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**PHYSICS** **9702/33**

Paper 3 Advanced Practical Skills 1 **May/June 2021**

**2 hours**

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 will be allowed to work with the apparatus for a maximum of 1 hour for each question.
- You should record all your observations in the spaces provided in the question paper as soon as these observations are made.
- 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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**You may not need to use all of the materials provided.**

**1** In this experiment, you will investigate an electrical circuit.

**(a)** You have been provided with two identical wooden strips labelled A and B.

Measure and record the length *L* of the wire between the nails on strip A, as shown in Fig. 1.1.

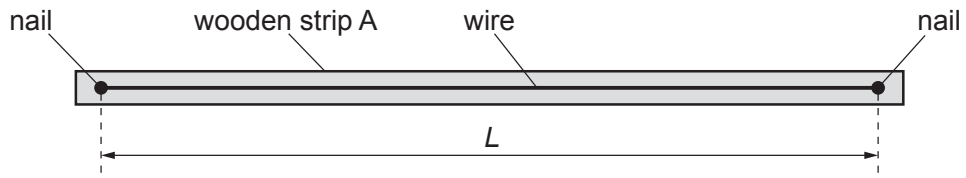



**Fig. 1.1**

*L* = ..... [1]

**(b)** ● Set up the circuit shown in Fig. 1.2.

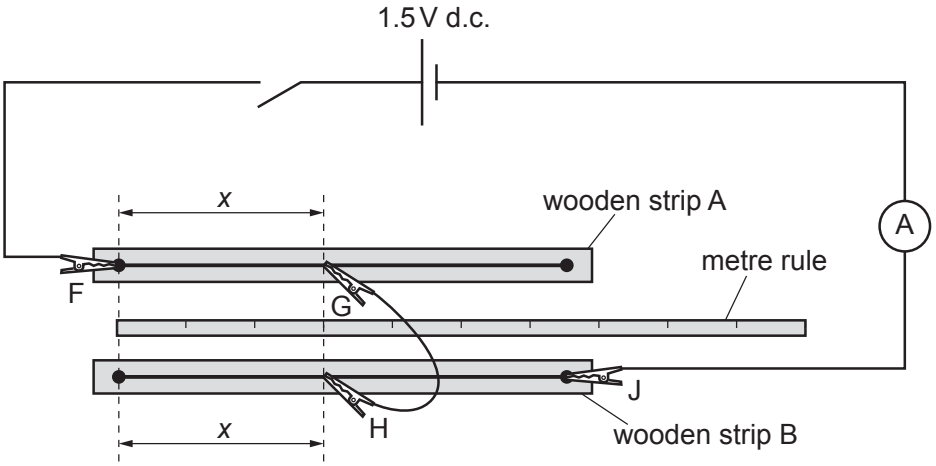



**Fig. 1.2**

- F, G, H and J are crocodile clips.

  Attach G to the wire on wooden strip A so that the distance $x$ between the nail on strip A and G is approximately 30 cm, as shown in Fig. 1.2.

- Attach H to the wire on wooden strip B so that it is the same distance $x$ from the nail on strip B.

- Close the switch.

- Record $x$ and the ammeter reading $I$.

  $x$ = .....

  $I$ = .....

- Open the switch.

[1]

**(c)** Vary $x$ and repeat **(b)** until you have six sets of readings of $x$ and $I$. Include your values from **(b)**.

Record your results in a table. Include values of $\frac{1}{I}$ in your table.

[9]

**(d)** **(i)** Plot a graph of $\frac{1}{I}$ on the $y$-axis against $x$ on the $x$-axis. [3]

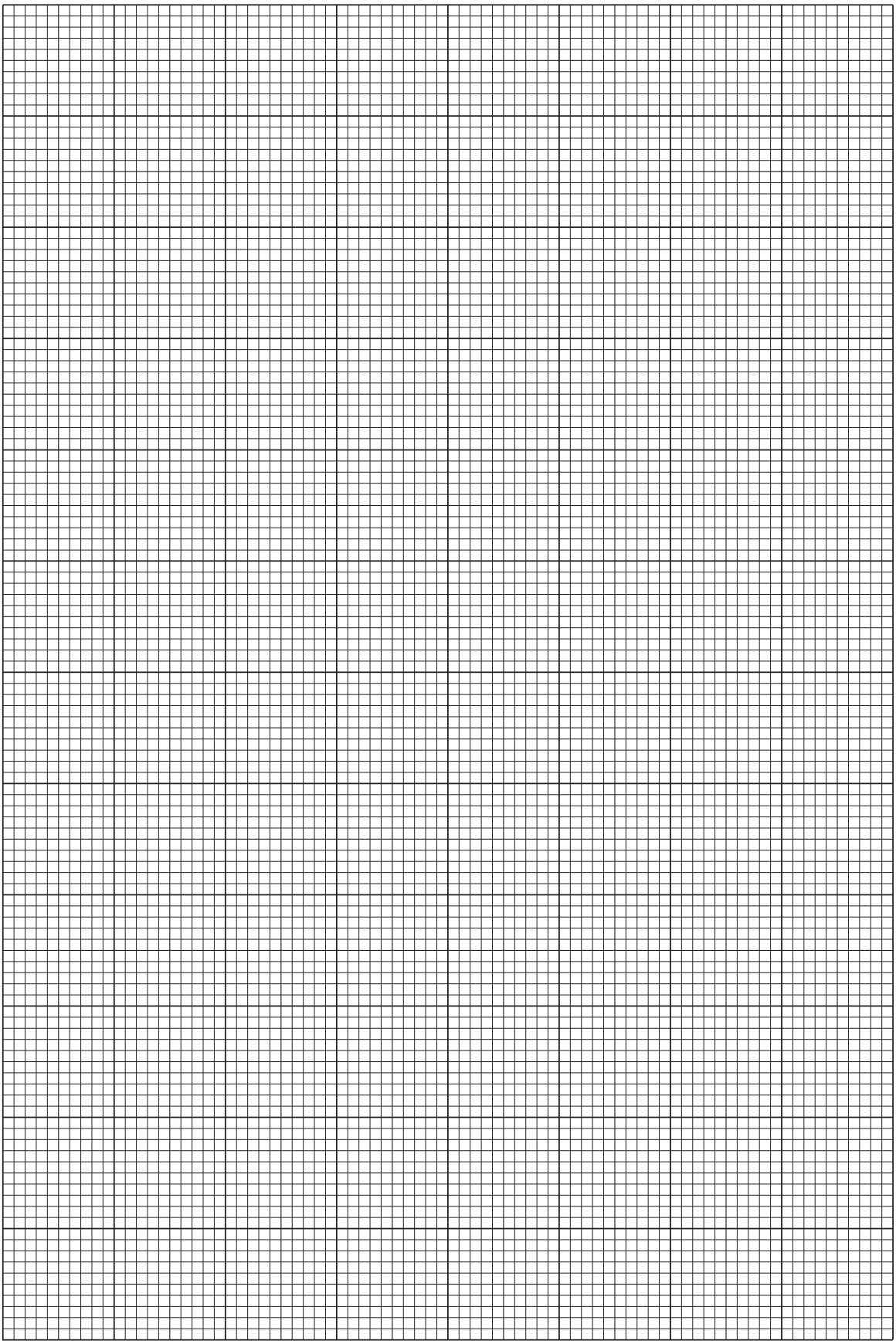
**(ii)** Draw the straight line of best fit. [1]

**(iii)** Determine the gradient and $y$-intercept of this line.

gradient = .....

$y$-intercept = .....

[2]







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**(e)** It is suggested that the quantities $I$ and $x$ are related by the equation

$$\frac{1}{I} = Px + Q$$

where $P$ and $Q$ are constants.

Using your answers in **(d)(iii)**, determine values for $P$ and $Q$.
Give appropriate units.

$P$ = .....

$Q$ = .....
[2]

**(f)** Theory suggests that

$$\frac{P}{Q} = \frac{\left(\frac{\rho_A}{\rho_B} - 1\right)}{L}$$

where $\rho_A$ is the resistivity of the wire on strip A and $\rho_B$ is the resistivity of the wire on strip B.

Calculate $\frac{\rho_A}{\rho_B}$.

$\frac{\rho_A}{\rho_B}$ = ..... [1]

[Total: 20]

**You may not need to use all of the materials provided.**

**2** In this experiment, you will investigate the oscillations of a loaded wooden strip.

**(a)** You have been provided with a rectangular wooden strip with a hole in its centre.

- Use some of the adhesive putty to attach the two 100 g masses as near as possible to one end of the strip, as shown in Fig. 2.1 and Fig. 2.2.

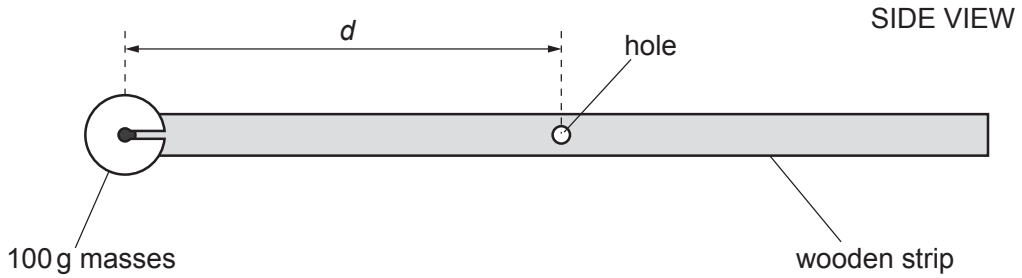


**Fig. 2.1**

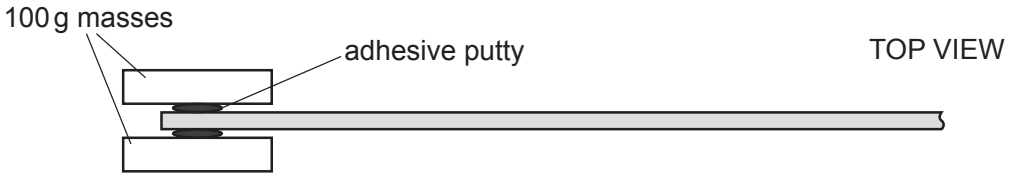


**Fig. 2.2**

- The distance between the centre of the masses and the hole is *d*, as shown in Fig. 2.1.

  Measure and record *d*.

*d* = ..... [1]

**(b)** Estimate the percentage uncertainty in your value of *d*. Show your working.

percentage uncertainty = ..... [1]

**(c) (i)** • Attach the two 50 g masses to the other end of the strip so that the distance between the centres of these masses and the hole is also equal to *d*.

• Set up the apparatus as shown in Fig. 2.3.

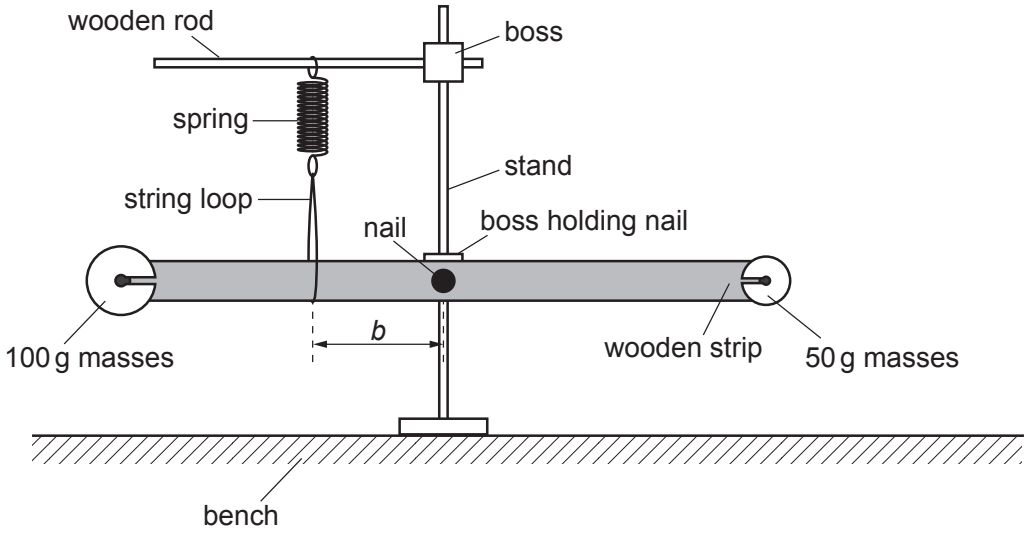


**Fig. 2.3** (not to scale)

• The distance between the string loop and the nail in the centre of the strip is *b*. Adjust the position of the string loop and spring until *b* is approximately 10 cm.

• Adjust the heights of the bosses until the strip is horizontal and the spring and string loop are vertical.

• Measure and record *b*.

*b* = ..... [1]

**(ii)** Calculate $\alpha$ where

$$\alpha = \frac{b}{d}.$$

$\alpha$ = ..... [1]

**(iii)** Justify the number of significant figures that you have given for your value of $\alpha$.

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..... [1]

**(d)** ● Move the end of the strip with the 100 g masses down through a short distance.

● Release the end of the strip. The strip will oscillate up and down.

● Take measurements to determine the period $T$ of these oscillations.

$T$ = ..... [2]

**(e)** ● Change the value of $b$ to approximately 20 cm.

● Adjust the heights of the bosses until the strip is horizontal and the spring and string loop are vertical.

● Measure and record $b$.

$b$ = .....

● Repeat **(c)(ii)** and **(d)**.

$\alpha$ = .....

$T$ = .....
[2]

**(f)** It is suggested that the relationship between $T$ and $\alpha$ is

$$T = \frac{C}{\alpha}$$

where $C$ is a constant.

**(i)** Using your data, calculate two values of $C$.

first value of $C$ = .....

second value of $C$ = .....
[1]

**(ii)** Explain whether your results support the suggested relationship.

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**(g)** Theory suggests that

$$C = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{3m}{k}}$$

where $m$ is 0.100 kg and $k$ is the spring constant of the spring.

Use your second value of $C$ to determine a value for $k$. Give an appropriate unit.

$k$ = ..... [1]

**(h) (i)** Describe four sources of uncertainty or limitations of the procedure for this experiment.

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2. .....

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3. .....

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4. .....

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[4]

**(ii)** Describe four improvements that could be made to this experiment. You may suggest the use of other apparatus or different procedures.

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[4]

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