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**PHYSICS**

**9702/35**

Paper 3 Advanced Practical Skills 1

**May/June 2020**

**2 hours**

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 will be allowed to work with the apparatus for a maximum of 1 hour for each question.
- You should record all your observations in the spaces provided in the question paper as soon as these observations are made.
- 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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You may not need to use all of the materials provided.

1 In this experiment, you will investigate the motion of a spring and a mass.

(a) • Set up the apparatus as shown in Fig. 1.1.

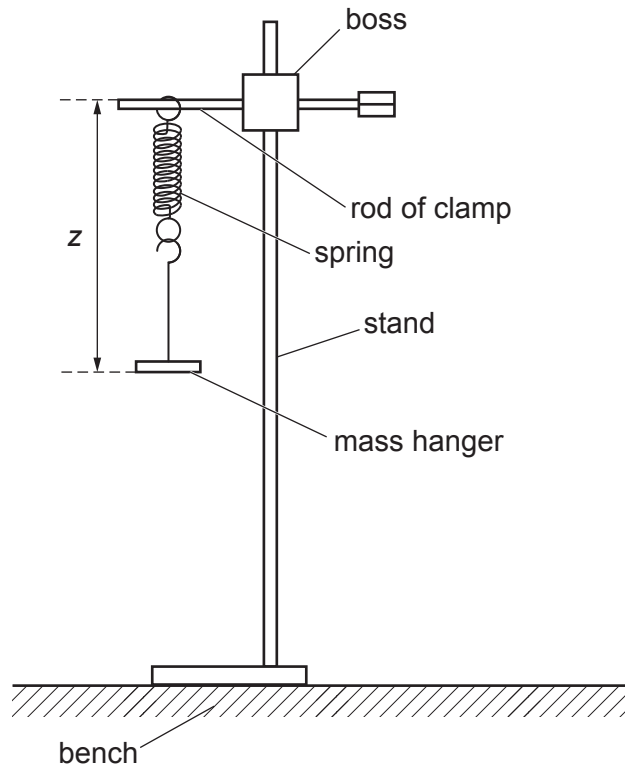


Fig. 1.1

- The distance between the top of the rod of the clamp and the bottom of the mass hanger is  $z$ , as shown in Fig. 1.1.

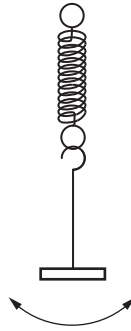
Measure and record  $z$ .

$z = \dots\dots\dots$

- Add mass  $m$  to the mass hanger where  $m = 0.300$  kg. Gently lower the mass to stretch the spring.
- Record the total **added** mass  $m$  (do not include the mass of the hanger).

$m = \dots\dots\dots$  kg

- Pull the bottom of the mass hanger **horizontally** through a short distance.
- Release the mass hanger. The mass hanger and masses will oscillate as shown in Fig. 1.2.



**Fig. 1.2**

- Determine the period  $T$  of these oscillations.

$T = \dots\dots\dots$  s  
[1]

- (b) By changing the total mass added to the mass hanger, vary  $m$ . Measure  $T$  and repeat until you have six sets of values of  $m$  and  $T$ . Include your values from (a). Do **not** use  $m = 0$ .

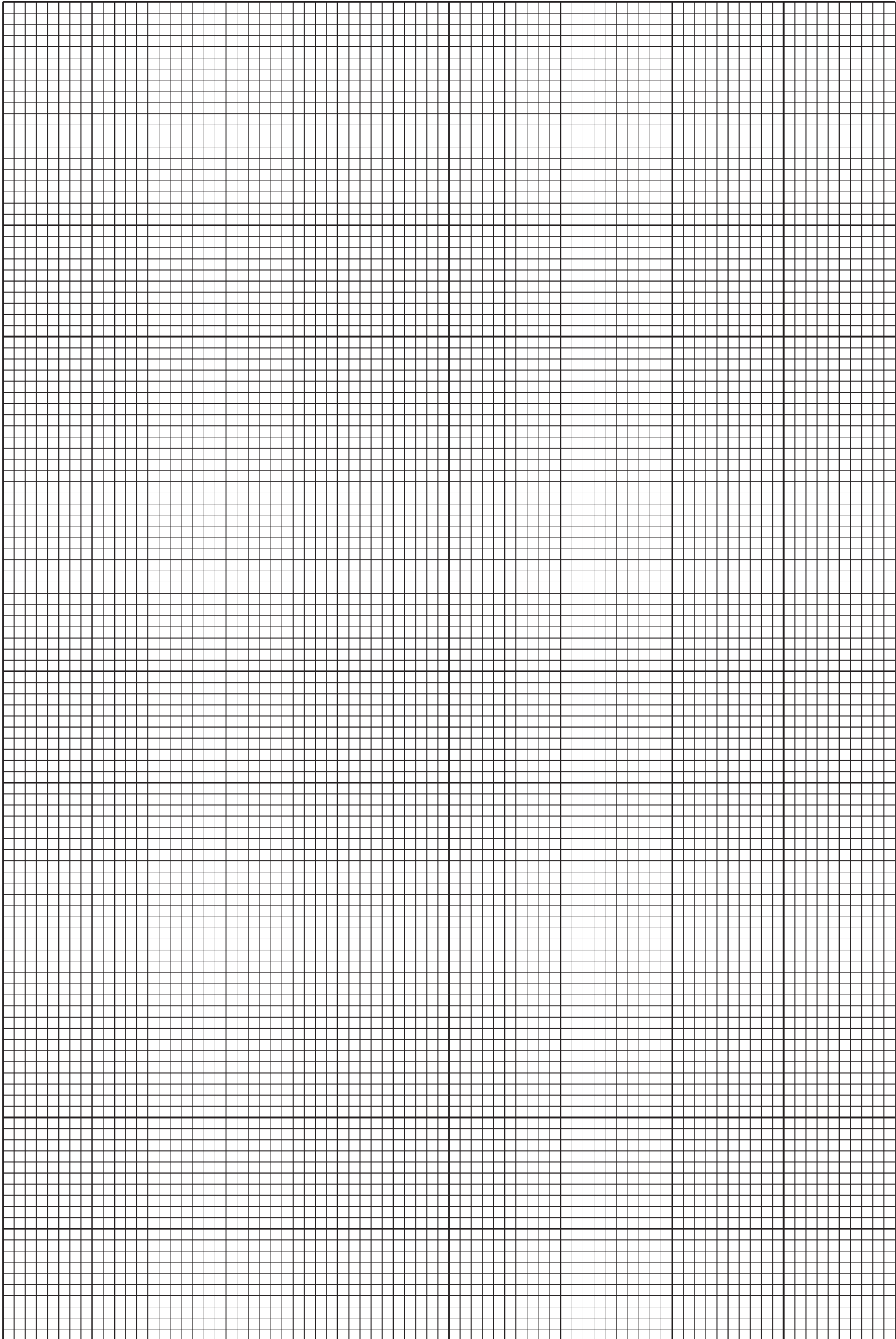
Record your results in a table. Include values of  $\frac{T^2}{m}$  and  $\frac{1}{m}$  in your table.

- [10]
- (c) (i) Plot a graph of  $\frac{T^2}{m}$  on the  $y$ -axis against  $\frac{1}{m}$  on the  $x$ -axis. [3]
- (ii) Draw the straight line of best fit. [1]
- (iii) Determine the gradient and  $y$ -intercept of this line.

gradient = .....

$y$ -intercept = .....

[2]



- (d) It is suggested that the quantities  $T$  and  $m$  are related by the equation

$$\frac{T^2}{m} = \frac{A}{m} + B$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are constants.

Using your answers in (c)(iii), determine the values of  $A$  and  $B$ .

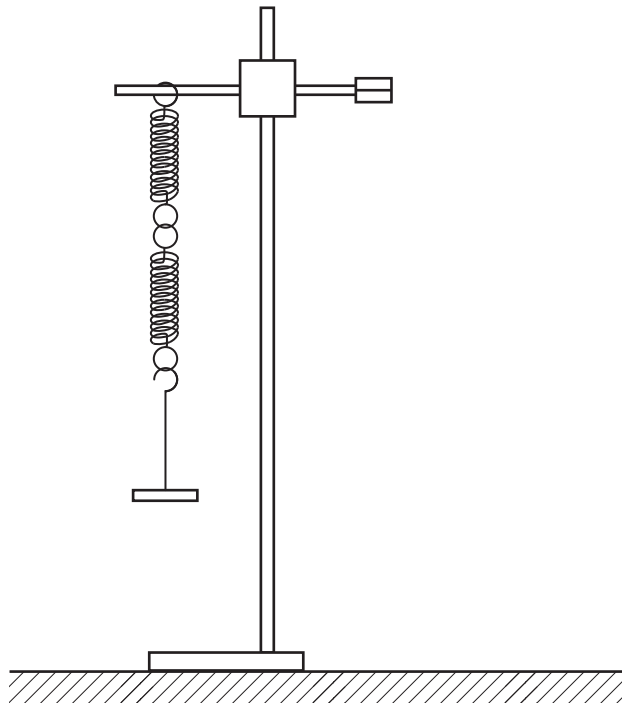
Give appropriate units.

$A =$  .....

$B =$  .....

[2]

- (e) A student repeats the experiment using two springs in series, as shown in Fig. 1.3.



**Fig. 1.3**

Using two springs connected in series halves the value of the spring constant of the system.

Theory suggests that  $A$  is proportional to  $z$  and that  $B$  is inversely proportional to the spring constant of the system.

For this experiment, draw a second line on the graph to show the expected results. Label this line W.

[1]

[Total: 20]

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2 In this experiment, you will investigate a potential divider circuit.

- (a) (i) • Connect the voltmeter across the cell as shown in Fig. 2.1.

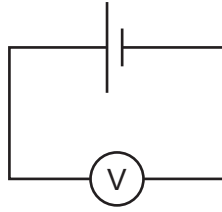


Fig. 2.1

- The reading on the voltmeter is the electromotive force (e.m.f.)  $E$  of the cell.

Record  $E$ .

$E =$  .....

- Measure and record the diameter  $d$  of wire A.

$d =$  ..... [1]

- (ii) Calculate  $Ed^2$ .

$Ed^2 =$  ..... [1]

- (iii) Justify the number of significant figures that you have given for your value of  $Ed^2$ .

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 ..... [1]

(b) (i) You have been provided with a wooden strip with some wire connected between two nails.

- Set up the circuit shown in Fig. 2.2.

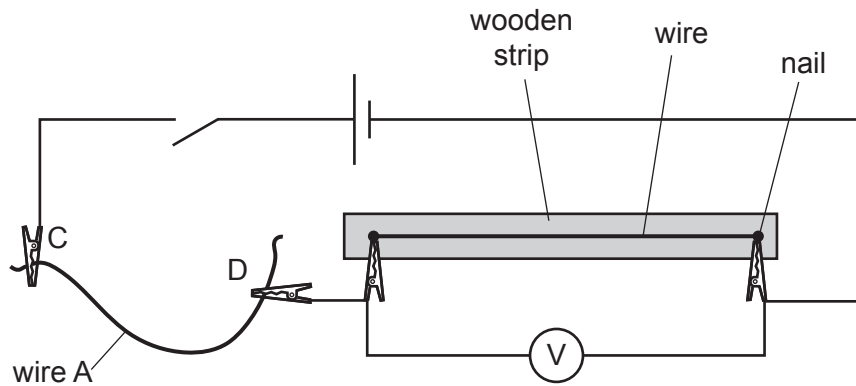


Fig. 2.2

- C and D are crocodile clips.

Place the clips on wire A so that the length  $L$  of wire between C and D is equal to the length of wire between the two nails.

- Measure and record  $L$ .

$L = \dots\dots\dots$  [1]

(ii) Estimate the percentage uncertainty in your value of  $L$ . Show your working.

percentage uncertainty =  $\dots\dots\dots$  [1]



- (c) • Close the switch.  
• Record the voltmeter reading  $V$ .

$V =$  .....

- Open the switch.  
• Remove the wire between C and D.

[1]

- (d) • Measure and record the diameter  $d$  of wire B.

$d =$  .....

- Calculate  $Ed^2$ .

$Ed^2 =$  .....

- Connect length  $L$  of wire B between C and D and repeat (c).

$V =$  .....

[3]

(e) It is suggested that the relationship between  $V$ ,  $E$  and  $d$  is

$$\frac{1}{V} = \frac{k}{Ed^2} + \frac{1}{E}$$

where  $k$  is a constant.

(i) Using your data, calculate two values of  $k$ .

first value of  $k$  = .....

second value of  $k$  = .....

[1]

(ii) Explain whether your results support the suggested relationship.

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 .....  
 .....

[1]

(f) Theory suggests that

$$k = D^2$$

where  $D$  is the diameter of the wire on the wooden strip.

Use your second value of  $k$  to calculate a value for  $D$ .

$D$  = ..... [1]

(g) (i) Describe four sources of uncertainty or limitations of the procedure for this experiment.

- 1. ....  
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- 2. ....  
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- 3. ....  
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- 4. ....  
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[4]

(ii) Describe four improvements that could be made to this experiment. You may suggest the use of other apparatus or different procedures.

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[4]

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