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Advanced Practical Skills 1

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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 (9702/31).

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)**

1V – 2V d.c. power supply (e.g. 1.5V dry cell in holder) with terminals.

Three component holders with terminals, fitted with resistors as follows :

Holder labelled 'B' fitted with a  $100\ \Omega$  resistor. See Note 1.

Holder labelled 'C' fitted with a  $47\ \Omega$  resistor. See Note 1.

Holder labelled 'D' also fitted with a  $47\ \Omega$  resistor. See Note 1.

Digital ammeter with range at least 0 – 10mA reading to the nearest 0.01 mA or better. See Notes 2 and 3.

Digital voltmeter with range at least 0 – 1V reading to the nearest 0.001V or better. See Notes 2 and 3.

Switch.

Thirteen connecting wires.

Variable resistor (rheostat) with a maximum resistance of between  $8\ \Omega$  and  $30\ \Omega$ , capable of carrying a current of at least 0.1 A. See Note 3.

**Notes**

- 1 All three resistors should be taped to hide their values.  
The resistors should have a minimum power rating of 0.25W and a tolerance of 5% (e.g. Rapid Electronics product codes 63-2320 and 63-2323).
- 2 A multimeter fixed to the appropriate range and precision would be suitable in each case. If a multimeter is used, the dial(s) should be taped to prevent candidates changing the settings.
- 3 Any unused terminals on the variable resistor, ammeter and voltmeter should be covered.
- 4 The apparatus should be laid out on the bench and, if it 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.

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

Two cylinders, each with a length of at least 5 cm. See Note 1.

1.5 m length of string.

Metre rule with a millimetre scale.

Access to a vernier caliper (shared between at most two candidates).

Stopwatch reading to 0.1 s or better.

50 g of modelling clay (e.g. Plasticene).

**Notes**

- 1 One of the cylinders should have a diameter in the range 4 cm – 8 cm, and should be labelled 'cylinder A'. The other cylinder should have a diameter in the range 15 cm – 30 cm, and should be labelled 'cylinder B'.  
The two cylinders can be solid or hollow.  
Cylinder A could be an empty tin can or bottle.  
Cylinder B could be a waste paper bin, large pipe or cake tin.  
Each of the two cylinders should be made from a different material.
- 2 The apparatus should be laid out on the bench and, if it 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.



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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**

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 .....

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