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0625 PHYSICS

0625/06   Paper 6 (Alternative to Practical), maximum raw mark 40

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1 (a) (i) cm, cm, g

      (ii) 49.66 (or 49.7), 49.50 (or 49.5), 50.05 (or 50.0)
            consistent significant figures (3 or 4)

   (b) clear explanation/diagram   [1]

   (c) correct method   [1]
        value 49.7 (ignore a fourth significant figure)
              and allow ecf from (ii)   [1]

   (d) d = 1.8 (cm), t = 1.2 (cm)   [1]
        V = 3.05 (cm^3) (ecf)   [1]
        ρ = 16.3 unit g/cm^3, 2/3 significant figures (ecf)   [1]

                                                            [Total: 9]

2 Table:

   (a) Units V, A, Ω (symbol/word)   [1]
        R values 1.11, 2.19, 5.05, 9.55   [1]
        Consistent 2 or consistent 3 sig fig for R   [1]

   (b) (i) Yes (if within 10%) No (if not)   [M1]
             Circuit 1 and circuit 2 compared   [A1]

        (ii) limit current (so temperature not increased)
              OR switch off between readings
              OR check for zero error
              OR Repeats
              OR Parallax error explained
              OR Tapping meter   [1]

                                                            [Total: 6]

3 Graph:
   Temperature axis labelled θ/°C   [1]
   Suitable scales (plots occupy at least ½ grid)   [1]
   Plots correct to nearest ½ square (–1 each error)   [2]
   Lines well judged curves   [1]
   Lines thin   [1]

   (b) Statement:
        larger surface area increases rate of cooling   [1]
        Justification:
        Correct reference to gradients of lines or readings   [1]

                                                            [Total: 8]

4 Trace:

(a) all lines present, thin, neat and in correct area
normal at 90° (by eye)
and EF at 30° to normal (by eye)   [1]
line KJ to at least beyond P_4 [1]

(b) (i) a = 12–13 (mm) no ecf   [1]

(ii) b = 40 (mm) no ecf   [1]
a and b both with appropriate unit   [1]

(c) (i) & (ii) c recorded and d = 44 (mm)   [1]

(iii) correct calculation of n, value 1.43 (ecf)   [1]
2/3 significant figures with no unit   [1]

[Total: 9]

5 (a) (i) triangle method used
(whether or not shown on graph)   [1]
Triangle using more than half line
and position indicated on graph   [1]
Expect G = 4.00–4.35 (but allow correct working
from points read from beyond 1.0 on x axis)   [1]
Expect g = 9.07–9.87 (ecf from G)   [1]

(ii) greater accuracy/average value   [1]

(b) (i) amplitude   [1]
length   [1]
(other possible correct responses shape/size of bob
and number of swings)

(ii) does not affect time   [1]

[Total: 8]