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**for the guidance of teachers**

**0625 PHYSICS**

**0625/61**

Paper 6 (Alternative to Practical), maximum raw mark 40

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- 1 (a) (i)  $l = 29$  (mm) and  $l = 31$  (mm) (allow 2.9 cm, 3.1 cm) [1]  
 $e_A = 14$  (mm) and  $e_B = 15$  (mm) (ecf) (ignore minus signs) [1]
- (b) (i) both  $l$  correct to (21.5 – 22) and 24 [1]  
(ii) (6.5 – 7) and 8 (ecf) (ignore minus signs) [1]  
(iii)  $e_{av} = 7.5$  (c.a.o.) [1]
- (c) statement matches readings (expect YES) (ecf NO) [1]  
justification matches statement and by reference to results (too different, wtte) [1]  
(expect within limits of experimental accuracy, wtte)
- (d) any one of:  
avoidance of parallax error explained  
use of horizontal aid  
measuring to same point each time  
repeats  
wait for springs to stop moving [1]
- [Total: 8]**
- 2 (a) (i)  $T_1$  correct 18 [1]  
(ii)  $T_2$  correct 4 [1]  
unit °C (either position and not contradicted) [1]
- (b) graph:  
y-axis labelled [1]  
plots occupying at least half of grid on suitable scale [1]  
all plots correct to  $\frac{1}{2}$  square [1]  
well judged single, smooth curve line, not 'point-to-point' [1]  
thin line [1]
- (c) (i)  $T_2 < T_1$  (wtte) [1]  
(ii) decreasing gradient (wtte) [1]
- [Total: 10]**

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- 3 (a) correct symbol [1]  
correct position [1]
- (b) table:  
*V*/*l* values correct 8.35, 3.58, 2.08, 1.39, 1.00 [1]  
consistent 2 or 3 significant figures [1]  
unit V/m [1]
- (c) statement matches readings (expect NO) [1]  
justification matches statement and by reference to results  
*V*/*l* not constant, as *l* increases *V* decreases [1]
- (d) any one of:  
check for zero error  
avoidance of parallax error explained  
switch off between readings  
repeats [1]
- [Total: 8]**
- 4 (a) (i) pins at least 5 cm apart [1]  
(ii)  $i = 30$  [1]  
(iii)  $r_1 = 31$  [1]
- (b) (i) & (ii) both lines correct area [1]  
(iii)–(v)  $r_2$  correct to  $\pm 1^\circ$  with unit [1]  
difference = 1 or –1 (c.a.o.) [1]
- (c) statement matches result (expect YES) (ecf NO) [1]  
justification matches statement and by reference to result  
(expect within limits of experimental accuracy, wtte) (too different, wtte) [1]
- [Total: 8]**

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- 5 (a) column 1:  $d$ , m (or in words) [1]  
columns 2 and 3:  $t$ ,  $T$  (or in words) [1]  
columns 2 and 3: s, s (or in words) [1]
- (b) accuracy/reducing uncertainty/sensible comment on reaction time [1]
- (c) (i) at least three correct values entered in table  
1.66, 1.52, 1.40, 1.28, 1.17 (at least 2 significant figures) c.a.o [1]
- (ii) statement matches result (expect NO) AND  
justification matches statement and by reference to result  
(expect decreasing, not equal, not constant, different, changing, wtte)  
allow ecf from (i) [1]

**[Total: 6]**