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GCE Ordinary Level

MARK SCHEME for the May/June 2014 series

5054 PHYSICS	
5054/42	Paper 4 (Alternative to Practical), maximum raw mark 30

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- 1 (a) (i) correct length clearly marked [B1]
- (ii) **any one from** [B1]
 rod moves in the water
 does not float vertically
 sides of the beaker obstruct
 clear explanation of why parallax error occurs here
- (iii) Practical method stated, e.g. [C1]
 1. mark water level on stick
 2. mark scale on stick
 3. **ruler** held in clamp/close to beaker/close to rod
 4. length measured using a caliper
- Clear practical detail, e.g. [A1]
 1. + remove and measure
 2. + before placing in water/note water level
 3. + view perpendicularly/subtract two readings
 4. + depth measurer on caliper
- (b) (i) axes labelled quantity and unit [B1]
 scales linear y-axis: 2 cm \equiv 1 cm [B1]
 x-axis: 2 cm \equiv 2
 points plotted accurately within $\frac{1}{2}$ small square [B1]
 best fit straight line drawn [B1]
- (ii) negative gradient/decreases as N increases inverse relationship [B1]
 $\Delta N \propto \Delta l$ linear/straight line/constant gradient [B1]
- (iii) 11 [B1]
- (c) **any one from** [B1]
 same mass/weight
 mass/weight increases by same amount each time
 fair test/fair comparison
- [12]

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- 2 (a) current cao [B1]
- (b) **any one from** [B1]
 (low resistance) does not decrease current (much)
 high resistance would decrease the current
 (low resistance) ammeter reads a large(r) value (than high R ammeter)
 current is high(er)
 very little p.d. across it
- (c) 0.67 A cao [B1]
- (d) **any one from** [B1]
 no parallax error
 needle does not stick
 easier to read / measure (current)
 easier to change range
 lower resistance
- (e) (i) **current** is same in series circuit/no junctions/single loop [B1]
- (ii) **any one from** [B1]
 meters not identical/exactly the same
 zero error in meter
 different calibration/calibration error
- [6]**
- 3 (a) (i) normal correct at P [B1]
- (ii) angle r correct $\pm 1^\circ$ [B1]
- (b) (iii) 2.8 ± 0.1 cm [B1]
 6.9 ± 0.1 cm unit required on at least **one** response
- (v) 5.3 ± 0.1 (cm) [B1]
 8.2 ± 0.1 (cm)
- (vi) 1.6 or ecf correct ratio calculated no unit [B1]
- (c) emergent ray drawn parallel to incident ray and **labelled L** [B1]
- [6]**

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- 4 (a) (i) $(V =) l \times w \times h$ seen [B1]
- 7.6 cm and 2.6 cm and 1(.0)cm seen [B1]
- height or volume / 10 [B1]
- 2.0 cm³ cao unit required [B1]
- (ii) **any one from** [B1]
- makes thickness of one slide/height/volume/density/result more accurate
 - slides are thin
 - slides may vary in thickness
 - gives average value for thickness of one slide
- (b) scales/balance [B1]
- [6]