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1 **(a)** $m < 250$ [1]
V_1 value = m [1]
unit cm^3 [1]

(b) V_2 within 10% of V_1 [1]

(c) d_1, d_2, h all present and $d_1 > d_2$ [1]
D calculation correct to at least 1 d.p. [1]
V_3 calculated correctly and > V_1 and V_2 and 2 or 3 significant figures only [1]

(d) method 2 – any one from:
some water left in cup/spilt
measuring cylinder not read at eye level/perpendicularly/bottom of meniscus
parallax explained [1]

method 3 – any one from:
d_1 not at liquid level
d_1 and d_2 not inside diameters
difficult to measure h (because of sloping side)
h not measured at eye level/perpendicularly/parallax explained [1]

(e) mass of cup / zero reading on balance [1]

[Total: 10]

2 **(a)** units correct (symbols or words) [1]
times correct (0, 30, 60, 90,120,150,180) [1]
θ beaker **A** and θ beaker **B** decreasing [1]
θ to at least 1°C [1]
smaller/same change in 180 s in beaker **B** compared to **A** [1]

(b) statement matching temperature changes (accept 'no significant difference' if justified)
and justification matching statement (comparison of temperature changes) [1]
including specific mention of temperature change in same time [1]

(c) appropriate condition relating to comparison, any one from:
same size/thickness of beaker
same volume of water
same initial temperature
same room temperature / appropriate environmental condition
same time for cooling [1]

(d) any sensible alteration e.g.:
put lid on/cover top of **A**
extra experiment without insulation or lid / take lid off **B** [1]

matching explanation e.g.:
most thermal energy loss by convection o.w.t.t.e.
have only changed one factor o.w.t.t.e. [1]

[Total: 10]

3 **(a)** potential differences all < 2.5 V and to at least 1 d.p. [1]
currents all < 1.50 A and to at least 2 d.p. [1]

(b) axes labelled, with units [1]
appropriate scales (plots occupying at least ½ grid) [1]
plots correct to ½ square [1]
best-fit line and thin, neat line, neat plots [1]

(c) **(i)** triangle method seen on graph [1]
large triangle (at least 1/2 candidate's line) [1]

(ii) $R = M$ and < 2.0 [1]
2 or 3 significant figures and unit Ω (symbol or word) [1]

[Total: 10]

4 **(a)** **(i)** ray trace:
normal correct [1]
CD at 20° within1° and equivalent reflected line in correct place [1]
CD at 30° within 1° and equivalent reflected line in correct place [1]
all lines thin and neat [1]
$P_1 – P_2$ pin separation at least 5 cm [1]

table:
$\theta = 40^\circ$ and 60° within 2° (e.c.f. from candidate's α) [1]

(j) definite statement matching results (expect YES but allow e.c.f. if difference >10%)
and justification matching statement
(expect 'within the range of experimental accuracy' o.w.t.t.e.) [1]
values from results shown/used (correctly w.r.t. statement) [1]

(k) any two suitable precautions:
thin lines / fine pencil
view protractor perpendicularly / parallax explained
lines through centre of pin holes
pins well separated
pins vertical/not bent/viewed at base
place mirror so that reflecting surface is on line o.w.t.t.e. [2]

[Total: 10]