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**PHYSICS**

**0625/51**

Paper 5 Practical Test

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**1 hour 15 minutes**

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

Additional Materials: As listed in the Confidential Instructions.

**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name in the spaces at the top of the page.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

You may use a pencil for any diagrams, graphs or rough working.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

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Answer **all** questions.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

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1 In this experiment, you are to investigate the stretching of springs.

You have been provided with the apparatus shown in Fig. 1.1.

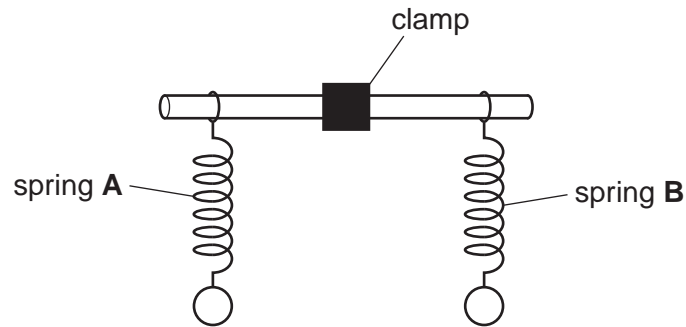


Fig. 1.1

(a) (i) Measure the length  $l_A$  of spring A.

$$l_A = \dots\dots\dots \text{ mm}$$

(ii) On Fig. 1.1 show clearly where you decided to start and end the length measurement  $l_A$ .

(iii) Hang the 200g mass on spring A. Measure the new length  $l$  of the spring.

$$l = \dots\dots\dots \text{ mm}$$

(iv) Calculate the extension  $e_A$  of spring A using the equation  $e_A = (l - l_A)$ .

$$e_A = \dots\dots\dots \text{ mm}$$

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(b) (i) Measure the length  $l_B$  of spring B.

$$l_B = \dots\dots\dots \text{ mm}$$

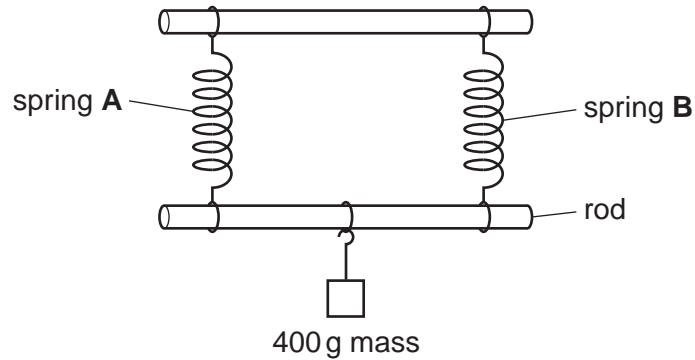
(ii) Hang the 200g mass on spring B. Measure the new length  $l$  of the spring.

$$l = \dots\dots\dots \text{ mm}$$

(iii) Calculate the extension  $e_B$  of spring **B** using the equation  $e_B = (l - l_B)$

$e_B = \dots\dots\dots$  mm  
[2]

(c) Use the small length of wooden rod provided to hang the 400 g mass midway between the springs as shown in Fig. 1.2.



**Fig. 1.2**

(i) Measure the new lengths of each of the springs.

spring **A**:  $l = \dots\dots\dots$  mm

spring **B**:  $l = \dots\dots\dots$  mm

(ii) Calculate the extension of each spring using the appropriate equation from parts (a) and (b).

spring **A**:  $e = \dots\dots\dots$  mm

spring **B**:  $e = \dots\dots\dots$  mm

(iii) Calculate the average of these two extensions  $e_{av}$ . Show your working.

$e_{av} = \dots\dots\dots$  mm  
[2]

(d) Theory suggests that  $\frac{(e_A + e_B)}{2} = e_{av}$

State whether your results support this theory and justify your answer with reference to the results.

Statement .....

Justification .....

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(e) Describe briefly one precaution that you took to obtain accurate length measurements.

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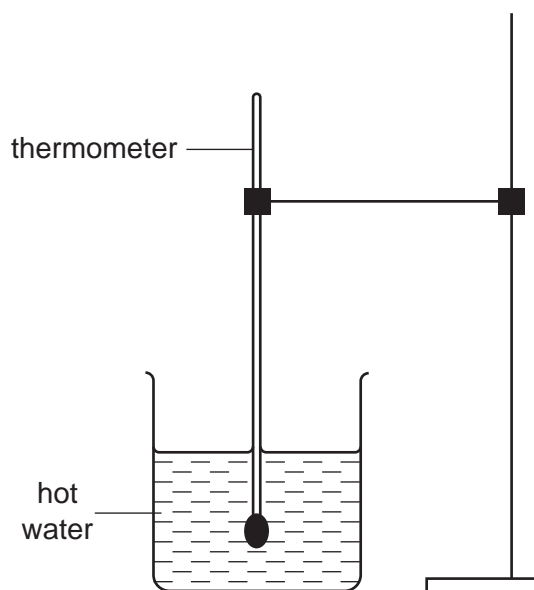
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2 In this experiment, you are to investigate the cooling of water.

Carry out the following instructions referring to Fig. 2.1.

You are provided with a beaker containing hot water and a thermometer.



**Fig. 2.1**

- (a) (i) Place the thermometer in the beaker of water. Measure the temperature  $\theta$  of the water. Record  $\theta$  in Table 2.1 at time  $t = 0$  s.
- (ii) Start the stopclock and record in Table 2.1 the temperature of the water at 30 s intervals until you have a total of six values up to time  $t = 150$  s. Do not stop the stopclock, but take one final reading of the temperature of the water at time  $t = 300$  s. Record this value in the table.

**Table 2.1**

$t/s$	$\theta/^\circ\text{C}$
0	
30	
60	
90	
120	
150	
300	

[2]

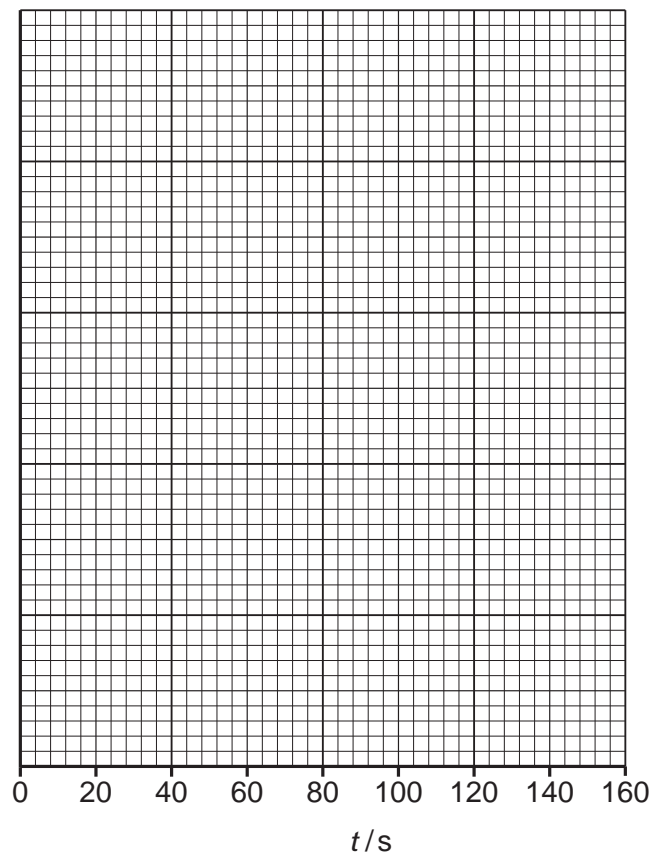
- (b) (i) Using the information in the table, calculate the temperature change  $T_1$  of the water in the first 150s.

$$T_1 = \dots\dots\dots$$

- (ii) Using the information in the table, calculate the temperature change  $T_2$  of the water in the final 150s.

$$T_2 = \dots\dots\dots [3]$$

- (c) Plot a graph of  $\theta/^\circ\text{C}$  ( $y$ -axis) against  $t/\text{s}$  ( $x$ -axis) for the first 150s. [5]



- 3 In this experiment, you will investigate the effect of the length of resistance wire in a circuit on the potential difference across a lamp.

The circuit has been set up for you.

- (a) Fig. 3.1 shows the circuit without the voltmeter. Draw on the circuit diagram the voltmeter as it is connected in the circuit. [2]

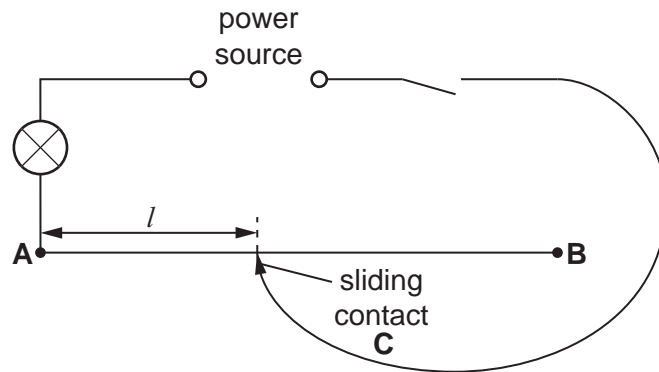


Fig. 3.1

- (b) (i) Switch on and place the sliding contact C on the resistance wire at a distance  $l = 0.150$  m from end A. Record the value of  $l$  and the potential difference  $V$  across the lamp in Table 3.1. Switch off.
- (ii) Repeat step (i) using the following values of  $l$ : 0.350 m, 0.550 m, 0.750 m and 0.950 m. Record all the values of  $l$  and  $V$  in Table 3.1.

Table 3.1

$l / \text{m}$	$V / \text{V}$	$\frac{V}{l}$

- (iii) For each pair of readings in the table calculate and record in the table the value of  $\frac{V}{l}$ .

- (iv) Complete the table by writing in the unit for  $\frac{V}{l}$ . [5]



- (c) A student suggests that the potential difference  $V$  across the lamp is directly proportional to the length  $l$  of resistance wire in the circuit. State whether or not you agree with this suggestion and justify your answer by reference to your results.

Statement .....

Justification .....

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- (d) State one precaution that you would take in order to obtain accurate readings in this experiment.

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- 4 In this experiment, you are to investigate reflection from a plane mirror.

Carry out the following instructions referring to Fig. 4.1.

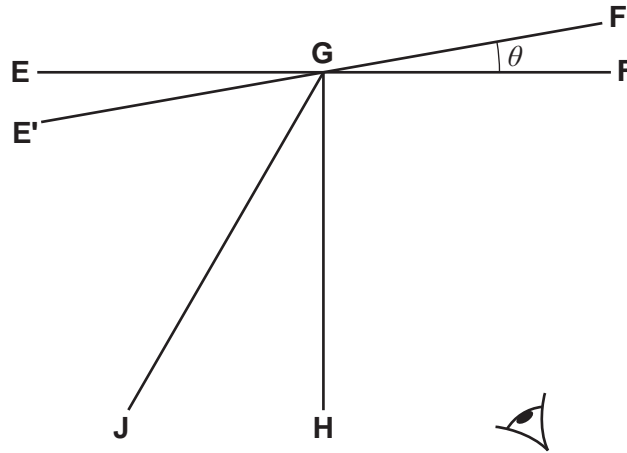


Fig. 4.1

- (a) Draw a straight line **EF** across the ray trace sheet, about 10 cm from the top of the sheet.
- (b) Draw a normal **GH** to line **EF** so that point **G** is approximately at the centre of line **EF**.
- (c) Draw a line **GJ** at an angle of incidence  $i = 30^\circ$  to the normal as shown in Fig. 4.1.
- (d) Place the ray trace sheet on the pin board. Place the mirror so that it stands along the line **EF**.
- (e) Push a pin  $P_1$  into the surface at a point on **GJ** close to the mirror. Label this point **A**.
- (f) Push another pin  $P_2$  into the surface on **GJ** some distance from the mirror. Label this point **B**.
- (g) View the images of the pins  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  from the direction indicated by the eye in Fig. 4.1. Push two pins  $P_3$  and  $P_4$  into the surface between your eye and the mirror so that  $P_3$ ,  $P_4$  and the images of  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  appear exactly in line.
- (h) Mark the positions of pins  $P_3$  and  $P_4$  on the ray trace sheet with letters **C** and **D**. Remove the pins and the mirror. Using a rule, draw a line joining **C** and **D**, and continue this line to meet the line **EF**.
- (i) Measure the angle of reflection  $r_1$  between lines **GH** and **CD**.

$$r_1 = \dots\dots\dots [1]$$

- (j) Draw a line **E'GF'** such that the angle  $\theta$  between this line and the line **EGF** is  $10^\circ$ . (See Fig. 4.1). Place the mirror so that it stands along the line **E'F'**.
- (k) Push the pins  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  into the ray trace sheet at the same points **A** and **B** used previously.
- (l) Repeat step (g).

(m) Mark the positions of pins  $P_3$  and  $P_4$  on the ray trace sheet with letters **C'** and **D'**. Remove the pins and the mirror. Using a rule, draw a line joining **C'** and **D'**, and continue this line to meet the line **E'F'**.

(n) (i) Measure the angle  $r_2$  between lines **GH** and **C'D'**.

$r_2 = \dots\dots\dots$

(ii) Calculate the angle  $\alpha$  through which the reflected ray has moved.

$\alpha = \dots\dots\dots$

(iii) Calculate the difference between  $2\theta$  and  $\alpha$ .

difference between  $2\theta$  and  $\alpha = \dots\dots\dots$  [2]

(o) Theory suggests that if the mirror is moved through an angle  $\theta$  then the reflected ray will move through an angle of  $2\theta$ . State whether your result supports the theory and justify your answer by reference to the result.

Statement  $\dots\dots\dots$

Justification  $\dots\dots\dots$

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**Tie your ray trace sheet into this Booklet between pages 10 and 11.** [5]

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