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**0625 PHYSICS**

**0625/63**

Paper 6 (Alternative to Practical), maximum raw mark 40

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- 1 (a) Table:  
correct  $d$  values  
70.0, 60.0, 50.0, 40.0, 30.0, 20.0, 10.0 [1]  
cm, N ALLOW m, mm if consistent with figures [1]
- (b) (i)  $d$  against  $F$  (or vice versa) OR distance against force/forcemeter reading  
NOT 'extension', 'forcemeter', quantity expressed just as units [1]
- (ii) Straight line [1]  
Through origin or wtte [1]
- (c) Would change forcemeter reading/change mass on rule/wtte [1]
- (d) Check distance from bench is the same at two points or wtte/  
Line up by eye with windowsill (or suitable horizontal reference) [1]
- [Total: 7]**
- 2 (a) 23 °C need unit for the mark [1]
- (b) Axes correctly labelled with quantity and unit [1]  
Suitable scales [1]  
All plots correct to ½ small square [1]  
Good line judgement [1]  
Thin, continuous line [1]
- (c) Two from:  
Room temperature/humidity/sun through window/air conditioning  
Draughts  
Initial water temperature [2]
- [Total: 8]**
- 3 (a) (i)  $V_1 = 1.9$  [1]  
 $I_1 = 0.3$  [1]  
Units V and A both correct [1]
- (ii)/(iii)  $R_P = 6.33$  and  $4R_P = 25.3/25.2$  to 2 or 3 sig. figs. [1]  
 $\Omega$  [1]
- (b)  $R_S = 23.8 (\Omega)$  or  $24 (\Omega)$  [1]
- (c) Correct statement (from candidate's work)  
with matching justification (idea of within or beyond experimental accuracy) [1]

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(d) Circuit: correct symbols for ammeter, voltmeter and lamp in correct series circuit [1]

(e) (i) Change/control current/voltage [1]

(ii) To obtain range of readings (or write) [1]

**[Total: 10]**

4 (a) Blocks parallel with ONE sphere completely between [1]  
Rule correctly placed [1]

(b) (i) Line of sight perpendicular to scale [1]  
Line of sight along bottom of meniscus [1]

(ii) 70 (cm<sup>3</sup>) [1]

(iii) 0.53 cm<sup>3</sup>, 2 or 3 significant figures, with unit [1]

**[Total: 6]**

5 (a) Trace: [1]  
Normal at 90° in correct position [1]  
N at 4 cm above AB and angle of incidence 20° [1]  
a value 4.3 cm ± 1 mm correct answer only [1]

(b) All correct lines drawn, thin and continuous [1]  
a and b both with consistent, correct unit which matches figures [1]  
b value 6.2 cm ± 3 mm correct answer only [1]  
n value range 1.4 – 1.5 after rounding [1]  
to 2 or 3 significant figures and no unit [1]

(c) One from: [1]  
Pins well spaced  
Pins at least 5 cm apart  
View bases of pins  
Ensure pins vertical  
Use thin lines  
Sharp pencil  
Use thin pins

**[Total: 9]**