

**MARK SCHEME for the October/November 2011 question paper  
for the guidance of teachers**

**5054 PHYSICS**

**5054/41**

Paper 4 (Alternative to Practical), maximum raw mark 30

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- 1 (a) (i) (*h* marked on) vertical line from floor to **bottom** of pendulum B1
- (ii) eye/E labelled level with bottom of pendulum/candidate's line in (a)(i) B1
- (b) (i) time too large/lose count/amplitude decays/stops swinging B1 [1]
- (ii)  $T$   $T^2$
- |            |           |
|------------|-----------|
| 3.062/3.06 | 9.38/9.36 |
| 2.992/2.99 | 8.95/8.94 |
| 2.918/2.92 | 8.51/8.53 |
| 2.846/2.85 | 8.10/8.12 |
| 2.774/2.77 | 7.70/7.67 |
| 2.698/2.70 | 7.28/7.29 |
- $T$  values correct to 3 or 4 s.f. B1
- $T^2$  values correct (ecf  $T$ ) B1
- $T^2$  to 3 sf B1 [3]
- (iii) axes: correct way round, labelled quantity and unit B1
- scales: more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  grid, sensible B1
- points plotted accurately within  $\frac{1}{2}$  small square B1
- best fit straight line neatly drawn B1 [4]
- (iv) straight line/linear **AND** negative gradient/inversely related/one increases other decreases B1 [1]
- [Total: 11]
- 2 (a) goes down B1 [1]
- (b) use a **known mass** (stated or implied) with link to cm/marks on scale B1 [1]
- (c) (i) 1.5 cao B1 [1]
- (ii) 3.8 cao B1 [1]
- (iii) 0.76 (unit not required) ecf  $0.3 \times (c)(ii)/(c)(i)$  B1 [1]
- (d) no electricity needed/cheaper/easy to build/more sensitive/precise B1 [1]
- [Total: 6]

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- 3 (a) Y-shift **AND** X-shift B1 [1]
- (b) connections from either side of cell/resistor to Y inputs B1 [1]
- (c) (i) 2 V cao B1 [1]
- (ii) 1.4 to 1.6 V B1 [1]
- (d) (i) dot moves down NOT to centre B1 [1]
- (ii) dot moves horizontally/(dot becomes) (horizontal) line (on screen) B1 [1]
- [Total: 6]**
- 4 (a) (i) normal drawn correctly B1 [1]
- (ii) *i* marked (ecf incorrectly drawn normal) B1 [1]
- (iii) 29° to 31° (ecf (ii)) B1 [1]
- (b) (i) line drawn parallel to and 5 cm ±1 mm below upper surface of block B1 [1]
- (ii) line through (within 1 mm of) crosses M<sub>1</sub> and M<sub>2</sub> to candidate's line in (b)(i) B1 [1]
- (iii) ray drawn within block B1 [1]
- (c) 14° to 20° B1 [1]
- [Total: 7]**