

Mark Scheme (Results)

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Question	Answer	Mark
Number 1(a)	A measurement of distance travelled     (1)	
Ι(α)	• A measurement of time taken (1)	
	<ul> <li>Appropriate measuring equipment for both, e.g. metre rule, stop clock,</li> </ul>	
	light gates (1)	
	$\bullet  \text{See } s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2 \tag{1}$	
	• Repeat and calculate mean (1)	
	OR	
	• A measurement of distance travelled (1)	
	• A measurement of (initial and) final velocity (1)	
	• Appropriate measuring equipment for both, e.g. metre rule, stop clock,	
	ight gates	
	$\bullet  \text{See } v^2 = u^2 + 2as \tag{1}$	
	Repeat and calculate mean	
	OR	
	• A measurement of (initial and) final velocity (1)	
	• A measurement of time taken (1)	
	• Appropriate measuring equipment for both, e.g. stop clock, light gates	
	• See $a = (v - u)/t$ (1)	
	• Repeat and calculate mean (1)	
	For MP4	5
	- accept correctly re-arranged versions	
	- accept gradient of a correctly described graph	
	- accept versions of equations where $u = 0$ has already been included.	
	e.g. $s = \frac{1}{2}at^2$	
	MP1-2 could be described for the falling mass, as acceleration is the same	
1 (b)(i)	• (0.98, 2.8) and (0.78, 2.4) plotted correctly (1)	
	• Straight line of best fit with a positive y-axis intercept	2
	Or curve of best fit (passing through origin) (1)	2
	$\begin{bmatrix} 3.0 \\ 2.5 \end{bmatrix}$	
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	$\frac{5}{8}$ 1.0 $\frac{1}{8}$ 0.5 $\frac{1}{8}$ 0.5	
	$\frac{3}{4} \frac{0.5}{0.0}$	
	0.00 0.50 1.00 0.00 0.50 1.00	
	Force / N Force / N	
1 (b)(ii)	• (Straight) line of best fit does not pass through the origin, so the	
	conclusion is correct	
	<b>Or</b> line of best fit is a curve, so the conclusion is correct	
	Or accept answer consistent with incorrectly drawn line in (b)(i) (1)	1
1(c)	Masses removed from the hanger are placed on the glider	
	<b>Or</b> masses removed from the glider are placed on the hanger (1)	1
	Total for question 1	9

Question Number	Answer		Mark
2(a)(i)	Normal drawn and critical angle indicated	(1)	1
<b>2(a)(ii)</b>	• Use of $\sin C = \frac{1}{n}$ with their measured value of C	(1)	
	• Refractive index = $1.58$ to $1.70$	(1)	
		(1)	2
	C/° n		
	36 1.70		
	37 1.66		
	38 1.62 39 1.59		
	37 1.37		
	MP1 accept correct use of $n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$ , with $n_2 = 1$ and $\theta_2 = 90^\circ$		
	Example calculation		
	$C = 38^{\circ}$		
	$\sin 38^\circ = \frac{1}{n}$		
	n = 1.62		
<b>2(b)</b>	• Use of $\sin C = \frac{1}{n}$ with either 40.5° or 41.5°	(1)	
	Range of refractive index calculated	(1)	2
	Example calculation		
	$\sin 40.5^{\circ} = \frac{1}{n}$		
	n = 1.54		
	$\sin 41.5^{\circ} = \frac{1}{\pi}$		
	n		
2(c)	• Use of $n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$	(1)	
	• Refractive index = 1.53	(1)	_
	• Comparative statement consistent with the range from (b)	(1)	3
	Example calculation		
	$\sin 64 = n \sin 36$		
	n = 1.53		
<b>2(d)</b>	The monochromatic light has a single wavelength/frequency		
	Or White light is a mixture/range of wavelengths/frequencies	(1)	
	• The different wavelengths/colours would refract by different angles	(1)	
	<ul> <li>Or different wavelengths/colours would have different refractive indexes</li> <li>Monochromatic light would give less uncertainty in the <u>angle</u></li> </ul>	(+)	
	(incident/refraction/critical)		
	Or monochromatic light allows for a more accurate measurement of <u>angle</u>	(1)	3
2(e)	Angle resolution of 0.1° compared to protractor resolution of 1°	(1)	
	Beam from the collimator is narrower (than the ray from a ray box)	(1)	_
	So, uncertainty in angle (of refraction) is smaller	(1)	3
	For MP1 – accept descriptions of protractor with resolution 0.5°		
	For MP3 – must be clear the uncertainty is for the angle measurement		
	Total for question 2		14

Question Number	Answer		Mark
3(a)	<ul> <li>Diagram showing rubber band suspended/clamped at one end (e.g. hanging from a clamp stand)</li> <li>Force applied to band (e.g. slotted masses hanging on free end)</li> <li>Measure initial length using a ruler</li> <li>Or mark position of bottom of band on ruler</li> <li>Measure new length/position and calculate extension</li> <li>Additional detail to improve accuracy e.g. method for reducing parallax</li> <li>Or additional detail to improve safety e.g. ensure feet are not under the masses in case they fall</li> <li>MP2-5 could be awarded for information shown on the diagram (e.g. metre rule and set squares seen on the diagram).</li> <li>Allow MP3 and 4 for set-up where 0 on metre rule is aligned with end of band before masses are added, to measure extension directly.</li> </ul>	(1) (1) (1) (1)	5
3(b)	<ul> <li>Estimates the area inside the loop by counting squares         Or estimates the area inside the loop by using simple shapes</li> <li>Calculates the energy of each square         Or calculates the energy for one shape</li> <li>Energy transferred = 0.85 to 1.00 J</li> <li>MP1 and 2 Accept calculation of area under both curves which are then subtracted</li> <li>Example calculation         77 squares counted</li> <li>Energy of 1 square = 0.5 N × 0.025 m = 0.0125 J</li> <li>Energy transferred = 77 × 0.0125 J = 0.96 J</li> </ul>	(1) (1) (1)	3
	Total for question 3		8

Question Number	Answer		Mark
4(a)	• Percentage uncertainty = 2.4% (accept 2%, 2.38%, 2.381%)  Example Calculation  Percentage uncertainty = $\frac{0.25}{10.5} \times 100\%$ Percentage uncertainty = 2.4%	(1)	1
4(b)	<ul> <li>Max 3 from</li> <li>(Percentage) uncertainty will be reduced</li> <li>The multimeter screen/display will not cause a parallax error</li> <li>The multimeter can measure to a higher resolution</li> <li>Or the multimeter resolution can be increased by changing the setting</li> <li>Or the multimeter measures to 2 d.p.</li> <li>The digital multimeter will not require interpolation of values</li> </ul>	(1) (1) (1) (1)	3
	Total for question 4		4

Question Number	Answer	Mark
5(a)	<ul> <li>Inconsistent number of decimal places for resistance</li> <li>Or resistance should be to 3 d.p. (to match ohmmeter resolution)</li> <li>Inconsistent intervals in temperature</li> </ul>	)
	Or large jump in temperature from 38 to 55 °C (1	2
5(b)	<ul> <li>Labels axes with quantities and units</li> <li>Sensible scales</li> <li>Plotting</li> <li>Line of best fit</li> </ul>	2)
	0.36 0.35 0.34 0.33 0.32 Cl 0.31 0.29 0.28 0.29	
5(c)	• Extends line to y-axis intercept • Correct $R_0$ for the line drawn • Calculates gradient using large triangle • Use of gradient = $\alpha R_0$ • $\alpha = 4.0 \times 10^{-3}$ to $4.2 \times 10^{-3}$ (°C <sup>-1</sup> ) • Value of $\alpha$ to 2 or 3 sig fig and with correct units °C <sup>-1</sup> For MP5 – accept a correct calculation using the given value for $R_0$ and gradient.	) ) ) )
	For MP1 – 5 accept calculation of <i>y</i> -axis intercept using gradient or use of simultaneous equations for 2 pairs of points on the line. Example calculation Gradient = $(0.348-0.282) / (70-10) = 0.0011 \Omega ^{\circ}C^{-1}$ $\alpha = \text{gradient} / R_0 = 0.0011 / 0.271 = 4.1 \times 10^{-3} ^{\circ}C^{-1}$	

<b>5(d)</b>	<ul> <li>Realistic modification suggested</li> <li>Explains how this improves the accuracy of the values</li> </ul>	2
	• Explains how this improves the accuracy of the values (1	4
	Examples	
	<ul> <li>Take a resistance measurement at 0 °C</li> <li>to measure R<sub>0</sub> accurately</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Take resistance measurements for lower temperatures</li> <li>to improve the accuracy of the gradient</li> <li>Or to improve the accuracy of the y-axis intercept</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Take resistance measurements for smaller increments of temperature</li> <li>to improve the accuracy of the gradient</li> <li>Or to improve the accuracy of the y-axis intercept</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Take resistance measurements for a wider range of temperatures</li> <li>to improve the accuracy of the gradient</li> <li>Or to improve the accuracy of the y-axis intercept</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Stir the water regularly         Or place the thermometer inside the copper coil</li> <li>so the temperature of water plotted is the same as the temperature of the copper</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Use a datalogger to measure temperature and resistance</li> <li>so that the values are recorded simultaneously</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Use a digital thermometer</li> <li>to avoid parallax error</li> </ul>	
	Ignore higher resolution for a digital thermometer.	
	Total for question 5	15