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Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)	one voltmeter reading positive AND the other negative	1
1(b)(i)	($L =$) 30 ± 10 (cm)	1
1(b)(ii)	two values of L within 1 cm apart AND including the value given in (b)(i)	1
	(uncertainty = \pm) half the range given in (b)(ii)	1
1(c)(i)	<i>EITHER</i> take two or more readings AND average <i>OR</i> move moveable contact from beginning to end of zero range AND take the midpoint	1
1(c)(ii)	table with heading for L with units AND evidence of repeat readings	1
1(c)(iii)	5 or 6 values for L (<u>all</u> increasing)	1
	all values of L to 1 mm precision	1
1(d)(i)	<i>axes</i> half or more of graph paper used in both x and y directions, no awkward scales	1
	<i>plotting</i> all points plotted correctly to within $\frac{1}{2}$ a square	1
	<i>line of best fit</i> single line of best fit	1
1(d)(ii)	points identified correctly AND correct use of change in $R \div$ change in L	1
1(e)	($T =$) the value of the gradient AND correct unit	1
	($U =$) the y-intercept AND correct unit	1
1(f)	numerical U in range of 65 to 95	1

Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)(i)	silver nitrate AND no precipitate / no reaction	1
	barium nitrate / chloride AND white precipitate	1
	(anion present =) sulfate (no mark)	
2(a)(ii)	red-brown precipitate AND insoluble in excess for sodium hydroxide	1
	red-brown precipitate AND insoluble in excess for ammonia	1
	iron(III) / Fe ³⁺	1
2(b)(i)	4 temperature readings	1
	all recorded to suitable precision of 1 decimal place	1
	2 temperature increases correctly calculated	1
	experiment 2 increase smaller than experiment 1 increase	1
2(b)(ii)	Z more dilute / less acidic than X	1
2(c)	smaller temperature rise AND greater heat energy lost / poorer insulation	1
2(d)(i)	calculation of molarity from ratio of temperature rises	1
2(d)(ii)	calculation of moles sulfuric acid in 100 cm ³ of Z	1
2(d)(iii)	calculation of moles of sulfuric acid which reacted with magnesium	1
2(d)(iv)	mass of magnesium	1