

MARK SCHEME for the May/June 2007 question paper

5054 PHYSICS

5054/04

Paper 4 (Alternative to Practical), maximum raw mark 30

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- 1 (a) (i) 10 to 20 oscillations [1]
- (ii) T too small / time measured larger / gives time on stopwatch about 10s / not too long to take readings / large number may lose count / error in T is $1/N$ error in t / good comment on reaction time
NOT just makes T more accurate [1]
- (b) check for error in timing/ practice increases competence / **average** gives more accurate time / increases sf in T [1]
- (c) paper clip moving fastest / time when passing fiducial marker
NOT makes T more accurate [1]
- (d) oscillations too fast to count/ time too small to measure [1]
- (e) axes, correct way round, labelled quantity and unit scales; more than $\frac{1}{2}$ page, sensible
5 points plotted accurately $\pm \frac{1}{2}$ small square
best fit curve drawn, neatly [4]

[Total: 9]

- 2 (a) (i) normal drawn perpendicular to mirror where ray arrives [1]
- (ii) 59° to 60° unit required [1]
- (b) (i) reflected ray drawn accurately from mirror and through P_3 and P_4 [1]
- (ii) reflected ray drawn accurately from mirror and through P_5 and P_6 [1]
- (iii) 40 ± 1 [1]
- (iv) 2 ecf (b) (iii) / 20 **no unit** [1]
- (v) repeat experiment for different value of z
additional detail, e.g. compares new c to original c
at least two additional values of z
plots graph of y against z [2]

[Total: 8]

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- 3 (a)** quantities: temperature and time **NOT** temperature change
units: °C and seconds (s) or minutes (min not m) [2]
- (b) (i)** y-axis labelled temperature or temperature change, x-axis labelled time
(allow symbols for quantities)
- (ii)** correct curve shape for y-axis label
- (iii)** for y = temperature, values 90° and 20° marked on temperature axis,
and line starts at 90°, ends at 20°
OR for y = temperature change, value 70° marked on temperature change axis,
and line from 0 to 70°
unit required on axes labels or on values on axes
ignore curve shape [3]
- (c)** temperature continuously changing / only one temperature at each time [1]
- (d)** any two clear practical details e.g.
at least 1/3 thermometer immersed
avoid parallax when reading thermometer (any explanation must be correct)
use of two people
heat above 90° and start stopwatch as temp reaches 90°
read from top of mercury meniscus
mercury column in line with scale
stir water
large number of readings taken
stopwatch close to thermometer
external factors constant [2]
- [Total: 8]**
- 4 (a) (i)** newton meter / spring balance / force meter
- (ii)** 4.6 to 4.9 1 dp only
- (iii)** 1.5 or 1.6 [3]
- (b)** 6.9 cm ecf (a) (ii) and (iii) **NOT** one sf [1]
- (c)** water on the block will change the weight / time needed to dry cube [1]
- [Total: 5]**