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for the guidance of teachers**

**5054 PHYSICS**

**5054/31**

Paper 3 (Practical Test), maximum raw mark 30

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- 1 (b) Measured the height of the string above the bench at 2 places/  
Used set square to check angle MBC/  
Aligned with horizontal surface in room, e.g. bench. B1 [1]
- (c)  $l$  in range 24.0 cm to 26.0 cm and  $l > h_1 - h_2$  with correct unit seen somewhere. B1  
All lengths recorded to the nearest mm or better. B1 [2]
- (d) Correct calculation of  $\sin \theta$  and  $\theta$  giving a value of  $\theta$  in the range  $40^\circ$  to  $80^\circ$ . C1  
 $\theta$  in the range  $50^\circ$  to  $70^\circ$  with unit. A1 [2]
- [Total: 5]**
- 2 (a) (ii) Expect value in range 12.0 s to 16.0 s, otherwise allow value within 2.0 s of Supervisor's value, with  $t_1$  repeated and averaged. Allow nearest second. B1 [1]
- (iii) Correct calculation of  $T_1$  to 2/3 s.f. and unit seen somewhere in (a). B1 [1]
- (b) Two values of  $t_2$ ,  $T_2$  found correctly and  $T_2 > T_1$  with 2/3 s.f. and unit. B1 [1]  
(In (a) and (b), penalise significant figures once only and penalise units once only.)
- (c) Correct calculation of ratio of periods with value in the range 1.10 to 1.50. M1  
(Allow 0.67 to 0.90 if  $f$  calculated in (a) and (b).)  
(Also allow  $t_2/t_1$ .)  
Ratio in range 1.20 to 1.40 with no unit (or 0.71 to 0.83 if  $f$  used). A1 [2]
- [Total: 5]**
- 3 (b)  $u$  in the range 16.0 cm to 21.0 cm and  $u + v = 100.0 \pm 1.0$  cm. M1  
Ignore precision and unit.  
At least one measurements recorded to the nearest mm or  $\frac{1}{2}$  mm with unit. A1 [2]
- (c) (i)  $d$  found correctly from more than one gap and in the range 6.0 mm to 13.0 mm. Allow repeat measurements of one gap, but must see evidence of repeats. B1 [1]
- (ii) A minimum of 3 spacings used to find  $d$ . This may be shown on a diagram or stated in the results. B1 [1]
- (d)  $s$  in the range 1.3 mm to 3.0 mm from correct calculation, with unit seen here or in (c)(i). B1 [1]
- [Total: 5]**

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#### 4 Preliminary Results

- (a) Circuit diagram showing:  
 Series circuit with power supply (allow d.c or a.c), two resistors, (switch) and ammeter. B1
- Voltmeter in parallel with power supply and one resistor. B1 [2]  
 Voltmeter in series loses both marks.
- (b)  $V$  in the range 0.7V to 1.7V measured to 0.1V or better with unit. B1  
 $I$  in the range 0.050A to 0.110A measured to the nearest 0.01A or better with unit. B1 [2]

#### Table

- (c) Table with units for resistance,  $V$  and  $I$ . B1
- Minimum of 3 readings for  $V$  with correct trend for all readings i.e. as  $R$  increases  $V$  increases. M1
- Minimum of 3 readings for  $I$  with correct trend for all readings i.e. as  $R$  increases  $I$  decreases. M1
- 7 values in total. A1 [4]

#### Graph

- (d) Axes labelled with units and correct orientation. B1  
 (Allow e.c.f. from wrong unit in table but not no units)
- Suitable scale, not based on 3, 6, 7 etc. with data occupying more than half the page in both directions. B1
- Two points plotted correctly – check the two points furthest from the line. B1  
 This mark can only be scored if the scale is easy to follow.  
 (Points must be within  $\frac{1}{2}$  small square of the correct position)
- Best fit fine line and fine points or crosses. B1 [4]  
 (Line thickness to be no greater than the thickest lines on the grid)

#### Calculations

- (e) Use of a triangle that occupies more than half the drawn line. B1  
 (Not using points that are not on the line or points that are on a curve.)
- Correct calculation 2/3 s.f. (ignore absence of unit). B1
- Gradient in range 26 to 40 ( $\Omega$  or V/A) from correct calculation with consistent sign (expect negative sign). B1 [3]  
 (Allow  $-0.026$  to  $-0.040$  if  $I$  axis in mA.)

**[Total: 15]**