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for the guidance of teachers**

**0625 PHYSICS**

**0625/63**

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

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- 1 (a) (i) pins  $P_3$  and  $P_4$  at least 5 cm apart [1]
- (ii) normal correct position and at  $90^\circ$  [1]
- (b) (i) **AB** drawn neatly and  $r = 20^\circ \pm 2^\circ$  [1]
- (ii)  $i = 32^\circ \pm 2^\circ$  and unit shown at least once and no contradiction [1]
- (c) view bases of pins / keep line of sight low / view close to table [1]

[Total: 5]

- 2 (a)  $83(^\circ\text{C})$  [1]
- (b) 5460 [1]  
7140 and J at least once, not contradicted  
ecf  $\theta_h$  from (a) [1]
- (c)
- (i) no, difference too large [1]
- (ii) any sensible suggestion involving heat loss to surroundings/ heat gained by container [1]
- (d) ticks in boxes 3 and 4 [2]  
(–1 for any extra ticks in boxes 1, 2, 5 or 6 to minimum of 0  
if only two boxes ticked, 1 correct and 1 incorrect scores 1 mark)

[Total: 7]

- 3 (a) table: [1]  
 $l$  in m [1]  
 $V$  in V,  $I$  in A,  $R$  in  $\Omega$  (words or symbols) [1]  
 $R$  values 1.6875, 3.4375, 5.03125 (2 or more significant figures) [1]  
 $R$  values consistent 2 or 3 significant figures [1]
- (b)  $R$  (directly) proportional to  $l$  o.w.t.t.e. [1]  
numerical example given, allow two ratios [1]  
idea of within limits of experimental accuracy [1]
- (c) prediction  $10 \rightarrow 10.35$ , no unit needed [1]  
working shown [1]

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- (d) two from:  
 wire gets hot / burns out  
 meter damaged  
 wire gets floppy / expands  
 higher meter readings / readings off scale  
 power source cuts out / fuses  
 resistance of wire increases [2]

**[Total: 11]**

- 4 (a) any one from:  
 use of darkened room  
 how to avoid parallax when taking readings  
 moving lens back and forth to obtain clearest image  
 mark at centre of lens holder  
 place / secure ruler on the bench  
 lens, object, screen perpendicular to the bench [1]
- (b) correct graph:  
 axes labelled and scales [1]  
 all plots correct to nearest  $\frac{1}{2}$  small square [1]  
 well-judged best-fit line [1]  
 thin line and small plots,  $\leq \frac{1}{2}$  small square [1]
- (c) both intercepts correct to  $\frac{1}{2}$  small square [1]  
 both between 6.4 and 7.0 [1]

**[Total: 7]**

- 5 (a) (i)  $h = 3.6$ ,  $w = 3.4$ ,  $d = 3.2$  (cm) c.a.o. [1]
- (ii)  $V = 39$  OR  $39.2$  OR  $39.17$  OR  $39.168$  AND  $\text{cm}^3$  ecf (i) [1]  
 $\rho = 2.6$  OR  $2.63$  OR  $2.64$ , ignore significant figures and unit, ecf [1]
- (b) (i)  $V_1 = 50$  ( $\text{cm}^3$ ) [1]
- (ii)  $V_2 = 64$  ( $\text{cm}^3$ ) [1]
- (iii) bottom of meniscus, direct vision [1]
- (iv)  $V_s = 14$  ( $\text{cm}^3$ ) ecf (i)(ii)
- (v)  $\rho = 2.46$ , 2 or 3 significant figures AND  $\text{g/cm}^3$  ecf (iv) [1]

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- (c) (i) two from:  
 difficulty of making perfect cuboid shape o.w.t.t.e.  
 measuring cylinder readings only to nearest  $\text{cm}^3$  o.w.t.t.e.  
 smaller mass so greater inaccuracy  
 volume of thread not taken into account  
 air bubbles in clay / uneven density distribution / clay may absorb water / some  
 clay may stick to the knife [2]
- (ii) either method but with sensible matching reason [1]

**[Total: 10]**