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## **Physics**

**Assessment Unit AS 3B  
(Theory)**

*assessing*

**Practical Techniques  
and Data Analysis**

**[SPH32]**

**TUESDAY 7 MAY, AFTERNOON**

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# **MARK SCHEME**

1	Regular x-scale	[1]		8
	Regular y-scale	[1]		
	Axes labelled with quantity	[1]		
	Axes units correct with solidus	[1]		
	Points correct ([−1] each mistake to [0])	[3]		
	Best fit line	[1]		
	Penalty [−1] if axes reversed			
2	(a) $\text{Hz}^{-1}$ or s	[1]		4
	(b) (i) Gradient = $2L/v$	[1]		
	$v = 2L/\text{gradient}$ or $v = \frac{2L}{2.9}$ (2nd line gets [2])	[1]	[2]	
	(ii) $1.2 \text{ ms}^{-1}$	[1]		
3	(a) Completes best fit line accurately to intercept $2.4 (\pm \frac{1}{2} \text{ square})$	[1]		12
	Reads their intercept correctly	[1]		
	Takes square root of their intercept (1.55 guide)	[1]	[3]	
	(b) (i) $v^2 = u^2 + 2as$	[1]		
	Correct mapping to $y = mx + c$	[1]	[2]	
	(ii) Correct points from large triangle	[1]		
	Gradient calculated correctly from their points	[1]		
	Value 0.77 quality ( $\pm 0.02$ )	[1]	[3]	
	(iii) $0.5 \times$ their gradient		[1]	
	(iv) Draw extreme <b>fit</b> line	[1]		
	Measure gradient and calculate new acceleration	[1]		
	Subtract acceleration values	[1]	[3]	
	Alternative 2nd + 3rd marks: Measure gradient and subtract gradient values $0.5 \times$ uncertainty in gradient			

4 (a) (i) 0.01 mm	[1]	AVAILABLE MARKS
(ii) 1. Wire may not be constant diameter	[1]	
2. Anomalous results discarded	[1]	
Averaging	[1]	
(b) Vernier calliper	[1]	
(c) volume = $0.592 \text{ cm}^3$	[1]	
frac unc in $l = 0.18\%(0.0018)$	[1]	
% or fractional unc in $d = 0.27\%$ and doubles % unc in $d$ (ecf (i))	[1]	
Adds % unc ( $0.72\%$ )	[1]	
Calculates unc in $V$ ( $0.004$ ) ecf their percentage unc	[1]	
Quoted to correct significance (single digit) (max/min method acceptable)	[1]	[6]
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5 (a) Convex/converging	[1]	
(b) Mean = $28.9$ (accept $28.7$ )	[1]	
Headings with correct unit in table	[1]	
$1/u = 0.020$	[1]	
$1/v = 0.047$	[1]	[4]
(c) Uncertainty in image position is greater than object position	[1]	
Object position – unc in metre ruler	[1]	
Image position – additional judgement of when the image is focused	[1]	[3]
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6 (a) Any method, e.g. Velcro, blue tack, pin & cork	[1]	AVAILABLE MARKS
(b) (i) 1 between the gliders and before collision	[1]	
2 after collision	[1] [2]	
(ii) length of the card	[1]	
(c) momentum before = momentum after	[1]	
or $m_1u_1 + m_2u_2 = m_1v_1 + m_2v_2$	[1]	
$m_1u_1 + 0 = (m_1 + m_2)v$	[1]	7
or $m u = 2mv$	[1]	
$u = 2v$ (or speed halves)	[1] [3]	
	Total	50