

CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS
General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Level and Advanced Level

PHYSICS

9702/03

Paper 3 Practical Test

October/November 2003

CONFIDENTIAL INSTRUCTIONS

1 hour 15 minutes

Great care should be taken that any confidential information given does not reach the candidates either directly or indirectly.

Instructions for preparing apparatus

These instructions detail the apparatus required for the experiment in this paper. A summary of the questions that will be presented to the candidates is included, to allow the Physics teacher to prepare the apparatus appropriately. No access is permitted to the Question Paper in advance of the examination session.

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

Instructions for the Practical Physics Supervisor

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.

The Supervisor should complete the report form on pages 7 and 8 and enclose it in the envelope containing the answers of the candidates. A note of any help given to, or any particular difficulties experienced by, a candidate should also be enclosed, especially if the Examiner would be unable to discover these from the written answers.

It is assumed that candidates will provide themselves with such standard items as a 30 cm rule, a pair of compasses, a 0° to 180° protractor, a set square and a calculator.

Squared paper should be available.

Whenever a stopwatch or stopclock is specified, candidates should be advised, in advance, that they may, if they wish, use quartz wristwatches with stopwatch facilities.

Question 1**Apparatus requirements per candidate**

Stand, two bosses and one clamp. The stand should be at least 80 cm tall.

Pendulum bob attached to approximately 80 cm of thread

Split cork (to be used for holding the thread attached to the pendulum bob)

Short length (e.g. 15 cm) of thin wooden dowelling (diameter approximately 5 mm)

Metre rule

Stopwatch reading to 0.1 s or better

The apparatus should not be assembled prior to the start of the experiment. If the apparatus is to be used by another candidate, then the arrangement must be dismantled and restored to its original condition.

Procedure to be followed by candidates

Candidates will be required to investigate the oscillations of a pendulum with a rod placed at some point along its length. This reduces the effective length of the pendulum by d for half of each oscillation. Candidates will take a series of readings of d and period T for values of d in the range $20.0 \text{ cm} \leq d \leq 60.0 \text{ cm}$.

A graph of T against $\frac{d}{T}$ should give a straight line with a negative gradient which does not pass through the origin.

Information required by Examiners

Sample set of results and graph

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

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The Supervisor is invited to give details, on the reverse of this form, of any difficulties experienced by particular candidates, giving names and index numbers. These should include reference to:

- (a) accidents to apparatus or materials;
- (b) any other information that is likely to assist the examiner, especially if this cannot be discovered in the scripts;
- (c) any help given to a candidate.

Other cases of individual hardship, e.g. illness, disability, should be reported direct to CIE on the normal 'Special Consideration Form'.

In cases of faulty apparatus (not arising from a candidate's mishandling) which prevent the required readings being taken, the following action is permissible.

The Invigilator – in consultation with the Physics teacher responsible for preparing the examination – 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. The Invigilator is asked to provide CIE with details of such cases of time compensation (a copy being enclosed with the scripts), especially

- (i) the candidate's name and index number,
- (ii) the extra time allowed,
- (iii) notes on the nature of the fault, the action taken to rectify the difficulty and any other comments which would be helpful to the Examiner in making a fair assessment of the candidate's work during the practical examination.



Information required

Sample set of results and graph

A list, by name and index number, of candidates requiring help, with details of help provided.

Declaration (to be signed by the Principal)

The preparation of this practical examination has been carried out so as to maintain fully the security of the examination.

Signed

Centre Number

Name of Centre

