

Mark Scheme (Results)

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Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level In Physics (WPH13) Paper 01 Practical Skills in Physics I

Question	Answer	Mark
Number		
1(a)	A diagram which includes apparatus to;  change and measure diode temperature (e.g. water bath, Bunsen burner and beaker of water, thermometer)  measure potential difference – connected in parallel with diode (e.g. voltmeter, multimeter on Volts setting)  measure current – connected in series with diode (e.g. ammeter, multimeter on Amps setting)  power source and means of changing p.d. (e.g. cell/battery and potential divider or variable resistor)  (1)	
1(b)	Accept incorrect symbols if correctly labelled  Comment identifying an appropriate safety issue Associated control measure  (1)	4
	<ul> <li>Examples</li> <li>Risk of scalding from hot water</li> <li>Clamp beaker</li> <li>Risk of burns from hot apparatus</li> <li>Wear gloves</li> <li>Risk of electric shock from power supply</li> <li>Keep separate from water bath Or Use a low voltage power supply</li> </ul>	2
	Total for question 1	6

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2(a)	• Identifies upthrust = weight (of displaced fluid)	(1)	
	• See $W = m \times g$ and $m = V \times \rho$	(1)	
	• See $V = A \times d$ and $A = \pi r^2$	(1)	
	A conversion to SI units	(1)	
	(e.g. g to kg)		
			4
2(b)	Calculates gradient using large triangle	(1)	
	• Use of their gradient = $1/\pi r^2$	(1)	
	• Diameter = $6.9$ to $7.1$ cm	(1)	
	Accept use of a correct pair of values from the graph and the equation stated for 1 mark only.		
	Example of calculation gradient = $(6.8 \text{ cm} - 1.6 \text{ cm}) / 200 \text{ g} = 0.026 \text{ cm g}^{-1}$		
	$r = \sqrt{\frac{1}{0.026\pi}} = 3.5\mathrm{cm}$		
	diameter = $2 \times r = 7.0$ cm		2
2(a)	M / '1, C/1 1 1 / (' 1 1 1)	(1)	3
2(c)	Mass/weight of the beaker (not included)	(1)	
	• Add the mass of the beaker to the mass of the load (and plot total)	(1)	
	<b>Or</b> subtracting the depth when mass added is 0	(1)	
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	Total for question 2		9

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3(a)	<ul> <li>Mass (of solution) obtained using a (top pan) balance</li> <li>Volume (of solution) measured with a measuring cylinder</li> <li>Calculate density = mass / volume (ρ = m / V)</li> </ul>	3
3(b)	Positive intercept on the refractive index axis     Refractive index increases as mass of salt added increases  (1)  mass of salt added  mass of salt added  mass of salt added	2
3(c)	<ul> <li>Measure θ<sub>2</sub> for different θ<sub>1</sub></li> <li>Measure at least 5 pairs of angles</li> <li>Plot graph of sin θ<sub>1</sub> against sin θ<sub>2</sub></li> <li>Refractive index is the gradient of the line</li> </ul>	4
3(d)(i)	• Use of $n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$ (with $n_1 = 1$ ) • Max value = 1.38 • Min value = 1.30  Example of calculation $n_{max} = \frac{\sin 33.5^{\circ}}{\sin 23.5^{\circ}} = 1.384$ $n_{min} = \frac{\sin 32.5^{\circ}}{\sin 24.5^{\circ}} = 1.296$	3
3(d)(ii)	<ul> <li>Use of half range of values</li> <li>Percentage uncertainty = 3 (%)</li> <li>Allow ecf from (d)(i)</li> <li>Example of calculation Range of values = 1.38 - 1.30 = 0.08 Half range of values = 0.04</li> </ul>	3
	percentage uncertainty = $\frac{1.34}{1.34} \times 100\% = 3\%$	2
	Total for question 3	14

Question	Answer		Mark
Number 4(a)	<ul> <li>Max 2 from</li> <li>Mass is not measured to the nearest gram</li> <li>Or mass is not measured (in kg) to 3 d.p.</li> <li>Inconsistent/incorrect number of significant figures for GPE</li> <li>Mean energy supplied values should be 3 s.f. (to match measured values) (Accept 2 d.p.)</li> </ul>	(1) (1) (1)	2
4(b)	<ul> <li>Use of E<sub>g</sub> = mgh</li> <li>Change in gravitational potential energy = 0.88 (J)</li> <li>Mean energy supplied = 3.34 (J)</li> <li>Examples of calculation E<sub>g</sub> = 0.12 kg × 0.75 m × 9.81N kg<sup>-1</sup> = 0.883 J Mean = (3.32 J + 3.36 J + 3.33 J) ÷ 3 = 3.34 J</li> </ul>	(1) (1) (1)	3
4(c)	Labels axes with quantities and units     Sensible scales     Plotting     Line of best fit	(1) (1) (2) (1)	
4(d)	<ul> <li>Calculates gradient using large triangle</li> <li>Efficiency = 0.25 to 0.27 (accept value converted to %)</li> <li>Example of calculation Gradient = (0.79 J - 0.26 J) ÷ (3.00 J - 1.00 J) = 0.265</li> </ul>	(1) (1)	2
4(e)	<ul> <li>Continue increasing the mass and extend the graph</li> <li>Identify the mass/point at which the line starts to curve</li> <li>Take smaller increments in mass around this point</li> <li>OR</li> <li>Using larger masses, calculate the efficiency (using efficiency = mgh ÷ mean energy supplied) and plot a graph of efficiency against mass</li> <li>Identify the mass/point where the graph peaks</li> <li>Or identify the mass where efficiency starts to decrease</li> <li>Take smaller increments in mass around this point</li> </ul>	(1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1)	-
	Total for question 4		3 15

Question Number	Answer		Mark
5(a)	<ul> <li>(Diameter is 1/20 the original) so area is 1/400 original</li> <li>(For the same breaking stress) maximum force needed to break the sample is only 20N (so it is safe)</li> <li>Accept correct calculations of both areas (with no comparison) for MP1</li> <li>Accept repeated/combined calculations using σ = F / A leading to a force of 20N to score both marks.</li> </ul>	(1)	
<b>7</b> (1)	24	(1)	2
5(b)	<ul> <li>Use of W = mg and A = πd²/4</li> <li>Use of σ = F / A</li> <li>Breaking stress of sample = 2.62 × 10² (Pa)</li> <li>Or Force for manufacturers breaking stress = 18.1 (N)</li> <li>Comparative statement consistent with their value</li> <li>For MP1 accept use of A = πr²</li> <li>Example of Calculation</li> <li>W = mg = 1.9 kg × 9.81 N kg⁻¹ = 18.6 N</li> <li>A = πd²/4 = π × (0.00095 m)² / 4 = 7.1 × 10⁻² m²</li> <li>σ = F / A = 18.6 N / 7.1 × 10⁻² m² = 2.62 × 10² Pa</li> </ul>	(1) (1) (1) (1)	4
	Total for question 5		6