines ;	
	4 one cell drawn with at least five sides ;	
	5 uses one label line + one label to cell wall ;	
2(b)(i)	(conclusion)	1
	Fig. 2.2 identified as a stem + appropriate feature e.g. vascular bundles peripheral ;	

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2(b)(ii)	(calculation of magnification)	4
	1 measures length of line Z + units ;	
	2 shows multiplication of length of line Z (mm) by 1000 to convert to \triangleleft m;	
	3 shows division of length of line Z by 4500 ;	
	4 final answer to appropriate degree of accuracy;	
2(b)(iii)	(observable differences between the root on P1 and the organ in Fig. 2.2)	4
	1 organises comparison into three columns with one column for features, one headed P1 and one headed Fig. 2.2;	
	2, 3, 4 any three observable differences of comparison ; ; ;	
	Total:	19