

PHYSICS – Marking Criteria for Coursework B

| Section | Aims | Total Mark | Guide to mark assignment | H.L. |
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| Introduction | Clear statement of the problem/topic to be investigated, background research undertaken in preparation for the investigation: people, books, websites, etc. as sources of relevant information. | 5 | <p>Investigate the factors that determine the force of friction between a wooden block and the surface on which it is resting.</p> <p>1 (i) Statement / identification of problem / topic to be investigated:</p> <p>1 (ii) Research: Any reference to book / internet (web) / person consulted etc.</p> | <p>(2)</p> <p>(3)</p> |
| Preparation and planning | <p>Identification of variables and controls as required</p> <p>List of equipment needed for the investigation</p> <p>List of tasks to be carried out during the investigation</p> | 20 | <p>2 (i) Variables / Controls: Note: <i>static or limiting friction</i> is the maximum force that can be applied without motion occurring and <i>dynamic friction</i> is the force that will produce movement at constant speed. Accept treatment of either type</p> <p>Identify four variables, two essential variables and any two other variables and/or indicate how some of these need to be controlled or held fixed</p> <p>Essential variables: Weight of block // Contact area // Type of surface (rough, smooth) on which the block rests (moves) // Force applied to move block</p> <p>Depending on variable student changes, essential variables can become other variables</p> <p>Other variables: Presence or absence of lubricant // same block // same start position // same method to measure force of friction</p> <p>2 (ii) Equipment needed: Identify any five pieces of equipment used:</p> <p>Block(s) // spring balance (force sensors) // String // Weights (more blocks) // Meter stick (tape measure) // pulley // elastic strip // hook // Surface(s) on which to pull blocks // Any valid piece of equipment pertinent to procedure (except safety equipment)</p> <p>2 (iii) List of tasks: Identify any three tasks carried out in investigation: Procure (prepare) block(s) // Set up on surface // Set (vary) factor 1 // Set (vary) factor 2 // Set (vary) factor 3 // Ensure that only the variable under test is varied at a time // zero spring balance // Measure force of friction // Record data // Graph (present)</p> | <p>(3 + 3)</p> <p>(2 + 2)</p> <p>(5 × 1)</p> <p>(1 + 2 + 2)</p> |

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| Procedure | Procedure, apparatus, safety, data collection/observations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Safety precautions required for this investigation ▪ Procedures followed in the investigation ▪ Recorded data/observations | 20 | <p>3 (i) Safety: Identify any <i>two specific</i> safety precautions followed in conducting the investigation</p> <p>3 (ii) & (iii) Procedure: <u>State or Show</u> Identify any <i>five</i> steps taken in conducting investigation: Mass (weigh) block // block on surface // zero spring balance // attach spring balance (force sensor) to block // attach string to block // pass string over pulley // attach slotted weight set to string // tension elastic fixed amount // pull spring balance (force sensor) to move block at constant speed <i>or</i> to a point at which it is just about to move // add weights to string to give same effect // release elastic causing block to move // record force (weight on string), (distance travelled by block) // repeat to verify data // repeat with different weights on block (stack blocks) // area of contact of block with surface // texture of surface on which block moves // repeat procedure to verify second factor // record data // present data (table, graph)</p> <p>3 (iv) Recorded Data / Observations: Factor 1 versus force Factor 2 versus force [Table presentation likely]</p> | (2 + 3) (1 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 3) (2) (3) |
| Analysis & Conclusions | Analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Calculations/data analysis ▪ Conclusion(s) and evaluation of results(s) | 20 | <p>4 (i) Calculations / Data analysis: <i>One</i> relevant comment analysing data or calculation or graph</p> <p>Limited manipulation of data OR Good manipulation of data OR Excellent manipulation of data</p> <p>4 (ii) Conclusion: <i>One</i> relevant conclusion drawn or evaluation of results obtained</p> <p>Limited treatment OR Good treatment OR Excellent treatment</p> | (4) (7) (10) (4) (7) (10) |
| Comment | Comments (e.g. refinements, extensions, sources of error etc.) | 10 | <p>5 One comment on refinement / extension / source of error reliability of data / how process could be improved / sources of error / possible reason for unexpected result / possible extension of the investigation</p> <p>Limited comprehension OR Good comprehension OR Excellent comprehension</p> | (4) (7) (10) |

OWN INVESTIGATION – Marking Criteria for Coursework B

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| Introduction | Clear statement of the problem/topic to be investigated, background research undertaken in preparation for the investigation: people, books, websites, etc. as sources of relevant information. | 10 | 1 (i) Statement / identification of problem / hypothesis statement / topic to be investigated: (must elaborate on title) 1 (ii) Research: Any <i>two</i> references to book / web / person consulted etc (must qualify why this person was a suitable consultant) | (6) (2 × 2) |
| Preparation and planning | Identification of variables and controls List of equipment needed for the investigation List of tasks to be carried out during the investigation | 40 | 2 (i) Variables & Controls*: Identify any <i>five</i> variables / controls: Must include two essential variables with respect to title. Any three other relevant variables 2 (ii) Equipment needed: Identify any <i>five</i> pieces of equipment used 2 (iii) List of tasks: Identify any <i>three</i> tasks carried out in investigation * If variables/controls not relevant to the type of investigation undertaken allow 10 marks for stating so and then readjust equipment to (5 × 3) and tasks to (3 × 5) | (2 × 4) (3 × 4) (5 × 2) (2 + 4 + 4) |
| Procedure | Procedure, apparatus, safety, data collection/observations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety precautions required for this investigation Procedures followed in the investigation Recorded data/observations | 40 | 3 (i) Safety: Identify any <i>two</i> safety precautions followed in conducting the investigation 3 (ii) & (iii) Procedure: State <u>or</u> Show Identify any <i>eight</i> steps taken in conducting investigation 3 (iv) Recorded Data / Observations: Identify any <i>two</i> points related to method used [Table presentation likely] | (2 × 3) (8 × 3) (2 × 5) |
| Analysis & Conclusions | Analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calculations/data analysis Conclusion(s) and evaluation of results(s) | 40 | 4 (i) Calculations / Data analysis: <i>Two</i> relevant comments analysing data or calculation or graph Limited manipulation of data OR Good manipulation of data 4 (ii) Conclusion: <i>Two</i> relevant conclusions drawn or evaluation of results obtained Limited treatment OR Good treatment | (7) } × 2 (10) } (7) } × 2 (10) } |
| Comment | Comments (e.g. refinements, extensions, sources of error etc.) | 20 | 5 Three comments on refinements / extensions / sources of error e.g. What was learnt* / reliability of data / how process could be improved / sources of error / extension of investigation / possible reason for unexpected result * Other than conclusions already stated | (5 + 5 + 10) |