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Paper 32 Advanced Practical Skills 2

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## 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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stating the nature of the query and quoting the syllabus and paper numbers (9702/32).

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)**

Round wooden rod between 20 mm and 25 mm in diameter and of length 20 cm (e.g. a section of broom handle). Ends should be cut squarely.

2 × 50 g and 5 × 10 g slotted laboratory masses – see Note 1.

Mass hanger to hold slotted masses – see Note 1.

Five expendable springs (Philip Harris catalogue number B8A41397) – see Note 2.

Tall 1 litre transparent beaker (or similar transparent container about 20 cm tall and 8 cm diameter).

Shallow tray (to catch spills from beaker).

Beaker (or similar container) containing about 1.5 litre of water.

Tall retort stand (at least 1.2 m high – supports such as bricks can be provided to achieve this height).

Boss and clamp.

Vernier calipers (these can be shared between two or three candidates).

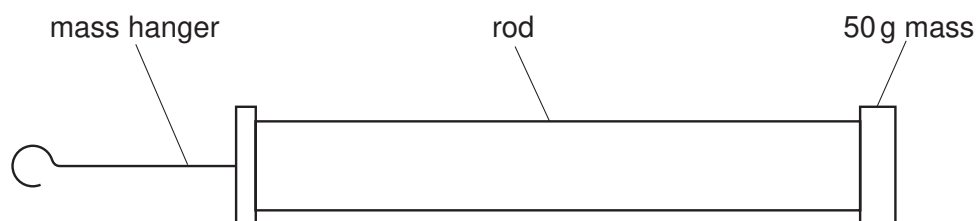
Stopwatch reading to 0.1 s or better.

Half-metre rule with a millimetre scale.

Paper towels.

**Notes**

- 1 The mass hanger base should be securely glued to one end of the wooden rod and one of the 50 g masses should be securely glued to the other end of the wooden rod, as shown in Fig. 1.1.
- 2 The five springs should be linked together in series (end-to-end).
- 3 If the apparatus is to be used by a second candidate, all the equipment should be dismantled and returned to its original state.

**Fig. 1.1****Information required by Examiners**

Sample set of numerical results, clearly marked "Supervisor's Results".

**Question 2****Apparatus requirements (per set of apparatus unless otherwise specified)**

Table-tennis (ping-pong) ball. See Note 1.

75 cm of thin thread. See Note 1.

Stand, boss and clamp.

Half-metre rule with a millimetre scale.

Metre rule with a millimetre scale.

Large set square.

Two bricks, each with at least one flat surface at least 10 cm long.

Two wooden blocks, each about 3 cm by 3 cm by 1.5 cm.

Protractor.

**Notes**

- 1 One end of the thread should be glued to the table-tennis ball.
- 2 If the apparatus is to be used by a second candidate, it should be dismantled.

**Information required by Examiners**

Sample set of numerical results, clearly marked "Supervisor's Results".

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**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT FORM**

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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**

Question 1: Sample set of numerical results, clearly marked "Supervisor's Results".

Question 2: Sample set of numerical results, clearly marked "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 .....

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