

## A level Physics B

H557/01 Fundamentals of physics

**Question Set 11** 

A ball bearing of diameter 12 mm was dropped through a tube of glycerol (a viscous liquid).

The tube was next to a millimetre scale as shown in **Fig.1**. The ball bearing was dropped from rest at the surface of the liquid. It was filmed using a video camera.



Fig.1

(a)

(b)

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Fig. 2

**Fig. 2** shows the graph of velocity against time obtained by analysing the video recording.

This method has an uncertainty of about ± 3% for velocity measurement.

Use data from **Fig.2** and the measurement precision to calculate the terminal velocity of the ball bearing and its absolute uncertainty.

terminal velocity = .....ms<sup>-1</sup>

[2]

Describe the motion shown in the graph at time t = 0.5 s and explain it by reference to the forces acting on the ball bearing.

[2]

(c) (i) The investigation is extended to see how the terminal velocity  $v_{T}$  varies with ball bearingdiameter *D*.

Identify and justify **one** other variable that you would control during this investigation.

[2]

This table shows the data obtained in the extended investigation.

Diameter D / mm	Terminal velocity <i>v</i> <sub>T</sub> /ms <sup>-1</sup>
12.0	0.65
10.0	0.49
6.0	0.25
4.0	0.11
2.4	0.04

For a sphere falling through a viscous medium it is suggested that

$$v_{\rm T} \propto D^2$$

Use data points from the table to propose and carry out a test of this relationship and state your conclusion.

Proposal	Working	Conclusion

## **Total Marks for Question Set 11: 11**



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