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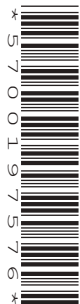
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## PHYSICS

0625/61

Paper 6 Alternative to Practical

October/November 2021

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.

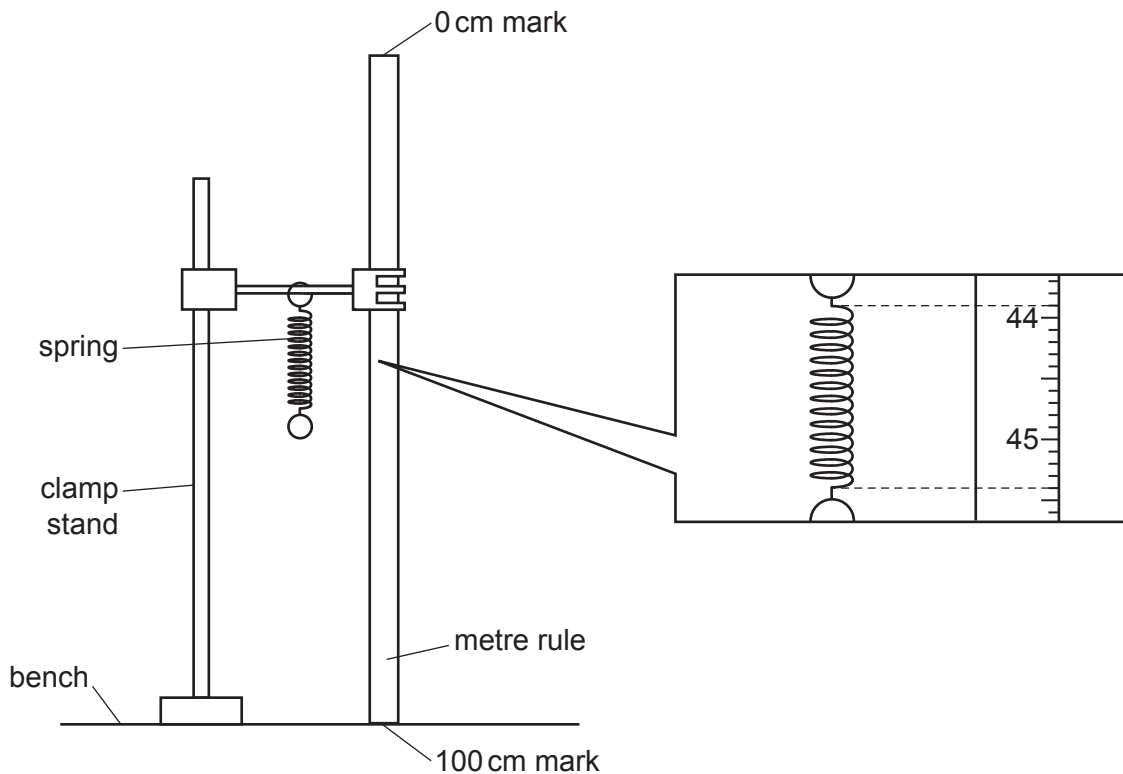
### INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 40.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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- 1 A student investigates the stretching of a spring.

Fig. 1.1 shows the apparatus.



**Fig. 1.1**

- (a) The metre rule is clamped in position near to the spring.
- (i) Write down the scale readings in mm from the metre rule at the top and bottom of the spring, as shown in Fig. 1.1.
- top reading = ..... mm
- bottom reading = ..... mm
- [2]
- (ii) Using the two readings, calculate the length  $l_0$  of the spring in mm. Record  $l_0$  in Table 1.1. The value  $l_0$  is the length of the spring when the load  $L = 0.00$  N. [1]
- (b) The student suspends a load  $L = 0.20$  N from the spring. He records the new length  $l$  of the spring in Table 1.1.
- (i) Use the equation  $e = (l - l_0)$  to calculate the extension  $e$  of the spring. Record the value of  $e$  in Table 1.1. [1]

(ii) Complete the extension column heading in Table 1.1.

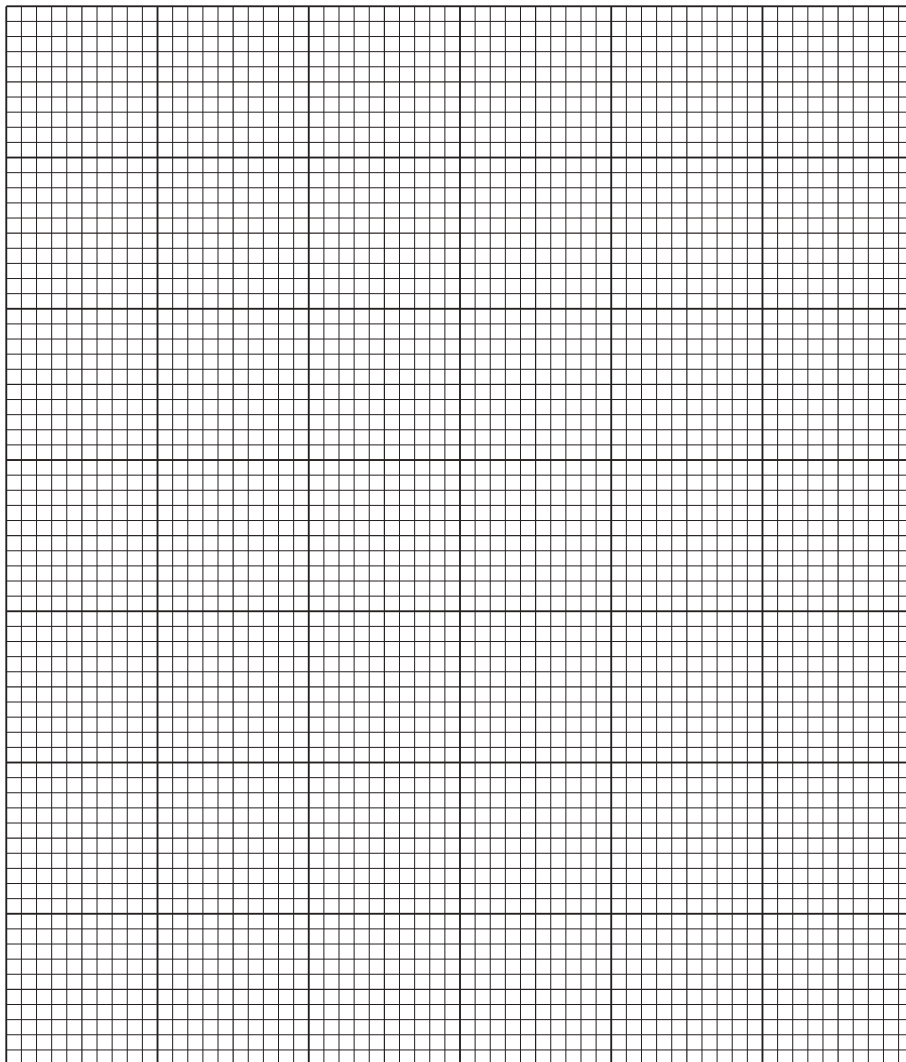
[1]

(c) The student repeats the procedure using loads  $L = 0.40\text{ N}$ ,  $L = 0.60\text{ N}$ ,  $L = 0.80\text{ N}$  and  $L = 1.00\text{ N}$ . He records the readings and results in Table 1.1.

**Table 1.1**

$L/\text{N}$	$l/\text{mm}$	$e/$
0.00		0
0.20	17	
0.40	20	5
0.60	23	8
0.80	25	10
1.00	28	13

Plot a graph of  $e/\text{mm}$  ( $y$ -axis) against  $L/\text{N}$  ( $x$ -axis).



[4]

- (d) Fig. 1.2 shows the unstretched spring and the spring with a load. On Fig. 1.2, show clearly the distances  $l_0$ ,  $l$  and  $e$ .

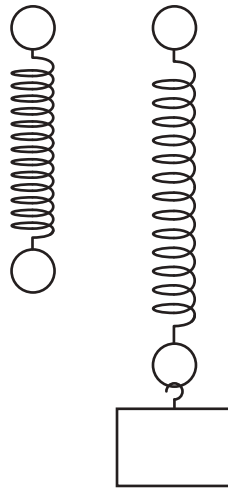


Fig. 1.2

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2 A student investigates the resistance of resistors in different circuit arrangements.

Fig. 2.1 shows the first circuit arrangement.

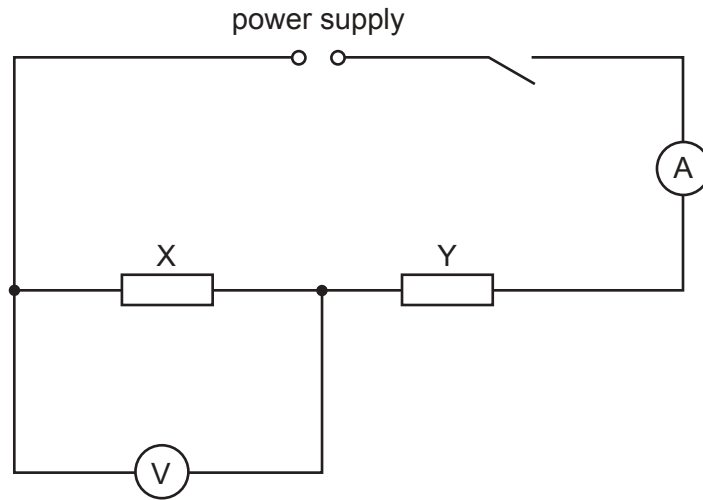


Fig. 2.1

(a) She measures the potential difference (p.d.)  $V_X$  across the resistor X and the current  $I_X$  in the circuit. The meters are shown in Fig. 2.2 and Fig. 2.3.

(i) Write down the readings. Include the units for potential difference, current or resistance where appropriate in all parts of the question.

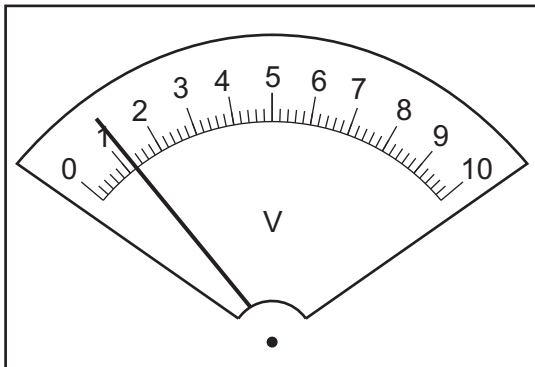


Fig. 2.2

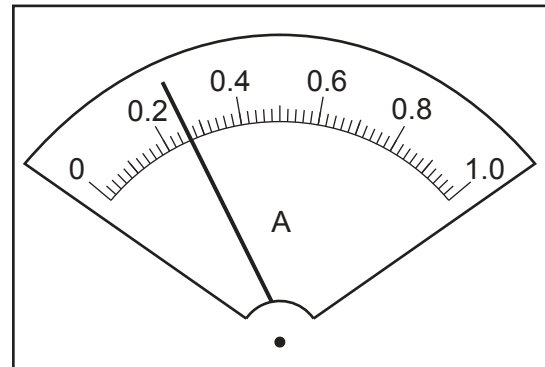


Fig. 2.3

$V_X =$  .....

$I_X =$  .....

[2]

(ii) Calculate  $R_X$ , the resistance of resistor X, using the equation  $R_X = \frac{V_X}{I_X}$ .

$R_X =$  ..... [2]

- (b) The student connects the voltmeter to record  $V_{XY}$ , the potential difference across the two resistors X and Y in series. She calculates  $R_{XY}$ , the combined resistance of resistors X and Y connected in series.

$$R_{XY} = \dots\dots\dots 10.4$$

She calculates the resistance  $R_Y$  of resistor Y.

$$R_Y = \dots\dots\dots 5.78$$

State and explain whether  $R_X$  and  $R_Y$  can be considered to be equal within the limits of experimental accuracy.

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 .....  
 ..... [1]

- (c) The student connects a resistor Z in **parallel** with resistor X. She connects the voltmeter to record  $V_{XZ}$ , the potential difference across the parallel combination of resistor X and resistor Z.

Draw the circuit diagram for this arrangement. Label the resistors X, Y and Z.

[3]

- (d) The student records  $V_{XZ}$ , the potential difference across the two resistors X and Z in parallel, and  $I_{XZ}$ , the current in the circuit.

$$V_{XZ} = \dots\dots\dots 0.8$$

$$I_{XZ} = \dots\dots\dots 0.36$$

Calculate  $R_{XZ}$ , the combined resistance of resistors X and Z connected in parallel, using the equation  $R_{XZ} = \frac{V_{XZ}}{I_{XZ}}$ . Give your answer to 2 significant figures.

$$R_{XZ} = \dots\dots\dots [1]$$

- (e) Another student does this experiment using a set of three identical resistors. His results show that, within the limits of experimental accuracy, the combined resistance of two identical resistors connected in series is four times the combined resistance of the same two resistors connected in parallel. To test whether his results are true for other values of resistance, he does the same procedure with other sets of three identical resistors.

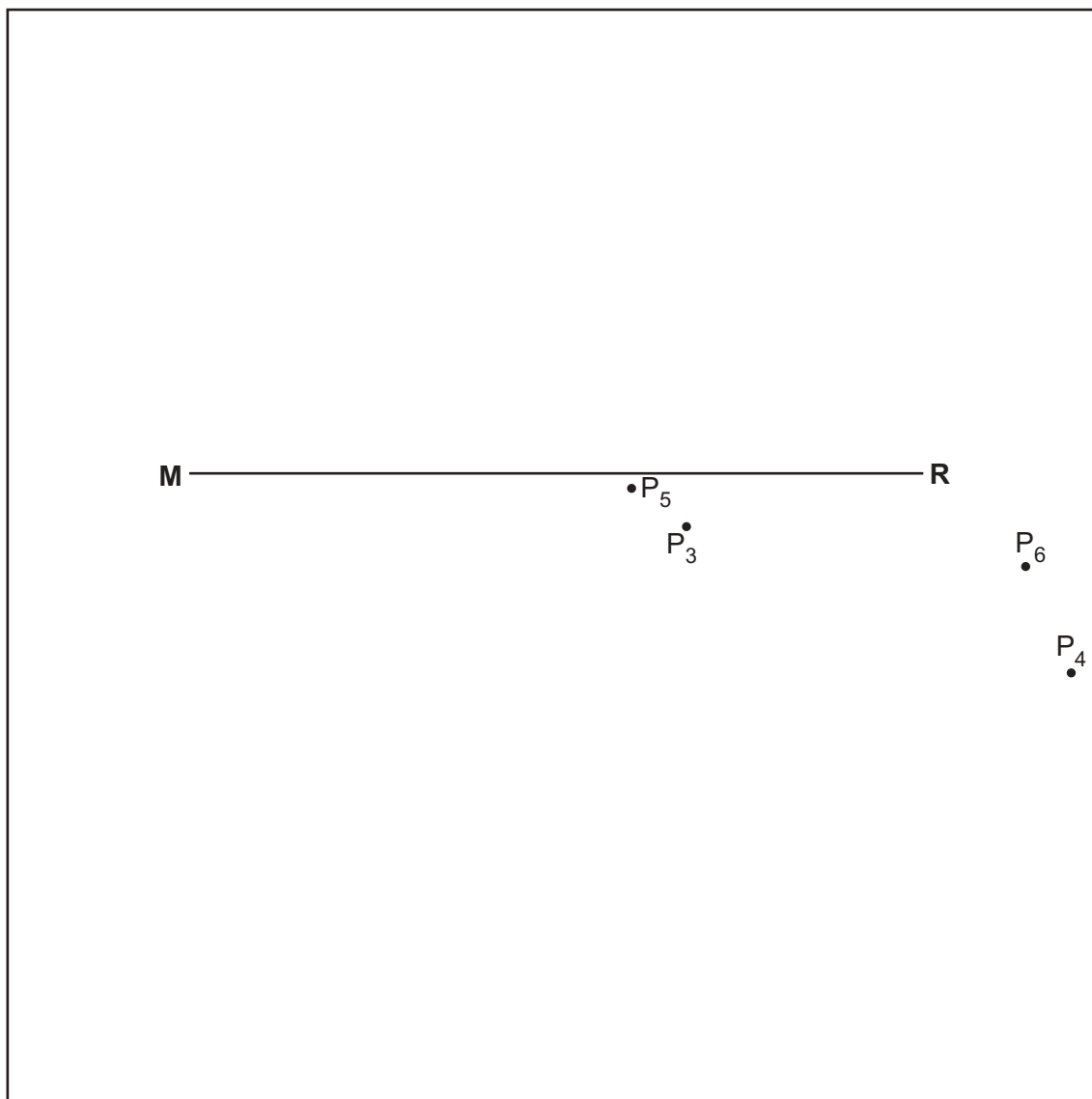
Suggest the values of resistance he could use to reach a conclusion during a 1 hour practical lesson.

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- 3 A student investigates the position of the image in a plane mirror.

Fig. 3.1 shows the ray-trace sheet.



**Fig. 3.1**

- (a) • On Fig. 3.1, draw a normal to the line **MR** that passes through its centre. Label the normal **NL**. Label the point at which **NL** crosses **MR** with the letter **B**.
- Draw a line 7.0 cm long from **B** at an angle of incidence  $i = 70^\circ$  to the normal below **MR** and to the left of the normal. Label the end of this line **A**.
- Draw another line 7.0 cm long from **B** at an angle  $\theta = 40^\circ$  to the normal below **MR** and to the left of the normal. Label the end of this line **C**.
- [3]
- (b) Mark, with two neat crosses, positions for two pins,  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ , on line **AB** at a suitable distance apart for this type of ray-trace experiment.
- [1]



- (c) The student places a plane mirror on line **MR** and views the images of pins  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  in the mirror. He places two pins,  $P_3$  and  $P_4$ , so that pins  $P_3$  and  $P_4$  and the images of  $P_2$  and  $P_1$  all appear exactly one behind the other. The positions of  $P_3$  and  $P_4$  are marked on Fig. 3.1.

Draw a line through the positions of  $P_3$  and  $P_4$ . Continue the line until it meets **MR**.

Measure the angle  $\alpha$  between the line and the normal **NL** below **MR**. Include the unit.

$$\alpha = \dots\dots\dots [1]$$

- (d) The student places the reflecting face of the mirror vertically on the line **AB** with the centre of the mirror at **B**.

He places pins  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  on line **CB**. He places pins  $P_5$  and  $P_6$  so that pins  $P_5$  and  $P_6$  and the images of  $P_2$  and  $P_1$  all appear exactly one behind the other.

Draw a line through the positions of  $P_5$  and  $P_6$ . Continue the line until it meets **NL**.

Measure the angle  $\beta$  between the line and **NL** below **MR**. Include the unit.

$$\beta = \dots\dots\dots [1]$$

- (e) A student investigates a possible relationship between angles  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . The angle  $\theta$  remains constant at  $\theta = 40^\circ$ . Suggest values of the angle of incidence  $i$  that he could use.

.....  
 ..... [2]

- (f) A student does this experiment with care. Suggest **one** practical reason why the results may **not** be exactly those that the theory of reflection predicts.

.....  
 ..... [1]

- (g) Tick the boxes that indicate relevant precautions that the student should take with this type of ray-trace experiment.

- carry out the experiment in a darkened room
- draw thin lines
- keep one eye closed
- keep room temperature constant
- view the bases of the pins
- view the tops of the pins

[2]

[Total: 11]

**[Turn over**

- 4 A student investigates the time taken to heat water in different uninsulated containers. The containers all have the same volume and shape. The water is heated with an electric immersion heater.

The following apparatus is available:

a selection of containers  
measuring cylinder  
thermometer  
supply of cold water  
immersion heater with power supply.

Plan an experiment to investigate the time taken to heat water in different uninsulated containers.

You should:

- list any additional apparatus that is required
- explain briefly how you would carry out the investigation
- state the key variables that you would keep constant
- draw a table, or tables, with column headings to show how you would display your readings (you are **not** required to enter any readings in the table)
- explain briefly how you would use your readings to reach a conclusion.



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