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1 Planning (15 marks)

Defining the problem (3 marks)

P  \( f \) is the independent variable or vary \( f \).  
\[1\]

P  \( I_0 \) is the dependent variable or measure \( I_0 \).  
\[1\]

P  Keep \( V_0 \) constant.  
\[1\]

Methods of data collection (5 marks)

M  Labelled/ workable circuit diagram of apparatus: including coil connected to power supply/signal generator.  
\[1\]

M  Variable frequency ac power supply or signal generator (method of varying frequency).  
\[1\]

M  Measure current using ammeter or p.d. across resistor.  
\[1\]

M  Measure \( V \) across power supply or across coil e.g. voltmeter or c.r.o. explained.  
\[1\]

M  Measure \( f \) using oscilloscope/read off signal generator.  
\[1\]

Method of analysis (2 marks)

A  Plot a graph of \( 1/I_0^2 \) against \( f^2 \) or \( V_0^2/I_0^2 \) against \( f^2 \) or equivalent.  
Do not allow log-log graph.  
\[1\]

\[ L = \sqrt{\frac{V_0^2}{4\pi^2}} \sqrt{\text{gradient}} = \frac{V_0}{2\pi} \sqrt{\text{gradient}} \text{ or } L = \sqrt{\frac{\text{gradient}}{4\pi^2}} \]  
\[1\]

Safety considerations (1 mark)

S  Reasoned method to prevent overheating of coil or burns from coil.  
\[1\]

Additional detail (4 marks)

D  Relevant points might include  
1 Use lower frequencies to produce larger currents  
2 Keep resistance of circuit/coil constant  
3 Additional detail on measuring \( T \) using timebase  
4 \( f = 1/\text{period} \)  
5 Additional detail on measuring \( V_0 \) using y-gain  
6 Relationship is valid if straight line, provided plotted graph is correct  
7 Relationship is valid if straight line not passing through origin, provided plotted graph is correct (any quoted expression must be correct)  
8 Detail on changing r.m.s. to peak  

Do not allow vague computer methods. Ignore reference to iron core / other magnetic fields.  

[Total: 15]
## Analysis, conclusions and evaluation (15 marks)

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| A1 | \[
\text{Gradient} = \frac{4b}{E}
\] |  |
| **(b)** |  |  |
| T1 | \[
\frac{a^2}{10^{-4}} \text{ m}^2
\] | Column heading. Allow equivalent unit. Do not award if \(10^{-4}\) omitted. |
| T2 | 44 or 43.6 | A mixture of 2 s.f. and 3 s.f. is allowed. |
|  | 52 or 51.8 | |
|  | 61 or 60.8 | |
|  | 71 or 70.6 | |
|  | 79 or 79.2 | |
|  | 88 or 88.4 | |
| U1 | 1.3 increasing to 1.9 | Allow 1 increasing to 2. |
| **(c) (i)** |  |  |
| G1 | Six points plotted correctly | Must be within half a small square. Ecf allowed from table. Penalise ‘blobs’. |
| U2 | All error bars in \(a^2\) plotted correctly | Must be within half a small square. Ecf allowed from table. |
| **(c) (ii)** |  |  |
| G2 | Line of best fit | If points are plotted correctly then lower end of line should pass between (1000, 43) and (1000, 44.5) and upper end of line should pass between (2000, 87) and (2000, 89). Allow ecf from points plotted incorrectly – examiner judgement. |
| G3 | Worst acceptable straight line. Steepest or shallowest possible line that passes through all the error bars. | Line should be clearly labelled or dashed. Should pass from top of top error bar to bottom of bottom error bar or bottom of top error bar to top of bottom error bar. Mark scored only if error bars are plotted. |
| **(c) (iii)** |  |  |
| C1 | Gradient of best fit line | The triangle used should be at least half the length of the drawn line. Check the read offs. Work to half a small square. Do not penalise POT. |
| U3 | Uncertainty in gradient | Method of determining absolute uncertainty Difference in worst gradient and gradient. |
**Uncertainties in Question 2**

(c) (iii) Gradient [U3]

Uncertainty = gradient of line of best fit – gradient of worst acceptable line

Uncertainty = \( \frac{1}{2} \) (steepest worst line gradient – shallowest worst line gradient)

(d) [U4]

Percentage uncertainty = \( \frac{\Delta E}{E} \times 100 \)

\( \text{max } E = \frac{\text{max } b}{\text{min } m} \)

\( \text{min } E = \frac{\text{min } b}{\text{max } m} \)

Percentage uncertainty = \( \left( \frac{\Delta m}{m} + \frac{\Delta b}{b} \right) \times 100 = \left( \frac{\Delta m}{m} \right) \times 100 + 2.5 \)

(e) [U5]

Absolute uncertainty = \( \text{max } V - V = V - \text{min } V = \frac{\text{max } V - \text{min } V}{2} \)

\( \text{max } V = \frac{\text{max } E \times \text{max } a^2}{4 \text{ min } b} = \frac{\text{max } a^2}{\text{min } m} \)

\( \text{min } V = \frac{\text{min } E \times \text{min } a^2}{4 \text{ max } b} = \frac{\text{min } a^2}{\text{max } m} \)

Absolute uncertainty = \( \left( \frac{2\Delta a}{a} + \frac{\Delta m}{m} \right) V = \left( \frac{2\Delta a}{a} + \frac{\Delta E}{E} + \frac{\Delta b}{b} \right) V \)