
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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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 or 2V d.c. or 1.5V dry cell with terminals to which a crocodile clip or a 4 mm plug can be attached.

110 cm of 34 swg constantan wire. See Note 1.

Two crocodile clips with screws.

Two resistors each of resistance $10\ \Omega$. Each resistor should be in a component holder with terminals to which a crocodile clip or a 4 mm plug can be attached. See Note 2.

Switch.

Five connecting leads.

Digital ammeter or digital multimeter set to the range 0 – 200 mA reading to the nearest 0.1 mA. If a digital multimeter is used, the range should be fixed and any unused terminals should be covered.

Metre rule with a millimetre scale.

Small screwdriver to fit the screws on the crocodile clips.

Small container for the wire, crocodile clips and screwdriver.

Notes

- 1 If 34 swg constantan wire is unavailable, then 32 swg constantan wire may be used. Alternatively, 28 swg nichrome wire or 30 swg nichrome wire may be used.
- 2 The resistors should have a minimum power rating of 0.25W and a tolerance of 5% (e.g. RS Components product code 385-932).
- 3 The apparatus should be laid out on the bench. If it is to be used by a second candidate, then it should be restored to its original state. A new wire and crocodile clips 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.

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

100 g slotted mass with its value of mass concealed.

Wooden strip with approximate dimensions 2.5 cm × 0.5 cm × 60 cm. See Note 1.

Wooden strip with approximate dimensions 2.5 cm × 0.5 cm × 30 cm. See Note 1.

0.3 g of adhesive putty (e.g. Blu-Tack).

Small tray to contain the adhesive putty.

Metre rule with a millimetre scale.

180° protractor with 1° divisions.

Triangular prism with approximate height 2 cm to act as a pivot.

Access to a top-pan balance reading to 1 g or better.

Notes

- 1 Both wooden strips should have an identical cross-section.
- 2 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.

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

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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