

7 A student is asked to determine the emf and internal resistance of a 1.5 V cell. Write a plan for an experiment which could be used to do this using standard laboratory apparatus and a graphical method.

You should:

- (a) draw a diagram of the circuit to be used, (2)
- (b) state the quantities to be measured, (1)
- (c) for **two** of these quantities state and explain your choice of measuring instrument, (4)
- (d) explain how the data collected will be used to find the emf and the internal resistance, (3)
- (e) identify the main sources of uncertainty and/or systematic error, (2)
- (f) comment on safety. (1)

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(Total for Question 7 = 13 marks)



This question must be marked holistically in the context of the candidate's answer, and marks awarded wherever they appear.

Question Number	Answer		Mark	
7(a)	(a) Correct <i>circuit diagram</i>			
	Cell, ammeter, voltmeter and a resistive component	(1)	2	
	variable resistor in working circuit [correct circuit symbol only]	(1)		
	(b) <i>State the quantities to be measured</i>			
	potential difference, current	(1)	1	
	(c) <i>for two of these quantities explain your choice of measuring instrument,</i>			
	1st instrument	(1)	4	
	reason	(1)		
	2nd instrument	(1)		
	reason	(1)		
	<u>Examples of answer</u>			
	P.d.: voltmeter or multimeter on voltage scale (stated or implied)			
	0.1 V interval or better because 1.5 V cell			
	Or measures up to 2V because 1.5 V cell			
Current: ammeter or multimeter on current scale (stated or implied)				
0.1 A interval or better because 1.5 V cell				
Or measures up to 2A because 1.5 V cell				
(d) <i>Explain how the data will be used</i>				
graph drawn of p.d. against current				
intercept is emf				
gradient is (-) r	(1)			
(e) <i>identify the main sources of uncertainty and/or systematic error:</i>				
Max 2			3	
Systematic/zero error on meter				
parallax errors if analogue meter				
accuracy of meters	(1)			
fluctuating reading on digital meter	(1)			
(f) <i>appropriate comment on safety</i>	(1)			
<u>Examples of answer</u>			2	
Avoid touching hot wires				
Low voltage so no risk of electrocution	(1)		1	
Ensure cell is not short-circuited otherwise cell will get hot				
	Total for question 7		13	