Practice Question Set For A-Level

Subject: Physics

Paper-2 Topic: Thermal Physics



Name of the Student:

Max. Marks: 19 Marks Time: 19 Minutes

Mark Schemes

Q1.

(a) attempts two calculations that would lead to a conclusion 1 🗸

for $_{1}\checkmark$ the result of at least one calculation of $M\times y$ must be correct (see table) otherwise withhold both marks;

allow use of y in m but reject POT error

allow use of correct read-offs from valid BFL;

condone use of two rows of data to show that when M doubles, y does not halve;

award of ₂ ✓ is contingent on valid ₁ ✓

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a reasoned judgement explaining why y not inversely proportional to $M_{\, 2} {m \prime}$

| M / kg | y/mm | acceptable $M \times y$ | min sf |
|----------|--------|-------------------------|--------|
| 0.5 | 89(.0) | 44.5 / 45 | 2 |
| 1.0 | 82(.0) | 82(.0) | 2 |
| 1.5 | 76(.0) | 114(.0) | |
| 2.0 | 71(.0) | 142(.0) | 3 |
| 2.5 | 66.5 | 166(.3) | 3 |
| 3.0 | 62.5 | 187.5 / 188 | |

for $_{2}$ \checkmark two correct calculations of $M \times y$

see table for min sf in result for $M \times y$

OR

one correct calculation of $M \times y$ and an appropriate reverse-working calculation:

statement rejecting inverse-proportion supported by suitable quantitative reasoning, eg calculation of the percentage difference between the results of their calculations;

condone 'large' / 'significant differences' (between calculation results) / use of >> etc;

reject 'values are different' / 'not same' / 'not constant' / 'not close enough' use of > etc;

reasoning must be based on the data points, eg reject 'best-fit line crosses y-axis'

(b) (as P moves down) trapped air expands so) pressure (of trapped air) is reduced ₁

must address situation in Figure 3

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for ₁ ✓ allow 'pressure reaches lower value' reject 'pressure is low'
pressure less than atmospheric pressure 2
            for 2 ✓ allow 'there is a pressure difference across P '/ 'external
            pressure > pressure of trapped air'
            award 1 1/2 1 for pressure of air reduced below atmospheric
this leads to an upwards force balancing the weight of P
OR
pressure difference across P x area of piston = weight of piston 3 v
            for 3 allow any correct idea about how two opposing forces act to
            produce equilibrium;
            'no resultant force' is not enough
            reject 'weight = gravity' / ideas about 'suction' / equating pressure with
            force
why P falls when the valve is opened ₄✔
            for ₄ ✓ idea of external and internal pressures equalising;
            reject 'pressure released / returns to normal'
                                                                                          Max 3
smooth curve of decreasing negative gradient through all 6 points 1 v
            for _{1} must be a single continuous line for M > 0.5 that overlaps with
            all 6 +;
                                                                                              1
line with negative gradient extrapolated (backwards) to M \le -0.35_2
            condone poorly-marked line (note that poor line quality may only be
            penalised in (d))
records y corresponding to M = -0.7_3
y in range 108 mm to 116 mm ₄✔
            for _{2} \checkmark condone linear extension of curve with negative gradient for M
            < +0.5
                                                                                              1
OR
for incorrect M (3 MAX)
smooth curve etc 1 /
            for 3 curve must extend to where read off is being made
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line with negative gradient extrapolated (backwards) to M \le -0.35_2
records y corresponding to M = -0.35;
y in range 101 mm to 107 mm <sub>34</sub> ✓
OR
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(c)

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ruled line with negative gradient extrapolated (backwards) to M \le -0.35_{12}
      records y corresponding to M = -0.7;
     y in range 101 mm to 107 mm ₃₄ ✔
                  award of 4 is contingent on valid 3 i
                  for 4 answers that round to nearest mm are acceptable
     correctly identifies error 1
(d)
                  for ₁ ✓ reading has been taken at / from the top of the meniscus / top
                  of coloured oil / top of liquid
                  0R
                  should have taken / did not take reading from the bottom / lowest point
                  of the meniscus / lowest point on surface of coloured oil
                  '(student thinks) sub-divisions are 0.1 cm^3 and not (as guestion states)
                  0.2\ cm^{3}
                  reject 'should have read from bottom of coloured oil' / 'failed to read
                  meniscus properly' / 'read at the top of the air' / 'has read divisions
                  incorrectly' or wtte
                                                                                                       1
      correct reading is 35.8 <sub>2</sub>
                  for 2 CAO
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     gradient from \Delta \log(V/\text{cm}^3) divided by \Delta \log(p/\text{MPa}); evaluated to \geq 3 sf result between
(e)
      -1.05 and -1.01 ₁ ✓
                  don't insist on large steps / read off accuracy
                  accept result that rounds to 3sf between -1.05 and -1.01; sign
                  essential
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      relevant algebra enabling comparison with y = mx + c_2
                  for ₂ ✓ (eg Boyle's Law written as)
                  log V = -log p + constant
                  condone variation based on Ideal Gas Law in which case must
                  establish that (nR)T/(Nk)T is constant (which then implies Boyle's
                  Law) (recognisable data book symbols only)
                  OR
                  (Figure 5 shows)
                  log V = gradient \times log p + constant;
                  accept (log) k, (log) c etc as recognisable symbols for the constant;
                  condone (any) numerical value given for the constant eg 10<sup>1.685</sup>;
                  accept m as recognisable symbol for the gradient
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     why gradient ≈ -1 confirms Boyle's Law <sub>3</sub> ✓
                  for ₃ ✓ allow gradient is / equals / should be -1
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for linear graph (2 MAX)

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or wtte
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(f)
      reads off and attempts to make use of log p_1 AND log V_1 for any point on the line {}_1 \boldsymbol{\nu}
                   for _{1} \checkmark check log V_{1} is within half a grid square of correct position for
                   their log p_1 or vice-versa;
                   'make use of' excludes use in a gradient calculation
                   V_2 in range 10.5 to 11.5 (cm<sup>3</sup>) earns {}_{1}V_{2}V_{3}V_{4}
                                                                                                            1
      applies a workable method 2
                   for ₂ ✓ creditworthy examples are
                   a calculation of the intercept in Figure 5
                   eg \log V + \log p = 0.585
                   OR
                                       \Delta log V
                                       Δlogp (eg similar triangles idea)
                   use of gradient =
                   OR
                   a calculation of p \times V (by any means)
                   OR
                   use of \log V = -1 \times \log 0.34 + \text{their intercept}
                   no credit for claiming 1.685 (or 1.170) are intercepts; this cannot earn 2
                   V
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      further manipulation to determine unknown V_{2\,3}
                   for ₃ ✓ accept result that rounds to 10.5 or 11.5;
                   accept 2sf 11 (cm<sup>3</sup>)
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     temperature (of air) 1
(g)
                   for 1 accept 'mean ke of air molecules' (or wtte) / vapour pressure of
                   'keep mass of air constant' is neutral (this information is given below
                   Figure 5)
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      change the pressure of the gas slowly or wtte
      OR
      wait (after a change) between taking readings / until the oil level stabilises 2 /
                   award of 2 / is contingent on valid 1 /
                   for ₂ ✓ condone 'keep lab temperature constant';
                   'use a water bath' is neutral
                   reject 'do the experiment slowly' / 'do not heat the apparatus' / 'keep
                   windows closed' etc
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if ₂ ✓ not given accept 'gradient ≈ -1 demonstrates inverse proportion

