

Answer **all** the questions in the spaces provided.

- 1 (a) Distinguish between *precision* and *accuracy*.

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- (b) A simple pendulum consists of a mass attached to a light inextensible string of length L . The pendulum is secured to a fixed point and made to undergo oscillations when displaced by a small angle.

The acceleration of free fall g can be found by the following equation:

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{L}{g}}$$

where T is the period of oscillation.

The following data is given:

$$L = 50.0 \pm 0.2 \text{ cm}$$

$$T = 1.42 \pm 0.01 \text{ s}$$

- (i) Determine g with its associated uncertainty. Give your answer to an appropriate number of significant figures.

$$g = \dots \pm \dots \text{ m s}^{-2} [3]$$

- (ii) When finding period T using a stopwatch, it is a good practice to time a large number of oscillations such that the total time taken is more than 20 seconds.

Explain why this should be done.

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