



Cambridge International AS & A Level

BIOLOGY

9700/32

Paper 3 Advanced Practical Skills 2

May/June 2021

CONFIDENTIAL INSTRUCTIONS

This document gives details of how to prepare for and administer the practical exam.

The information in this document and the identity of any materials supplied by Cambridge International are confidential and must NOT reach candidates either directly or indirectly.

The supervisor must complete the report at the end of this document and return it with the scripts.

INSTRUCTIONS

- If you have any queries regarding these confidential instructions, contact Cambridge International stating the centre number, the syllabus and component number and the nature of the query.
email info@cambridgeinternational.org
phone +44 1223 553554

This document has **8** pages.

General information about practical exams

Centres must follow the guidance on science practical exams given in the *Cambridge Handbook*.

Safety

Supervisors must follow national and local regulations relating to safety and first aid.

Only those procedures described in the question paper should be attempted.

Supervisors must inform candidates that materials and apparatus used in the exam should be treated with caution. Suitable eye protection should be used where necessary.

The following hazard codes are used in these confidential instructions, where relevant:

C	corrosive	MH	moderate hazard
HH	health hazard	T	acutely toxic
F	flammable	O	oxidising
N	hazardous to the aquatic environment		

Hazard data sheets relating to substances used in this exam should be available from your chemical supplier.

Before the exam

- The packets containing the question papers must **not** be opened before the exam.
- It is assumed that standard school laboratory facilities, as indicated in the *Guide to Planning Practical Science*, will be available.
- Spare materials and apparatus for the tasks set must be available for candidates, if required.

During the exam

- It must be made clear to candidates at the start of the exam that they may request spare materials and apparatus for the tasks set.
- Where specified, the supervisor **must** perform the experiments and record the results as instructed. This must be done **out of sight** of the candidates, using the same materials and apparatus as the candidates.
- Any assistance provided to candidates must be recorded in the supervisor's report.
- If any materials or apparatus need to be replaced, for example, in the event of breakage or loss, this must be recorded in the supervisor's report.

After the exam

- The supervisor must complete a report for each practical session held and each laboratory used.
- Each packet of scripts returned to Cambridge International must contain the following items:
 - the scripts of the candidates specified on the bar code label provided
 - the supervisor's results relevant to these candidates
 - the supervisor's reports relevant to these candidates
 - seating plans for each practical session, referring to each candidate by candidate number
 - the attendance register.

Specific information for this practical exam

During the exam, the supervisor or other competent biologist (**not** the invigilator) should obtain the results specified on the supervisor's report by following the relevant steps in the question paper. The results should be recorded in the space provided on the supervisor's report.

Organisation of the exam

- Half the candidates should start on Question 1 and the other candidates should start on Question 2.
- For Question 2, each candidate must have uninterrupted use of a microscope for at least 55 minutes.

Materials to be supplied by Cambridge International

- Amylase, bacterial
- Slide **K1**

On receipt of the slides, check that they are labelled **K1** and that no slides are broken. The slides should **not** be viewed in advance of the exam. The material on the slides is confidential and must **not** be disclosed to candidates.

The number of slides supplied by Cambridge International will be equal to half the candidate entry.

Return of slides to Cambridge International

Immediately after the exam, the slides must be:

- returned to Cambridge International in the boxes in which they were received, using the self-adhesive label supplied. The slides must **not** be included in the packet of scripts.

or

- purchased using the order form enclosed with the slides, which should be completed and returned to Cambridge International. The order form must **not** be included in the packet of scripts. Slides and boxes will be charged at the rate of £3.25 per slide plus £1 per box.

If the slides are not returned or purchased by the deadline stated on the order form, the charge will be £3.75 per slide plus £1 per box.

Materials and apparatus for Question 1

Each candidate will need:

materials and apparatus for each candidate	quantity	✓
1% starch solution in a small beaker, labelled S , provided at room temperature (see Preparation of materials)	at least 50 cm ³	
[MH][HH][C] 1% amylase solution in a small beaker, labelled E , provided at room temperature (see Preparation of materials)	at least 50 cm ³	
[MH][N] Iodine solution in a beaker, labelled iodine , provided with a teat pipette (see Preparation of materials)	at least 20 cm ³	
100% tea extract in a small beaker, labelled T , provided at room temperature (see Preparation of materials)	at least 20 cm ³	
Distilled water, in a beaker, labelled W , provided at room temperature	at least 150 cm ³	
10 cm ³ syringe	1	
5 cm ³ syringes	3	
1 cm ³ syringe	1	
Test-tubes, small, capacity approximately 20–30 cm ³	5	
Beakers, capacity 50–100 cm ³	5	
Beaker or container, capacity 400 cm ³ , labelled water-bath	1	
Beaker, capacity approximately 400 cm ³ , with approximately 200 cm ³ water at 40–50 °C and labelled hot water	1	
Beaker, capacity approximately 400 cm ³ , with approximately 200 cm ³ of cold tap water, labelled cold water	1	
White tile, 15 cm × 15 cm	1	
Test-tube rack to hold 5 small test-tubes	1	
Pipettes	5	
Glass rod	1	
Thermometer, –10 °C to +110 °C	1	
Container with approximately 200 cm ³ tap water, labelled For washing	1	
Container, capacity approximately 200 cm ³ , labelled For waste	1	
Paper towels	8	
Glass marker pen, permanent	1	
Stop-clock or timer showing seconds	1	
Suitable eye protection	1	

Preparation of materials

S and the stock solution of **iodine** may be prepared the day before the exam and kept in a covered container in a refrigerator overnight.

All solutions should be at room temperature before the start of the exam.

- **S**, 1% starch solution

This is prepared by adding a few drops of distilled water to 1 g of soluble starch in a beaker and mixing to make a smooth paste. Add 80 cm³ distilled water and heat until the solution clears. Make up to 100 cm³ with distilled water. Allow to cool to room temperature.

- [MH][HH][C] • **E**, 1% amylase solution

This is prepared by putting 1 cm³ of 1% amylase solution (supplied by Cambridge International) into a beaker and making up to 100 cm³ with distilled water. Mix well.

E must be prepared immediately before the exam and be at room temperature.

- **T**, 100% tea extract

This is prepared by adding 200 cm³ of recently boiled distilled water to 5 g of black tea. Leave to infuse for 10 minutes, stir and then filter to remove the solid tea.

T should be prepared immediately before the exam and be at room temperature.

- [MH] • **iodine**, 0.01 mol dm⁻³ iodine in potassium iodide solution

This is prepared by making up a stock solution of iodine, which is then diluted to make the 0.01 mol dm⁻³ solution for candidates.

Stock solution of iodine: 0.1 mol dm⁻³

- Put 8.0 g of potassium iodide in a beaker.
- Add 2 cm³ of distilled water to moisten the potassium iodide.
- Add 2.5 g of iodine [MH] [N] (if necessary, crush to small pieces) to the moist potassium iodide.
- Add 15 cm³ of distilled water and stir well.
- When no more iodine dissolves, add another 15 cm³ of distilled water and stir well.
- Repeat with two more volumes of 15 cm³ of distilled water and then make up to a total volume of 100 cm³. It is not essential that all the iodine dissolves.
- This gives a red-brown coloured 0.1 mol dm⁻³ iodine solution.

Put 10 cm³ of 0.1 mol dm⁻³ iodine solution into a beaker and make up to 100 cm³ with distilled water. Mix well. This makes the 0.01 mol dm⁻³ iodine solution and is a yellow-orange colour.

Keep the solution away from direct sunlight, for example in a brown glass bottle.

Materials and apparatus for Question 2

Each candidate will need:

materials and apparatus for each candidate	quantity	✓
Microscope with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an eyepiece lens, $\times 10$ magnification • a low-power objective lens, $\times 10$ magnification • a high-power objective lens, $\times 40$ magnification 	1 between 2	
Slide K1	1 between 2	

Preparation of materials

- Microscope

Any lenses which are **not** $\times 10$ or $\times 40$ should be removed or replaced.

For each candidate:

- the microscope must be set up on low power
- the slide must **not** be on the stage of the microscope.

Permission to reproduce items where third-party owned material protected by copyright is included has been sought and cleared where possible. Every reasonable effort has been made by the publisher (UCLES) to trace copyright holders, but if any items requiring clearance have unwittingly been included, the publisher will be pleased to make amends at the earliest possible opportunity.

To avoid the issue of disclosure of answer-related information to candidates, all copyright acknowledgements are reproduced online in the Cambridge Assessment International Education Copyright Acknowledgements Booklet. This is produced for each series of examinations and is freely available to download at www.cambridgeinternational.org after the live examination series.

Cambridge Assessment International Education is part of the Cambridge Assessment Group. Cambridge Assessment is the brand name of the University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate (UCLES), which itself is a department of the University of Cambridge.

Supervisor's report

Syllabus and component number

9	7	0	0	/	3	2
---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Centre number

--	--	--	--	--

Centre name

Time of the practical session

Laboratory name/number

Give details of any difficulties experienced by the centre or by candidates (include the relevant candidate names and candidate numbers).

You must include:

- any difficulties experienced by the centre in the preparation of materials
- any difficulties experienced by candidates, e.g. due to faulty materials or apparatus
- any specific assistance given to candidates.

Temperature of exam room °C

Results for Question 1(a)(ii)

Declaration

- 1 Each packet that I am returning to Cambridge International contains the following items:
 - the scripts of the candidates specified on the bar code label provided
 - the supervisor's results relevant to these candidates
 - the supervisor's reports relevant to these candidates
 - seating plans for each practical session, referring to each candidate by candidate number
 - the attendance register.
- 2 Where the practical exam has taken place in more than one practical session, I have clearly labelled the supervisor's results, supervisor's reports and seating plans with the time and laboratory name/number for each practical session.
- 3 I have included details of difficulties relating to each practical session experienced by the centre or by candidates.
- 4 I have reported any other adverse circumstances affecting candidates, e.g. illness, bereavement or temporary injury, directly to Cambridge International on a *special consideration form*.

Signed (supervisor)

Name (in block capitals)