

MARK SCHEME for the October/November 2006 question paper

5054 PHYSICS

5054/04

Paper 4 (Alternative to Practical), maximum raw mark 30

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Penalise incorrect or missing units once per question

- 1 (a) (i) 27.8 cm³ indicated in some way [1]
- (ii) parallax error (not in length) / splashing / misreading scale / incorrect recording / finger in water / initial water in container [1]
- (iii) Any evidence of averaging given volumes seen
24.65 (cm³) accept 24.6 / 24.7 ignore sf ecf (a) (i) [2]
- (b) $\bar{t} = \text{average } V/0.433$ or $l = \sqrt[3]{(V/0.433)}$
3.85 cm 3 sf only ecf (a) (iii) [2]

[Total 6]

- 2 (a) (i) h marked from bench to rod [1]
- (ii) eye indicated between bench and rod viewed from side on RH diagram or on string/bob/rod on LH diagram [1]
- (b) (i) measures height from bench at both ends / uses ruler and set square / uses protractor or set square and string / uses (spirit) level [1]
- (ii) makes h or t or experiment more accurate [1]
- (c) measures n or more oscillations ($n \geq 10$) (and $t = \text{total time}/n$)
not repeating experiment [1]
- (d) axes: correct way round, labelled quantity and unit
scales: more than $\frac{1}{2}$ grid, sensible, linear
points: plotted accurately (within $\frac{1}{2}$ square) and neat
line: best fit smooth curve within range of points, neat [4]
- (e) as h increases, t increases
at a decreasing rate / gradient decreases / not (directly) proportional / not linear [2]
- (f) 16.5 cm \pm 0.5 cm ecf (d) [1]

[Total 12]

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- 3 (a) (i)** $8 \pm 0.5 \text{ V}$ [1]
- (ii)** measurement of more than one cycle seen / 3.2 to 3.4 seen
 $6.7 \pm 0.2 \text{ ms}$ [2]
- (b)** 150 Hz or 0.15 kHz ecf **(a) (ii)** [1]
- (c) (i)** Answer must be consistent with **(b)**:
 period too large / waves too spread out / less than one wave on
 screen / compares 15 Hz to **(b)** or to time-base settings
 NB ecf **(b)** may give converse [1]
- (ii)** 10 (ms/div) cao [1]
- [Total 6]**
- 4 (a)** table drawn with correct headings with units
 4 length values correct only
 resistance values correct (allow 2 for 2.0) [3]
- (b)** any two from:
 length values should be evenly spaced
 more readings
 repeat readings
 larger range / longer wire / shorter wire
 do not allow improved accuracy of original readings e.g. parallax errors,
 tapping meters etc [2]
- (c)** graph line does not pass through origin / ratio R/l or l/R not constant [1]
- [Total 6]**
- [Paper Total 30]**