ENZYME

1. The curves on the graph below represent the amounts of oxygen created during a reaction between the enzyme catalase and hydrogen peroxide in an experiment conducted under three different conditions.

- Describe and interpret each of the curves with regard to the speed of the reaction being displayed.
- Describe, in general, what is happening in the enzyme reaction. What conditions could account for the varying results as shown by the graph?

Graph 5: p1 (oxygen)   Minutes   9:13 AM Fri, Feb 4, 2000

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2. Computer models are tools for learning about the things they are meant to resemble. A model's usefulness in understanding a real world situation can be determined by examining the assumptions underlying the model and by comparing its output to actual observations in the real world.

- Determine the usefulness of the enzyme model by describing at least two similarities between the model and science lab or real world outcomes. Give specific details to support your answer.
- Describe at least one limitation of the enzyme model with respect to its ability to replicate real world behavior.

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