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for the guidance of teachers

0625 PHYSICS

0625/53 Paper 5 (Practical), maximum raw mark 40

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1 (a) Table:
   cm, N
   Correct d values 70.0, 60.0, 50.0, 40.0, 30.0, 20.0, 10.0
   F values all less than 4 N
   F values decreasing
   F values all to at least 0.2 N

(b) (i) $d$ against $F$ (or $F$ against $d$)

(ii) Straight line
     Through origin

(c) Would change forcemeter reading/change mass on rule/disturb balance/wtte

(d) Check distance from bench is the same at two points/
     Line up by eye with windowsill (or suitable horizontal reference)/
     Suitable use of set-square

[Total: 10]

2 (a) Sensible room temperature value in °C

(b) Correct times 0, 30, 60, 90, 120, 150
    Temperatures falling

(c) Graph:
   Axes correctly labelled
   Suitable scales
   All plots correct to $\frac{1}{2}$ small square
   Good line judgement
   Thin, continuous line

(d) Two from:
   Room temperature
   Draughts
   Initial water temperature

[Total: 10]
3  (a) $V_1$ to at least 1 d.p. and < 3V and $I_1$ to at least 2 d.p. and < 2A
$R_P$ and $4R_P$ values correct [1]

(b) $V_2$ and $I_2$ present with $I_2 < I_1$
$R_S = 4 R_P \pm 10\%$ [1]

(c) Correct statement (from candidate’s work, expect Yes) with matching justification (idea of within or beyond experimental accuracy) [1]

(d) (i) Circuit:
Correct symbols for ammeter, voltmeter and lamp
Correct series circuit [1]

(ii) $V_3$ and $I_3$ present with $L_S$ to 2 or 3 significant figures [1]

(e) Units V, A and Ω [1]

(f) Filament glows/lamp gets hot [1]

[Total: 10]

4  Trace:
Normal at 90° in correct position [1]
Angle of incidence 20° and N at 4 cm [1]
All lines present and neat [1]
First emergent ray correct direction [1]
First $P_3P_4$ distance > 5.0 cm [1]

(c) a value correct to ± 1 mm [1]

(i) b value correct to ± 1 mm [1]

(j) n value correct (ecf allowed) to 2 or 3 significant figures and no unit [1]

(k) a and b present, both n values 1.4–1.6 [1]

[Total: 10]