Instructions for preparing apparatus

These instructions detail the apparatus required for the experiment in this paper. A summary of the questions that will be presented to the candidates is included, to allow the Physics teacher to test the apparatus appropriately. No access is permitted to the Question Paper in advance of the examination session.

It is assumed that the ordinary apparatus of a Physics laboratory will be available.

Instructions for the Practical Physics Supervisor

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.

The Supervisor should complete the report form on pages 7 and 8 and enclose it in the envelope containing the answers of the candidates. A note of any help given to, or any particular difficulties experienced by, a candidate should also be enclosed, especially if the Examiner would be unable to discover these from the written answers.

It is assumed that candidates will provide themselves with such standard items as a 30 cm rule, a pair of compasses, a $0^\circ$ to $180^\circ$ protractor, a set square and a calculator.

Squared paper should be available.

Whenever a stopwatch or stopclock is specified, candidates should be advised, in advance, that they may, if they wish, use quartz wristwatches with stopwatch facilities.
Question 1

Apparatus requirements (per candidate):

Two stands. The stands should be at least 70 cm tall.

Two bosses.

Clamp.

500 g mass with hook. Candidates must not be able to adjust the size of the mass. If slotted masses are used they must be taped together so that candidates are not able to separate them.

Piece of string of length about 70 cm. One small loop should be tied at each end of the string. A third loop should be tied in the middle of the string. The string should appear as shown in Fig. 1.1.

![Diagram of string with loops](image)

Fig. 1.1

Half-metre rule.

90° set square.

180° protractor.

Newton-meter, range 0 to 10 N (e.g. Philip Harris catalogue number 40289 or 40307).

Two G-clamps to be used for clamping the bases of the stands to the bench.

The equipment should be laid out on the bench ready for the candidates to use and should not be assembled prior to use by the candidates.

If the apparatus is to be used by a second candidate then it must be dismantled and the equipment laid out on the bench ready for the next candidate to use.

Information required by the Examiners

None.
This form should be completed and sent to the Examiner with the scripts.

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General

The Supervisor is invited to give details, on the reverse of this form, of any difficulties experienced by particular candidates, giving names and candidate numbers. These should include reference to:

(a) accidents to apparatus or materials;

(b) any other information that is likely to assist the Examiner, especially if this cannot be discovered in the scripts;

(c) any help given to a candidate.

Other cases of individual hardship, e.g. illness, disability, should be reported direct to CIE on the normal ‘Special Consideration Form’.

In cases of faulty apparatus (not arising from a candidate’s mishandling) which prevent the required readings being taken, the following action is permissible.

The Invigilator – in consultation with the Physics teacher responsible for preparing the examination – 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. The Invigilator is asked to provide CIE with details of such cases of time compensation (a copy being enclosed with the scripts), especially

(i) the candidate’s name and candidate number,

(ii) the extra time allowed,

(iii) notes on the nature of the fault, the action taken to rectify the difficulty and any other comments that would be helpful to the Examiner in making a fair assessment of the candidate’s work during the practical examination.
Information required

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

Declaration (to be signed by the Principal)

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

Signed ..................................................................

Centre Number ..............................................

Name of Centre ..................................................................................................................