

Practice Question Set For A-Level  
**Subject : Physics**  
**Paper-3 Topic : Practical Skills**

Name of the Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Max. Marks : 17 Marks

Time : 17 Minutes

Mark Schemes

Q1.

Question Number	Acceptable Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
(i)	<p><b>MAX 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intensity of light varies as an inverse square law  <b>Or</b> reference to <math>I = \frac{P}{4\pi d^2}</math> (1)</li> <li>the light intensity would not increase uniformly  (decreasing the distance as suggested)  (1)</li> <li>The student should decrease the distance at decreasing intervals  (1)</li> <li>The student should use a greater range (of distances, as lamp is not a point source of light)  (1)</li> </ul>		3
(ii)	<p>An explanation that makes reference to the following points:  <b>EITHER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carry out experiment under subdued lighting  (1)</li> <li>As the ambient lighting will increase the <u>ammeter reading</u></li> </ul>	<p>Allow:  Keep the intensity of the lamp constant  <b>Or</b> Keep angle of lamp constant  As this would change the ammeter reading [dependent upon MP1</p>	

	<p>(1) [dependent upon MP1]</p> <p><b>OK</b></p> <p>(1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take readings at eye level (1)</li> <li>• As this will reduce parallax error [dependent upon MP3]</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take multiple readings of intensity and calculate a mean</li> </ul> <p>(1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As this will reduce the effect of <u>random</u> error</li> </ul> <p>(1) [dependent upon MP5]</p>		2
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Q2.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ohm's law requires current to be (1) (directly) proportional to the (applied) p.d</li> <li>• Hence the line should pass through the origin (1)</li> <li>• (There is scatter around the line drawn by the student so) the correct line may be a curve (1)</li> <li>• Conclusion that this graph does not meet the conditions for Ohm's law so the student's statement is invalid (1)</li> </ul>	<p>For MP1 accept Ohm's law requires <math>I \propto V</math></p> <p>In MP2, credit students who check values from graph to see if <math>I</math> doubles when <math>V</math> doubles</p> <p>In MP3, credit students who draw a curve onto the graph</p> <p>MP4 dependent upon MP2 OR MP3</p>	4

Q3.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Counting for 1 minute is too short a time Or he should count for at least 3 minutes (1)</li> <li>• He hasn't recorded the background count rate (1)</li> <li>• More than one reading taken and a mean calculated Or should have taken more than two readings (to calculate mean) (1)</li> </ul>		3

Q4.

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	<p><b>MAX 5</b></p> <p>An explanation that makes reference to the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The student has calculated the count rate rather than the activity of the source (1)</li> <li>• The counts haven't been corrected for background (so there is systematic error in his data) (1)</li> <li>• The GM tube is too far away from the source (1)</li> <li>• <math>\alpha</math>-radiation won't reach the GM-tube as it only has a short range in air (1)</li> <li>• Radiation spreads out from the source, so not all the emitted radiation reaches the GM-tube (1)</li> <li>• GM tube won't detect all the gammas which enter it (1)</li> </ul>		5