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International General Certificate of Secondary Education

**PHYSICS**

**0625/53**

Paper 5 Practical Test

**May/June 2012**

**CONFIDENTIAL INSTRUCTIONS**

**Great care should be taken to ensure that any confidential information given does not reach the candidates either directly or indirectly.**

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stating the Centre number, the nature of the query and the syllabus number quoted above.

This document consists of **8** printed pages.



### Instructions for preparing apparatus

The Supervisor is **not** allowed to consult the Question Paper before the examination. This should, as part of the preparation of the examination requirements, test the apparatus in order to ensure that it is satisfactory.

The Supervisor is asked to give (and attach to the Report form printed on pages 7 and 8) a *brief* description of the apparatus supplied, mentioning any points that are likely to be of importance to the Examiner in marking the answers. The Supervisor should also report any assistance given to candidates. All reports should be signed by the Supervisor and by the person responsible for preparing the apparatus.

In addition to the usual equipment of a physics laboratory, each candidate will require the apparatus specified in these Instructions. If a candidate breaks any of the apparatus, or loses any of the material supplied, the matter should be rectified and a note made in the Report.

### Number of sets of apparatus

As a *minimum*, the number of sets of apparatus provided should be  $N/4$ , where  $N$  is the number of candidates (per session). A few spare sets should, preferably, be available to avoid any candidate being delayed when moving to another question.

Centres may find it more convenient and easier to administer if  $N/3$  sets (plus one or two 'spares') of apparatus are provided.

The order in which a given candidate attempts the four questions is immaterial.

### Assistance to Candidates

The purpose of the Practical Physics test is to find out whether the candidates can carry out simple practical work themselves. The Examiners are aware that candidates may sometimes be unable to show their practical ability through failure to understand some point in the theory of the experiment. If an Examiner were present in the laboratory, he/she would be willing to give a hint to enable such a candidate to get on with an experiment. In order to overcome this difficulty, the Supervisor is asked to co-operate with the Examiners to the extent of being ready to give (or allow the Physics teacher to give) a hint to a candidate who is unable to proceed.

The following regulations must be strictly adhered to.

- (i) No hint may be announced to the candidates as a whole.
- (ii) A candidate who is unable to proceed and requires assistance must come up to the Supervisor and state the difficulty. Candidates should be told that the Examiners will be informed of any assistance given in this way.
- (iii) A report must be made of any assistance given to the candidate, with the name and candidate number of the candidate.

It is suggested that the following announcement be made to the candidates.

'The Examiners do not want you to waste time through inability to get on with an experiment. Any candidate, therefore, who is unable to get on with the experiment after spending five minutes at it may come to me and ask for help. I shall report to the Examiners any help given in this way, and some marks may be lost for the help given. You may ask me for additional apparatus which you think would improve the accuracy of your experiments, and you should say, on your script, how you use any such apparatus supplied.'

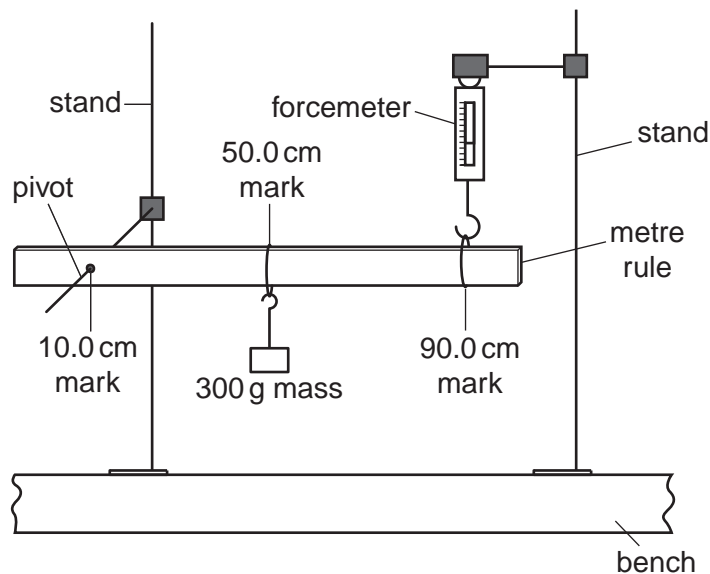
**Question 1**

Items to be supplied by the Centre (per set of apparatus unless otherwise specified)

- (i) Metre rule (see note 1).
- (ii) Two clamps, two bosses and two stands.
- (iii) Forcemeter (spring balance) with range 0–10 N and a minimum precision of 0.2 N.
- (iv) A nail, thin metal rod or other suitable device to act as a pivot (see note 1).
- (v) 30 cm or 50 cm rule.
- (vi) Set square.
- (vii) 300 g mass (two 100 g masses on a 100 g mass hanger is suitable).
- (viii) Two loops of thread (see note 3).

**Notes**

1. The metre rule is to have a small hole drilled at the 10 cm mark. The hole must accept the pivot ((iv) above). The rule must be able to move freely on the pivot.
2. The forcemeter is to be zeroed before setting up the apparatus.
3. The apparatus is to be set up for the candidates as shown in Fig. 1.1.



**Fig. 1.1**

**Action at changeover**

Check that the apparatus is arranged as shown in Fig. 1.1.

**Question 2****Items to be supplied by the Centre (per set of apparatus, unless otherwise specified)**

- (i) Thermometer,  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $110^{\circ}\text{C}$ , graduated in  $1^{\circ}\text{C}$  intervals.
- (ii)  $250\text{ cm}^3$  beaker, with the  $200\text{ cm}^3$  level clearly marked.
- (iii) Clamp, boss and stand.
- (iv) Stopclock, stopwatch or wall-mounted clock showing seconds. (Candidates will be required to take readings at 30s intervals. They may use their own wristwatch facility if they wish.) The question will refer to a stopclock.
- (v) Supply of hot water (see notes 1 and 2).
- (vi) Supply of paper towels to mop up any spillages of water.

**Notes**

1. The hot water is to be supplied for each candidate by the Supervisor. The water should be maintained at a temperature as hot as is reasonably possible.
2. Candidates should be warned of the dangers of burns or scalds when using very hot water.
3. The clamp, boss and stand are to be set up with the thermometer held in the clamp. The candidates must be able easily and safely to read temperatures up to  $100^{\circ}\text{C}$  and to move the thermometer in and out of the water without the danger of the beaker tipping.

**Action at changeover**

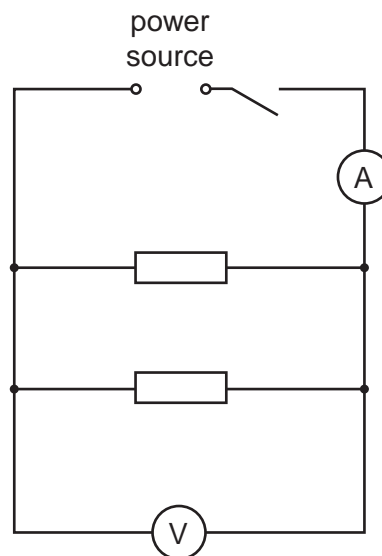
Empty the beaker. Check the supply of hot water.

**Question 3****Items to be supplied by the Centre (per set of apparatus unless otherwise specified)**

- (i) Power source of approximately 1.5–2V. Where candidates are supplied with a power source with a variable output voltage, the voltage setting should be set by the Supervisor and fixed (e.g. taped).
- (ii) Ammeter capable of measuring current with a minimum resolution of 0.05 A.
- (iii) Voltmeter capable of measuring the supply p.d. with a minimum resolution of 0.1 V.
- (iv) Two resistors of nominal value  $4.7\Omega$  with a power rating of at least 2 W (see note 2).
- (v) Two similar lamps in suitable holders. Any low voltage lamps will suffice, provided that they glow when connected in parallel with the power supply (see note 2).
- (vi) Switch (this can be an integral part of the power supply).
- (vii) Sufficient connecting leads to set up the circuit shown in Fig. 3.1.

**Notes**

1. The circuit is to be set up for the candidates as shown in Fig. 3.1.

**Fig. 3.1**

2. The resistors and lamp holders must all have suitable terminals so that the candidates can easily and quickly rearrange the circuit.

**Action at changeover**

Reconnect the circuit as shown in Fig. 3.1.

**Question 4****Items to be supplied by the Centre (per set of apparatus, unless otherwise specified)**

- (i) Sheet of plain A4 size paper with a hole in one corner so that it can be tied into the Question Paper (per candidate).
- (ii) Rectangular, transparent glass or Perspex block 10 cm × 6 cm × 1.5 cm or similar size.
- (iii) Four optics pins.
- (iv) Pin board (e.g. a cork mat) A4 size or larger.
- (v) Protractor.
- (vi) 50 cm or 30 cm rule, graduated in mm.
- (vii) String or treasury tag to tie sheet of paper ((i) above) into the Question Paper (per candidate).

**Notes**

1. Spare sheets of plain A4 size paper should be available.
2. Spare pins should be available.

**Action at changeover**

Supply sheet of plain A4 paper as in (i) above. Supply string or treasury tag as in (vii) above.

This form must be completed and returned with the scripts.

**REPORT ON PRACTICAL PHYSICS**

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*General*

The Supervisor is required to give details of any difficulties experienced by particular candidates giving their names and candidate numbers. These should include reference to:

- (a) difficulties due to faulty apparatus;
- (b) accidents to apparatus or materials;
- (c) any other information that is likely to assist the Examiner, especially if this cannot be discovered in the scripts;
- (d) any help given to a candidate.

*Information required*

A plan of workbenches, giving details by candidate number of the places occupied by the candidates for each experiment for each session, must be enclosed with the scripts.

The space below can be used for this, or it may be on separate paper.



*Information required (cont.)*

A list by name and candidate number of candidates requiring help, with details of the help provided.

CENTRE NO. ....

NAME OF CENTRE .....

*Declaration (to be signed by the Supervisor and the person responsible for preparing the apparatus)*

The preparation of the practical examination has been carried out so as to maintain fully the security of the examination.

SIGNED .....  
Supervisor

SIGNED .....  
Person responsible for preparing the apparatus

