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FOOD AND HUMAN NUTRITION 1

(For Both School and Private Candidates)

Duration: 3 Hours

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Instructions

1. This paper consists of **three (3)** questions
2. Answer **all** questions.
3. Question **one (1)** carries 20 marks and the others carry 15 marks each.
4. All writing must be in **black or blue** ink.
5. Communication devices and any unauthorised materials are **not** allowed in the examination room.
6. Write your **Examination Number** on every page of your answer booklet(s).



1. In Experiment I

Mix 1 g of each of the samples A, B, C and D with 6 cm³ of water in separate test tubes then shake thoroughly. Leave the mixtures for 3 minutes.

Question

Briefly explain the changes observed after adding water to each sample in the given procedure.

Experiment II

- (i) Put 2 cm³ of a mixture of food sample A prepared in Experiment I into a test tube and then add 2 drops of iodine solution.
- (ii) Put 2 cm³ of a mixture of food sample A into another test tube and then add equal volume of Benedict's solution then heat gently to boil.

Questions

- (a) Record your observations and give explanations for each procedure.
- (b) Why was the mixture boiled after the addition of Benedict's solution?

Experiment III

- (i) Put 2 cm³ of a mixture of food sample B prepared in Experiment I into a test tube and then add equal volume of sodium hydroxide solution. Shake well then add 2 drops of 1% copper II sulphate solution.
- (ii) Put 2 cm³ of a mixture of food sample B into another test tube then add equal volume of Benedict's solution and heat gently to boil.
- (iii) Put 2 cm³ of a mixture of food sample B into another test tube thereafter, add 1 cm³ of dilute hydrochloric acid and boil. Then, cool under tap water. Add 2 cm³ of sodium hydroxide solution, shake the mixture well and add 2 cm³ of Benedict's solution, heat gently to boil.

Questions

- (a) Briefly explain what was observed in procedure (i).
- (b) State the role of dilute hydrochloric acid and sodium hydroxide solution in procedure (iii).
- (c) Briefly explain the importance of boiling and cooling the mixture after the addition of dilute hydrochloric acid in procedure (iii).

Experiment IV

- (i) Put 2 cm³ of a mixture of food sample C prepared in Experiment I into a test tube then add equal volume of Benedict's solution. Heat gently to boil.
- (ii) Put 2 cm³ of a mixture of food sample C into another test tube, boil the mixture then cool. Add 2 drops of iodine solution.

Questions

- (a) Briefly explain the observations and inferences in experiment IV.
- (b) Why was the mixture containing food sample C boiled and cooled before adding iodine?

Experiment V

Put 2 cm³ of a mixture of food sample D prepared in Experiment I into a test tube then, add equal volume of sodium hydroxide solution followed by 2 drops of 1% copper II sulphate solution. Write your observation.

Question

What does Experiment V demonstrate?

2. You are provided with white wheat flour, sugar and baker's yeast. Perform the experiment by following the given procedures and answer the questions that follow.

Experiment I

Procedures:

- (i) Heat 250 ml of tap water in a beaker to about 37 °C.
- (ii) Pour 10 ml of water from procedure (i) into a plastic beaker. Dissolve 1 tea spoon of yeast followed by 2 tea spoons of sugar then mix using stirring rod. Leave the mixture to stand for ten minutes.
- (iii) Sieve 250 g of white wheat flour into a small mixing bowl then add a pinch of salt.
- (iv) Put the mixture obtained in procedure (ii) and the warm water prepared in procedure (i) into the mixing bowl containing 250 g of white wheat flour.
- (v) Mix the contents quickly to form a soft dough which is elastic and pliable.
- (vi) Knead the dough vigorously by hand.
- (vii) Place the mixing bowl containing the dough into a bigger bowl that contains warm water about (25-30)°C then cover the dough with a muslin cloth.
After 30 minutes, observe the changes that take place.

Questions.

- (a) State the types of raising agents that are demonstrated in this experiment.
- (b) Briefly explain four methods that were involved in incorporating air into the flour mixture in the process of making dough in this experiment.
- (c) What is the importance of procedure (vi) in making bread and buns?
- (d) Briefly explain the next procedure to be followed in order to obtain the final product.
- (e) Name and write the chemical equations of the processes taking place in the reactions demonstrated in procedure (ii) – (vii).
- (f) Give one benefit of each end product obtained in this process.

3. You are provided with 80 ml of food sample **Y**, solution **Z**, a cooking pot or a sauce pan and a source of heat. Perform the experiment by following the given procedure and answer the questions that follow.

Experiment I

Procedure:

- (i) Put 50 ml of sample **Y** in a sauce pan and heat it uncovered at high temperature (700°C and above) until it boils. Continue heating for 5 minutes and remove it from the heat source. Observe and record changes in volume and appearance. Leave it to cool for 10 minutes and record your observations.
- (ii) Take 5 ml of sample **Y** from the cooled sauce pan in procedure (i). Put it into a porcelain dish and heat to boil at high temperature (700°C and above) until it starts burning. Remove from the heat source and record your observation.
- (iii) Put 10 ml of sample **Y** into a beaker and add equal volume of solution **Z**. Leave the mixture to stand for 5 minutes. Observe and record.

Questions

- (a) Identify sample **Y**.
- (b) Briefly explain the basis of the observed changes in procedures (i) and (ii).
- (c) Name the reaction demonstrated in procedure (ii).
- (d) Briefly explain what was observed when solution **Z** was added into the beaker containing sample **Y** in procedure (iii).
- (e) Name the starter culture which is used to ferment sample **Y** and write the chemical reaction involved in this process.
- (f) State the form of sugar that is present in sample **Y**.