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PHYSICS **0625/52**

Paper 5 Practical Test **October/November 2023**

1 hour 15 minutes

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 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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1 In this experiment, you will investigate the period of a pendulum.

Complete the following instructions, referring to Fig. 1.1 and Fig. 1.2.

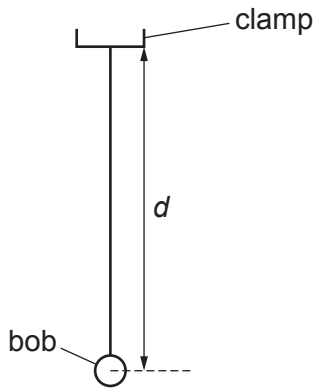

Fig. 1.1

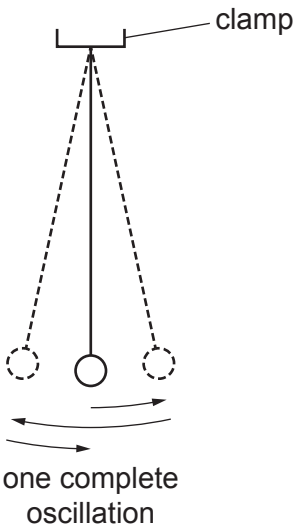

Fig. 1.2

A pendulum has been set up for you as shown in Fig. 1.1.

(a) The distance d is measured from the bottom of the clamp to the centre of the bob.

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- Adjust the length of the pendulum until d = 50.0 cm.
- Displace the bob slightly and release it so that it swings. Fig. 1.2 shows one complete oscillation of the pendulum.
- Measure, and record in Table 1.1, the time t for 10 complete oscillations.
- Calculate, and record in Table 1.1, the period T of the pendulum. The period is the time for one complete oscillation.
- Calculate T^2 and record the value in Table 1.1.
- Write the unit for T^2 in the column heading.

[3]

Table 1.1

d / cm	t / s	T / s	T^2 /
50.0			
100.0			

(b) Repeat the procedure in **(a)** using d = 100.0 cm. [3]

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(c) A student suggests that T^2 is directly proportional to d.

Explain briefly how to test the suggestion using the results in Table 1.1.

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(d) Describe how you measure the distance d as accurately as possible. Draw a diagram to help your explanation.

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(e) Explain why timing 10 oscillations gives a more accurate result for the period T than timing one oscillation.

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2 In this experiment, you will investigate the resistance of a wire.

Complete the following instructions, referring to Fig. 2.1.

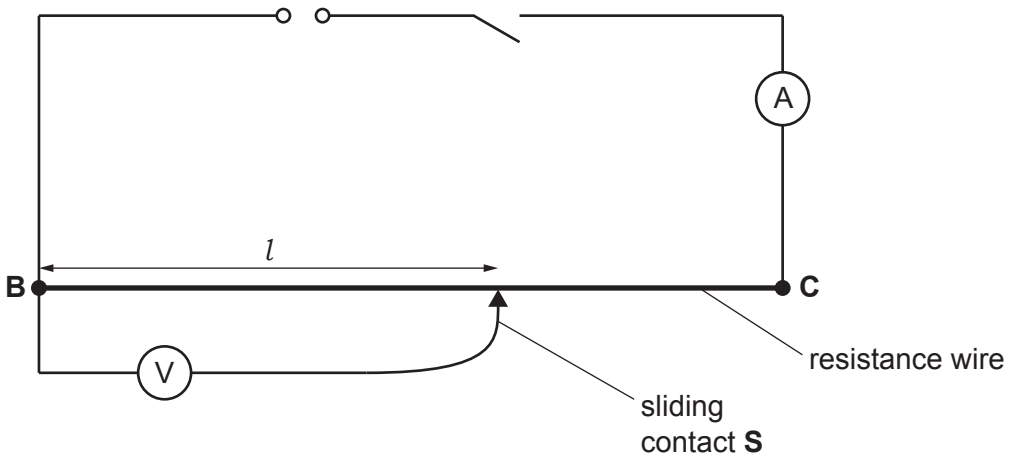

Fig. 2.1

(a) Close the switch.

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Measure the current I in the circuit. I = ... [1]

(b) Place the sliding contact at a distance l = 10.0 cm from **B**.

Measure, and record in Table 2.1, the potential difference (p.d.) V across the length l of resistance wire **BC**.

Open the switch.

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Calculate, and record in Table 2.1, the resistance R of 10.0 cm of the resistance wire using the equation

$$R = \frac{V}{I}$$

where I is the current recorded in **(a)**.

Close the switch.

Repeat the procedure using l = 20.0 cm, 30.0 cm, 40.0 cm and 50.0 cm.

Open the switch.

Table 2.1

l/cm	V/V	R/Ω
10.0		
20.0		
30.0		
40.0		
50.0		

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(c) Plot a graph of R/Ω (y-axis) against V/V (x-axis). Start both axes at the origin (0,0).

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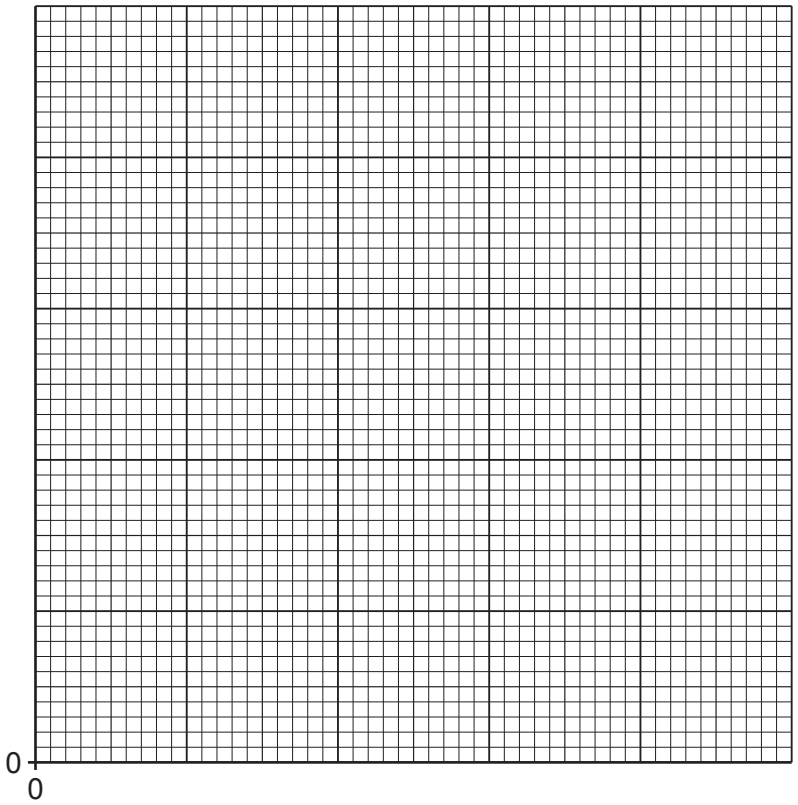
Draw the best-fit line.



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(d) Determine the gradient G of the graph. Show clearly on the graph how you obtained the necessary information.

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G = ... [2]

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3 In this experiment, you will investigate the cooling of hot water.

Complete the following instructions, referring to Fig. 3.1.

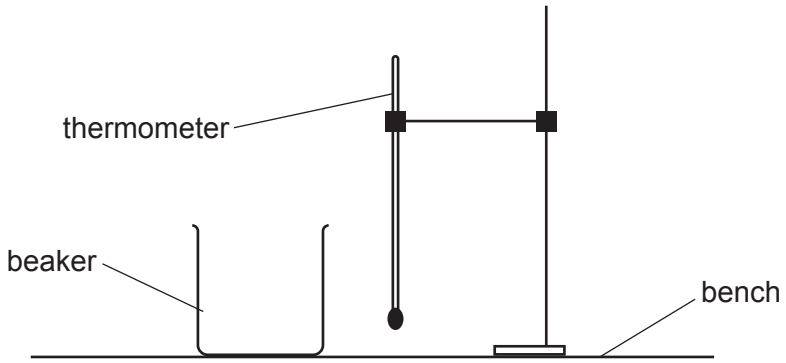

Fig. 3.1

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(a) Use the thermometer to measure the room temperature θ_R.

θ_R = ... [1]

(b) **(i)** Pour 200 cm^3 of hot water into the beaker. Place the thermometer in the water in the beaker.

Record in Table 3.1 the temperature θ of the hot water at time $t = 0$. Immediately start the stop-watch.

Continue recording the temperature and the time in Table 3.1 at 30 s intervals until you have seven sets of readings. [2]

(ii) Complete the column headings in Table 3.1.

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Table 3.1

t/	θ/

[1]

(c) **(i)** Calculate the decrease in temperature $\Delta\theta_1$ between time t = 0 and time t = 90 s.

$\Delta\theta_1$ = ... [1]

(ii) Calculate the difference in temperature $\Delta\theta_S$ between the temperature at time t = 0 and room temperature θ_R.

$\Delta\theta_S$ = ... [1]

(iii) Calculate the decrease in temperature $\Delta\theta_2$ between time t = 90 s and time t = 180 s.

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$\Delta\theta_2$ = ...

Calculate the difference in temperature $\Delta\theta_T$ between the temperature at time t = 90 s and room temperature θ_R.

$\Delta\theta_T$ = ...
[1]

(d) A student suggests that the decrease in temperature of the water in 90 s should be greater when the starting temperature is greater.

(i) State whether your results agree with this suggestion. Justify your statement by reference to your results.

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justification .....

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(ii) Suggest how you would continue the experiment, using the same apparatus and method, to investigate the suggestion.

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4 A student investigates the effect of changing the colour of light on the focal length of a lens.

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The focal length f of a lens is given by the equation $f = \frac{uv}{(u + v)}$.

The distance u is the distance between an object and the lens. The distance v is the distance between the lens and the image that is formed on a screen.

Plan an experiment to investigate the effect of changing the colour of light on the focal length of a lens.

You are **not** required to do this experiment.

The following apparatus is available to the student:

- illuminated object
- a selection of coloured filters to change the colour of the light
- converging lens
- screen
- metre ruler.

Other apparatus normally available in a school laboratory can also be used.

In your plan, you should:

- draw a labelled diagram to show the arrangement of the apparatus
- explain briefly how you would do the investigation, including the measurements you would take
- draw a suitable table, with column headings, to show how you would display your readings (you are **not** required to enter any readings in the table)
- state how you would use your results to reach a conclusion.

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