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Abbreviations used in the Mark Scheme

- ; separates marking points
- / alternatives
- I ignore
- R reject
- A accept (for answers correctly cued by the question, or guidance for examiners)
- AW alternative wording (where responses vary more than usual)
- AVP any valid point
- ecf credit a correct statement/calculation that follows a previous wrong response
- ora or reverse argument
- ( ) the word/phrase in brackets is not required, but sets the context
- underline actual word given must be used by candidate (grammatical variants excepted)
- max indicates the maximum number of marks that can be given
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<td>A floats, B (probably) sinks, C sinks, D float/sink;</td>
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<td>refer to the Supervisor's report</td>
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<td>1(a)(ii)</td>
<td>1 table drawn with appropriate lines and number of cells;</td>
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<td>2 column and row headings and appropriate units for each heading;</td>
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<td><strong>R</strong> units in any data cell</td>
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<td>3 correct measurements;</td>
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<td>4 correct calculations of change in length;</td>
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<td><strong>AVP</strong>; relating to physical characteristic</td>
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<td><em>expected:</em> <strong>B</strong> <strong>D</strong> <strong>A</strong> <strong>C</strong> ;</td>
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<td><strong>A</strong> suitable trend matching the candidate's data</td>
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<td>1(b)(ii)</td>
<td><strong>B</strong> gained, water; (because <strong>B</strong>) was, hard/larger/AW;</td>
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<td>explanations should match the candidate's data</td>
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<td><strong>C</strong> / <strong>A</strong>, lost, water;</td>
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<td>(because <strong>C</strong>) was most, floppy/soft/small/AW;</td>
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<td><strong>D</strong> / <strong>A</strong>, were between <strong>B</strong> and <strong>C</strong> in terms of, length/texture;</td>
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<td><strong>A</strong>, bent more/smaller than, <strong>D</strong> ; <strong>ora</strong></td>
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<td>no (net) movement of water in <strong>D</strong> / AW ;</td>
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<td>1(b)(iii)</td>
<td>1 reuse of syringe; 2 use clean/new, syringes each time; 3 water loss from tubes; 4 cover tubes (prevent evaporation); 5 potatoes may not be same, type/age/AW; 6 use same potato/type of potato etc.; 7 softness/bending, was not quantified; 8 described method to quantify, bending/softness; 9 AVP;</td>
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<td>1(b)(iv)</td>
<td>initial, length/diameter/size/surface area, of potato/type/age/AW, of potato/volume/25 cm³, of (sucrose) solution/soaking time/temperature;</td>
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<td>I amount I time unqualified</td>
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<td>1(c)(i)</td>
<td>idea that (mass) change, would be greater/takes a longer time (so easier to measure); allows more time to reach equilibrium;</td>
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<td>surface water would not affect measurement of length;</td>
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<td>Axes – correct axes with axes labels and units; Scale – even scale and points fill more than half of printed grid; Plotting – plots all accurate ± half a small square; Line;</td>
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<td>A x: concentration/g per dm³ OR concentration/g dm⁻³ y: percent(age) change in mass OR change in mass/% R extrapolation/feathered line</td>
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<td>any indication on graph where their expected line intercepts x-axis; value from graph in g per dm³;</td>
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<td>1(b)(v)</td>
<td>potatoes) of different, age/variety/part/AW; to calculate an average/identify anomalies;</td>
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<td>O – outline of petals with clear unbroken lines and no shading anywhere; S – size to fill at least half available space; D – detail shown; P – correct proportion;</td>
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<td>15 (mm) ± 1;</td>
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<td>(actual length = 15 ÷ 2) 7.5 (mm);</td>
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<td>2(c)</td>
<td>1 at least 3 different temperatures; 2 method described to maintain (range of) temperature(s); 3 suitable named time period to count number of seeds germinated; 4&amp;S named controlled variables ;;</td>
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<td>cut/mash/crush, the seed (in water)/AW; add iodine solution;</td>
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<td>blue-black colour;</td>
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<td>A record time for all seeds to germinate</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>A amount of water; amount oxygen; humidity; species/type/variety, of seed; mass/size/age/number, of seed; pH; (measurement) period;</td>
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<td>A e.g. cover dishes/repeat watering regularly</td>
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