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5054 PHYSICS

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

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- 1 (a) (i) vertical arrow/line by eye from bench to sphere B1 [1]
- (ii) sensible suggestion, e.g. mark (on track) B1 [1]
- (b) (i) correct shape path drawn from end of channel to floor B1 [1]
- (ii) horizontal arrow/line from end of channel to where candidate's line meets floor B1 [1]
- (c) sensible suggestion, e.g.
 sphere lands in tray of sand/mark made on floor
 use of second person clearly explained
 paint/stain on the sphere to leave mark on floor B1 [1]
- (d) 66 cao (no unit required) B1 [1]
- (e) (i) **yes +** sensible suggestion, e.g.
 no horizontal velocity/falls straight down
no + sensible suggestion, e.g.
 systematic error explained/size of sphere B1 [1]
- (ii) axes: correct way round, labelled quantity and unit B1
- scales: linear, sensible
 x-axis: e.g. 2 cm \equiv 5 cm y-axis: e.g. 2 cm \equiv 10 cm B1
- points plotted accurately within $\frac{1}{2}$ small square
 neat crosses or small points (in circle) B1
- smooth curve of best fit drawn B1 [4]
- (iii) **not correct +** statement, e.g. line not straight B1 [1]
- 2 (a) (i) card falls further (before catching it)
 misses card
 increases reaction time B1 [1]
- (ii) less distance fallen
 low(er) number B1 [1]
- (b) (i) 5 cm cao (unit required) B1 [1]
- (ii) 0.17(32) s cao (unit required) B1 [1]
- (iii) 1. mark time (and position) on card B1 [1]
2. at least two lines with increasing separation
 line at 15 cm point on card labelled 0.17 s B1 [1]

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- 3 (a) (i)** correct normal drawn B1 [1]
- (ii)** $42^\circ \pm 1^\circ$ B1 [1]
- (b) (i)** so pins stand up
so not to damage bench B1 [1]
- (ii)** pins far apart
pins more than 5 cm apart
P2 near left hand edge of board/at end of L
P2 near edge of paper B1 [1]
- (iii)** to be above line
cannot line up pins otherwise or
can only use base of pins B1 [1]
- (c)** pins on emergent ray mentioned B1
- pins too close
will not fit on paper
block too near edge
emergent ray too short B1 [2]
- 4 (a)** circuit containing power supply, resistor, ammeter in series B1
- voltmeter across resistor B1
- means of varying current, e.g.
variable resistor
change additional resistor
variable power supply
change/add cells
use of potentiometer B1
- use of $V = IR$ and average
 I – V graph and find R B1 [4]
- (b)** can be credited in **(a)** if seen
sensible suggestion, e.g.
check zero on meters
contacts tight / clean wires
avoid parallax in reading meters
keep current low
switch off between readings
use more sensitive meter B1 [1]