



# Mark Scheme (Results)

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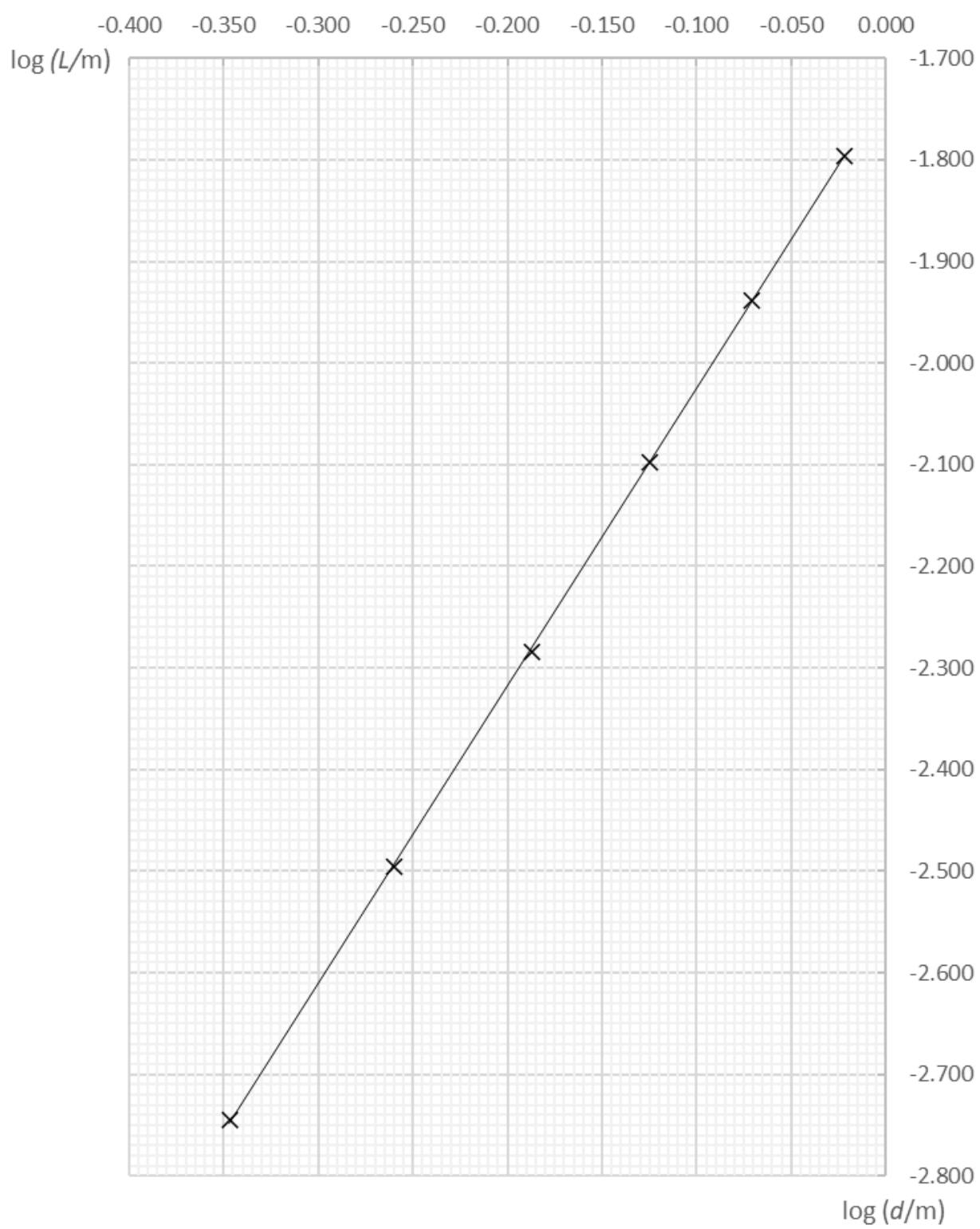
Paper 01

Unit 6: Practical Skills in Physics II

| Question Number             | Answer   | Mark      |
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| 1(a)                        | <p><b>EITHER</b></p> <p>Measure time (1)</p> <p>For a known volume (of water to flow out of the tube) (1)</p> <p>Use (volume flow rate =) <math>\frac{\text{volume}}{\text{time}}</math> (1)</p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>Measure volume (of water to flow out of the tube) (1)</p> <p>For a known time (1)</p> <p>Use (volume flow rate =) <math>\frac{\text{volume}}{\text{time}}</math> (1)</p>  | 3         |
| 1(b)                        | <p>Uses number of divisions <math>\times</math> 50 ms per division (1)</p> <p>Use of <math>f = \frac{1}{T}</math> (1)</p> <p><math>f = 6.3 \text{ Hz}</math> Accept 6.25 Hz (1)</p> <p><u>Example of calculation</u></p> <p>Number of divisions = 6.4</p> <p>Time for <math>2T = 6.4 \text{ divisions} \times 50 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s} = 0.32 \text{ s}</math></p> <p><math>T = \frac{0.32 \text{ s}}{2} = 0.16 \text{ s}</math></p> <p><math>f = \frac{1}{0.16 \text{ s}} = 6.25 \text{ Hz}</math></p> | 3         |
| 1(c)                        | <p>Measure the flow rate and frequency (at the same <math>h</math>) (1)</p> <p>Repeat for different values of <math>h</math> (1)</p> <p>Plot a graph of flow rate against <math>f</math> (1)</p>   | 3         |
| 1(d)                        | <p>The data logger can be used remotely (without monitoring) (1)</p> <p>The data logger can record measurements over a long period of time</p> <p><b>Or</b></p> <p>The data logger can record a large amount of data (1)</p>   | 2         |
| <b>Total for question 1</b> |  | <b>11</b> |

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| 2(a)            | <p>Any <b>TWO</b> from</p> <p>Do not point source towards the body (1)</p> <p>Keep a safe distance from the source (1)</p> <p>Use the source for as short a time as possible (1)</p> <p>Handle with tongs (1)</p> <p>[Ignore answers relating to PPE, shielding and storage]</p>  | 2         |
| 2(b)(i)         | <p><b>EITHER</b></p> <p><math>\ln C = \ln C_0 - \mu x</math> (1)</p> <p>Compares with <math>y = c + mx</math> where <math>-\mu</math> is the gradient which is constant (1)</p> <p>MP2 dependent on MP1</p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p><math>\ln C = -\mu x + \ln C_0</math> (1)</p> <p>Compares with <math>y = mx + c</math> where <math>-\mu</math> is the gradient which is constant (1)</p> <p>MP2 dependent on MP1</p>  | 2         |
| 2(b)(ii)        | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Measure thickness of <math>x</math> with a micrometer (1)</li> <li>Record the count (rate) <math>C</math> over a long period of time (1)</li> <li>Obtain count (rate) <math>C</math> for at least 5 different values of thickness <math>x</math>. (1)</li> <li>Keep the distance between the source and detector constant (1)</li> </ol> <p>Any <b>TWO</b> from:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record thickness <math>x</math> in several places and calculate a mean (1)</li> <li>Check and correct for zero error (on the micrometer) (1)</li> <li>Record the background count (rate) <b>and</b> subtract from the count (rate) <math>C</math> (1)</li> </ol> | 6         |
|                 | <b>Total for question 2</b>   | <b>10</b> |

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| 3(a)            | <p>Record initial and final positions (of centre) of beam <b>and</b> subtract to give <math>d</math> (1)</p> <p>Any <b>TWO</b> from:</p> <p>Use a set square to ensure 15 cm ruler is vertical (1)</p> <p>Clamp 15 cm ruler in position (vertically) (1)</p> <p>Read perpendicular to the scale<br/><b>Or</b><br/>Ensure the ruler is close to the beam (1)</p>   | 3                     |                       |                       |                       |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |   |
| 3(b)(i)         | <p>Values of <math>\log L</math> correct to 3 d.p. [Accept 2 d.p.] (1)</p> <p>Values of <math>\log d</math> correct to 3 d.p. [Accept 2 d.p.] (1)</p> <p>Axes labelled: <math>y</math> as <math>\log (d / \text{m})</math> and <math>x</math> as <math>\log (L / \text{m})</math> (1)</p> <p>Appropriate scales chosen (1)</p> <p><math>\log</math> values plotted accurately (1)</p> <p>Best fit line drawn (1)</p> <table><tr><th><math>L / \text{m}</math></th><th><math>d / \text{m}</math></th><th><math>\log (L / \text{m})</math></th><th><math>\log (d / \text{m})</math></th></tr><tr><td>0.950</td><td>0.0160</td><td>−0.022</td><td>−1.796</td></tr><tr><td>0.850</td><td>0.0115</td><td>−0.071</td><td>−1.939</td></tr><tr><td>0.750</td><td>0.0080</td><td>−0.125</td><td>−2.097</td></tr><tr><td>0.650</td><td>0.0052</td><td>−0.187</td><td>−2.284</td></tr><tr><td>0.550</td><td>0.0032</td><td>−0.260</td><td>−2.495</td></tr><tr><td>0.450</td><td>0.0018</td><td>−0.347</td><td>−2.745</td></tr></table> | $L / \text{m}$        | $d / \text{m}$        | $\log (L / \text{m})$ | $\log (d / \text{m})$ | 0.950 | 0.0160 | −0.022 | −1.796 | 0.850 | 0.0115 | −0.071 | −1.939 | 0.750 | 0.0080 | −0.125 | −2.097 | 0.650 | 0.0052 | −0.187 | −2.284 | 0.550 | 0.0032 | −0.260 | −2.495 | 0.450 | 0.0018 | −0.347 | −2.745 | 6 |
| $L / \text{m}$  | $d / \text{m}$  | $\log (L / \text{m})$ | $\log (d / \text{m})$ |                       |                       |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |   |
| 0.950           | 0.0160  | −0.022                | −1.796                |                       |                       |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |   |
| 0.850           | 0.0115  | −0.071                | −1.939                |                       |                       |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |   |
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| <b>3(b)(ii)</b>  | <p>Uses large triangle to calculate gradient (1)</p> <p>Value of gradient in range 2.75 to 2.95 (1)</p> <p>Value of calculated gradient given to 2 or 3 s.f., positive, no unit (1)</p> <p><u>Example of calculation</u></p> $\text{gradient} = \frac{-1.88 - -2.60}{-0.050 - -0.295} = \frac{0.72}{0.245} = 2.94$   | <b>3</b>  |
| <b>3(b)(iii)</b> | <p>Correct value of <math>\log k</math> from <math>y</math> intercept<br/><b>Or</b><br/>Correct value of <math>\log k</math> from calculation using gradient and points from graph e.c.f. 3(b)(ii) (1)</p> <p>Conversion of <math>\log k</math> to <math>k</math> (1)</p> <p>Values of <math>r</math> and <math>k</math> shown in mathematical relationship (1)</p> <p><u>Example of calculation</u></p> $\log k = \log d - r \log L = -2.60 - (2.94 \times -0.295) = -1.73$ $k = 10^{-1.73} = 0.0186$ $d = 0.0186 L^{2.95}$ | <b>3</b>  |
|                  | <b>Total for question 3</b>  | <b>15</b> |

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| 4(a)(i)         | <p>Any <b>TWO</b> from:</p> <p>Measure multiple oscillations and divide by the number of oscillations (1)</p> <p>Use a (fiducial) marker (1)</p> <p>Allow the oscillations to settle</p> <p><b>Or</b></p> <p>Start timing after a number of oscillations (1)</p>   | 2    |
| 4(a)(ii)        | <p>Mean <math>T = \underline{0.68}</math> (s) (1)</p> <p>Calculation using half range shown</p> <p><b>Or</b></p> <p>Calculation of furthest from mean shown (1)</p> <p>Uncertainty in <math>T = 0.02</math> (s) decimal places consistent with mean (1)</p> <p><u>Example of calculation</u></p> <p>Mean <math>T = \frac{(3.43+3.36+3.28+3.49)s}{5 \times 4} = \frac{13.56s}{20} = 0.678 = 0.68</math> (s)</p> <p>Uncertainty <math>= \frac{3.49s-3.28s}{5 \times 2} = \frac{0.21}{10} = 0.021 = 0.02</math> (s)</p> | 3    |
| 4(b)            | <p>Vernier calipers will have resolution of 0.1 mm</p> <p><b>Or</b></p> <p>Vernier calipers will have an uncertainty of 0.05 mm (1)</p> <p>So the percentage uncertainty is 0.25 % which is small (1)</p> <p>[Do not accept precision or accuracy for resolution]</p> <p><u>Example of calculation</u></p> <p>%U in Vernier calipers <math>= \frac{0.05mm}{20mm} \times 100 = 0.25</math> %</p>  | 2    |

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| 4(c)(i)  | <p>Use of <math>T = \sqrt{\frac{16\pi m}{D^2 \rho g}}</math> (1)<br/>(1)</p> <p><math>\rho = 1190 \text{ (kg m}^3\text{)}</math></p> <p><u>Example of calculation</u></p> $\rho = \frac{16\pi m}{D^2 T^2 g} = \frac{16\pi \times 48.95 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg}}{(2.38 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m})^2 \times (0.61 \text{ s})^2 \times 9.81 \text{ ms}^{-2}} = \frac{2.46 \text{ kg}}{2.07 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3} = 1190 \text{ (kg m}^3\text{)}$   | 2 |
| 4(c)(ii) | <p><b>EITHER</b> (1)<br/>(1)</p> <p>Uses <math>2 \times \%U</math> in <math>D</math> [Allow <math>2 \times \frac{\Delta d}{d}</math>] (1)</p> <p>Uses <math>2 \times \%U</math> in <math>T</math> [Allow <math>2 \times \frac{\Delta T}{T}</math>]</p> <p><math>\%U</math> in <math>\rho = 4.1 \text{ (}\%)</math> Accept 3 sig figs</p> <p><u>Example of calculation</u></p> <p><math>\%U</math> in <math>D^2 = 2 \times \frac{0.01 \text{ cm}}{2.38 \text{ cm}} \times 100 = 0.84 \text{ \%}</math></p> <p><math>\%U</math> in <math>T^2 = 2 \times \frac{0.01 \text{ s}}{0.61 \text{ s}} \times 100 = 3.28 \text{ \%}</math></p> <p><math>\%U</math> in <math>\rho = 0.84 \text{ \%} + 3.28 \text{ \%} = 4.12 \text{ \%}</math></p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>Calculation of maximum or minimum <math>\rho</math> (1)</p> <p>Calculation of <math>U</math> in <math>\rho</math> using half range shown (1)</p> <p><math>\%U</math> in <math>\rho = 4.1 \text{ (}\%)</math> Accept 3 sig figs (1)</p> <p><u>Example of calculation</u></p> <p>Maximum <math>\rho = \frac{16\pi m}{D^2 T^2 g} = \frac{16\pi \times 48.95 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg}}{(2.37 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m})^2 \times (0.60 \text{ s})^2 \times 9.81 \text{ ms}^{-2}} = \frac{2.46 \text{ kg}}{1.98 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3}</math><br/> <math>= 1242 \text{ (kg m}^3\text{)}</math></p> <p>Minimum <math>\rho = \frac{16\pi m}{D^2 T^2 g} = \frac{16\pi \times 48.95 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg}}{(2.39 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m})^2 \times (0.62 \text{ s})^2 \times 9.81 \text{ ms}^{-2}} = \frac{2.46 \text{ kg}}{2.15 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3}</math><br/> <math>= 1144 \text{ (kg m}^3\text{)}</math></p> <p><math>U</math> in <math>\rho = \frac{(1242 - 1144) \text{ kg m}^{-3}}{2} = 49 \text{ (kg m}^3\text{)}</math></p> <p><math>\%U = \frac{49 \text{ kg m}^{-3}}{1190 \text{ kg m}^{-3}} \times 100 = 4.1 \text{ (}\%)</math></p> | 3 |



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| 4(c)(iii)            | <p><b>EITHER</b> (1)</p> <p>Correct value of relevant limit of calculated density using %U (1)<br/>(e.c.f. (c)(i), (c)(ii))</p> <p>Conclusion based on comparison of limit to density of glycerol</p> <p>MP2 dependent MP1</p> <p><u>Example of calculation</u></p> <p>Upper limit of <math>\rho = 1190 \times (1 + 0.041) = 1239 \text{ (kg m}^{-3}\text{)}</math></p> <p>As the upper limit is lower than <math>1260 \text{ kg m}^{-3}</math> then the liquid may not be glycerol.</p> <p>[‘Show that’ value gives upper limit <math>\rho = 1200 \times (1 + 0.04) = 1248 \text{ (kg m}^{-3}\text{)}</math>]</p> <p><b>OR</b> (1)</p> <p>Correct calculation of %D shown (e.c.f. (c)(i), (c)(ii)) (1)</p> <p>Conclusion based on comparison of %D and %U</p> <p>MP2 dependent MP1</p> <p><u>Example of calculation</u></p> <p><math>\%D = \frac{(1260-1190)\text{kgm}^{-3}}{1260\text{kgm}^{-3}} \times 100 = 5.6 \%</math></p> <p>As % D for greater than the %U then the liquid may not be glycerol.</p> <p>[‘Show that’ value gives <math>\%D = \frac{(1260-1200)\text{kgm}^{-3}}{1260\text{kgm}^{-3}} \times 100 = 4.8 \%</math>]</p> <p><b>OR</b> (1)</p> <p>Correct value of relevant limit using uncertainties in <math>D</math> and <math>T</math> (1)</p> <p>Conclusion based on comparison of limit to density of glycerol</p> <p>MP2 dependent MP1</p> <p><u>Example of calculation</u></p> <p>Upper limit of <math>\rho = \frac{16\pi m}{D^2 T^2 g} = \frac{16\pi \times 48.95 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg}}{(2.37 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m})^2 \times (0.60 \text{ s})^2 \times 9.81 \text{ ms}^{-2}} = \frac{2.46 \text{ kg}}{1.98 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3}</math></p> <p><math>= 1242 \text{ (kg m}^3\text{)}</math></p> <p>As the upper limit is lower than <math>1260 \text{ kg m}^{-3}</math> then the liquid may not be glycerol.</p> | 2  |
| Total for question 4 |   | 14 |