Unit 6: Practical Skills in Physics II - Mark scheme

Question number	Answer		Mark
1(a)	• 2.860	(1)	1
1(b)	• 2.858 cm (four sig figs. Allow ecf from (a))	(1)	1
1(c)	• Use of $V = \frac{4\pi r^3}{3}$	(1)	3
	• Use of $\rho = \frac{m}{V}$	(1)	
	• Density = 8.020 g cm^{-3} must be to 4 SF allow ecf from (b)	(1)	
	Example of calculation		
	$V = \frac{4\pi 1.429^3 \mathrm{cm}^3}{3} = 12.223 \mathrm{cm}^3$		
	$\rho = \frac{98.00\text{g}}{12.223\text{cm}^3} = 8.018 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$		
1(d)	• Calculates % uncertainty in diameter from (b)	(1)	2
	• % uncertainty in density = 0.4 (accept 0.42 or 0.37 if half- range is used)	(1)	
	Example of calculation		
	Uncertainty in diameter = $2.858-2.854 = 0.004$		
	% uncertainty in diameter = $0.004/2.858 \times 100 = 0.14\%$		
	Total for Question 1		7
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Question number	Answer		Mark	
2(a)	• metre rule shown vertical with set square on floor	(1)	1	
2(b)(i)	b)(i) • The resolution of the stopwatch is 0.01 seconds			
	• But there is a human reaction time when starting and stopping the stopwatch	(1)		
2(b)(ii)	• $v = 0.59 \text{ m s}^{-1}$	(1)	1	
	Example of calculation $v = \frac{2h}{t} = 2 \times 0.885/3.0$ $v = 0.59 \text{ m s}^{-1}$			
2(b)(iii)	Calculates value of momentum	(1)	1	
	Example of calculation $P = 0.96 \text{ kg} \times 0.59 \text{ m s}^{-1} = 0.57 \text{ kg m s}^{-1}$			
2(c)(i)	• Momentum = 0.88 kg m s^{-1}	(1)	1	
	Example of calculation $\Delta p = 0.030 \times 9.81 \times 3.0$ $= 0.88 \text{ kg m s}^{-1}$			
2(c)(ii)	• External forces acting Or friction acting	(1)	1	
	Total for Question 2		7	

Question number	Answer	Mark
3(a)	• Circuit showing power supply unit (psu), heater, ammeter in series and voltmeter in parallel with heater (1)	5
	• Measure the p.d., current and mass of block (and heater) (1)	
	• Measure initial and final temperature and corresponding time interval (1)	
	• Use of $E = VIt$ (1)	
	• Use of $c = \Delta E/m \Delta \theta$ (1)	
	Example of circuit	
3(b)	Not all energy from the heater is supplied to the block Or some energy transferred to/from surroundings (1)	2
	• energy transfer to cancels/equals energy transfer from the surroundings (by using same temperature difference below/above surroundings) (1)	
	Total for Question 3	7

Question number	Answer		Mark		
4(a)(i)	(i) • 3.5 mm should have the same number of SF as other values in column				
	• There are no repeat readings	(1)			
4(a)(ii))(ii) Any two from				
	Distance between coils	(1)			
	• Potential difference (across first coil) power supply	(1)			
	• Frequency of ac supply	(1)			
4(a)(iii)	• 0.01 V	(1)	1		
4(a)(iv)	Because the final digit fluctuates	(1)	1		
4(a)(v)	Would need to take some repeat readings	(1)			
	Consider how close together in value	(1)	2		
4(b)	• There is a value of V when $t = 0$	(1)	1		
4(c)	• Plot ln <i>V</i> against <i>t</i>	(1)	2		
	• Should be a straight-line graph if the relationship is exponential	(1)			
	Total for Question 4		11		

Question	Answer						Mark		
5(a)	• Record background count (rate) (1)						3		
	 Place thick aluminium/thin lead between source and detector 						-		
	Or Distance greater than 25 cm between source and detector (1)						(1)		
	• Count rate detected above background (1)								
5(b)	Any two	from							2
	• Point s	ource awa	ay from pe	eople				(1)	
	• Invert	source wit	thin lead o	container				(1)	
	• Use tongs to handle source (1)						(1)		
	• Use to	ngs to han	dle lead s	heets/ens	ure source held			(1)	
5(c)(i)	• The count is a large number for small distances so percentage errors						1		
	will be smaller (1)								
5(c)(ii)	• There is a larger variation in count over smaller distances (1)						1		
5(d)(i)	• Calculates count rate per minute or per second or per 30 s (1)						7		
	Subtract background count (1)								
	• Count rate $C^{-1/2}$ to at least 3SF (1)								
	• Axes labelled for suitable graph and with correct units (1)								
	• Suitable scales (1)								
	• Points plotted (1)								
	• Line of best fit								
	Example of table								
			Time		C hashaman d	C0.5 /	C -0.5		
	d / cm	Count	count / s	C min ⁻¹	min ⁻¹	min ^{-0.5}	/min ^{0.5}		
	5	1163	30	2326	2268	47.62352	0.0210		
	6	897	30	1794	1736	41.66533	0.0240		
	7	586	30	1172	1114	33.37664	0.0300		
	9	793	60	793	735	27.11088	0.0369		
	11	559	60	559	501	22.38303	0.0447		
	13	469	60	469	411	20.27313	0.0493		

