CONFIDENTIAL INSTRUCTIONS

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

No access to the Question Paper is permitted in advance of the examination.
Preparing apparatus

These Instructions detail the apparatus required for the experiments in the Question Paper. It is essential that absolute confidentiality is maintained in advance of the examination: the contents of these Instructions must not be revealed either directly or indirectly to candidates.

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If you have problems or queries regarding these Instructions, please contact CIE:

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stating the nature of the query and quoting the syllabus and paper numbers (9702/34).

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

Number of sets of apparatus

The number of sets of apparatus provided for each experiment should be \( \frac{1}{2} N \), where \( N \) is the number of candidates taking the examination. There should, in addition, be a few spare sets of apparatus available in case problems arise during the examination.

Organisation of the examination

Candidates should be allowed access to the apparatus for each experiment for one hour only. After spending one hour on one experiment, candidates should change over to the other experiment. The order in which a candidate attempts the two experiments is immaterial.

Assistance to Candidates

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.

Assistance should only be given:
when it is asked for by a candidate,
or as directed in the Notes sections of these Instructions,
or where apparatus is seen to have developed a fault.

Assistance should be restricted to enabling candidates to make observations and measurements. Observations and measurements must not be made for candidates, and no help should be given with data analysis or evaluation.

All assistance given to candidates must be reported on the Supervisor's Report Form.

Faulty apparatus

In cases of faulty apparatus (not arising from a candidate's mishandling) that prevent the required measurements being taken, the Supervisor 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.

Supervisor's Report

The Supervisor should complete the Supervisor's Report Form on pages 7 and 8 and enclose it in the envelope containing the answers of the candidates. If more than one envelope is used, a copy of the report must be enclosed in each envelope.
Question 1

Apparatus requirements (per set of apparatus unless otherwise specified)

4.7 kΩ resistor fitted with terminals. Its resistance value should be concealed and it should be labelled R. See Note 1.

2200μF capacitor rated at 16 V or higher (e.g. RS Components product code 707-6663). See Note 2.

D.C. power supply fixed at 10 V, with any unused terminals covered.

Switch (in addition to any switch on the power supply).

Stopwatch reading to 0.1 s or better.

Digital voltmeter with a range of at least 10 V and reading to 0.01 V. If a multimeter is used, it should be fixed on this range and any unused terminals covered.

Eight connecting leads. See Note 3.

Notes

1 The resistor should be rated at 0.25 W (e.g. RS Components product code 707-7726).

2 The capacitor should be housed in a small box with two leads emerging, each lead having a terminal. The lead to the anode should be clearly labelled +. The box itself should be clearly labelled C.

3 One connecting lead should be used to connect the positive terminal of C to the positive terminal of the d.c. power supply. The remaining leads should be laid out on the bench.

4 The apparatus should be laid out on the bench. If the apparatus is to be used by another candidate, then it should be restored to its original state.

Information required by Examiners

Sample set of numerical results, clearly labelled “Supervisor’s Results” and obtained out of sight of the candidates by the Supervisor, who should be a teacher of Physics or other competent physicist.
Question 2

Apparatus requirements (per set of apparatus unless otherwise specified)

Cylindrical rod of approximate diameter 12 mm and length 10 cm (e.g. wooden dowel), labelled A.

Cylindrical rod of approximate diameter 8 mm and length 10 cm (e.g. wooden dowel), labelled B.

Two 90 cm lengths of 22 swg copper wire.

Safety goggles. See Note 1.

Vernier or digital calipers.

Stand.

Flat-headed nail of approximate diameter 3 mm and approximate length 50 mm. See Note 2.

Boss. See Note 2.

Metre rule (or half-metre rule) with a millimetre scale.

180° protractor with 1° divisions.

10 g mass hanger.

50 g slotted mass.

Notes

1 Candidates should be advised to wear the safety goggles when handling the wire (and when neighbouring candidates are handling the wire).

2 It should be possible to hold the nail in the boss.

3 The apparatus should be laid out on the bench. If the apparatus is to be used by a second candidate, then it should be restored to its original state, including new lengths of copper wire.

Information required by Examiners

Sample set of numerical results, clearly labelled “Supervisor’s Results”, and obtained out of sight of the candidates by the Supervisor, who should be a teacher of Physics or other competent physicist.
This form should be completed and sent to the Examiner with the scripts.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT FORM

The Supervisor’s Report should give full details of:

(a) any help given to a candidate (including the nature of the help given and the name and candidate number of the candidate);

(b) any cases of faulty apparatus (including the nature of the problem, the action taken to rectify it, any additional time allowed, and the name and candidate number of the candidate);

(c) any accidents that occurred during the examination;

(d) any other difficulties experienced by candidates, or any other information that is likely to assist the Examiner, especially if this information cannot be discovered in the scripts.

Cases of individual hardship, such as illness, bereavement or disability, should be reported direct to CIE on the normal Special Consideration form.

Information required by Examiners

For each question, please enclose a sample set of numerical results, obtained out of sight of the candidates and clearly labelled “Supervisor’s Results”.

Supervisor’s Report
Supervisor's Report (continued)

Declaration
(to be signed by the Supervisor)

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

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

Name ...........................................................

Centre number .............................................

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