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Preparing apparatus

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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.

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Question 1

Apparatus requirements (per set of apparatus unless otherwise specified)

Clamp.

Two stands of height at least 60 cm.

Two bosses.

Two expendable springs each with approximate outside diameter 15 mm, approximate coiled length 20 mm and approximate spring constant 25 N m^{-1} (e.g. Philip Harris product code B8G87194). See Note 1.

Wooden cylindrical rod with approximate diameter 12 mm and length 20 cm. See Note 2.

100 g mass hanger.

Two 100 g slotted masses.

Card. See Note 3.

Pair of compasses, with pencil, with a range of at least 10 cm.

Scissors.

Metre rule with a millimetre scale.

30 cm ruler with a millimetre scale.

Stopwatch reading to 0.1 s or better.

Notes

1 Join the loops of the springs as shown in Fig. 1.1.

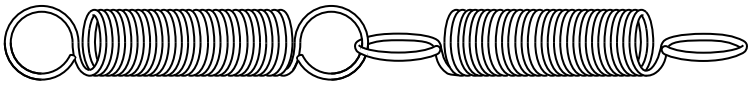

Fig. 1.1

2 The rod should fit through the loop of a spring.

3 The card should be A4 size (21 cm × 30 cm) and of approximate thickness 1 mm.
Spare cards should be available.

4 The apparatus should be laid out on the bench. If it is to be used by a second candidate, then it should be restored to its original state. A new card should be provided.

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)

Stand, boss and clamp.

Flat-headed nail with approximate diameter 2.5 mm and approximate length 6.5 cm.

Wooden rod with length 35.0 cm and approximate cross section 2 cm × 2 cm. See Note 1.

30 cm ruler with a millimetre scale.

180° protractor with 1° divisions.

Glass marble with approximate mass 6 g.

Tray with sand. See Note 2.

Wooden cube with approximate dimensions 6 cm × 6 cm × 6 cm.

Small box or dish for the marble.

Triangular prism with approximate height 2 cm to act as a pivot.

Notes

1 Drill two holes centrally in the rod as shown in Fig. 2.1. Ensure the holes are perpendicular to the surface of the rod.
Use a drill bit slightly larger than the nail diameter so that the nail fits comfortably through both holes.
Label one hole 'P' and the other hole 'Q' as shown in Fig. 2.1.

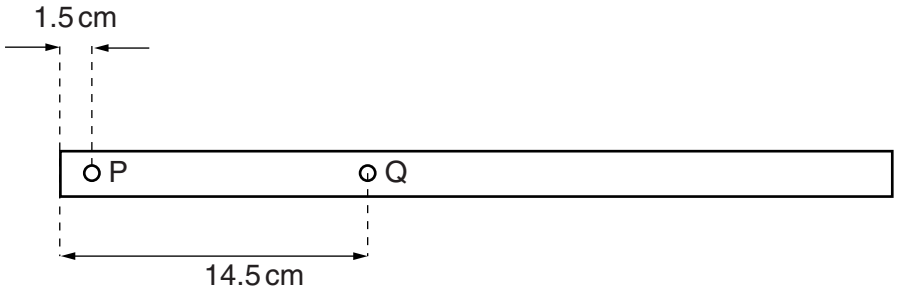

Fig. 2.1

2 The tray should have approximate dimensions 20 cm × 20 cm × 3 cm.
It should contain sand to a depth of 1 cm.

3 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.

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(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.

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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.

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