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

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.

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Specific information for this practical exam

During the exam, the supervisor (NOT the invigilator) must do the experiments in Questions 1, 2 and 3 and record the results on a spare copy of the question paper, clearly labelled 'supervisor's results'.

Question 1

Items to be supplied by the centre (per set of apparatus, unless otherwise specified)

(i) Metre ruler of mass 100 g to 200 g with a scale graduated in mm. See note 1.

(ii) Triangular block to act as a pivot for the metre ruler. This block is to stand on the bench.

(iii) Set of masses. See note 2.

Notes

1. The metre ruler should approximately balance on the pivot, with the scale facing upwards, when the 50.0 cm mark is over the pivot.

2. A set of 10 g or 20 g masses is suitable. The masses must be able to stack on the metre ruler to a total of 100 g. The value of each mass must be clearly marked.

Action at changeover

Remove the masses from the ruler.

Remove the ruler from the pivot.

Check that the apparatus is ready for the next candidate.

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Question 2

Items to be supplied by the centre (per set of apparatus, unless otherwise specified)

(i) Three 3 Ω, 2 W resistors, each labelled '3 Ω'. See notes 2 and 3.

(ii) 4 Ω, 2 W resistor labelled 'U'. Candidates must not be able easily to detect the value of this resistor.

(iii) Power supply of approximately 2–3 V. See note 4.
Where candidates are provided with a variable power supply, the voltage should be set by the supervisor and fixed, e.g. taped.

(iv) Switch. The switch may be an integral part of the power supply.

(v) Sufficient connecting leads to set up the circuit shown in Fig. 2.1 and four extra leads.

(vi) Ammeter capable of measuring currents up to 1.00 A with a resolution of at least 0.02 A. See note 5.

(vii) Voltmeter capable of measuring the potential difference of the supply with a resolution of at least 0.1 V. See note 5.

Notes

1. The circuit is to be set up for candidates as shown in Fig. 2.1.
The switch should be open.

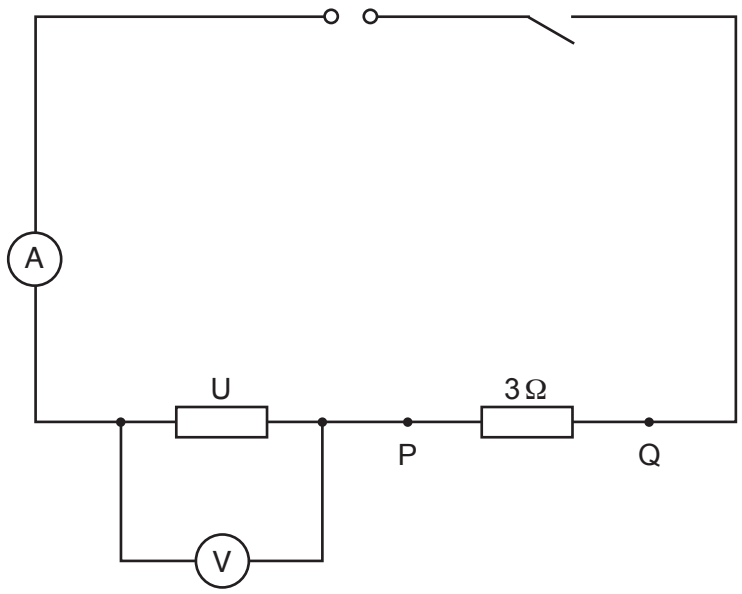


Fig. 2.1

2. The 3 Ω resistors must be fitted with connectors which enable candidates easily and quickly to disconnect and connect them in the circuit. Spare resistors must be available.

3. The terminals for the 3 Ω resistor connected in Fig. 2.1 must be labelled 'P' and 'Q', as shown.

4. If cells are used, they must remain adequately charged throughout the examination. Spare cells must be available.

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5. Either analogue or digital meters are suitable. Any variable settings should be set by the supervisor and fixed, e.g. taped.

Action at changeover

Connect the circuit as shown in Fig. 2.1 and check that the circuit is working.

Open the switch.

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Question 3

Items to be supplied by the centre (per set of apparatus, unless otherwise specified)

(i) Sheet of plain A4 paper (per candidate) with a hole in one corner so that it can be tied into the question booklet. See note 1.

(ii) 2 plane mirrors, each of length approximately 75 mm, capable of standing perpendicular to the bench at an angle to each other with their edges touching.

(iii) 4 optics pins. See note 2.

(iv) Pin board (e.g. cork mat), A4 size or larger.

(v) 50 cm or 30 cm ruler, graduated in mm. Candidates may use their own.

(vi) Protractor. Candidates may use their own.

(vii) String or treasury tag (per candidate) to tie the ray-trace sheet (**(i)** above) into the question booklet.

Notes

1. Spare sheets of plain paper, as in **(i)** above, should be available.

2. Spare pins should be available.

Action at changeover

Supply a sheet of plain A4 paper, as in **(i)** above, and string or treasury tag, as in **(vii)** above.

Question 4

No apparatus is required for this question.

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Supervisor's report

Syllabus and component number | | | | | / | | |

Centre number | | | | | |

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).

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- any difficulties experienced by the centre in the preparation of materials
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- any specific assistance given to candidates.

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Declaration

1 Each packet that I am returning to Cambridge International contains all of the following items:
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- 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) .....

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