

MARK SCHEME for the October/November 2008 question paper

9702 PHYSICS

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Paper 32 (Advanced Practical Skills 2), maximum raw mark 40

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- 1 (a) (ii) Measurement of θ . $5 \leq \theta \leq 10^\circ$ Ignore d.p. [1]
- (b) Six sets of readings scores 6 marks, five sets scores 5 marks, etc.
 Help given, -1 (e.g. putting plumbline into position).
 Generally wrong trend, -1. Allow $n = 0$. [6]
- Range. Maximum angle $\theta_{\max} \geq 45^\circ$. [1]
- Table headings. θ / $\theta(^\circ)$ No unit for $1/\cos\theta$. [1]
- Consistency in raw data – all values of θ given to the nearest 1° or 0.5° . [1]
- Calculated quantities. Allow small rounding errors.
 – check the specified value of $1/\cos\theta$ and tick if correct.
 Specified value is the largest value of θ . [1]
- Significant figures. [1]
 – **all** values of $1/\cos\theta$ should be to the same s.f. as (or one more than) the raw value of θ .
- Quality of data.
 5 points close to Examiner's straight line.
 Wrong trend/curved trend – no mark. [1]
- (c) Points should occupy at least half the grid in both directions and scales should be sensible (not 3, 6, 9 or other awkward) and labelled with a quantity.
 Do not penalise reversed axes. Label FO. Ignore units. [1]
- Check that one point is correctly plotted (error \leq half a small square).
 All tabulated results to be plotted on graph grid.
 Do not allow blobs (points \geq half a small square).
 If plot incorrect indicate correct position. [1]
- Line of best fit.
 At least 5 trend plots. Allow curved trend.
 No hairy or thick lines (\geq half a small square). No kinks. [1]
- (d) Gradient.
 Triangle chosen for gradient as a hypotenuse at least half the length of the drawn line.
 Read-offs are on the line correct to within half a small square and correct substitution.
 Gradient mark = 0 if curve used. If wrong write in correct read-off. Correct sub into $\Delta y/\Delta x$. [1]
- Intercept calculated by a correct method or using the graph.
 Allow for extrapolation for curve at $n = 0$ (i.e. do not allow algebraic errors with $y = mx + c$). [1]
- (e) Correct method and substitution. k equal to $\left(\frac{\text{gradient}}{2m}\right)$. [1]
- Method and value of M within 50% of Supervisor's value.
 $M = \text{intercept} / k$.
 Allow e.c.f. for k .
 Write in Supervisor's value for M underneath. [1]

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- 2 (b) (i) Measurement of l $19.0 \leq l \leq 21.0$ cm. Ignore d.p. Supervisor's help –1. [1]
- (ii) Correct method of estimation of percentage uncertainty. $\Delta l = 1$ mm or 2 mm or half the range. [1]
- (iii) Correct calculation of first value of l^3 ($20^3 = 8000$). If incorrect write in correct value. Accept small rounding errors. [1]
- (iv) Justification for s.f. for l^3 . Same or one more than the raw value of l . Consistent with their own data. [1]
- (c) Measurement of T . $0.2 \leq T \leq 2.0$ s [1]
- (c) or (d) Measurement of raw t to the nearest 0.1 s or 0.01 s. [1]
Evidence of repeat readings of t . [1]
Evidence of $n \geq 10$ oscillations. [1]
- (d) Measurement of second l to nearest mm. [1]
Measurement of second $T_{(d)} < T_{(c)}$. Penalise wrong trend. [1]
- (e) Correct method and calculation of k values. [1]
Valid comment on whether equation applies to results. [1]
Allow e.c.f. on arithmetic errors of k values. Evidence of correct ratio for one value of k is necessary to access this mark. k values within 10% to support relationship. Allow up to 20% if candidate stated a value.

(f) (i) Problems [4]	(f) (ii) Improvements [4]
A_p Not enough readings (to draw a conclusion).	A_s More readings <u>and</u> plot a graph.
B_p Time too fast/moves too fast/error in timing large compared to time measured.	B_{s1} Video recorder, playback frame by frame/ slow motion with timer/stroboscope with scale. B_{s2} Longer hacksaw blade/heavier mass (to increase time of oscillation)/more oscillations than already used (larger n).
C_p Judging beginning/end of oscillation/complete oscillation.	C_s Motion/position sensor placed at side of mass/fiducial marker/(stationary) reference marker and stated purpose.
D_p Length error e.g. parallax error in reading the ruler/difficulty in establishing centre of mass/ ends of blocks.	D_s Find the mid-point of the mass by finding the distance to both ends and taking an average/ thinner rule with reason/scale starts at 0 cm with reason/scale on blade/corrections for parallax error.
E_p Difficulty in setting up the apparatus horizontally/difficulty in assembly with detail.	E_s Use spirit level/measure up from bench/ partner to help with <u>set up</u> .

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