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PHYSICS 0625/51

Paper 5 Practical Test

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1 hour 15 minutes

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: The materials and apparatus listed in the confidential instructions

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer all questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen. You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- Do not write on any bar codes.
- You may use a calculator.
- You should show all your working and use appropriate units.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 40.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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1 In this experiment, you will investigate the balancing of a metre ruler.

Carry out the following instructions, referring to Fig. 1.1.

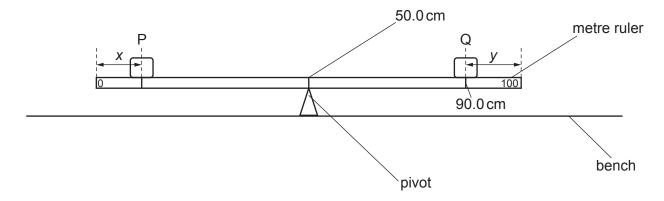


Fig. 1.1

- (a) Place the metre ruler on the pivot at the 50.0 cm mark with its scale facing upwards.
 - Place the object Q with its centre on the metre ruler at the 90.0 cm mark.

Record the distance *y* from the centre of Q to the 100.0 cm end of the ruler.

$$y =$$
 cm [1]

- **(b)** Place a load P of weight $P = 2.0 \,\mathrm{N}$ on the metre ruler.
 - Adjust the position of P so that the metre ruler is as near as possible to being balanced.
 - (i) Measure, and record in Table 1.1, the distance x from the centre of P to the zero end of the ruler. Record the weight P. [1]
 - (ii) Repeat the steps above, using loads of weight $P = 3.0 \,\mathrm{N}, 4.0 \,\mathrm{N}, 5.0 \,\mathrm{N}$ and $6.0 \,\mathrm{N}.$

Record all the values of *P* and *x* in Table 1.1. Ensure that the position of object Q on the metre ruler does **not** change.

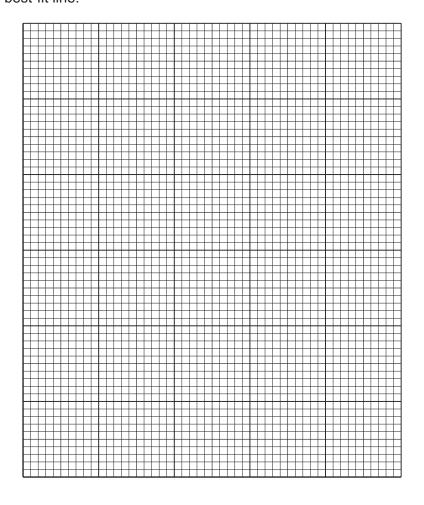
Table 1.1

P/N	x/cm

[3]

(c) Plot a graph of P/N (y-axis) against x/cm (x-axis).

Draw the best-fit line.



[4]

(d) Use the graph to find the value of x required to balance the ruler when $P = 3.5 \,\mathrm{N}$.

Show clearly on the graph how you determined the value of *x*.

<i>x</i> =	 cm	[2]

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2 In this experiment, you will investigate the cooling of water.

Carry out the following instructions, referring to Fig. 2.1.

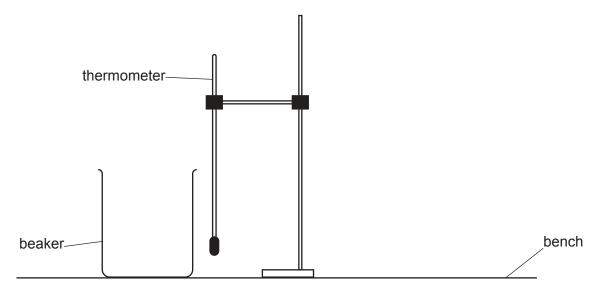


Fig. 2.1

(a) Use the thermometer to measure the room temperature $\theta_{\rm R}$.

$$\theta_{\mathsf{R}}$$
 =[1]

(b) (i) Pour 200 cm³ of hot water into the beaker. Place the thermometer in the hot water in the beaker.

Record in Table 2.1 the temperature θ of the hot water at time t = 0. Immediately start the stop-watch.

Continue recording the temperature in Table 2.1 at 30s intervals until you have seven sets of readings. [2]

(ii) Complete the column headings in Table 2.1.

Table 2.1

t/	θ /
0	
30	
60	
90	
120	
150	
180	

[1]

(c)	(i)	Calculate the decrease in temperature $\Delta\theta$ between t = 0 and t = 180 s.
		$\Delta\theta$ =[1]
	(ii)	Calculate the average rate of cooling R of the water using the equation $R = \frac{\Delta \theta}{\Delta t}$, where $\Delta t = 180 \text{s}$. Include the unit.
		R =[2]
(d)		udent states that the average rate of cooling of the water decreases as the temperature nes nearer to room temperature.
	(i)	Suggest one change to the experiment that you could make to test the statement.
		[1]
	(ii)	Suggest how to display the results to make it easier to see the trend in the rate of cooling.
		[2]
(e)	Ехр	lain briefly why it is good practice to read the thermometer scale at right angles.
		[1]
		[Total: 11]

3 In this experiment, you will investigate the refraction of light using a semicircular transparent block.

Carry out the following instructions using the separate ray-trace sheet provided. You may refer to Fig. 3.1 and Fig. 3.2 for guidance.

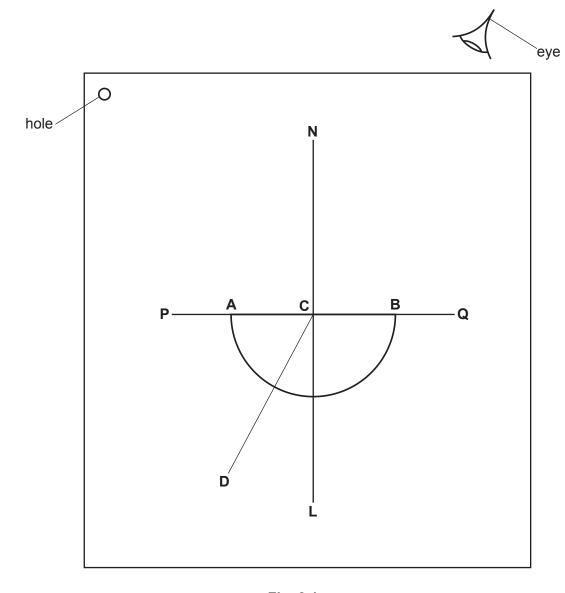


Fig. 3.1

- (a) Draw a line across the ray-trace sheet supplied, approximately in the middle. Label the line PQ.
 - Place the transparent block, largest face down, with the straight side on the line **PQ** and the curved side below the line.
 - Draw round the outline of the block. Label the ends of the straight side of the block A
 and B.
 - Remove the block and draw the normal **NL** through the centre of **AB**. Continue the normal so that it passes through the curved side of the block.
 - Label the point C where the normal NL crosses AB.

[1]

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- **(b)** Draw the line **DC** at an angle $i = 30^{\circ}$ to the normal, as shown in Fig. 3.1.
 - Place the paper on the pin board.
 - Place two pins, P₁ and P₂, on line **DC** at a suitable distance apart for this experiment.
 - Replace the block and look from the position of the eye shown in Fig. 3.1 to observe
 the images of P₁ and P₂ through side **AB** of the block. Adjust your line of sight until the
 images of P₁ and P₂ appear one behind the other.
 - Place two pins, P₃ and P₄, between your eye and the block so that P₃, P₄, and the images of P₁ and P₂ seen through the block, appear one behind the other.

[3]

- Label the positions of P₁, P₂, P₃ and P₄.
- Remove the block and the pins.
- Draw a line joining the positions of P₃ and P₄. Continue the line to AB.
- Label E, the end of the line furthest from AB.

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(c)	Measure the acute angle θ between the line NL and the line CE . (An acute angle is less than 90°.)
	θ =° [2]
(d)	State one precaution that you take to produce an accurate ray trace.
	[1]

(e) Place the transparent block on the ray-trace sheet in the position shown in Fig. 3.2.

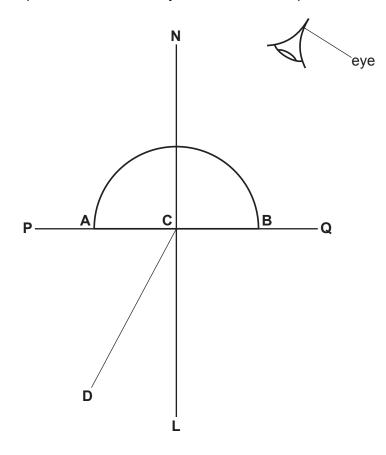


Fig. 3.2

- Replace pins P_1 and P_2 on line **DC** in the same positions used in **(b)**.
- Observe the images of P₁ and P₂ through the curved side of the block. Adjust your line of
- sight until the images of P_1 and P_2 appear one behind the other. Place two pins, P_5 and P_6 , between your eye and the block so that P_5 , P_6 , and the images of P_1 and P_2 seen through the block, appear one behind the other.
- Label the positions of P_5 and P_6 .
- Remove the block and the pins.
- Draw a line joining the positions of P_5 and P_6 . Continue the line to **AB**.
- Label F, the end of the line furthest from AB.

[2]

(f) Measure the acute angle θ between the line **NL** and the line **CF**. (An acute angle is less than 90°.)

[Total: 11]

Tie your ray-trace sheet into this question booklet between pages 8 and 9.

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4 A student investigates the change in resistance of a lamp filament when the current in the lamp is increased.

The following apparatus is available:

- a power supply
- a low-voltage filament lamp
- an ammeter
- a voltmeter
- connecting wires.

Other apparatus normally found in a school laboratory is also available.

Plan an experiment to investigate the change in resistance of the lamp filament when the current in the lamp is increased.

Resistance R is given by the equation $R = \frac{V}{I}$, where V is the potential difference (p.d.) across the lamp and I is the current in the lamp.

You are **not** required to do this investigation.

You should:

- draw a diagram of the circuit used
- explain briefly how to do the investigation, including how to change the current
- draw a table, or tables, with column headings, to show how to display your readings (you are not required to enter any readings in the table)
- explain how to use your readings to reach a conclusion.

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