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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)

1 V – 2 V d.c. power supply (such as a 1.5 V dry cell in holder) with terminals.

Metre rule with a millimetre scale. See Note 1.

110 cm length of 32 – 36 swg resistance wire (constantan/eureka or nichrome). See Note 1.

3300  $\Omega$  resistor, with a power rating of at least 0.25 W, and a tolerance of at most 5 % (e.g. Rapid Electronics product code 63-2338). The resistor should be held in a component holder with terminals. The value of its resistance should be hidden, and it should be labelled 'X'.

Eight 1000  $\Omega$  resistors, each with a power rating of at least 0.25 W and a tolerance of at most 5 % (e.g. Rapid Electronics product code 63-2331). These resistors should be soldered together to form a chain, as shown in Fig. 1.1. The chain should have a terminal at each end. See Note 2.

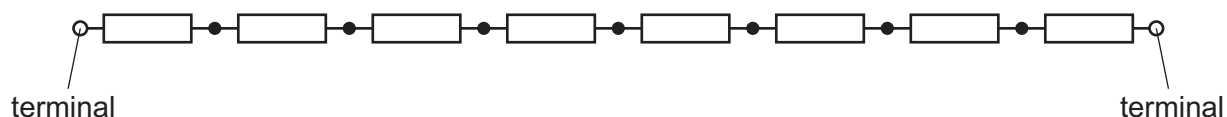


Fig. 1.1

Digital voltmeter or multimeter set to the 0 – 200 mV range. Alternatively a centre-zero analogue meter may be provided.

Switch.

Ten connecting wires. Four of the wires should have a crocodile clip at one end. One of these crocodile clips should be labelled 'Y' and another should be labelled 'Z'.

Access to a micrometer screw gauge.

#### Notes

- 1 The resistance wire should be attached to the metre rule with 5 cm protruding at each end so that a crocodile clip can be attached to the wire. The wire should be taped at each end firmly enough to minimise any looseness or kinks.
- 2 It should be possible to connect a crocodile clip between any two adjoining resistors. This may be achieved by soldering the resistors to nine equally-spaced nails on a narrow strip of wood.
- 3 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.

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

Mass hanger with a mass of 100g. See Note 1.

Mass hanger with a mass of 50g. See Note 1.

Five 10g slotted masses, which must be able to fit onto both mass hangers. See Note 1.

Retort stand, boss and clamp.

Single pulley of approximate diameter 4 cm, capable of being attached to the retort stand so that the pulley is at a height of approximately 170 cm above the floor.

Metre rule with a millimetre scale.

Protractor with 1° divisions.

2 m length of string. The string should have a loop at each end. It must be possible to fit the hook of a mass hanger through each of the loops, and to fit the string over the pulley.

Stopwatch reading to 0.1 s or better.

Shallow cardboard tray, such as the lid of a box.

**Notes**

- 1 The mass of the mass hangers and the slotted masses must be clearly visible.
- 2 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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### 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 CIE 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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