## 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 $V=\frac{4 \pi r^{3}}{3}$ <br> - Use of $\rho=\frac{m}{V}$ <br> - Density $=8.020 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{~cm}^{-3}$ must be to 4 SF allow ecf from (b) <br> Example of calculation $\begin{aligned} & V=\frac{4 \pi 1.429^{3} \mathrm{~cm}^{3}}{3}=12.223 \mathrm{~cm}^{3} \\ & \rho=\frac{98.00 \mathrm{~g}}{12.223 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}}=8.018 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{~cm}^{-3} \end{aligned}$ | 3 |
| 1(d) | - Calculates \% uncertainty in diameter from (b) <br> - $\%$ uncertainty in density $=0.4$ (accept 0.42 or 0.37 if halfrange is used) <br> Example of calculation <br> Uncertainty in diameter $=2.858-2.854=0.004$ <br> $\%$ uncertainty in diameter $=0.004 / 2.858 \times 100=0.14 \%$ <br> $\%$ uncertainty in volume and density $=3 \times 0.14=0.42$ | 2 |
|  | Total for Question 1 | 7 |


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| 2(a) | - metre rule shown vertical with set square on floor (1) | 1 |
| 2(b)(i) | - The resolution of the stopwatch is 0.01 seconds <br> - But there is a human reaction time when starting and stopping the stopwatch | 2 |
| 2(b)(ii) | $\begin{equation*} \bullet \mathrm{v}=0.59 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-1} \tag{1} \end{equation*}$ <br> Example of calculation $\begin{aligned} & v=\frac{2 h}{t}=2 \times 0.885 / 3.0 \\ & \mathrm{v}=0.59 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-1} \end{aligned}$ | 1 |
| 2(b)(iii) | - Calculates value of momentum <br> Example of calculation $\begin{equation*} \mathrm{P}=0.96 \mathrm{~kg} \times 0.59 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}=0.57 \mathrm{~kg} \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-1} \tag{1} \end{equation*}$ | 1 |
| 2(c)(i) | - Momentum $=0.88 \mathrm{~kg} \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$ <br> Example of calculation $\begin{aligned} & \Delta \mathrm{p}=0.030 \times 9.81 \times 3.0 \\ & =0.88 \mathrm{~kg} \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-1} \end{aligned}$ | 1 |
| 2(c)(ii) | - External forces acting Or friction acting | 1 |
|  | Total for Question 2 | 7 |


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


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




