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Mark schemes will use these abbreviations:

;	separates marking points
/	alternatives
()	contents of brackets are not required but should be implied
R	reject
A	accept (for answers correctly cued by the question, or guidance for examiners)
I	ignore (for incorrect but irrelevant responses)
AW	alternative wording (where responses vary more than usual)
AVP	alternative valid point (where a greater than usual variety of responses is expected)
ORA	or reverse argument
<u>underline</u>	actual word underlined must be used by candidate (grammatical variants excepted)
max	indicates the maximum number of marks that can be given
+	statements on both sides of the + are needed for that mark

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sample of juice	volume / cm³	appearance										
W1	lower ;	cloudy ;										
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(ii)	W2 greater volume (differences calculated or referenced)/ clear ;		[1]									
(iii)	for comparison / control ;		[1]									
(iv)	to mix the enzyme into the crushed fruit / reference to even distribution ;		[1]									
(v)	temperature ; same amount of stirring / agitation / crushing / surface area ; volume / mass of crushed fruit ; type / age / source of fruit ; same time to filter / type of filter paper ; type / concentration of enzyme ;		[max 3]									
(vi)	measure the mass of crushed fruit before testing ; longer time period to filter ; use of centrifuge instead of filtering ; repeat and calculate a mean / average ; heat in water bath ; use larger volume of fruit / increase concentration of enzyme / AW ;		[max 3]									
(b)	clear outline (with no shading) ; twice size of photograph ; correct proportion, stone and 'dip' shown ; label P for point of attachment to parent plant ;		[4]									

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(c) (i)	preparation of sample – crush / cut up ; addition of Benedict’s solution + heat ; expected colour change blue to red ; <i>safety feature:</i> water bath / eye protection / AW ;	1 mark awarded for safety feature	[4]
(ii)	same volume of juice ; same reagents ; same heating temperature ; same period of heating ; both filtered ; darker colour change = more reducing sugars / AW ;		[max 4]
(d) (i)	21.5 ; 23.0 ;		[2]
(ii)	correct orientation and linear scale, axes labelled ; size to fill at least half or more of printed grid (in both directions) ; plotted points accurate and not larger than ½ of a small square in size ; clear unbroken line passing through the plotted points ;	x-axis ‘time or t/days’ and y-axis ‘total loss in mass/g’	[4]
(iii)	prevents growth of decomposers / AW ;		[1]
			[32]

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(iii)	3.5 ;	<p>Check working to show difference in size between 0.002 mm (frog) and 0.007 mm (human)</p> <p>A error carried forward from (a)(ii) calculation</p>	[1]									
(b)	<p>larger number of cells ;</p> <p>small size ;</p> <p>large surface area / surface area to volume ratio ;</p>		[max 2]									
			[8]									
		Total	[40]									