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GCE Ordinary Level

MARK SCHEME for the May/June 2013 series

5054 PHYSICS

5054/41 Paper 4 (Alternative to Practical), maximum raw mark 30

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1 (a) (i) 1.046 or 1.05 seen C1
1.05 s cao unit required A1 [2]

(ii) large difference in raw data/
reaction time has large variation B1 [1]

(iii) one drops, one times B1
synchronise/countdown or signal explained B1 [2]

(b) (i) axes: correct way round, labelled quantity and unit B1

scales: more than ½ grid, linear, not awkward
e.g. *y*-axis: 2 cm ≡ 0.1 s *x*-axis: 2 cm ≡ 2 B1

points plotted accurately within ½ small square
neat crosses or small points (in circle) B1

smooth curve of best fit drawn B1 [4]

(ii) $x \times y$ seen with substitution of one set of values from table or graph B1
two values calculated and not equal comment B1
'two values of *t* same in table so $x \times y$ not constant' scores 2/2 [2]

(c) sensible suggestion, e.g.
holds arm horizontal
stands in same place and uses a marker
in front of mirror and uses image B1 [1]

(d) mass or weight cao B1 [1]

(e) changes surface area/air resistance
cases will not stack B1 [1]

(f) heavier so air resistance has little/same effect
smaller % change in mass
due to uncertainty in timing/height B1 [1]

[Total: 15]

2 **(a)** **(i)** **1.** three resistors drawn in series B1 [1]

2. 470 Ω cao unit required B1 [1]

(ii) three resistors drawn in parallel B1 [1]

(b) 180 Ω cao unit required B1 [1]

[Total: 4]

3 **(a)** 22(.0) °C unit required B1 [1]

(b) **(i)** all the oil is heated/
all oil below water surface/
uniform heating of oil B1 [1]

(ii) temperature rises B1
then falls B1 [2]

(iii) avoid parallax error/good explanation
reads top of meniscus
aligns scale with liquid column B1 [1]

(c) smooth concave curve B1
asymptotes to above zero B1 [2]

[Total: 7]

4 freely suspends lamina from hole B1
correct use of plumb-line shown on diagram B1
line marked on lamina B1
repeated from different hole and find where lines cross B1 [4]

alternative experiments:
balancing on a ruler can score points 1, 3 and 4 (max. 3)
finding balance point by trial and error on a pin (max. 1)

[Total: 4]