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BIOLOGY

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Advanced Practical Skills 2

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2 hours

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

Additional Materials: As listed in the Confidential Instructions

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Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.
 Write in dark blue or black ink.
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Answer **both** questions.
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At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.
 The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

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You are reminded that you have only one hour for each question in the practical examination. You should read carefully through the whole of each question and then plan your use of the time to make sure that you finish all of the work that you would like to do.

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You will gain marks for recording your results according to the instructions.

- 1 Solution **E** contains an enzyme which coagulates (clots) milk.

You are required to investigate the independent variable, temperature, on the progress of this enzyme-catalysed coagulation.

When a mixture of milk and enzyme is gently rotated the coagulation goes through the stages shown in Fig. 1.1. Stage 3 is the end-point of the enzyme-catalysed coagulation.

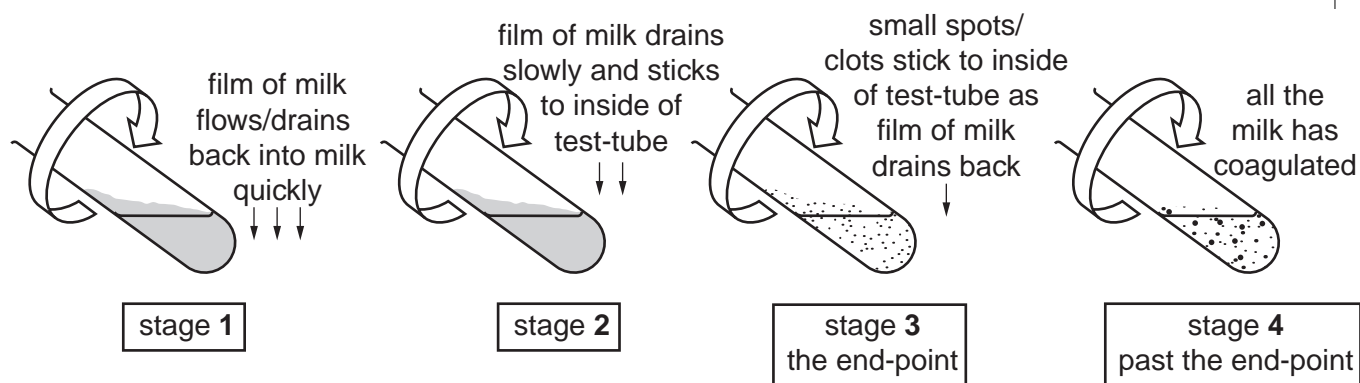


Fig. 1.1

You are provided with

labelled	contents	hazard	volume / cm ³
E	rennin solution	irritant	20
C	calcium chloride solution	irritant	20
M	milk	none	100

- (a) (i) Decide on the temperatures you plan to use in the range (between) 25 °C to 45 °C.

Record the temperatures you have chosen in the space below.

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 [2]

Proceed as follows:

1. Label the test-tubes with the temperatures you have chosen.
2. Put 10 cm³ of **M** into each test-tube.
3. Add 1 cm³ of solution **C** to each test-tube.
4. Gently shake the test-tube to mix **M** and solution **C**.
5. Adjust the temperature of the water-bath you are provided with to your highest chosen temperature.
6. Record the actual temperature of the water-bath.
7. Put the test-tube, labelled with your highest temperature, into the water-bath and leave for three minutes.
8. Remove the test-tube from the water-bath and add 1 cm³ of solution **E**, so that it runs down the side of the test-tube to form a layer on the surface of the milk as shown in Fig. 1.2.

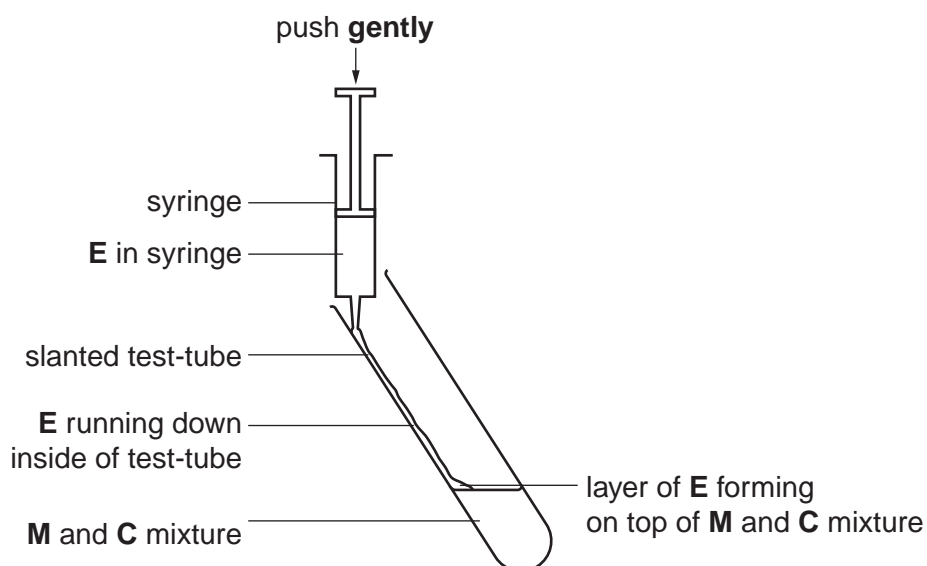


Fig. 1.2

9. Mix solution **E** with the milk by gently shaking the test-tube.
10. Start timing and gently rotate the test-tube as shown in Fig. 1.1 to form a film of milk on the inside of the test-tube. Continue to rotate the test-tube and record the time to reach the end-point as shown in stage 3 in Fig. 1.1. Ignore any small bubbles on the inside of the test-tube.
11. Adjust the water-bath to your next highest temperature.
12. Repeat steps 4 to 11.

(ii) Prepare the space below and record your results.

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[4]

(iii) From your results, state the temperature at which the activity of the enzyme was **lowest**.

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(iv) Identify **two** significant sources of error in this investigation.

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(v) Describe a suitable control for this investigation.

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(vi) Suggest how you could make this investigation as reliable as possible.

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In a similar investigation a student studied the effect of the independent variable pH on the coagulation of milk.

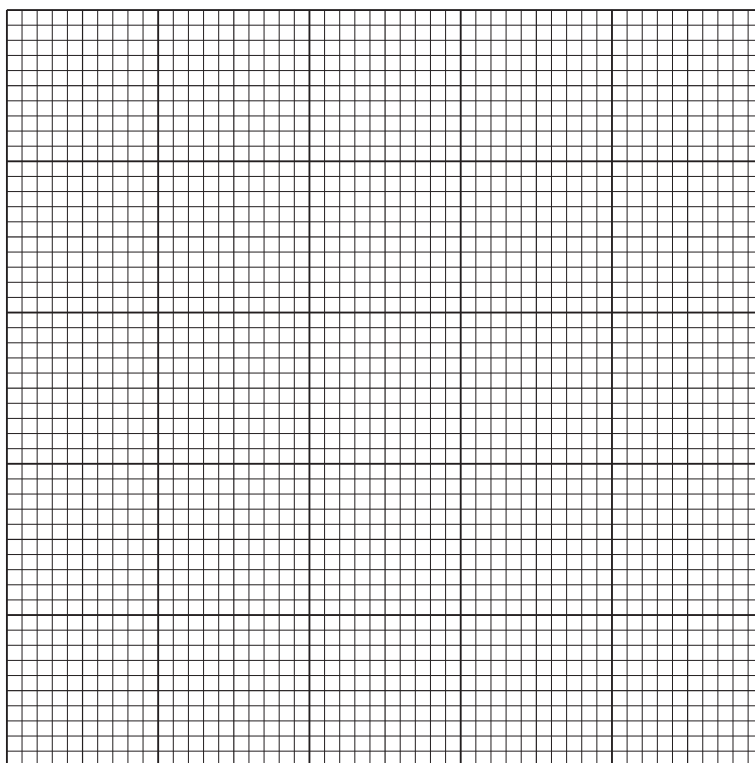
The results are shown in Table 1.1.

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Table 1.1

pH of milk	activity of milk clotting enzyme / arbitrary units					mean
	trial 1	trial 2	trial 3	trial 4	trial 5	
6.02	8.8	8.7	8.9	8.2	8.7	
6.22	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.9	6.8
6.40	4.9	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.4
6.64	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.0
6.70	0.7	0.6	1.1	0.5	0.7	0.6

- (b) (i) Three of the values in Table 1.1 are anomalous. Draw a circle around each of these values. [1]
- (ii) Complete Table 1.1 by calculating the missing value. [1]
- (iii) Plot a graph of the data shown in Table 1.1.



[4]

- (b) (i) Fig. 2.1 is a photomicrograph of a stained transverse section through an organ from an animal. The tissue has been stained with special dyes to show the cells and nuclei.

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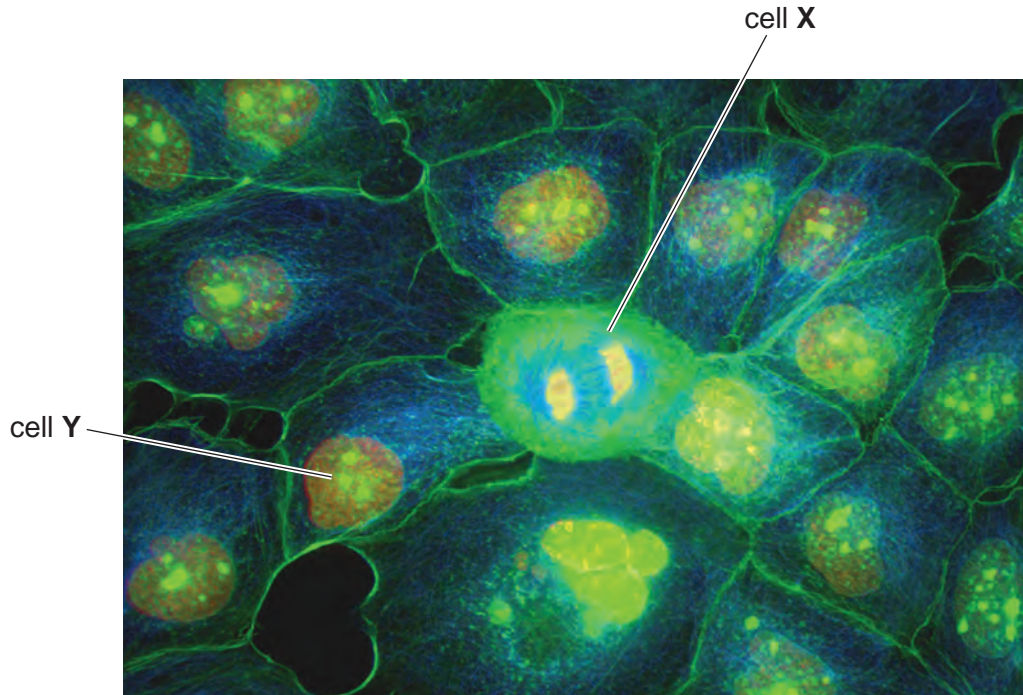


Fig. 2.1

The actual diameter of the nucleus in the cell labelled **Y** is $7.8\ \mu\text{m}$.

Use this information to calculate the actual mean diameter of the three largest nucleoli in cell **Y**.

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mean diameter of nucleoli in cell **Y** μm . [4]

(ii) Suggest how you would make the measurement of each nucleolus more accurate.

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(iii) Make a large drawing of the cell labelled **X** with three complete cells touching cell **X**.

[5]

(iv) Prepare the space below so that it is suitable for you to compare the cells labelled **X** and **Y**.

[5]

[Total: 20]

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