



Rewarding Learning

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Physics
Assessment Unit AS 3B
assessing

**Practical Techniques
and Data Analysis**

[SPH32]
THURSDAY 15 JUNE, MORNING

**MARK
SCHEME**

				AVAILABLE MARKS			
1	Regular x-scale (major division 0.1)		[1]	8			
	Regular y-scale (major division 400 or 500)		[1]				
	Axes labelled with quantity		[1]				
	Axes units included with solidus and consistent with scale and values		[1]				
	Plotting points		[3]				
	[-1] each mistake to [0]						
	Trend line		[1]				
[Penalty -1 if axes are reversed]							
2	(a)	Gradient = $(y_2 - y_1)/(x_2 - x_1)$ – correct points	subs	[1]	8		
		Gradient calculated from their values		[1]			
		Gradient = 49 (48–50 quality)		[1]			
		Unit = Pa °C ⁻¹ (or correct alternative)		[1]			
		[Penalty -1 if $\Delta x < 10^\circ\text{C}$]		[4]			
	(b) (i)	EFL drawn		[1]			
		(ii) Gradient difference divided by BFL gradient %U consistent with gradients		[1] [1] [1]			
	3	(a)	a = 12			[1]	5
			$-a^{0.5}b = c$ [1]			[1]	
		b = 4 (must follow from correct physics. Not from a = 3.46) (ecf from a)		[1]		[3]	
(b)		Unit of a = eV		[1]			
		Unit of b = none		[1]	[2]		
4	(a) (i)	Period = 1.21 (s)		[2]	10		
		(1.2, 1.206, 1.2061)		[1]		[2]	
		(ii) Mean = 29.55 (28.58) [Penalty -1 sig fig]		[2] [1]		[2]	
	(a) (iii)	95.0		[1]			
		Rule accurate to <u>1 mm</u> (other values)		[1]		[2]	
	(b) (i)	Increase time duration measured		[1]			
		1 period too short		[1]			
		Reduces <u>percentage</u> uncertainty		[1]		[2]	
		(ii) Repeatability implies reliability/notice anomalies Averaging (improves accuracy)		[1] [1]		[2]	

				AVAILABLE MARKS	
5	(a) (i)	$\%U = \frac{0.1}{14.5} \times 100$	subs	[1]	9
		$\%U = 0.7 \%$		[1] [2]	
	(ii)	$U_{(470)} = 47 \Omega$ or $U_{(320)} = 16 \Omega$		[1]	
		$U_{(790)} = 63 \Omega$ (ecf from $U_{(470)} + U_{(320)}$)		[1]	
		$\%U = 8\%$		[1] [3]	
		[15% – 0/3]			
	(b)	$\%U(V^2) = 2(0.7) = 1.4\%$		[1]	
		$\%UP = 1.4\%$ (ecf*) + 8% (ecf*) = 9.4%		[1]	
		$P = 0.266$ (W)		[1]	
		$UP = 0.025$ (W) ecf P		[1] [4]	
	ecf (from 15% in (a)(ii) leads to 0.044W) gets 4/4				
	max/min method				
	Max: Correct calculation of V^2 max = 213.2 [1]				
	Correct calculation of R min = 727 [1]				
	$P_{max} = 0.293$ (ecf their V^2 and R)				
	$P = 0.266$ [1]				
	$\Delta P = 0.027$ (ecf their $P_{max} - P$) [1]				
	Min: V^2 min = 207.4 [1]				
	$R_{max} = 853$ [1]				
	$P_{min} = 0.243$				
	$P = 0.266$ [1]				
	$\Delta P = 0.023$ [1]				
6	(a)	Length of interrupt card		[1]	10
	(b)	Air track reduces friction		[1]	
		Pulley (reduces friction)		[1]	
		\therefore Resultant force = weight (mg), m = suspended mass		[1] [3]	
	(c)	Problem: accelerated mass increases/mass of system is not constant		[1]	
		(Stick) slotted masses to trolley		[1]	
		Transfer slotted masses to suspended mass		[1] [3]	
	(d)	Light gates separation <0.76 m		[1]	
		Trolley passes through gates before masses hit the ground		[1]	
		Mass on ground means zero resultant force/force not constant for duration of one run		[1] [3]	
Total				50	