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General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level

AGRICULTURE

Paper 3 Practical Test

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1 hour 15 minutes

Candidates answer on the Question Paper. Additional Materials: As listed in Instructions to Supervisors

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided at the top of this page. Write in dark blue or black pen in the spaces provided on the Question Paper. You may use a soft pencil for any diagrams, graphs or rough working. Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **all** questions. The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

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Answer **all** the questions.

Write your answers in the spaces provided.

- **1 AS1** is a sample of soil that has been heated in an oven at 100 °C for two days and then left to cool.
 - (a) What has been removed from the soil by this process?

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20 g of **AS1** has been weighed for you.

- Place the soil on a metal tray, on a tripod and heat strongly over a Bunsen burner until no more smoke comes from the sample.
- Leave the sample to cool.
- (b) Complete Table 1.1 with your observations while you wait for the sample to cool.

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sample	colour of AS1
before burning	
after burning	

- (c) Describe two safety precautions you have taken during this experiment.
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Make sure that the soil is cool before you continue with this experiment.

- Weigh your cooled sample of **AS1** on the metal tray using a balance.
- Empty the cooled soil sample into the waste soil container provided.
- Weigh the empty metal tray.

(d) Complete Table 1.2 to work out the percentage of organic matter in **AS1**.

Table 1.2

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weight of AS1 before burning	20 g		
weight of AS1 after burning			
loss in weight			
percentage of organic matter in AS1			
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(e) (i) How can a farmer increas	se the amount of organic matter in the soil?		
	[1]		
(ii) What is the advantage to the soil?	What is the advantage to the farmer of increasing the amount of organic matter in the soil?		
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	[Total : 12]		

2 Table 2.1 describes methods to test a 1 cm³ sample of a solution for starch, reducing sugar and protein.

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Table 2.1

	method to test a 1 cm ³ sample of a solution
starch	add 3 or 4 drops of iodine solution to sample in a test-tube
reducing sugar	heat sample with 1 cm depth of Benedict's solution in a test-tube in a water-bath for 3 minutes
protein	add 3 cm depth of sodium hydroxide and 3 cm depth of copper sulphate solution to sample in a test-tube and gently shake

AS2 and **AS3** are solutions made from livestock food supplements. Each supplement may contain starch, reducing sugar and protein.

(a) Use the information in Table 2.1 to test **AS2** and **AS3** to complete Table 2.2 with your results.

	AS2	AS3
colour when mixed with iodine solution		
colour when heated with Benedict's solution		
colour when mixed with sodium hydroxide and copper sulphate solutions		

Table 2.2

(b)	What conclusions can you make about AS2 and AS3 from your results?	
	AS2	
	AS3	
	[4]	
(c)	Suggest two precautions that should be taken when storing these food supplements on a farm.	
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3 (a) Make a labelled drawing of **AS4** to show its external features.

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 - (a) difficulties arising from faulty specimens;
 - (b) accidents to apparatus or materials;
 - (c) any information that is likely to assist the Examiner, especially if this cannot be discovered from the scripts.

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

Signed	
Centre Number	School

*Information that applies to all candidates need only be given once.