Practice Question Set For A-Level

**Subject: Physics** 

Paper-3 Topic : Practical Skills



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Max. Marks : 20 Marks Time : 20 Minutes

Mark Schemes

Q1.

Question Number	Acceptable Angwer		Accentable Angwer		Additional Guidance	Mark
(i)	An explanation that makes reference to the following:  To bring tubing up to temperature (of steam)  So steam only condenses in the cup Or steam doesn't condense in the tubing	(1) (1)		2		
(ii)	Thermal energy will be transferred from the steam/tubing to the surroundings Lagging/insulating/shorte ning the tubing	(1)	Accept:  Thermal energy is transferred to the cup/ probe  These should have a small a heat capacity	2		

## Q2.

Question Number	Acceptable Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark	
(i)	An explanation that makes reference to max two of the following points:  The oil drop initially accelerates Or it takes time for the oil drop to reach terminal velocity  Initially) weight of oil drop not balanced by the drag force (+ upthrust) Or Weight of oil drop must be balanced by the drag force (+ upthrust)  If measurements are taken immediately) the calculated velocity will be less than the terminal velocity	(1)	Accept use of standard symbols	2

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(ii)	<ul> <li>Positions from scale used to determine displacement</li> <li>Use of v = s/t</li> <li>v = 3.4 × 10<sup>-5</sup> m s<sup>-1</sup> → 3.5 × 10<sup>-5</sup> m s<sup>-1</sup></li> </ul>	(1)	Example of calculation Displacement = 6.65 mm - 2.50 mm = 4.15 mm $v = \frac{4.15 \times 10^{-3}}{2 \times 60 \text{ s}} = 3.46 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m s}^{-1}$	3

## Q3.

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	• A pair of corresponding V and t values read from graph (1)	V/V 6 5	
	• Use of $V = V_0 e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$ Or Use of time constant = $RC$ (1)	3 - 2	-
	• $C = 270 \mu\text{F}$ (1)	1-	
	• Use of ±20% with 220 μF [Largest C = 264 μF, (1) smallest C = 176 (μF)]	0 5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45  t/s  Allow use of tangent at $t = 0$ to determine intercept on	5
	<ul> <li>Comparison of 264 (μF)</li> <li>[176 (μF) if their calculated C</li> </ul>	axis and obtain value for time constant; then calculate (gives MP1, MP2 and MP3	C
	is too low] with calculated (1) value of C from graph and conclusion consistent with this	MP3: Value should be correct and have units $ \frac{\text{Example of calculation}}{1.0 = 6.0e^{\frac{40 \text{ s}}{82 \times 10^3 \Omega \times C}}} $ $ \therefore \ln \left(\frac{1.0 \text{ V}}{6.0 \text{ V}}\right) = -\frac{40 \text{ s}}{82 \times 10^3 \Omega \times C} $ $ \therefore C = \frac{-40 \text{ s}}{-1.79 \times 82 \times 10^3 \Omega} = 2.72 \times 10^{-4} \text{ C} $	
		Largest value of capacitance = $1.2 \times 220 \mu F = 264 \mu F$	

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(i)	<ul> <li>Smooth best fit curve drawn on graph</li> <li>Time for count rate to fall by half once</li> <li>Time for count rate to fall by half twice and mean time calculated</li> <li>t<sub>1/2</sub> = 60 s → 80 s</li> </ul>	(1) (1) (1) (1)	Alternative approaches for MP2 and MP3 Read 2 values from graph and use exponential equation <b>Or</b> draw tangent to curve at $t = 0$ and read off the time intercept  Example of calculation  9.0 s <sup>-1</sup> $\rightarrow$ 4.5 s <sup>-1</sup> $t = 75$ s  4.5 s <sup>-1</sup> $\rightarrow$ 2.25 s <sup>-1</sup> $t = 75$ s  If background count is taken into consideration, $t$ will be lower	4

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(ii)	An explanation that makes reference to the following points:  • There will be background radiation Or decay is exponential and so count rate will "never" reach zero  • The data logger output includes counts due to background radiation as well as the source radiation Or The count rate can't be corrected automatically	(1)	MP2: accept references to GM-tube	2