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**GCE Ordinary Level**

## **MARK SCHEME for the October/November 2012 series**

### **5054 PHYSICS**

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Paper 4 (Alternative to Practical), maximum raw mark 30

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- 1 (a) (i) horizontal level or point marked level with top of hook B1 [1]
- (ii) eye / E labelled level with dotted line B1 [1]
- (b) within extension of spring /  
within elastic limit / not permanently stretched /  
gives smooth oscillations /  
load does not jumps off spring / spring does not become slack B1 [1]
- (c) reduces human reaction error (in  $T$ ) / more accurate  $T$  /  
 $T$  too small /  
gives average value (of  $T$ ) B1 [1]
- (d) 8.024 / 8.02 / 8.0 seen OR  $\Sigma t \div 10$  C1  
0.4012 / 0.401 / 0.40 (s) A1 [2]
- (e) (i) 0.401 written in table ecf (d) (3 sf required) B1 [1]
- (ii) axes: correct way round, labelled quantity and unit  
  
scales: linear, not awkward, more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  grid  
e.g. x-axis: 2 cm  $\equiv$  1 N y-axis: 2 cm  $\equiv$  0.1 s B1  
  
points plotted accurately within  $\frac{1}{2}$  small square  
neat crosses or small points (in circle) B1  
  
smooth curve of best fit neatly drawn B1 [4]
- (iii) yes + when  $W = 0$  there will be (no extension so) no oscillations B1 [1]  
  
(allow no + when  $W = 0$  there will be some extension due to mass of spring)
- (iv) non-linear with  $T$  increasing as  $W$  increases B1 [1]
- [Total: 13]**
- 2 (a) (i) lamp lights (normal brightness) B1 [1]
- (ii) any one from:  
broken wire / connections not good  
lamp blown / faulty  
cell(s) run down B1 [1]

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- (b) (i) lamp becomes dimmer B1 [1]
- (ii) 1. rheostat / variable resistor / potentiometer B1 [1]
2. correct circuit symbol drawn B1 [1]



3. wire is coiled B1 [1]

**[Total: 6]**

- 3 (a) withstand (high) pressure / force (from air) (outside) B1 [1]
- (b) seals bell-jar / prevents air entering B1 [1]
- (c) (i) sound gradually becomes quieter B1  
 sound cannot travel through a vacuum / requires medium / air B1 [2]
- (ii) light can travel through a vacuum / does not require medium / air B1 [1]
- (d) sound / vibrations can travel through the metal plate B1 [1]

**[Total: 6]**

- 4 (a) to determine height accurately / to stop as soon as shoe moves B1 [1]
- (b)  $22^\circ \pm 1^\circ$  B1 [1]
- (c) (i) any one sensible suggestion, e.g.  
 protractor has edge  
 protractor is small  
 divisions close together  
 alignment of zero difficult  
 board sags  
 board may move B1 [1]
- (ii) **measures** two sides of triangle and uses trig formula  
 (may be shown on diagram) B1 [1]
- (d) (better grip) larger angle / ramp lifted higher or reverse argument B1 [1]

**[Total: 5]**