

Cambridge O Level

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PHYSICS 5054/41

Paper 4 Alternative to Practical

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1 hour

You must answer on the question paper.

No additional materials are needed.

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 30.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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1 A student has two measuring cylinders. One cylinder contains water and the other cylinder contains ethanol, as shown in Fig. 1.1.

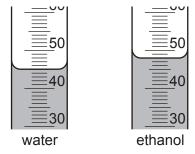


Fig. 1.1

(a) Write down the volumes of water and ethanol in the measuring cylinders shown in Fig. 1.1.

(b) The student then pours the ethanol into the water and allows the liquids to mix. There is no chemical reaction.

Fig. 1.2 shows the volume of the mixture.

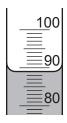


Fig. 1.2

(i) Use your answers to (a) to calculate the total volume of water and ethanol before they are mixed.

[1]

	(ii)	Suggest one possible reason for the difference between the two answers in (b)(i) .	
			[1]
(c)	A se	econd student says that the result after mixing must be incorrect.	
	Stat	te what the first student does to check the data.	
			[1]
		[Total	: 4

- 2 A student investigates the time taken for a glass ball to roll down a slope.
 - (a) She uses two metre rules, placed side by side with a small gap between them, to make a channel along which a ball can travel. A stack of identical sheets of paper is placed at one end to create the slope, as shown in Fig. 2.1.

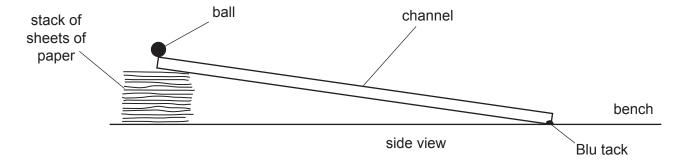


Fig. 2.1 (not to scale)

The height of the slope is changed by changing the number of sheets of paper in the stack.

(i) The slope is 100 cm long.

On Fig. 2.1, show the position of the ball when it has travelled 100 cm down the slope.

(ii) The paper stack is made from 20 identical sheets of paper. The student uses a micrometer to find the height *h* of the stack. The micrometer reading is shown in Fig. 2.2. Write down the height *h* of the stack.

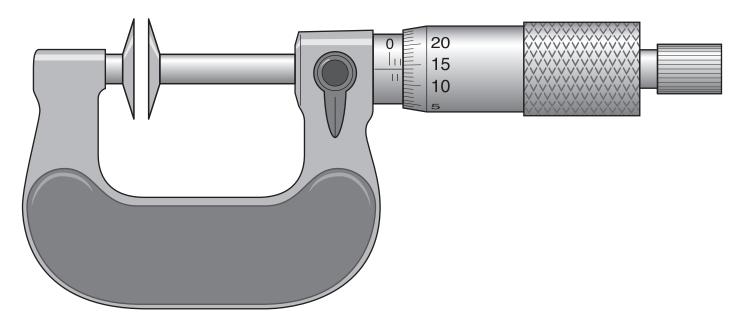


Fig. 2.2 (not to scale)

h = mm [1]

bottom of the slope. She repeats the reading and gets the following values:

(b) The student then uses a stop-watch to find the time taken for the ball to roll from the top to the

	;	8.45s	8.54s	8.47s	5.85s	8.46s		
(i)	Explain how t		nt uses thi	s data to	find the av	erage time tak	en for the ball	to roll
(ii)	Calculate the to 2 significan	_		for the ba	all to travel	down the slope	e. Give your a	nswer
	Record your a	answer or	n the answ	er line and	d in Table 2	2.1 on page 6.		
			á	average tir	ne =		•••••	s [2]
(iii)	Explain why reading in this		er to 2 si	gnificant 1	igures is	more appropria	ate for the av	erage
(iv)	Use the equa	tion:						
	-	a	ıverage sp	eed =d	istance			
				avo	rago umo			
	to calculate th	ne averag	e speed o	f the ball c	on the slop	e.		
	Give the unit	of your ar	nswer.					
					average	speed =	unit	[2]

(c) The student extends the experiment and changes the height of the slope by increasing the number *N* of sheets of paper used in the stack.

She finds the average time *t* for the ball to roll down the ramp for different values of *N*.

The results are shown in Table 2.1.

Table 2.1

N	average time t/s
20	
40	7.2
60	6.2
80	5.8
100	5.5
120	5.2
140	5.1

(i) Using the data from Table 2.1, draw, on the grid in Fig. 2.3, a graph of average time *t* on the *y*-axis against *N* on the *x*-axis. Start your axes from (0, 5.0) as shown.

Draw the best-fit curve. [4]

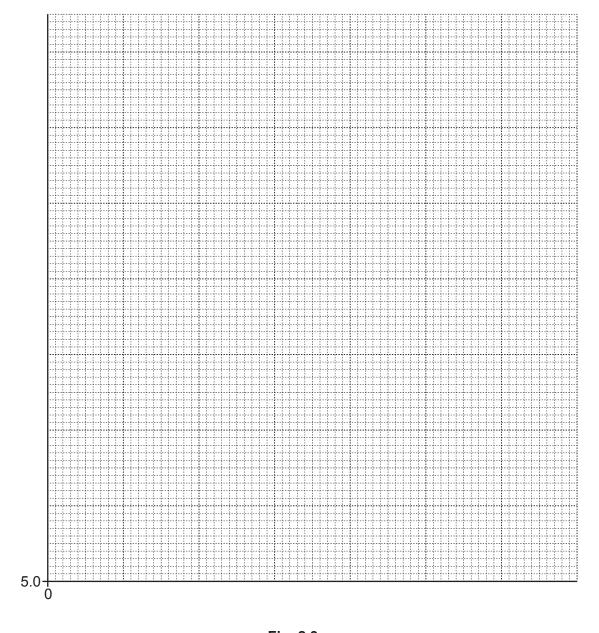


Fig. 2.3

	(ii) State the relationship between N and the average speed of the ball.
	[1]
(d)	A second student carries out the same experiment but she does not have access to a micrometer.
	Explain in detail how she can find an accurate value for the height of the stack of 20 sheets using a metre rule.
	[2]
	[Total: 15]

3 A student makes a periscope using cardboard tubing and mirrors. He looks through the periscope at a flower, as shown in Fig. 3.1.

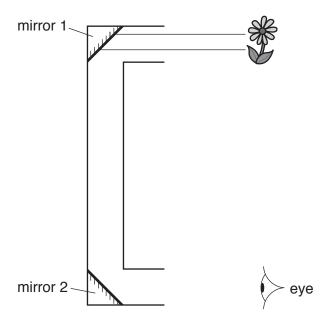


Fig. 3.1

Two rays of light are shown going from the flower to mirror 1.

- (a) (i) Complete the ray diagram in Fig. 3.1 to show both rays as they reflect at mirror 1 and then mirror 2. [2]
 - (ii) Draw an arrow on each ray to show the direction in which light is travelling. [1]

(iii)



image

Fig. 3.2

Fig. 3.2 shows the original flower.

On Fig. 3.2, sketch the image of the flower as seen by the student through the periscope.

[2]

(b) A second student also makes a periscope. Her periscope is shown in Fig. 3.3.

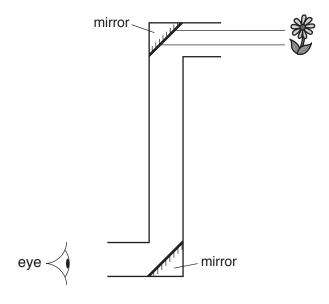


Fig. 3.3

State how the image of the flower seen by the second student differs from that seen by the first student.

You may draw the rays on Fig. 3.3 if you wish.					
	[1] [Total: 6]				

4 A student is given two closed boxes. One box contains a fixed resistor and the other contains a filament lamp.

The student is asked to identify the contents of each box.

(a) Fig. 4.1 shows part of the circuit used to identify the contents of each box.

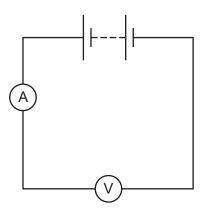


Fig. 4.1

On Fig. 4.1, show how a box is connected in the circuit so that the current through it and potential difference across it may be measured.

Use the symbol:



to represent the box.	[1]
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- (b) The student now uses his circuit to identify the contents of the boxes.
 - (i) Describe how he uses the circuit.

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			 [1

(ii) State the readings that he takes.

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(iii) Explain how he uses his readings to decide which box contains the filament lamp.

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[Total: 5]

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