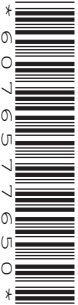

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Preparing apparatus

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It is assumed that the ordinary apparatus of a Physics laboratory will be available.

Number of sets of apparatus

The number of sets of apparatus provided for each experiment should be $\frac{1}{2}N$, where N is the number of candidates taking the examination. There should, in addition, be a few spare sets of apparatus available in case problems arise during the examination.

Organization of the examination

Candidates should be allowed access to the apparatus for each experiment for one hour only. After spending one hour on one experiment, candidates should change over to the other experiment. The order in which a candidate attempts the two experiments is immaterial.

Assistance to Candidates

Candidates should be informed that, if they find themselves in real difficulty, they may ask the Supervisor for practical assistance, but that the extent of this assistance will be reported to the Examiner, who may make a deduction of marks.

Assistance should only be given:

when it is asked for by a candidate,
or as directed in the Notes sections of these Instructions,
or where apparatus is seen to have developed a fault.

Assistance should be restricted to enabling candidates to make observations and measurements. Observations and measurements must not be made for candidates, and no help should be given with data analysis or evaluation.

All assistance given to candidates must be reported on the Supervisor's Report Form.

Faulty apparatus

In cases of faulty apparatus (not arising from a candidate's mishandling) that prevent the required measurements being taken, the Supervisor may allow extra time to give the candidate a fair opportunity to perform the experiment as if the fault had not been present. The candidate should use a spare copy of the Question Paper when the fault has been rectified or when working with a second set of apparatus.

Supervisor's Report

The Supervisor should complete the Supervisor's Report Form on pages 7 and 8 and enclose it in the envelope containing the answers of the candidates. If more than one envelope is used, a copy of the report must be enclosed in each envelope.

Question 1**Apparatus requirements (per set of apparatus unless otherwise specified)**

Low voltage power supply fixed at 1.5V or 2V d.c. or 1.5V dry cell with terminals.

Two digital voltmeters set to the range 0–2V reading to the nearest 0.001V. The range should be fixed and any unused terminals should be covered.

10 Ω resistor in a component holder with its value of resistance clearly labeled. See Note 1.

15 Ω resistor in a component holder with its value of resistance clearly labeled. See Note 1.

Meter rule with a millimeter scale.

110cm length of 30 swg constantan wire. See Notes 2 and 3.

Two crocodile clips.

Nine connecting leads. Two of the leads should have a length of at least 75 cm.

Switch.

Notes

- 1 The resistors should have a minimum power rating of 0.25W and a tolerance of 5% (e.g. RS Components product code 385-932).
- 2 The wire should be attached to the meter rule with 5 cm protruding at each end. It should be possible to attach a crocodile clip to each end of the wire. The wire should be attached to the rule firmly enough (e.g. using adhesive tape at the ends of the rule) to minimize any looseness or kinks.
- 3 If 30 swg constantan wire is unavailable, then 32 swg constantan wire may be used. Alternatively, 26 swg nichrome wire or 24 swg nichrome wire may be used.
- 4 The apparatus should be laid out on the bench. If the apparatus is to be used by another candidate, then it should be restored to its original state.

Information required by Examiners

Sample set of numerical results, clearly labeled “Supervisor’s Results” and obtained out of sight of the candidates.

Question 2**Apparatus requirements (per set of apparatus unless otherwise specified)**

Two stands and two bosses.

Two wooden rods each with approximate diameter 12 mm and approximate length 25 cm.

100 g slotted mass.

Cylindrical metal rod of approximate length 60 cm and approximate diameter 12 mm. The rod from another stand would be suitable.

Stopwatch reading to 0.1 s or better.

Two pieces of string with minimum diameter 1 mm. See Note 1.

Meter rule reading to the nearest millimeter.

180° protractor reading to the nearest degree or better.

Notes

- 1 The dimensions for each piece of string are shown in Fig. 2.1.

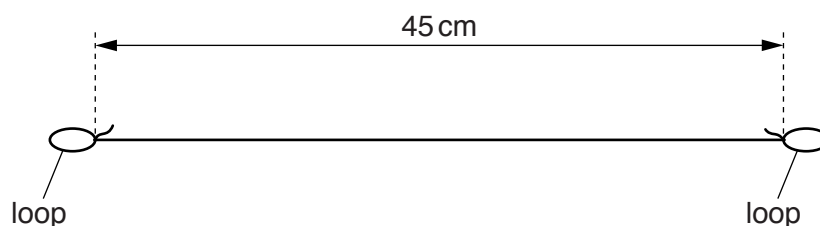


Fig. 2.1

The string loops should fit around the wooden rods.

- 2 The apparatus should be laid out on the bench. If the apparatus is to be used by another candidate, then it should be restored to its original state.

Information required by Examiners

Sample set of numerical results, clearly labeled “Supervisor’s Results” and obtained out of sight of the candidates.

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This form should be completed and sent to the Examiner with the scripts.

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The Supervisor's Report should give full details of:

- (a) any help given to a candidate (including the nature of the help given and the name and candidate number of the candidate);
- (b) any cases of faulty apparatus (including the nature of the problem, the action taken to rectify it, any additional time allowed, and the name and candidate number of the candidate);
- (c) any accidents that occurred during the examination;
- (d) any other difficulties experienced by candidates, or any other information that is likely to assist the Examiner, especially if this information cannot be discovered in the scripts.

Cases of individual hardship, such as illness, bereavement or disability, should be reported direct to Cambridge on the normal Special Consideration form.

Information required by Examiners

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Supervisor's Report



Supervisor's Report (continued)



Declaration

(to be signed by the Supervisor)

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Signed

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