

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

PHYSICS

9702/03

Paper 3 Practical Test

May/June 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

Candidates will be required to perform an experiment to investigate the oscillatory motion of a wire.

Apparatus requirements (per set of apparatus unless otherwise specified)

Stand, boss and clamp

Protractor

Optical pin

Cork. The pin should be pushed into the cork as shown in Fig. 1.1.

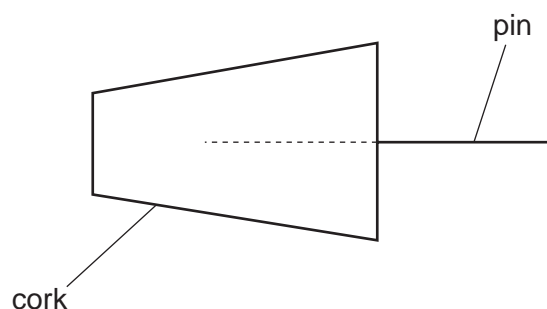


Fig. 1.1

40 cm length of 16 SWG (1.6 mm diameter) copper wire. The wire should be straight and reasonably free from kinks.

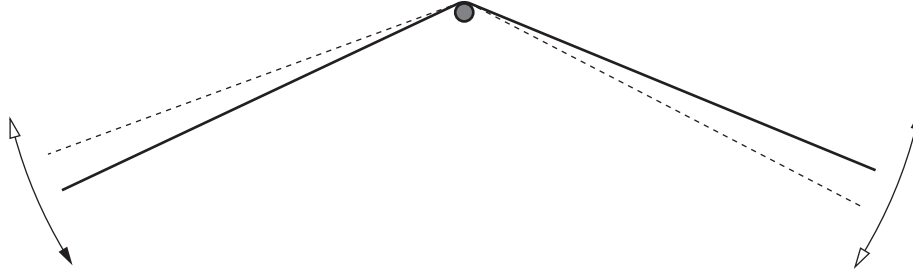
Half-metre rule

Stopwatch reading to 0.1 s or better

The apparatus should not be assembled prior to use by the candidates. A fresh piece of wire should be supplied to each candidate.

Procedure to be followed by candidates

Candidates will bend the wire at its centre and suspend the wire from a mounted pin. Candidates will measure the period T of oscillation of the wire as the angle θ between the straight parts of the wire is changed. Values of θ should be in the range $160^\circ \geq \theta \geq 30^\circ$. See Fig. 1.1.

**Fig. 1.1**

A graph of $\frac{1}{T^4}$ against $\cos\theta$ should produce a straight line with a positive 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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General

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

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

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

