Practice Question Set For A-Level

Subject: Physics

Paper-3 Topic: Section A(Practical Skills Set-1)



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Name of the Student:	 _
Max. Marks: 20 Marks	Time: 20 Minutes

Mark Schemes

Q1.

(a) Max one from: 🗸

internal ray is a radius (of the block)

OF

internal ray travels along a normal

OR

ray meets (glass-air) boundary at 90°

OR

angle of incidence is zero

(so angle of emergence/refraction is zero)

(b) Straight line ruled from centre of protractor through ABC ✓

for $_1 \checkmark$ line must be reasonable and must pass through intersection of the cross-wires and must not pass above the centre of **A** or below the centre of **B**

Takes a pair of readings: 24 or 66; and angle consistent with their line

✓

Must be between 0° and 90°

Use of Snell's Law with their angles 🗸

1.48 or 1.52 🗸

Must be a positive value to 3 sf.

(c) 1.47 or 1.471 🗸

Reject 1.5 or >4 sf; ignore any unit written

(d) 0.08 (mm) 🗸

Only acceptable answer

(e) Calculates one percentage uncertainty

For 1 allow ecf from (d); expected answers are

% uncertainty in
$$(R_2 - R_0) =$$

$$100 \times \frac{0.08}{14.28} = 0.56(0)\%$$

% uncertainty in $(R_2 - R_1) =$

$$100 \times \frac{0.08}{9.71} = 0.82(4)\%$$

Calculates max or min value 🗸

$$n_{\min} = \frac{14.28 - 0.08}{9.71 + 0.08} = 1.45(0);$$

$$n_{\text{max}} = \frac{14.28 + 0.08}{9.71 - 0.08} = 1.49(1);$$

Adds their percentage uncertainties

OR

attempt to use percentage $n = \frac{0.5(\text{max} - \text{min})}{1.47} \times 100 \checkmark$

Ecf for 2 from wrong percentage uncertainties or wrong max or min values

1.4(%)

Condone 3 or 4 sf

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Q2.

(a) to limit (maximum) current (when variable resistor is set to zero)

Accept 'so cell is not short-circuited' for 1

to prevent overheating (of cell)

OR

to prevent damage to cell

OR

otherwise cell would discharge quickly 🗸

'to avoid damaging components' is not enough for 2 /

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(b) Line ruled through bottom of second error bar and top of ninth (3rd from right) error bar

✓

Ignore unit if given. Allow tolerance of 2 mm inside either error bar.

Determines their gradient, with $\Delta x \ge 0.2$ (A)

$$(-)1.0 \pm 0.1 (/ V A^{-1})$$

Expect to see 2 sf in any answer

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(c) Attempt to calculate mean of their G_{\min} and -1.3 \checkmark Allow positive G values

1.1 (Ω) 🗸

Ecf from (b). 1 mark max if r given as negative

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(d) States that $\varepsilon = V + Ir \, \mathbf{OR} \, \mathbf{calculates} \, R = 0.39 \, (\Omega) \, \checkmark$

Allow ruled line drawn through (0.94, 0.37) and (0.70, 0.65) ✔

Use of $\varepsilon = V + Ir \ \mathbf{OR} \ \varepsilon = I(R + r) \ \checkmark$

Adds their gradient to read off at *I* = 1.0 A ✓ ✓ OR

Use of y=mx+c with their gradient ✓

Intercept (c) determined ✓

1.4 (V) ✓

Ecf from (c). 3 sf max

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