

19 A falling sphere viscometer is a device used to determine the viscosity of a liquid. A sphere falls through a cylinder containing a liquid, and the terminal velocity of the sphere is measured.

(a) State why the temperature of the liquid should **not** increase during the measurement.

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(b) A scientist measured the terminal velocity of an aluminium sphere as it fell through glycerol.

(i) Show that the weight of the sphere is about $4.8 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N}$.

density of aluminium = $2.70 \times 10^3 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$

diameter of sphere = $7.00 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$

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- (ii) The terminal velocity of the sphere was $4.05 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m s}^{-1}$.

Deduce whether Stokes' law applied to the falling sphere.

density of glycerol = $1.26 \times 10^3 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$

viscosity of glycerol = $9.50 \times 10^{-1} \text{ Pa s}$

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- (iii) State one condition that must be met for Stokes' law to apply.

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- (c) A scientist used the viscometer to measure the viscosity of blood. The viscosity of blood is typically in the range $3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ Pa s}$ to $4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ Pa s}$.

Explain why the scientist should use an aluminium sphere with a much smaller diameter than the sphere used with the glycerol. Do not include calculations in your answer.

viscosity of glycerol = $9.50 \times 10^{-1} \text{ Pa s}$

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(Total for Question 19 = 14 marks)