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5054 PHYSICS

5054/04

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

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- 1 (a) mass / weight difference between two halves / rule not uniform / C of G or C of M not in centre of rule / not at 50 cm mark / one end (not A) worn away / damaged / holes drilled in one end (ignore comments on forces / moments / fulcrum / prism) B1 [1]
- (b) (i) 88.4 ± 0.2 (cm) unit not required B1
- (ii) 38.4 ± 0.2 cm OR (b) (i) – 50 correct unit required B1 [2]
- (c) axes: correct way round, labelled quantity and unit minimum two values (excluding 0,0) on each axis B1
- scales: more than $\frac{1}{2}$ page, sensible, linear B1
- x-axis: 2 cm = 100g or 80g y-axis: 2 cm = 10 cm or 8 cm
- 5 given points plotted accurately, $\pm \frac{1}{2}$ smallest square (for sensible scales only) / ignore point at 50g B1
- reasonable attempt at best fit curve neatly drawn from 75g to 400g, not going below 4cm / ignore line outside points B1 [4]
- (d) (i) points on graph should be evenly spaced/uniform / large gap (between 200g and 400g) explained somehow B1 [1]
- allow more accurate with reference to graph / curve / results / experiment / conclusion / allow clearer graph / fewer gaps in graph
- (ii) 6.5 ± 0.5 cm or answer correct from their graph correct unit required B1
- allow 6-7 cm / allow even if scale not sensible
- marking clearly shown on graph at their value B1 [2]
- minimum requirement: clear mark on curve at 300g
- (e) $d > 50$ cm / metre rule not long enough B1 [1]
- allow distance too large/ too close to end of ruler / value of d too high
- ignore distance large / cannot balance ruler / comments relating to graph
- [Total: 11]**
- 2 (a) trundle wheel / measuring tape / more than one metre rule / metre tape ignore 10 m ruler B1 [1]
- (b) know when to start stopwatch / when sound is made / when pistol fired B1 [1]
- (c) avoid echoes / reflections / sound bouncing off buildings ignore noise from surroundings / sound hits buildings B1 [1]

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(d) mark 1 and 2 together any TWO sensible suggestions, e.g.

reactions too slow

ignore just human error

stopwatch faulty / failed to start / stop / not at zero

time interval too short / speed too fast / distance too short

poor hearing / could not hear the bang

poor eyesight / could not see the smoke

different distances (from teacher)

lack of concentration / not paying attention

ignore faulty pistol

B2 [2]

NOT parallax error

(e) faster / larger / speed quicker

ignore takes less time / hears sound quicker

B1 [1]

[Total: 6]

3 (a) uses light from a distant object

allow parallel light mentioned / at least 2 parallel rays drawn (not including axis unless arrow shown)

B1

moves lens/focuses light onto a screen

allow f/F/15 correctly marked on ray diagram

B1

measures from lens to screen / image / repeats for all 3 lenses

max 2 if concave lens drawn

B1 [3]

(b) N increases, f decreases / inverse relationship

C1

inversely proportional / $N \times f = \text{constant}$

allow max 1 mark if focal point used for focal length

A1 [2]

allow one mark if inversely proportional stated then incorrect description

[Total: 5]

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- 4 (a)** circuit containing power supply, wire, resistor (allow variable R), (switch) and
- ammeter drawn in series with wire B1
- voltmeter drawn in parallel with wire B1 [2]
- allow any representation clearly ammeter and voltmeter / meters drawn on Fig 4.1
- ignore gaps in circuit
- max 1 if resistor drawn as fuse
- (b)** makes current small / stops wire heating up / overheating / melting B1 [1]
- allow controls / limits current / protects ammeter
- ignore resists the current / varies the current / no damage to wire / comments on safety
- (c) (i)** 1.4 V cao unit required B1
- (ii)** 78 mA / .078 A cao unit required B1 [2]
- (d)** 0.33 (0.326) (mm) ecf **(c) (i)** and **(ii)** B1
- Their answer correctly rounded to 2 s.f. B1 [2]
- ecf 78 A in **(c) (ii)** gives 10(.3) mm so 10 scores 2 marks
- (e)** micrometer / screw gauge B1 [1]
- allow caliper ecf (d) ≥ 9 mm

[Total: 8]