

# Cambridge International AS & A Level

#### PHYSICS

9702/35

Paper 3 Advanced Practical Skills 1

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The supervisor must complete the report at the end of this document and return it with the scripts.

#### INSTRUCTIONS

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### General information about practical exams

Centres must follow the guidance on science practical exams given in the Cambridge Handbook.

#### Safety

Supervisors must follow national and local regulations relating to safety and first aid.

Only those procedures described in the question paper should be attempted.

Supervisors must inform candidates that materials and apparatus used in the exam should be treated with caution. Suitable eye protection should be used where necessary.

#### Before the exam

- The packets containing the question papers must **not** be opened before the exam.
- It is assumed that standard school laboratory facilities, as indicated in the *Guide to Planning Practical Science*, will be available.
- Spare materials and apparatus for the tasks set must be available for candidates, if required.

#### During the exam

- It must be made clear to candidates at the start of the exam that they may request spare materials and apparatus for the tasks set.
- Where specified, the supervisor **must** perform the experiments and record the results as instructed. This must be done **out of sight** of the candidates, using the same materials and apparatus as the candidates.
- Any assistance provided to candidates must be recorded in the supervisor's report.
- If any materials or apparatus need to be replaced, for example, in the event of breakage or loss, this must be recorded in the supervisor's report.

#### After the exam

- The supervisor must complete a report for each practical session held and each laboratory used.
  - Each packet of scripts returned to Cambridge International must contain the following items:
  - the scripts of the candidates specified on the bar code label provided
  - the supervisor's results relevant to these candidates
  - the supervisor's reports relevant to these candidates
  - seating plans for each practical session, referring to each candidate by candidate number
  - the attendance register.

## Specific information for this practical exam

The supervisor must be a teacher of physics or other competent physicist who is familiar with the requirements of this syllabus. During the exam, the supervisor (**not** the invigilator) should obtain a sample set of numerical results by following the relevant steps in the question paper. The results should be clearly labelled 'supervisor's results' and recorded on the supervisor's report or on a spare copy of the question paper.

#### Organisation of the exam

- 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 exam.
- Candidates must **not** be provided with any additional apparatus beyond that specified in these instructions.
- 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 not award full credit for the relevant skills.
- Assistance should only be given when it is asked for by a candidate 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.
- In cases of faulty apparatus that prevent the required measurements from being taken, the supervisor should allow extra time to give the candidate a fair opportunity to perform the experiment as if the fault had not been present.
- Any assistance or extra time given to candidates must be recorded in the supervisor's report.

#### Materials and apparatus for Question 1 (per set of apparatus unless otherwise specified)

- Stand of height at least 80 cm. See Note 1.
- Boss.
- Clamp.
- Stop-watch reading to 0.1 s or better.
- 30 cm ruler with a millimetre scale.
- 180° protractor with 1° divisions.
- Expendable spring with approximate outside diameter 15 mm, approximate coiled length 20 mm and approximate spring constant 25 N m<sup>-1</sup> (e.g. Philip Harris product code B8G87194). See Note 2.
- String. See Note 2 and Note 3.
- Wooden strip with approximate dimensions 80 cm × 2 cm × 1 cm and minimum mass 50 g. See Note 3.
- 100 g mass hanger with its mass value clearly labelled.
- 50 g mass hanger with its mass value clearly labelled.
- 50 g slotted mass with its mass value clearly shown. See Note 4.
- Three 100 g slotted masses with their mass values clearly shown. See Note 4.
- 6g of adhesive putty (e.g. Blu-Tack).
- Small tray for the adhesive putty.

#### Notes

- 1 If a stand of height at least 80 cm is not available, a shorter stand should be raised by attaching a support such as a narrow block of wood to its base.
- **2** A string loop of approximate circumference 20 cm should be attached to the spring as shown in Fig. 1.1.



Fig. 1.1

**3** Two holes should be drilled in the wooden strip at the positions shown in Fig. 1.2.

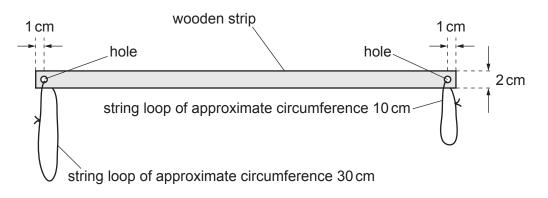


Fig. 1.2

Two string loops should be attached to the strip as shown.

- 4 It must be possible to fit all the slotted masses on the 100g mass hanger and on the 50g mass hanger.
- 5 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. Any adhesive putty should be removed from the apparatus and returned to the small tray.

#### Materials and apparatus for Question 2 (per set of apparatus unless otherwise specified)

- Two 50 cm lengths of 26 swg (0.46 mm diameter) bare copper wire labelled 'copper'.
- 50 cm length of 26 swg (0.46 mm diameter) bare constantan wire.
- 25 cm length of 28 swg (0.38 mm diameter) bare constantan wire.
- Metre rule with a millimetre scale.
- Micrometer screw gauge (may be shared between up to four candidates).
- Stop-watch reading to 0.1 s or better.
- Long-stem thermometer with a range of -10°C to 110°C reading to the nearest 1°C or 0.5°C.
- Digital ammeter with range 0–200 μA reading to 0.1 μA. If a digital multimeter is used, the range should be fixed and any unused terminals should be covered.
- Two connecting leads.
- Two crocodile clips. See Note 1.
- 200 cm<sup>3</sup> beaker.
- Access to a source of boiling water, e.g. a kettle (may be shared between up to six candidates). See Note 2.
- Access to a sink.
- Paper towels.

#### Notes

- 1 The jaws of the crocodile clips should be cleaned so that they all make a good electrical contact with all the wires.
- 2 Candidates should be made aware of the dangers of working with boiling water.
- 3 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. New wires should be provided.

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# Supervisor's report

Syllabus and component number			/	
Centre number				
Centre name	 	 		 

Time of the practical session	

Laboratory name/number .....

# Give details of any difficulties experienced by the centre or by candidates (include the relevant candidate names and candidate numbers).

You must include:

- any difficulties experienced by the centre in the preparation of materials
- any difficulties experienced by candidates, e.g. due to faulty materials or apparatus
- any specific assistance given to candidates.

#### Declaration

- 1 Each packet that I am returning to Cambridge International contains all of the following items:
  - the scripts of the candidates specified on the bar code label provided
  - the supervisor's results relevant to these candidates
  - the supervisor's reports relevant to these candidates
  - seating plans for each practical session, referring to each candidate by candidate number
  - the attendance register.
- 2 Where the practical exam has taken place in more than one practical session, I have clearly labelled the supervisor's results, supervisor's reports and seating plans with the time and laboratory name/number for each practical session.
- 3 I have included details of difficulties relating to each practical session experienced by the centre or by candidates.
- 4 I have reported any other adverse circumstances affecting candidates, e.g. illness, bereavement or temporary injury, directly to Cambridge International on a *special consideration form*.

Signed	 .)
Name (in block capitals)	 