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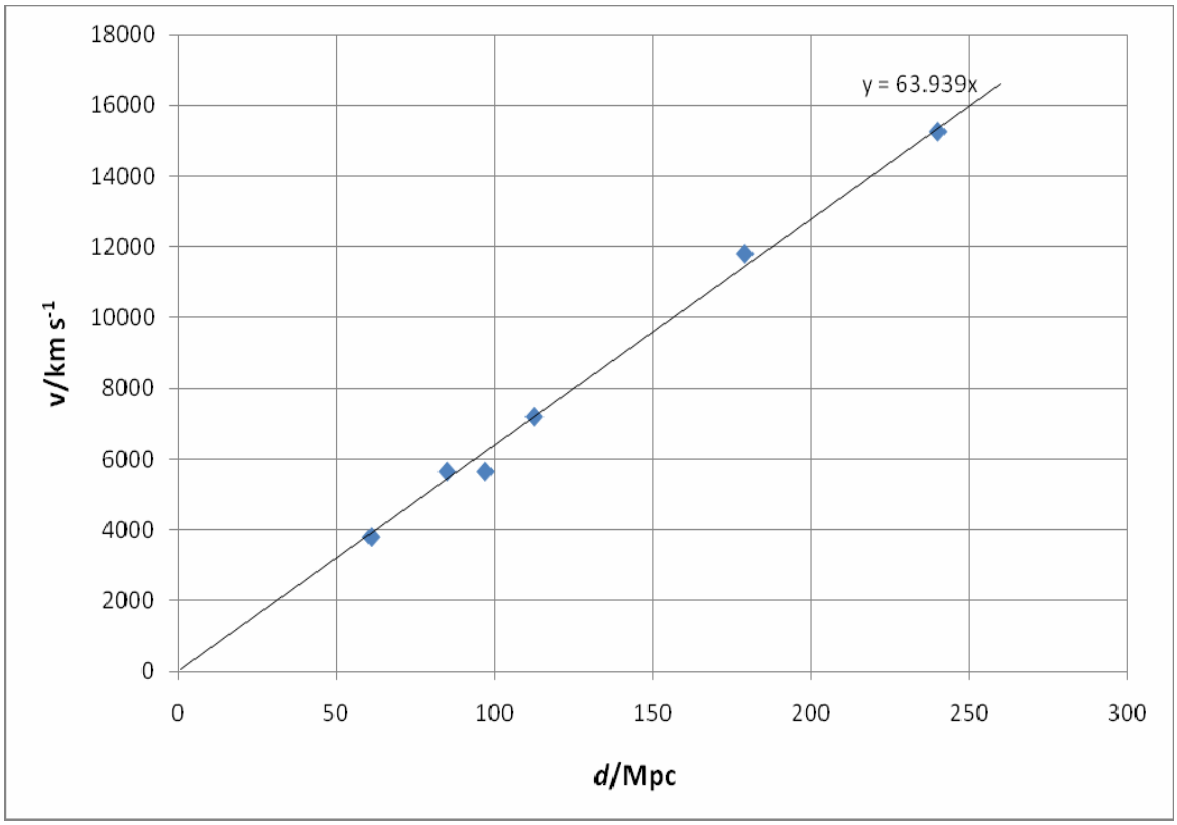
Question Number	Answer	Mark
1 (a) (i)	Ignore the anomalous 0.77 OR add the four good readings and divide by four	**(1)**
(ii)	0.27 mm	**(1)**
(iii)	Divides 0.015 *or* 0.02 *or* 0.03 by their mean value to calculate correct percentage Example of calculation 0.02/0.27 = 7%	**(1)** **(1)**
1 (b) (i)	Use of $\pi r^2 l$ Produces correct answer with consistent unit Example of calculation $\pi(0.135 \times 10^{-3}\ m)^2 \times 663 \times 10^{-3}\ m = 3.80 \times 10^{-8}\ m^3$	**(1)** **(1)**
1 (b) (ii)	Use of mass/volume Answer to 2 s.f. with unit for density consistent with mass used Example of calculation $0.32 \times 10^{-3}\ kg / 3.80 \times 10^{-8}\ m^3 = 8400\ kg\ m^{-3}$	**(1)** **(1)**
1 (c)	Material is Nichrome Thickness is 32 (swg)	**(1)** **(1)**
	Total for question 1	**10**

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2(a)	metre rule shown to be vertical with set square on floor OR set square aligned with weight and rule OR eye level with bottom of weight	**(1)**
2 (b)(i)	Uncertainty in *h* is 1 *or* 2 mm **(1)**	**(1)**
2(ii)	Uncertainty in *t* is 0.26 *or* 0.27 *or* 0.52 s only	**(1)**
2(iii)	v = 0.584 m s^{-1}	**(1)**
2(iv)	Calculates value for kinetic energy Example of calculation 0.5 x 0.96 kg x (0.584 m s^{-1})^2 = 0.164 J	**(1)**
2(v)	Calculates % uncertainty in *h* and *t*(*or v*) Example of calculation 0.11% and 8.6% Combines % uncertainties Example of calculation 2 × 0.11% + 2 x 8.6 % = 17 %	**(1)** **(1)**
	Total for question 2	**7**

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Question Number	Answer	Mark
3(a)	Red shift OR Doppler shift OR frequency of electromagnetic radiation/light OR wavelength of electromagnetic radiation/light	**(1)**
3(b)(i)	Line of best fit	**(1)**
3(b)(ii)	large triangle used gradient in range 62.0 - 66.0 with 2/3SF Example of calculation (16000 – 0)/(250 – 0) = 64 (ignore unit)	**(1)** **(1)**
3(c)(i)	Yes, as best fit line is straight and passes through origin OR No, as best fit line does not pass through origin	**(1)**
3(c)(ii)	Percentage difference calculated using 71 as denominator Example of calculation (71 – 64)/71 = 10%	**(1)**
	Total for question 3	**6**

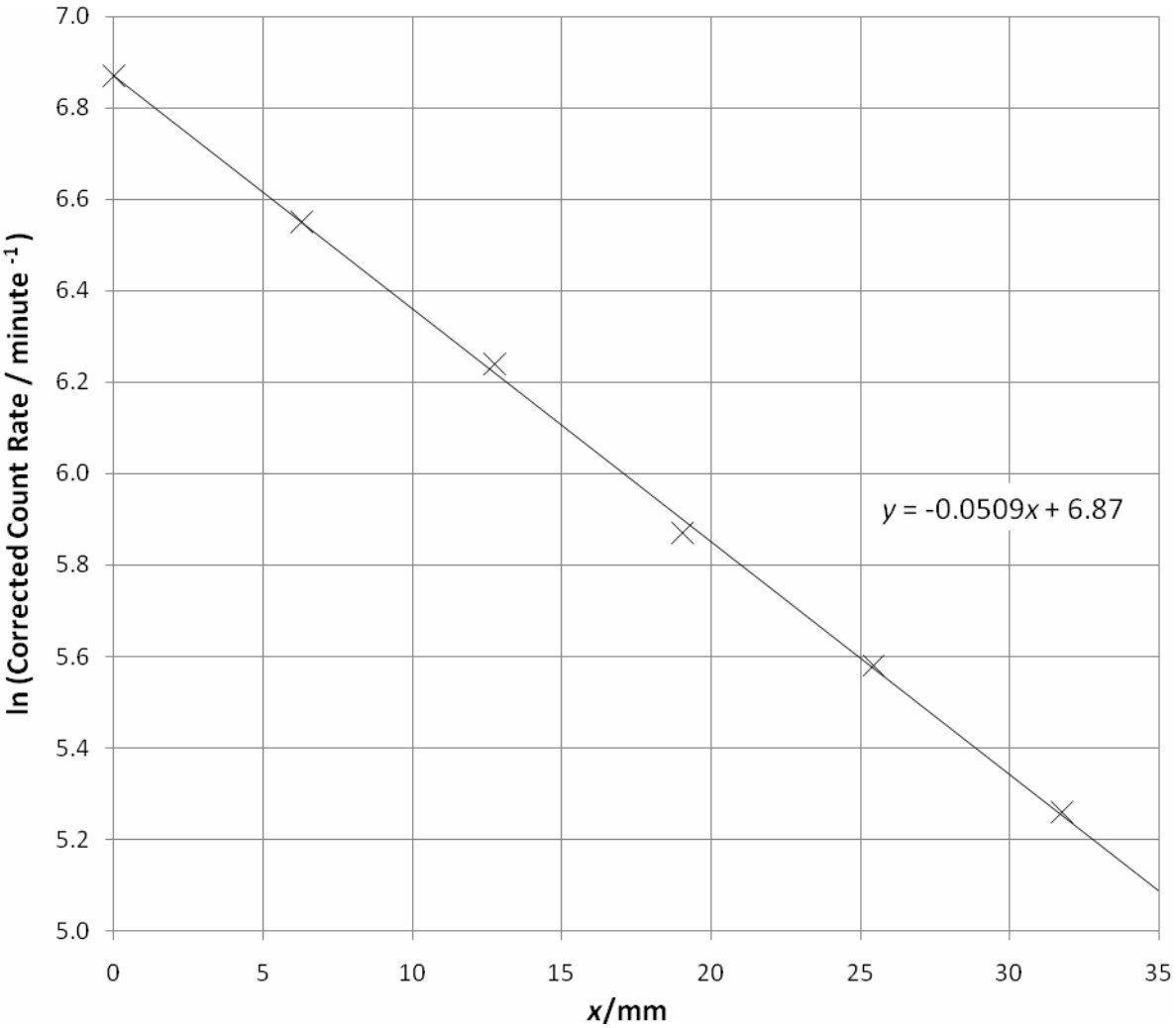


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Question Number	Answer	Mark
4 (a)	Record background count (rate) Place thick aluminium/thin lead between source & detector OR Distance greater than 25 cm between source and detector Count rate detected above background	**(1)** **(1)** **(1)**
4 (b)	Keep distance between the source and detector constant Any **four** from: • Record count (rate) for different thicknesses • Record count for a specified time • Subtract background count • Take several readings at each thickness • Measure thickness with micrometer screw gauge/vernier callipers Keep people away from source/use tongs to handle source /use tongs to handle lead sheets/ensure source held securely	**(1)** **(1)** **(1)** **(1)** **(1)** **(1)** **(Max 4)** **(1)**
4 (c)	$\ln A = -\mu x + \ln A_0$ **and** identifies $-\mu$ as gradient	**(1)**
4 (d)	Corrected count rate to at least 3SF and with correct units **and** ln A to at least 3SF and with correct units Axes labelled for suitable graph(ignore units) Suitable scales Plots Line	**(1)** **(1)** **(1)** **(1)** **(1)**
4 (e)	Triangle base at least 40 small squares and correct calculation of gradient (ignore sign and unit) μ = 0.050 to 0.052 mm^{-1} with unit and 2/3SF (no ecf) Example of calculation $(5.40 - 6.86)/(28.8 - 0) = 0.0507\ mm^{-1}$	**(1)** **(1)**
	Total for question 4	**17**

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x/mm	Measured Count Rate / minute^{-1}	Corrected Count Rate / minute^{-1}	ln (Corrected Count Rate / minute^{-1})
0	1002	962	6.87
6.30	739	699	6.55
12.74	553	513	6.24
19.04	394	354	5.87
25.44	304	264	5.58
31.74	232	192	5.26



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