1 (a) For each of the following, tick [✓] one box to indicate whether the experimental technique would reduce random error, systematic error or neither. The first row has been completed as an example.

	random error	systematic error	neither
keeping your eye in line with the scale and the liquid level for a single reading of a thermometer		✓	
averaging many readings of the time taken for a ball to roll down a slope			
using a linear scale on an ammeter			
correcting for a non-zero reading when a micrometer screw gauge is closed			

[2]

(b) The measurement of a particular time interval is repeated many times. The readings are found to vary. The results are shown in Fig. 1.1.
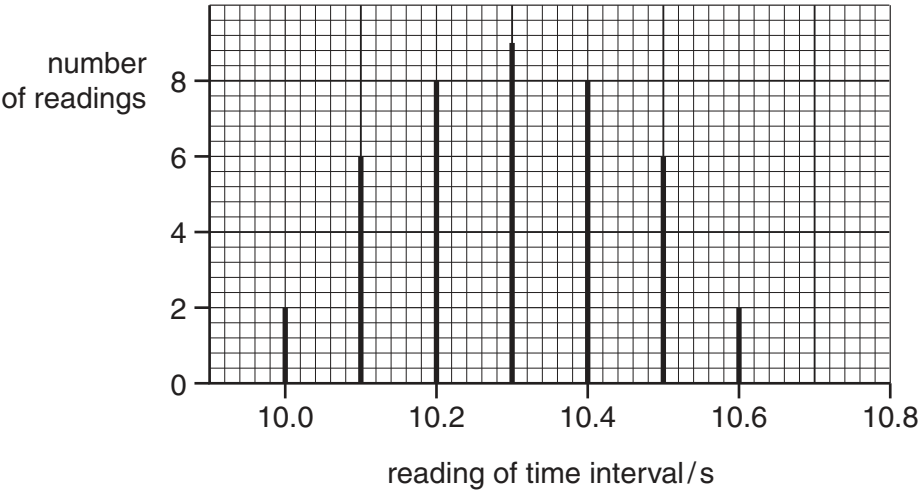

Fig. 1.1

The true value of the time interval is 10.1 s.

(i) State how the readings on Fig. 1.1 show the presence of

    1. a systematic error,

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    ....[1]

    2. a random error.

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    ....[1]

(ii) State the expected changes to Fig. 1.1 for experimental measurements that are

    1. more accurate,

    ....

    ....[1]

    2. more precise.

    ....

    ....[1]