

## MARK SCHEME for the October/November 2006 question paper

### **0653 COMBINED SCIENCE**

**0653/05** Paper 5 (Practical Test), maximum raw mark 30

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- 1 (a) sensible starting values for tubes **A** and **B** [1]  
 readings have descending values for both tubes,  
 sharp drop to start  
 temperatures for tube **B** reaching much lower than **A**
- (b) (i) suitable scales with labels [1]  
 correct plotting [1]  
 drawing two smooth curves [1]
- (ii) **B** cools faster [1]
- (iii) air is trapped [1]  
 air is a poor conductor/good insulator of heat [1]
- [Total 10]
- 2 (a) (i) distance of 70 or 71 mm [1]
- Measurements clearly in mm  
 x values are spaced by 4-6mm  
 y values steadily decrease as x increase [3]
- (b) (i) Graph  
 Axes labelled correctly  
 Sensible scales chosen  
 Plotting correct  
 Best straight line. This mark not awarded if line is not straight or is the  
 wrong line. No marks for **(b)(ii)** [4]
- (ii)  $y_0$  correctly determined  
 value is between 73 and 75 [2]  
 no marks here if the line above line mark is not awarded
- [Total 10]
- 3 (a) solid **A** fizzing/effervescence [1]
- (b) solid **A** no reaction or dissolves  
 solid **B** red litmus blue, therefore ammonia [3]
- (c) solid **B** no reaction (allow slight white ppt.)  
 solid **C** white ppt., soluble in excess [3]
- (d) solid **A** is an acid because fizzes with sodium carbonate  
 solid **B** is a base because it liberates ammonia with  $\text{NH}_4^+$   
 solid **C** is a salt because it precipitates with aq. ammonia or by  
 deduction [3]
- [Total 10]