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**PHYSICS**

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Paper 3 Advanced Practical Skills 1

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## Preparing apparatus

These instructions detail the apparatus required for the experiments in the Question Paper. It is essential that absolute confidentiality is maintained in advance of the examination: the contents of these instructions must not be revealed either directly or indirectly to candidates.

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stating the nature of the query and quoting the syllabus and paper numbers (9702/31).

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.

## Organisation 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 d.c.

Two digital voltmeters set to the range 0 – 2V reading to the nearest 0.001 V. If digital multimeters are used, the range should be fixed and any unused terminals should be covered.

30 cm ruler with a millimetre scale.

Metre rule with a millimetre scale. See Note 1.

110 cm length of 36 swg constantan wire. See Notes 1 and 2.

20 cm length of 36 swg constantan wire taped to a card and labelled 'sample of wire'. See Note 2.

Two 10  $\Omega$  resistors each in a component holder with terminals.

Eleven connecting leads. See Note 3.

Switch.

Access to a micrometer screw gauge (shared between at most three candidates).

**Notes**

- 1 The 110 cm length of wire should be attached to the metre 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 minimise any looseness or kinks.
- 2 If 36 swg constantan wire is unavailable then 32 swg nichrome wire may be used. If the wire used is not 36 swg constantan, this must be noted on the Supervisor's Report Form.
- 3 Three of the leads should have a length of at least 0.5 m and should each have a crocodile clip attached to one end.  
The crocodile clips should be labelled K, L and M. It should be possible to connect several leads together, for example with stackable plugs.
- 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.  
If the sample of wire has been removed from the card, it should be re-attached.

**Information required by Examiners**

Sample set of numerical results, clearly labelled "Supervisor's Results" and obtained out of sight of the candidates.

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

Two stands.

Two bosses.

Two clamps.

Rubber band with approximate circumference 18 cm, approximate width 3 mm and approximate thickness 1.2 mm.

Stopwatch reading to 0.1 s or better.

180° protractor with 1° divisions.

100 g mass hanger.

100 g slotted mass that can fit onto the mass hanger.

Access to a top pan balance reading to at least 1 g.

**Notes**

- 1 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. A new rubber band should be provided.

**Information required by Examiners**

Sample set of numerical results, clearly labelled “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.

### **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT FORM**

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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**

For each question, please enclose a sample set of numerical results, obtained out of sight of the candidates and clearly labelled "Supervisor's Results".

#### **Supervisor's Report**



**Supervisor's Report (continued)**

**Declaration**

(to be signed by the Supervisor)

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

Signed .....

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