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Paper 5 (Practical), maximum raw mark 40

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<u>Underlining</u>	Underlining indicates that this <u>must</u> be seen in the answer offered, or something very similar.
OR / or	This indicates alternative answers or words, any one of which is satisfactory for scoring the marks.
AND	Both answers or words must be given for credit to be awarded.
e.e.o.o.	This means "each error or omission".
o.w.t.t.e.	This means "or words to that effect".
c.a.o.	This means "correct answer only".
NOT	This indicates that an incorrect answer is not to be disregarded, but cancels another otherwise correct alternative offered by the candidate, i.e. right plus wrong penalty applies.
e.c.f.	This means "error carried forward". If a candidate has made an earlier mistake and has carried an incorrect value forward to subsequent stages of working, marks indicated by e.c.f. may be awarded, provided the subsequent working is correct, bearing in mind the earlier mistake. This prevents a candidate from being penalised more than once for a particular mistake, but only applies to marks annotated e.c.f.

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- 1 (a) correct voltmeter symbol with appropriate parallel connection [1]
- (b) p.d.s all < 3.0V AND to at least 1d.p. [1]
currents decreasing, all < 1.00A AND to at least 2 d.p. [1]
- (c) R calculations correct [1]
sig. figs. appropriate to data, e.g. consistent 2 or consistent 3 sig. figs.
note: allow 1 sig. fig. fewer for data of 1sig. fig. [1]
- (d) link consistent with results [1]
figures to support, matching statement – at least two R values compared [1]
- (e) increased supply voltage [1]
use of variable resistor OR variable voltage supply clearly indicated as such [1]
any other suitable point, e.g. [1]
- voltmeter with larger range
 - ammeter with larger range
 - variable resistor symbol and connection correctly shown
- [Total: 10]**
- 2 (a) v_1 in range 34.0 to 41.0 cm [1]
recorded to at least 1d.p./nearest millimetre [1]
- (b) f_1 in range 14 to 16 (cm), accept answers in centimetres, millimetres, metres [1]
matching unit [1]
- (c) v_2 value in range 22.0 to 28.0 (cm) [1]
- (d) f_2 within 10% of f_1 [1]
- (e) statement matching results [1]
appropriate justification e.g. within limits of experimental accuracy owtte [1]

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- (f) two appropriate precautions, e.g. [2]
- carry out experiment in dark room/no direct (sun)light/bright lamp
 - lens and object same height above bench
 - lens, object and screen vertical
 - move screen/lens back and forth/slowly to obtain sharp image
 - fix/place rule on bench
 - mark centre of lens on holder
 - readings repeated

[Total: 10]

- 3 (a) $a + b$ in range 44.5 to 45.5 cm [1]
both a and b to at least 1 decimal place in all cases [1]

- (b) correct calculations of S [1]

- (c) axes labelled with quantity and unit [1]
appropriate scales [1]
plots correct to $\frac{1}{2}$ small square [1]
well-judged straight line, thin line, precise plots [1]

- (d) (i) G present AND triangle method seen on graph [1]

- (ii) $M_R = 1/G$ AND to 2/3 sig. fig. [1]

- (e) see if rule balances when pivot at 50 cm mark owtte [1]

[Total: 10]

- 4 (a) units correct, accept symbols or words [1]
 t values correct: 0, 30, 60, 90, 120, 150, 180 [1]

- (b) θ for **A** and θ for **B** decreasing AND to at least 1 °C [1]

- θ for **B** decreasing more slowly than θ for **A** [1]

- (c) statement matching results with comparison of temperature changes over whole available range OR from same temperatures in each column [1]

- justification with mention of 'in the same time' owtte [1]

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- (d) two precautions relating to temperature measurement, e.g. [2]
- thermometer at same depth
 - read thermometer with reading at eye level/90° to scale/explain parallax
 - wait until thermometer has stopped rising (at the start)
- (e) two improvements to apparatus or procedure, e.g. [2]
- insulation all way up side of test-tube/covering bottom of test-tube
 - start taking measurements at same temperature/same initial temp. of water
 - same volume of water/use measuring cylinder for water
 - plot cooling curves
 - use metal/thinner glass test-tubes
 - more layers of insulation
 - make sure insulation is dry
 - avoid overlapping insulation
 - use same tube/same tube thickness in each experiment

[Total: 10]