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Biology

Advanced

Unit 6: Practical Biology and Investigative Skills

Friday 11 May 2018 – Morning

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Paper Reference

WBI06/01

You must have:

Calculator, HB pencil, ruler

Total Marks

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Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- You will be assessed on your ability to organise and present information, ideas, descriptions and arguments clearly and logically, including your use of grammar, punctuation and spelling.
- Candidates may use a calculator.

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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(b) (i) State **two** abiotic variables, other than the independent variable, that could affect this experiment. (2)

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(ii) Choose **one** of the abiotic variables you have identified in (i). Explain how this variable could be controlled. Describe what effect it could have on the results if it is not controlled. (2)

Variable.....

How this variable is controlled.....

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Effect it could have on the results if it is not controlled.

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(c) Suggest why temperature has an effect on the rate of ventilation in locusts. (3)

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(Total for Question 1 = 12 marks)



2 The photograph below shows a curaua plant.



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Fibres can be extracted from the leaves of curaua plants. These fibres can be used in the manufacture of some materials.

If a fertiliser is applied to the plants during their growth, more fibres can be extracted from their leaves.

An investigation was carried out in a laboratory to study the effect of fertiliser on the growth of these plants.

A complete fertiliser and a fertiliser without potassium ions were used.

The mineral content of the dry leaves was determined after 150 days.

The results are shown below.

Complete fertiliser

Mineral content of dry leaves / g kg^{-1}

24.3 33.1 26.7 30.6 32.0 28.4 20.5 24.8 19.9 29.9 23.5 20.3 19.6 19.8 24.6

Fertiliser without potassium ions

Mineral content of dry leaves / g kg^{-1}

8.9 9.6 10.3 10.5 7.4 18.2 13.9 14.2 15.2 7.4 17.2 13.8 16.7 15.8 9.9



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(a) Write a suitable null hypothesis for this investigation.

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(b) Calculate the mean mineral content for each set of results.

Prepare a table to display the **raw data** and your calculated **means**.

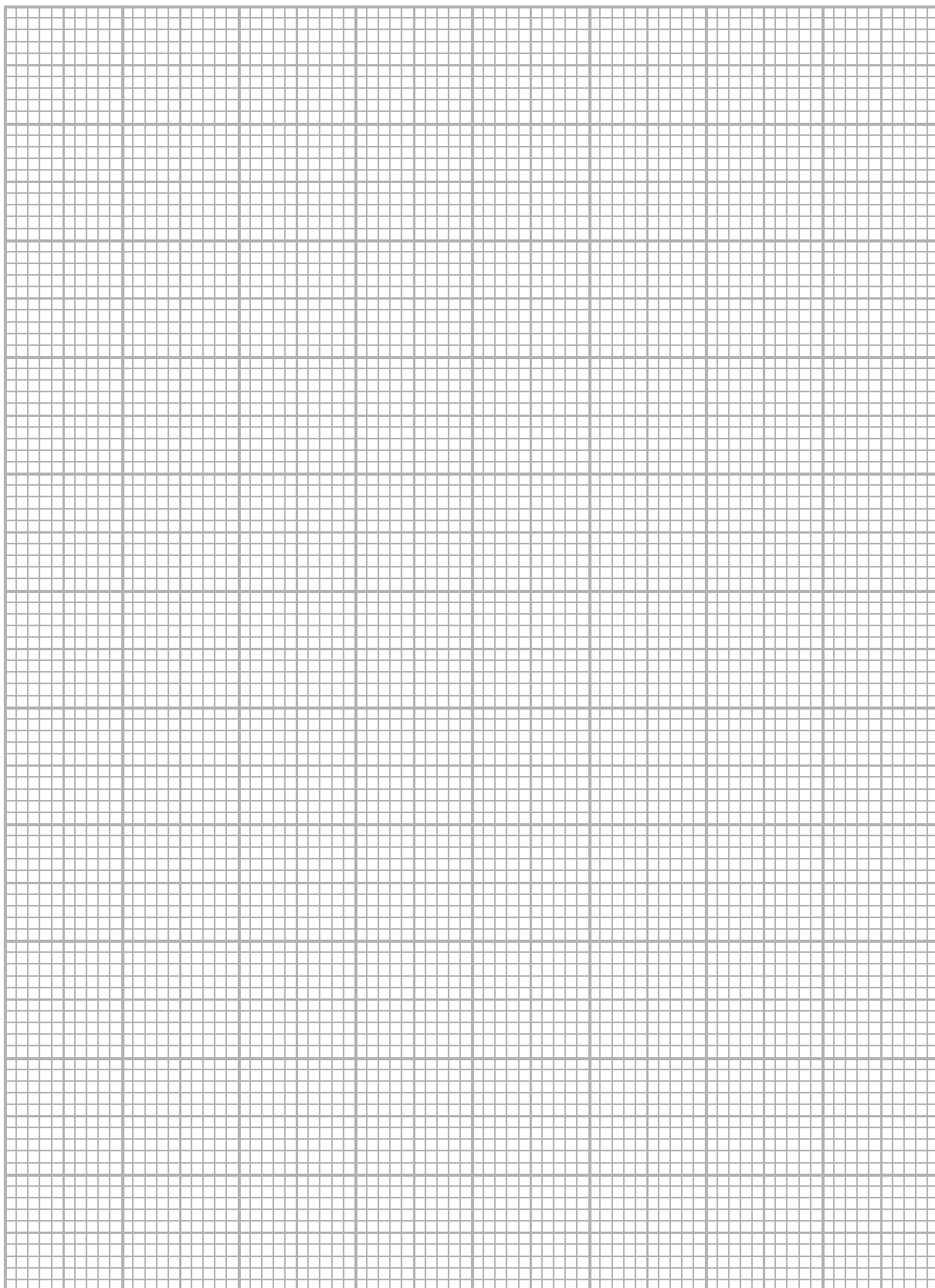
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(c) On the graph paper below, draw a graph to show the mean mineral content for each set of results.

Include an indication of the variability of the data.

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3 The photograph below shows a sunflower seedling, one week after germination.



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A student noticed that the rate of growth of sunflower seedlings is affected by environmental conditions.

The student decided to investigate the effect of temperature on the rate of growth of sunflower seedlings.

The student formed the following hypothesis.

The higher the temperature the faster the rate of growth of sunflower seedlings.

Plan an investigation, that you could carry out in a laboratory, to support or reject this hypothesis.

Your answer should give details under the following headings.



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(c) A detailed method, including an explanation of how important variables are to be controlled or monitored.

[2 marks are available in this section for the quality of written communication.]

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(e) The limitations of your proposed method.

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(Total for Question 3 = 22 marks)

TOTAL FOR PAPER = 50 MARKS



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