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**PHYSICS**

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Paper 5 Practical Test

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**CONFIDENTIAL INSTRUCTIONS**

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

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stating the Centre number, the nature of the query and the syllabus number quoted above.

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This document consists of **8** printed pages.



### Instructions for preparing apparatus

The Supervisor is **not** allowed to consult the Question Paper before the examination. This should, as part of the preparation of the examination requirements, test the apparatus in order to ensure that it is satisfactory.

The Supervisor is asked to give (and attach to the Report form printed on pages 7 and 8) a *brief* description of the apparatus supplied, mentioning any points that are likely to be of importance to the Examiner in marking the answers. The Supervisor should also report any assistance given to candidates. All reports should be signed by the Supervisor and by the person responsible for preparing the apparatus.

In addition to the usual equipment of a physics laboratory, each candidate will require the apparatus specified in these Instructions. If a candidate breaks any of the apparatus, or loses any of the material supplied, the matter should be rectified and a note made in the Report.

### Number of sets of apparatus

As a *minimum*, the number of sets of apparatus provided should be  $N/4$ , where  $N$  is the number of candidates (per session). A few spare sets should, preferably, be available to avoid any candidate being delayed when moving to another question.

Centres may find it more convenient and easier to administer if  $N/3$  sets (plus one or two 'spares') of apparatus are provided.

The order in which a given candidate attempts the four questions is immaterial.

### Assistance to Candidates

The purpose of the Practical Physics test is to find out whether the candidates can carry out simple practical work themselves. The Examiners are aware that candidates may sometimes be unable to show their practical ability through failure to understand some point in the theory of the experiment. If an Examiner were present in the laboratory, he/she would be willing to give a hint to enable such a candidate to get on with an experiment. In order to overcome this difficulty, the Supervisor is asked to co-operate with the Examiners to the extent of being ready to give (or allow the Physics teacher to give) a hint to a candidate who is unable to proceed.

The following regulations must be strictly adhered to.

- (i) No hint may be announced to the candidates as a whole.
- (ii) A candidate who is unable to proceed and requires assistance must come up to the Supervisor and state the difficulty. Candidates should be told that the Examiners will be informed of any assistance given in this way.
- (iii) A report must be made of any assistance given to the candidate, with the name and index number of the candidate.

It is suggested that the following announcement be made to the candidates.

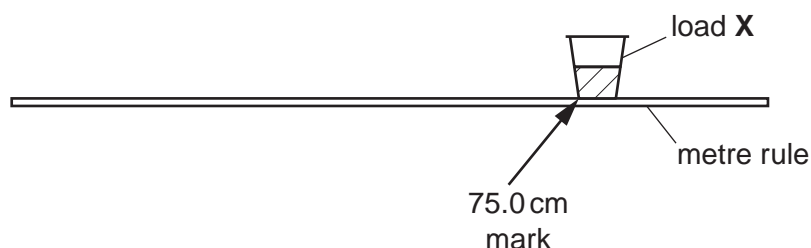
'The Examiners do not want you to waste time through inability to get on with an experiment. Any candidate, therefore, who is unable to get on with the experiment after spending five minutes at it may come to me and ask for help. I shall report to the Examiners any help given in this way, and some marks may be lost for the help given. You may ask me for additional apparatus which you think would improve the accuracy of your experiments, and you should say, on your script, how you use any such apparatus supplied.'

**Question 1****Items to be supplied by the Centre (per set of apparatus unless otherwise specified)**

- (i) Metre rule with a mm scale (see note 1 below).
- (ii) Triangular block to act as a pivot for the metre rule. This block is to stand on the bench.
- (iii) Plastic or polystyrene drinks cup, with a lid, containing sufficient sand for the total mass to be 50 g (see notes 2, 3 and 4 below).
- (iv) A selection of masses so that candidates can use masses of 30 g, 40 g, 50 g, 60 g and 70 g (seven 10 g slotted masses would be suitable).

**Notes**

- 1. The metre rule should balance on the pivot when the 50 cm mark is approximately over the pivot.
- 2. The top of the cup must be sealed with a lid so that sand cannot be removed. It may be advisable to cut down the cup so that it is not too tall. The value of the mass is not to be given to the candidates.
- 3. The drinks cup is to be taped to the metre rule so that it is located symmetrically and upright on the metre rule with one side of the base exactly at the 75.0 cm mark and the opposite side closer to the 100.0 cm mark.

**Fig. 1.1**

- 4. The drinks cup is to be labelled **X**.

**Action at changeover**

Check that the drinks cup remains correctly taped to the metre rule.

**Question 2****Items to be supplied by the Centre (per set of apparatus, unless otherwise specified)**

- (i) Thermometer:  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $110^{\circ}\text{C}$ , graduated in  $1^{\circ}\text{C}$  intervals.
- (ii)  $250\text{ cm}^3$  beaker, with the  $200\text{ cm}^3$  level clearly marked.
- (iii) Boss, clamp and stand (see note 3).
- (iv) Stopclock, stopwatch or wall-mounted clock with a seconds sweep hand. (Candidates will be required to take readings at 30 s and 10 s intervals. They may use their own wrist watch facility if they wish.) The question will refer to a stopclock.
- (v) Supply of hot water (see notes 1 and 2).
- (vi) A lid for the beaker (see note 4).
- (vii) Supply of paper towels to mop up any spillages of water.

**Notes**

1. Approximately  $200\text{ cm}^3$  of hot water is to be poured into each candidate's beaker by the Supervisor. The water should be as hot as is reasonably possible.
2. Candidates should be warned of the dangers of burns or scalds when using very hot water.
3. The clamp, stand and boss should be set up with the thermometer held in the clamp. The candidates must be able easily and safely to read temperatures up to  $100^{\circ}\text{C}$  and to move the thermometer in and out of the water without the danger of the beaker tipping.
4. The lid must have a hole to accept the thermometer. The lid can be made from a sheet of card. Some spare lids should be available.

**Action at changeover**

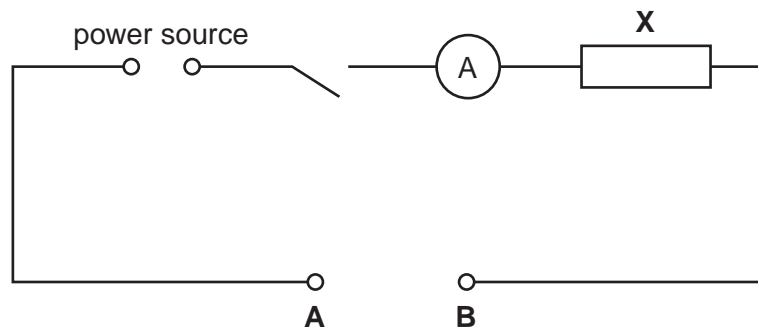
Empty the beaker. Check that the lid is undamaged. Refill the beaker with hot water.

**Question 3****Items to be supplied by the Centre (per set of apparatus unless otherwise specified)**

- (i) Power source of approximately 1.5 – 2V. Where candidates are supplied with a power source with a variable output voltage, the voltage setting should be set by the Supervisor and fixed (e.g. taped).
- (ii) Ammeter capable of reading up to 1.0A with a minimum precision of 0.05A.
- (iii)  $10\ \Omega$  resistor (see notes 2 and 3) with a power rating of at least 2W.
- (iv) Three further resistors of nominal values  $3.3\ \Omega$ ,  $4.7\ \Omega$  and  $6.8\ \Omega$  (see notes 2 and 3) each with a power rating of at least 2W.
- (v) Switch (this can be an integral part of the power supply).
- (vi) Sufficient connecting leads to set up a circuit using all the components listed with the resistors in series.

**Notes**

1. The circuit is to be set up for the candidates as shown in Fig. 3.1 with the additional leads within easy reach. The terminals **A** and **B** must be clearly labelled.

**Fig. 3.1**

2. The  $10\ \Omega$  resistor must be clearly labelled '**X**' and have its value obscured from the candidates.  
The  $3.3\ \Omega$  resistor must be clearly labelled ' $3.3\ \Omega$ ' on the resistor.  
The  $4.7\ \Omega$  resistor must be clearly labelled ' $4.7\ \Omega$ ' on the resistor.  
The  $6.8\ \Omega$  resistor must be clearly labelled ' $6.8\ \Omega$ ' on the resistor.
3. The resistors must all have suitable terminals so that the candidates can easily and quickly connect them into the circuit.

**Action at changeover**

Reconnect the circuit as shown in Fig. 3.1.

**Question 4****Items to be supplied by the Centre (per set of apparatus, unless otherwise specified)**

- (i) Sheet of plain A4 size paper with a hole in one corner so that it can be tied into the Question Paper (per candidate).
- (ii) Rectangular, transparent glass or Perspex block 10 cm × 6 cm × 1.5 cm or similar size.
- (iii) Plane mirror with a stand (see note 1).
- (iv) 4 optics pins.
- (v) Pin board (e.g. a cork mat) A4 size or larger.
- (vi) Protractor.
- (vii) 50 cm or 30 cm rule, graduated in mm.
- (viii) String or treasury tag to tie sheet of paper ((i) above) into the Question Paper (per candidate).

**Notes**

1. The stand for the plane mirror must enable it to stand vertically against a long side of the block when the block is placed largest face down. The mirror should be at least as long as the long side of the block and at least as high as the block when the block is placed largest face down.
2. Some spare sheets of plain A4 size paper (as in (i) above) should be available.
3. Spare pins should be available.

**Action at changeover**

Supply sheet of plain paper (as in (i) above). Supply string or treasury tag (as in (viii) above).

**This form must be completed and returned with the scripts.**

**REPORT ON PRACTICAL PHYSICS**

(IGCSE OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2010)

*General*

The Supervisor is required to give details of any difficulties experienced by particular candidates giving their names and candidate numbers. These should include reference to:

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

*Information required*

A plan of workbenches, giving details by candidate number of the places occupied by the candidates for each experiment for each session, must be enclosed with the scripts.





*Information required (cont.)*

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

CENTRE NO. ....

NAME OF CENTRE .....

*Declaration (to be signed by the Supervisor and the person responsible for preparing the apparatus)*

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

SIGNED .....  
Supervisor

SIGNED .....  
Person responsible for preparing the apparatus

