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**PHYSICS**

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Paper 3 Advanced Practical Skills 2

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**The supervisor must complete the report at the end of this document and return it with the scripts.**

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

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## General information about practical exams

Centres must follow the guidance on science practical exams given in the *Cambridge Handbook*.

### Safety

Supervisors must follow national and local regulations relating to safety and first aid.

Only those procedures described in the question paper should be attempted.

Supervisors must inform candidates that materials and apparatus used in the exam should be treated with caution. Suitable eye protection should be used where necessary.

### Before the exam

- The packets containing the question papers must **not** be opened before the exam.
- It is assumed that standard school laboratory facilities, as indicated in the *Guide to Planning Practical Science*, will be available.
- Spare materials and apparatus for the tasks set must be available for candidates, if required.

### During the exam

- It must be made clear to candidates at the start of the exam that they may request spare materials and apparatus for the tasks set.
- Where specified, the supervisor **must** perform the experiments and record the results as instructed. This must be done **out of sight** of the candidates, using the same materials and apparatus as the candidates.
- Any assistance provided to candidates must be recorded in the supervisor's report.
- If any materials or apparatus need to be replaced, for example, in the event of breakage or loss, this must be recorded in the supervisor's report.

### After the exam

- The supervisor must complete a report for each practical session held and each laboratory used.
- Each packet of scripts returned to Cambridge International must contain the following items:
  - the scripts of the candidates specified on the bar code label provided
  - the supervisor's results relevant to these candidates
  - the supervisor's reports relevant to these candidates
  - seating plans for each practical session, referring to each candidate by candidate number
  - the attendance register.

## Specific information for this practical exam

The supervisor must be a teacher of Physics or other competent physicist. During the exam, the supervisor (NOT the invigilator) should obtain a sample set of numerical results by following the relevant steps in the question paper. The results should be clearly labelled 'Supervisor's results' and recorded on the supervisor's report or on a spare copy of the question paper.

### Organisation of the exam

- 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 exam.
- Candidates should not be provided with any additional apparatus beyond that specified in these instructions.
- 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

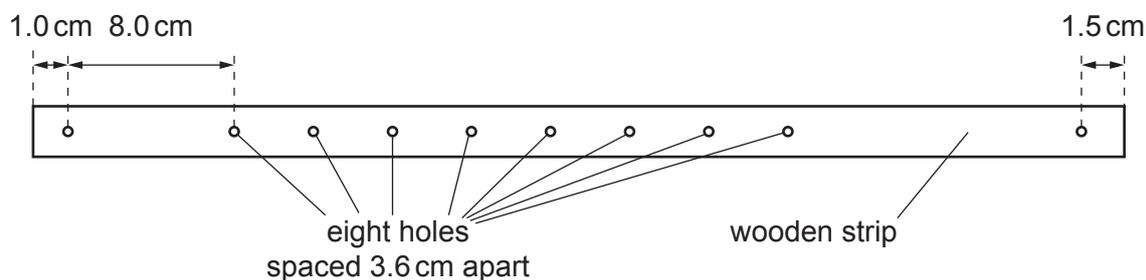
- Candidates should be informed that, if they find themselves in real difficulty, they may ask the supervisor for practical assistance, but that the extent of this assistance will be reported to the Examiner, who may not award full credit for the relevant skills.
- Assistance should only be given when it is asked for by a candidate 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.
- In cases of faulty apparatus that prevent the required measurements being taken, the supervisor should allow extra time to give the candidate a fair opportunity to perform the experiment as if the fault had not been present.
- Any assistance or extra time given to candidates must be recorded in the supervisor's report.

**Materials and apparatus for Question 1 (per set of apparatus unless otherwise specified)**

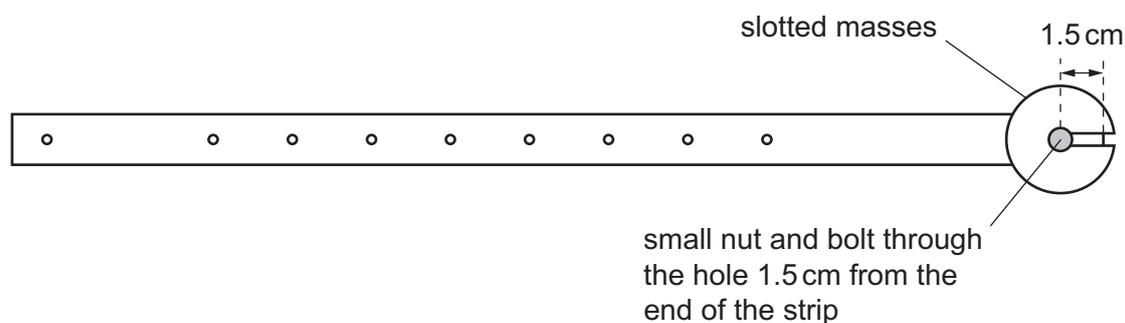
- Straight, uniform wooden strip of length 50.0 cm with approximate cross-section 2 cm × 0.5 cm. See Note 1 and Note 2.
- Two 100 g slotted masses. See Note 2.
- Flat-headed nail of approximate diameter 2.3 mm and approximate length 6 cm.
- Stand, boss and clamp. The clamp should be able to hold the nail securely.
- Second stand.
- Stop-watch reading to 0.1 s or better.
- Metre rule with a millimetre scale.
- Two expendable springs each with approximate outside diameter 15 mm, approximate coiled length 20 mm and approximate spring constant  $25 \text{ N m}^{-1}$  (e.g. Philip Harris product code B8G87194). See Note 3.
- Rubber band with approximate circumference 10 cm.

**Notes**

- 1 Ten holes of diameter 3.0 mm should be drilled through the strip in the positions shown in Fig. 1.1.

**Fig. 1.1**

- 2 The two masses should be securely attached to the wooden strip (one on each side of it) as shown in Fig. 1.2, using a small nut and bolt or similar method. If necessary, the hole in the strip may be enlarged to accommodate the bolt.

**Fig. 1.2**

- 3 Each spring should have a small wire hook attached at one end, as shown in Fig. 1.3. The hook should be made from steel wire of approximate diameter 0.8 mm (e.g. part of a small paper clip).

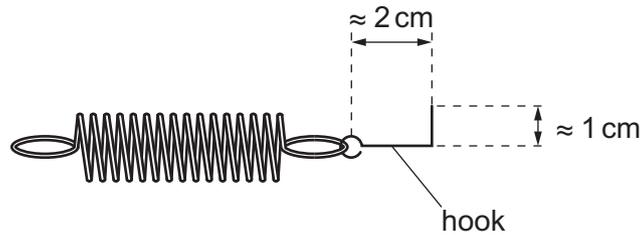


Fig. 1.3

- 4 Set up one stand, boss, clamp and spring as shown in Fig. 1.4.

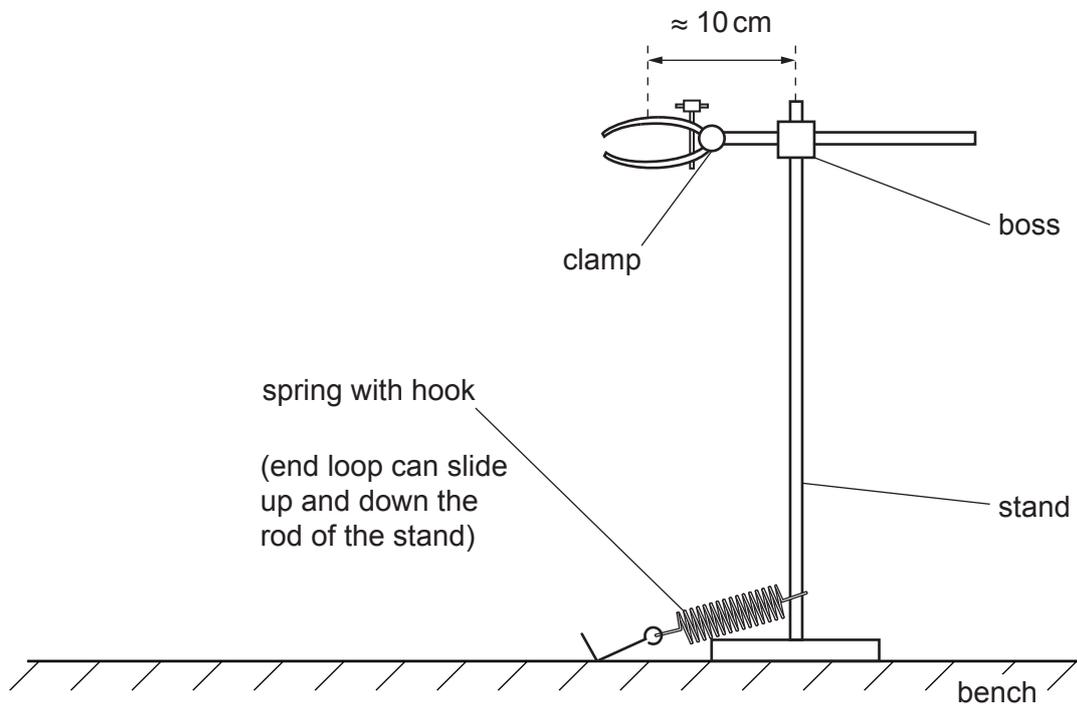


Fig. 1.4 (not to scale)

- 5 The remaining 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.

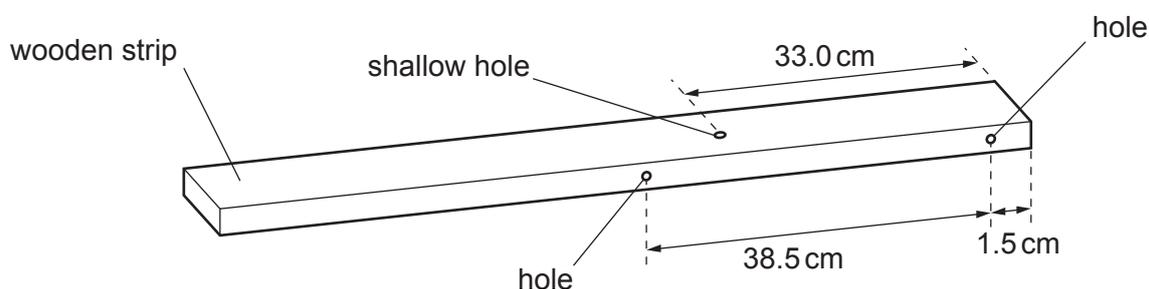
**Materials and apparatus for Question 2 (per set of apparatus unless otherwise specified)**

- Bamboo rod of approximate diameter 3 mm and length 12.5 cm (e.g. a section of a bamboo knitting needle or skewer).
- Bamboo rod of approximate diameter 4 mm and length 25.5 cm (e.g. a section of a bamboo knitting needle).
- Wooden strip of length 80.0 cm and with approximate cross-section 3 cm × 1.5 cm. See Note 1 and Note 2.
- Flat-headed nail of approximate diameter 4.5 mm and approximate length 100 mm.
- Wooden block with approximate dimensions 5 cm × 5 cm × 2 cm. See Note 3.
- Stand and boss. The boss should be able to hold the nail securely.
- 30 cm ruler with a millimetre scale.
- 180° protractor with 1° divisions.
- Metre rule with a millimetre scale.
- Micrometer screw gauge (may be shared between two candidates).
- 0–10 N newton meter with 0.1 N or 0.2 N divisions. See Note 4.
- G-clamp suitable for clamping the base of the stand to the bench.

**Notes**

- 1 The wooden strip should have two holes of diameter 5 mm drilled through it between the narrow faces at the positions shown in Fig. 2.1.

A shallow hole of diameter 5 mm and approximate depth 2 mm should be drilled in one of the wide faces in the position shown in Fig. 2.1.



**Fig. 2.1** (not to scale)

- 2 A string loop of approximate circumference 12 cm should be tied through the hole nearest to the end of the strip.
- 3 A shallow hole of diameter 5 mm and approximate depth 2 mm should be drilled in the centre of one of the large faces of the wooden block.

- 4 If candidates are provided with a spring balance, its scale should be replaced so that it shows 0.1 N divisions.
- 5 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. New bamboo rods should be provided.

Spare bamboo rods should be available.



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**Supervisor's report**

Syllabus and component number

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Centre name .....

Time of the practical session .....

Laboratory name/number .....

**Give details of any difficulties experienced by the centre or by candidates (include the relevant candidate names and candidate numbers).**

You must include:

- any difficulties experienced by the centre in the preparation of materials
- any difficulties experienced by candidates, e.g. due to faulty materials or apparatus
- any specific assistance given to candidates.

### Declaration

- 1 Each packet that I am returning to Cambridge International contains the following items:
  - the scripts of the candidates specified on the bar code label provided
  - the supervisor's results relevant to these candidates
  - the supervisor's reports relevant to these candidates
  - seating plans for each practical session, referring to each candidate by candidate number
  - the attendance register
- 2 Where the practical exam has taken place in more than one practical session, I have clearly labelled the supervisor's results, supervisor's reports and seating plans with the time and laboratory name/number for each practical session.
- 3 I have included details of difficulties relating to each practical session experienced by the centre or by candidates.
- 4 I have reported any other adverse circumstances affecting candidates, e.g. illness, bereavement or temporary injury, directly to Cambridge International on a *special consideration form*.

Signed ..... (supervisor)

Name (in block capitals) .....