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## PHYSICS

**0625/53**

Paper 5 Practical Test

**May/June 2024**

**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 [ ].

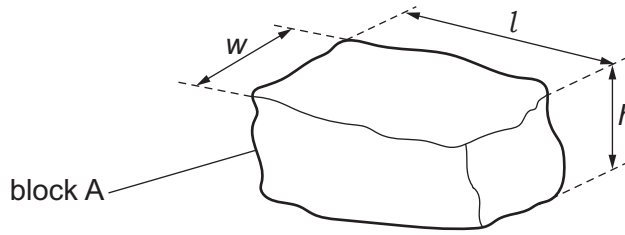
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1 In this experiment, you will determine the density of modelling clay by two methods.

Refer to Fig. 1.1.

**Method 1**



**Fig. 1.1**

(a) (i) Measure the length  $l$ , width  $w$  and height  $h$  of block A. Record your values in centimetres to the nearest millimetre.

$l =$  ..... cm

$w =$  ..... cm

$h =$  ..... cm  
[1]

(ii) Calculate the volume  $V_A$  of block A. Use your measurements from (a)(i) and the equation  $V_A = l \times w \times h$ .

$V_A =$  ..... cm<sup>3</sup> [1]

(b) Suggest a possible source of inaccuracy in measuring the dimensions of the block.

Describe how the accuracy of these measurements can be improved.

You are **not** required to do this improved investigation.

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(c) Measure the mass  $m_A$  of block A. Use the top-pan balance.

$m_A =$  ..... g [1]

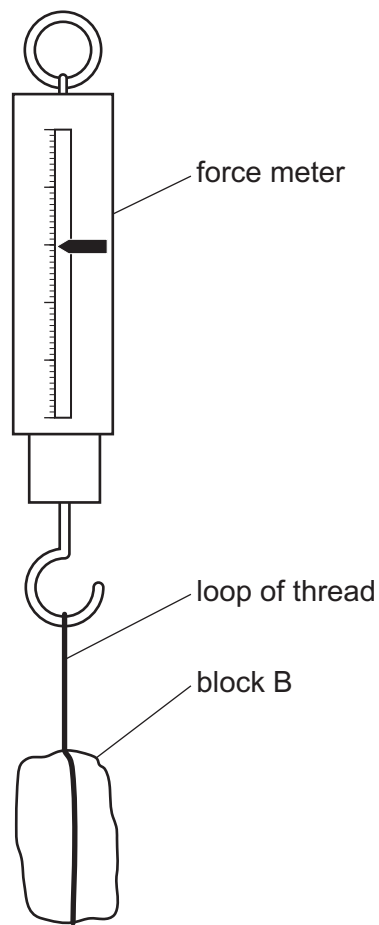
- (d) Calculate a value  $\rho_A$  for the density of the modelling clay. Use your results from (a)(ii) and (c) and the equation  $\rho_A = \frac{m_A}{V_A}$ . Include the unit for the density.

$$\rho_A = \dots\dots\dots [2]$$

**Method 2**

- (e) Measure the weight  $W_B$  of block B, as shown in Fig. 1.2.

$$W_B = \dots\dots\dots \text{ N } [1]$$



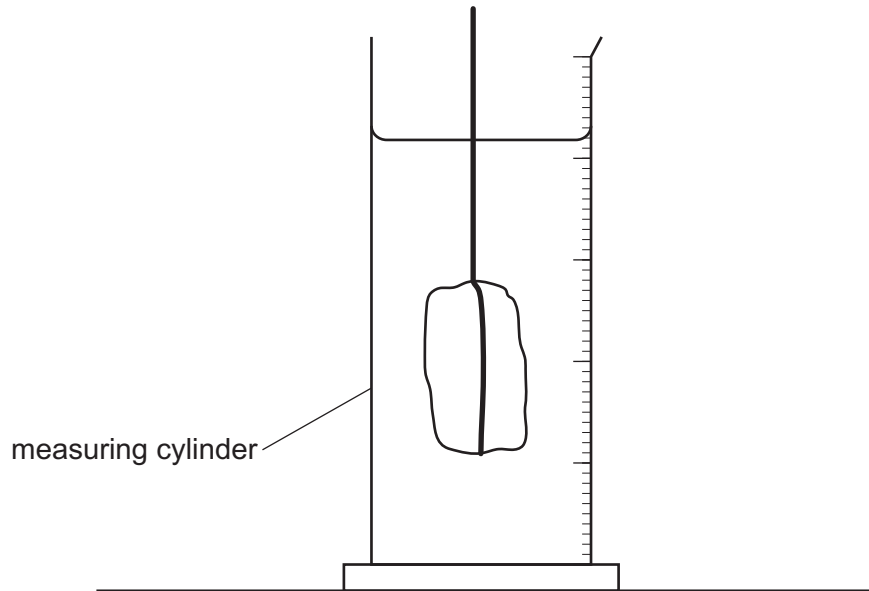
**Fig. 1.2**

- (f) (i) Pour approximately  $60 \text{ cm}^3$  of water into the measuring cylinder.

Measure and record the actual volume  $V_1$  of the water in the measuring cylinder.

$$V_1 = \dots\dots\dots \text{ cm}^3$$

Remove the loop of thread from the force meter and lower block B carefully into the water in the measuring cylinder, as shown in Fig. 1.3.



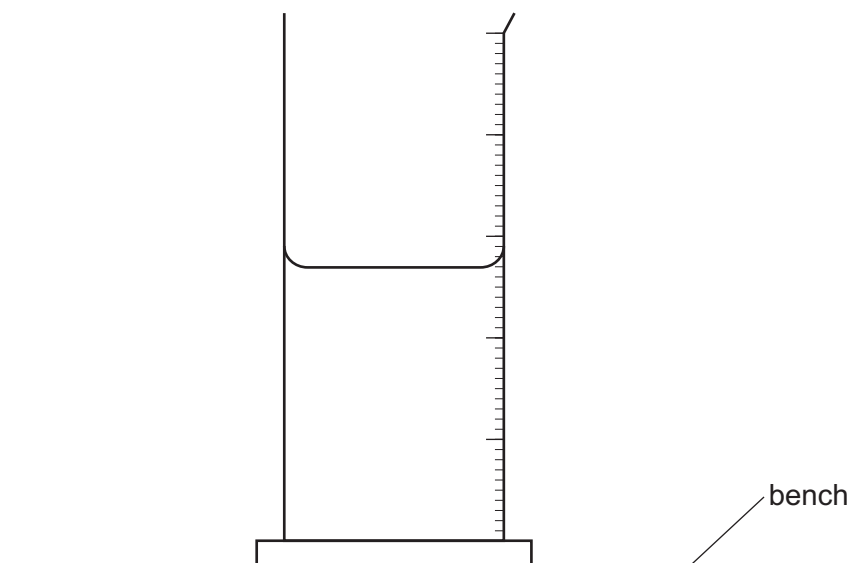
**Fig. 1.3**

Measure and record the new reading  $V_2$  of the measuring cylinder.

$$V_2 = \dots\dots\dots \text{ cm}^3$$

[1]

- (ii) Draw an arrow on Fig. 1.4 to show the correct line of sight to obtain the value for the volume of water in the measuring cylinder.



**Fig. 1.4**

[1]

- (g) Calculate another value  $\rho_B$  for the density of modelling clay. Use your readings from (e) and (f) and the equation  $\rho_B = \frac{W_B \times k}{(V_2 - V_1)}$ , where  $k = 100 \text{ g/N}$ .

$$\rho_B = \dots\dots\dots [1]$$

[Total: 11]

- 2 In this experiment, you will investigate how the volume of water affects the rate at which hot water in a beaker cools.

Refer to Fig. 2.1.

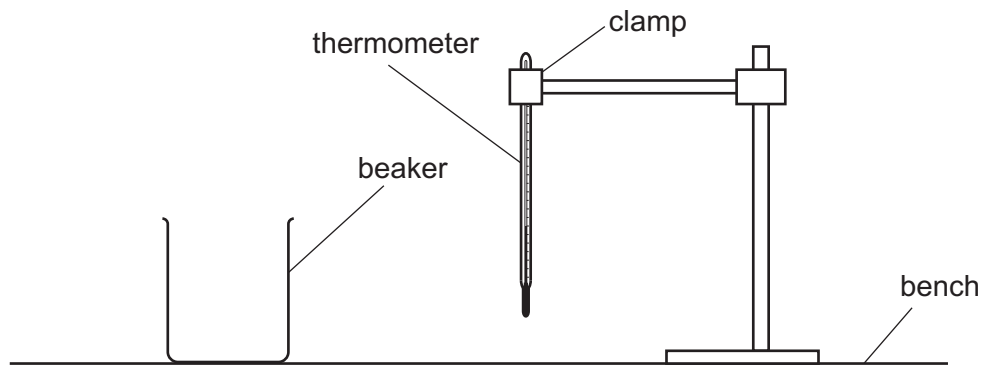


Fig. 2.1

- (a) Pour  $200\text{ cm}^3$  of hot water into the beaker. Use the graduations on the beaker as a guide. Place the thermometer in the water.

In the first row of Table 2.1, record the temperature  $\theta$  of the water at time  $t = 0$  and immediately start the stop-watch.

Record the temperature  $\theta$  of the water at times  $t = 30\text{ s}$ ,  $60\text{ s}$ ,  $90\text{ s}$ ,  $120\text{ s}$ ,  $150\text{ s}$  and  $180\text{ s}$ .

Remove the thermometer from the beaker and pour out the water. [1]

- (b) (i) Repeat (a), using only  $75\text{ cm}^3$  of hot water. [2]  
 (ii) Add units to the column headings in Table 2.1.

Table 2.1

	beaker with $200\text{ cm}^3$ of hot water	beaker with $75\text{ cm}^3$ of hot water
$t/$	$\theta/$	$\theta/$
0		
30		
60		
90		
120		
150		
180		

[1]

- (c) Write a conclusion stating how the volume of hot water affects the rate of cooling of the water. Justify your answer by reference to your results.

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..... [2]

- (d) (i) Using your values for 75 cm<sup>3</sup> of water, calculate the average cooling rate  $x_1$  for the first 90 s of the experiment. Use your readings from Table 2.1 and the equation

$$x_1 = \frac{\theta_0 - \theta_{90}}{T}$$

where  $T = 90$  s and  $\theta_0$  and  $\theta_{90}$  are the temperatures at  $t = 0$  and  $t = 90$  s. Include the unit for the cooling rate.

$x_1 =$  ..... [2]

- (ii) Using your values for 75 cm<sup>3</sup> of water, calculate the average cooling rate  $x_2$  for the last 90 s of the experiment. Use your readings from Table 2.1 and the equation

$$x_2 = \frac{\theta_{90} - \theta_{180}}{T}$$

where  $T = 90$  s and  $\theta_{90}$  and  $\theta_{180}$  are the temperatures at  $t = 90$  s and  $t = 180$  s.

$x_2 =$  ..... [1]

- (iii) A student states that it is important to start the two experiments in (a) and (b) with water at the same initial temperature.

Explain whether your values for  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  support this statement.

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- (e) Another student repeats the experiment.

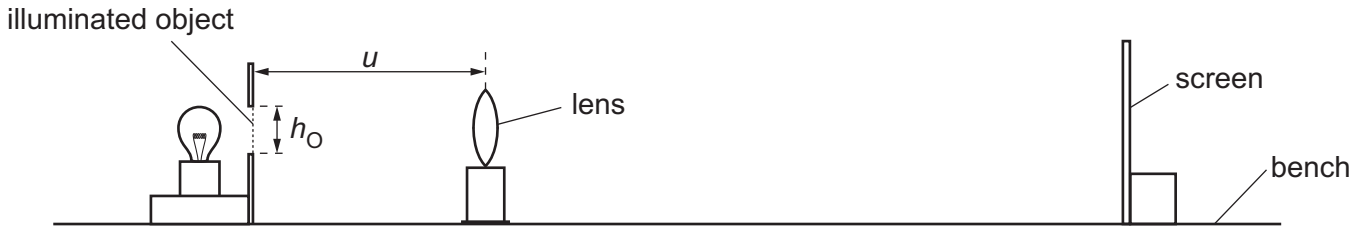
State **one** variable, other than initial water temperature, that she should control to obtain readings that are as close as possible to those in Table 2.1.

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..... [1]

3 In this experiment, you will determine the focal length of a converging lens.

Refer to Fig. 3.1.



**Fig. 3.1**

(a) Set up the apparatus as shown in Fig. 3.1.

- (i) Measure the height  $h_O$  of the illuminated object. Fig. 3.1 shows the height to measure on the illuminated object provided.

$$h_O = \dots\dots\dots \text{ cm [1]}$$

- (ii) Place the lens a distance  $u = 20.0$  cm from the illuminated object.  
Place the screen near the lens.  
Switch on the lamp.  
Move the screen until a focused image of the illuminated object is seen on the screen.

Measure, and record in Table 3.1, the height  $h_I$  of the image on the screen.

Repeat the procedure for  $u = 25.0$  cm,  $30.0$  cm,  $35.0$  cm and  $40.0$  cm.

Switch off the lamp.

**Table 3.1**

$u/\text{cm}$	$h_I/\text{cm}$	$W$
20.0		
25.0		
30.0		
35.0		
40.0		

[1]

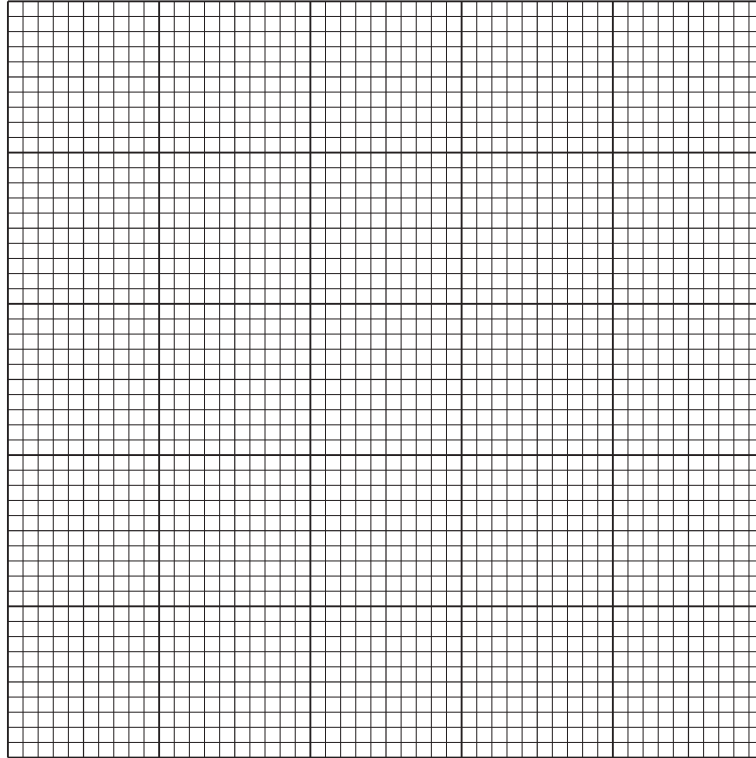
- (iii) Describe a technique for obtaining an image that is as sharp as possible.

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(b) For each distance  $u$ , calculate, and record in Table 3.1, a value  $W$ . Use your results from (a) and the equation  $W = \frac{h_O}{h_I}$ . [1]

(c) Plot a graph of  $u/\text{cm}$  ( $y$ -axis) against  $W$  ( $x$ -axis). You do **not** need to start your axes at the origin  $(0, 0)$ . Draw the best-fit line.



[4]

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

$G = \dots\dots\dots$  [1]

(ii) The focal length  $f$  of the lens is numerically equal to the gradient  $G$ .

Record a value of  $f$  for this experiment.

$f = \dots\dots\dots$  cm [1]

(e) A student decides to continue the experiment using larger values of  $u$ .

Explain why this produces less accurate values for  $W$ .

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 ..... [1]

- 4 A student investigates the relationship between the diameter of a wire and the electrical resistance of the wire.

Plan an experiment which enables him to investigate how the diameter of a wire affects the resistance of the wire.

Resistance  $R$  is calculated from the equation  $R = \frac{V}{I}$

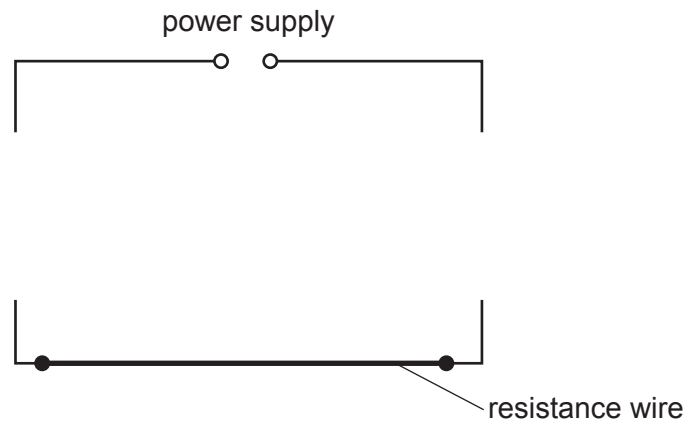
where  $V$  is the potential difference (p.d.) across the wire and  $I$  is the current in the wire.

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

The apparatus available includes wires of different known diameters.

In your plan:

- list any additional apparatus needed
- complete Fig. 4.1 to show a circuit suitable for measuring the resistance of a wire
- explain briefly how to do the experiment, including the measurements to take so that the resistance can be determined
- state the key variables to keep constant
- draw a table, or tables, with column headings, to show how to display the readings (you are **not** required to enter any readings in the table)
- explain how to use the readings to reach a conclusion.



**Fig. 4.1**



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